

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 1st, 2019 11 am
ADVENT I: Hearing Anew The Old, Old Story

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation

My Nan told me of the 'atchin tans,' the stopping places for my people: I'm a Gypsy, a Romany, a Traveller. I had to go and find them, that I might discover who I am and where I belong. Isn't that all anyone wants?

Damian Le Bas

THE GATHERING

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

*THE WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Joy of Advent be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

THE ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY:

Voice 1: Through this season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus,

Voice 2: this tiny baby, born long, long, ago, in a village far away.

People: The One called Emmanuel, "God with us".

Voice 1: Into their intimate family gathering, Mary and Joseph welcomed in strangers.

Voice 2: Gypsies and Shy herdsman, and regal magi. There was no screening for worthiness. Anyone who showed up, was received.

People: To become human, is to become welcoming.

Voice 1: And so we light a Candle of Welcoming.

[Light First Blue Candle]

Voice 2: Let us pray:

All: As we recall the old, old stories of your birth, Lord, we look for new stories, written in the lives of all humanity. Open our lives to your Spirit. Be born in us today.

Sing: Born in Human Likeness (MV #47)

Born in human likeness, found in human form:

Jesus, “God is with us”, we proclaim your glory!

Voice 2: And now let us pray together, as the Light of the World taught us, 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 #43 VU Go Tell It On The Mountain, v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN’S HYMN #43 VU Go Tell It On The Mountain, v.3

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hebrews 13: 1-2

ANTHEM: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

H. Hopson/arr. E. Lund

SERMON: *Gypsies, Chocolate, and Jesus!*

***HYMN # 58 VU Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#81 VU As With Gladness Men of Old,v.3)

**As they offered gifts most rare, at the manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you our heavenly King!**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #59 VU Joy To The World**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING: (#64 VU verse 4, alt tune)**

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: www.newmarylandunited.ca

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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Sue and Paul Morrison

Trustees On Duty (Dec): Lloyd Penney and Jim Merrill

Tellers On Duty: Dorothy Webster and Ann Urquhart

Sunday School Teachers: Sheila Power and Amy Nelson

Nursery: Jessica Tupling

Sun., Dec. 1st - 11:00 am – Advent I: A Gypsy Tale of Christmas
Fri., Dec. 6th - 6:00 pm - Progressive Dinner (a ‘moving’ feast!)
Sun., Dec. 8th - 11:00 am - Advent II: White Gift & Mitten Tree
Mon., Dec. 9th - 6:00 pm - Men’s Club Christmas Dinner (see over)
Wed., Dec. 11th - 6:30 pm - UCW Christmas Get Together (see over)
Sun., Dec. 15th - 11:00 am - Advent III: The Children’s Pageant
Sun., Dec. 22nd - 11:00 am - Advent IV: Holy Communion
Tue., Dec. 24th - 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service
10:00 pm - Candlelight Service & Holy Communion
Sun., Dec. 29th - 11:00 am - First After Christmas

Next Friday, December 6th is our annual “**Progressive Dinner**”. Plan to join in the fun as we move from home to home and enjoy delicious dishes! (100 Berkley St., New Maryland) and finish up at the home of Revs. Kelly & Jane (100 Berkley Dr., New Maryland) for dessert. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for adding your name and which course you’d like to contribute to.

ADVENT II – Dec. 8th – Will be our **White Gift Sunday**. Items should be wrapped in white paper and will be picked up by the Sunday School children during the service.

Please forward submissions for the Christmas issue of ‘**THE BEACON**’ on or before **Tues., Dec. 3rd** to the church office or to klister1938@gmail.com

MEN’S CLUB – On Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm, the Men’s Club will be holding their annual **Christmas dinner** at **Wetmore’s**. This outing is open to all men of the congregation. Please confirm your attendance with either Keith Ball (455-1948) or Dave Ward (455-8208).

U.C.W. will hold their Christmas/Meeting Party on **Wed., Dec. 11th** at the earlier time of **6:30 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. We will have our annual Yankee Swap and all will bring a finger food to share. All women of the congregation would be very welcome to join us. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for further details.

It's that time of year.... Our **MITTEN TREE** is now in place next week and ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

The **2020 United Church calendars** have arrived and are being sold by the UCW for \$8. See Lorna Ball or call the church office at 459-3313.

New copies of “**OUR DAILY BREAD**” (Dec/Jan/Feb) are now available at both entrances of the Church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class is available.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **December**, we will focus on **1 litre juice for Christmas hampers**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL - The annual **Advent Carol Festival** held each year at **St. Paul's United Church** (corner of George & York) will take place on **Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.** Local church and community choirs will present a program of new, as well as familiar, Christmas music. There will be a chance for audience members to join in the festive singing, too. A freewill offering to support 12 Fredericton area food banks will be received.

STORM NOTICE

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am.**

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).