

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: CORN BOIL & BARBECUE

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation

Eating a meal together can be a place of joy, celebration and friendship: We can show love for each other and celebrate life!

Jean Vanier

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Come In, Come In And Sit Down, #395 VU (chorus, v.4, chorus)

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.
There's rest for the weary, and health for us all,
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family!

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN# 229 VU God Of The Sparrow**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: God, the first disciples sat with Jesus, listening to his stories, and breaking bread together;

People: they travelled the rocky roads of Galilee, seeing signs and wonders;

Leader: They were inspired; they were amazed;

People: they were filled with awe;

Leader: they were confused;

People: And sometimes, they were afraid.

Leader: Here in these pews we still want to learn from Jesus and walk in his ways of love and mercy;

People: So send your Spirit, that we might find the living Christ, even here, and now.

Leader: And hear us as we pray, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #40 MV Never Ending Joy v. 2

BLESSING OUR NEW BEGINNINGS:

Imagine all that these bags will carry, O God!

Lunch and cell phones, toys and dreams, dirty gym clothes and borrowed books.

Think of all the hopes that these bags will hold:

Hopes that we can finish our homework. Hopes that we make the team; hopes that we can find a friend.

So many dreams in these bags, Holy One!

Dreams that we can really shine; that we can be the person you call us to be.

Bless these children, O God, and all that they carry. May they be filled with hopefulness and joy,

And enough challenge to keep them excited for what comes next!

When their load feels too heavy, ease their burden we pray. And when it overwhelms them, please God, will you send them an angel of sorts to help them carry it?

And perhaps it might be me! AMEN!

CHILDREN'S HYMN #40 MV Never Ending Joy v.3

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:30-37

ANTHEM: *Sing To The Lord*

Deborah Govenor

SERMON: *Beautiful Questions*

***HYMN# 366 VU Like A Child**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#191 MV x 2)

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN/Meal Blessing: #193 MV God Bless To Us Our Bread**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see,
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
A-a-men. A-a-men. A-a-a-men.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Sue Morrison

Trustees On Duty (Sept): Jim Merrill and David Ward

Tellers Today: Jim Merrill and Keith Ball

Sunday School Teachers Today: Krista Tupling & Jessica Tupling

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., Sept. 25th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Thur., Sept. 27th - 12:00 noon - U.C.W. Bridge Luncheon

Sun., Oct. 7th - 11:00 am - Thanksgiving & World Communion

Sun., Oct. 14th - 4:00 & 5:30 - Salmon Supper @ Rec Centre

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY! - Stay following the service today as we kick off the fall season with corn on the cob and barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. Fun for all!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: If you have any questions or would like to help support the Sunday School in any way, please contact Sheila Power, Sunday School Co-ordinator at **472-9824** or **sheila.power@nbed.nb.ca**

The **U.C.W.** of New Maryland United will hold a **Bridge Luncheon** on **Thursday, Sept. 27th** from **12 noon to 3 pm** at the New Maryland Rec Centre. To book a table of 4 for \$48 call Loraine Ward at **999-3558**.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – OCTOBER 7TH, 2018

The **Worship Committee** will be decorating the sanctuary on **Saturday morning, October 6th** in preparation for the Thanksgiving service.

Do you have some extra vegetables from your garden, or could you pick up an extra turnip or a few extra apples when you are doing your grocery shopping? How about a fall mum, or an extra jar of your latest batch of pickles or jam? Donations of vegetables, fruit, preserves and decorative fall items would be very much appreciated.

Your items can be dropped off any week day morning between **10 am and 12 noon, or on Saturday morning, Oct. 6th by 10 am**. Your many small donations will create a spectacular display for our Thanksgiving Sunday service! All food items will be donated to the Food Bank following the service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Salmon Supper - The Men's Club is looking forward to the continued support of the entire congregation for the annual **Salmon Supper on October 14th**. We will be looking for ticket sellers plus workers for both sittings. Those who would like to make apple crisp, call Dave Ward at 455-8208. And if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? There will be a 'pickle box' at the main door if you'd like to drop off your pickles anytime. Also, any financial help would be appreciated with which we can purchase potatoes, carrots, peas and other supplies. **Tickets are now available from David Ward.**

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE – For the month of **September**, we will focus on **school snacks** (puddings, fruit cups, granola bars, juice boxes, etc.) Please note that school supplies are also in need at this time. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Celebrating the 155th Anniversary of the first service held “**The Harvest Service**”. The **New Maryland Heritage Association** cordially invites you to an Open House at New Maryland Historic Church (St. Mary the Virgin Church), **Sunday, September 23, 2018 1 pm to 4 pm., [373 New Maryland Highway](#)**. Please come join members of the Association and view this beautiful historic church. Members will be on hand to supply information about the Church and the newly formed Association. **We hope to see you there!**

HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH, STANLEY is hosting their annual “**Ellen's Country Kitchen**” from **September 24-29th**. Time is from **11 am to 1 pm. Price is \$14 per person.** Copy of menu available on bulletin board.

A **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on **Saturday, September 29th**, from **9AM to 12 Noon**, at **St. Paul's United Church**, on the corner of George and York Streets in Fredericton. Winter clothing and footwear, small household items, toys, books, etc. Donated items can be dropped at the Church after Sept 24th . Come early to shop and **BRING YOUR BAGS !**