

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 12th, 2023 11 am

Our Calling To Love And Serve The World

We give thanks for the Outreach Committee: Janet Merrill, Chair; Linda Watson; Steve Hayward; Emma Geneau and Ginny Kershaw who share In worship leadership today!

Thought for Meditation:

Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity: it is an act of justice. Like slavery, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. Let our greatness blossom! Nelson Mandela

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the land, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

*HYMN# 313 VU God, Whose Almighty Word

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy One, Light from Light, very God from very God,

People: we gather here with song and word; with prayer and wonder

Leader: seeking your presence with us, among us. But we never really know what that will mean in our lives.

People: Where will you send us? What will you call us to do in this world?

Leader: And so we gather together to 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 # 345 VU Come, Children, Join To Sing, v.2

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN # 345 VU Come, Children, Join To Sing, v.3

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25: 31-40

ANTHEM: *Come To My Heart* (J. Pinson)

SERMON: *Seeing Jesus*

***HYMN #227 VU For The Fruit Of All Creation**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Grant Us, God, The Grace (#540 VU)

Grant us God, the grace of giving

with a spirit large and free,

that ourselves and all our living

we may offer faithfully.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORK IN THE WORLD:

Janet Merrill: Partnership with Christ Church Cathedral (Mon. Drop-In)

Emma Geneau: Fredericton's Community Kitchen

Steve Hayward: Food Bank (Greener Village)

***HYMN: This Little Light Of Mine (Harry D. Loes)**

**1. This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2. Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3. Don't let anyone blow it out!
I'm going to let it shine.
Don't let anyone blow it out!
I'm going to let it shine.
Don't let anyone blow it out!
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine**

**4. Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,**

I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: When You Walk From Here (#298 VU) x2**

When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.

*The Bulletin this week is dedicated to our neighbours who are struggling – whether they are around the corner or around the world, and to all the helpers who are reaching out. God be with them all.
From the Outreach Committee*

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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: Loraine Ward

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster

Trustee On Duty (Feb): Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Feb. 13th – 1:00 pm - Session Meeting

Sun., Feb. 26th – Congregational Annual Meeting (following the service)

The **2023 Church envelopes** are on the table in the upper foyer for you to pick up. Only those who use their envelopes regularly have been issued new ones this year. In an effort to reduce our costs, those using PAR will not receive 2023 envelopes. **Please Note: 2022 Tax Receipts are now available for pick up in the main foyer.**

Church Offering

Anyone wanting a church envelope number (an annual tax receipt is issued for all contributions) or anyone interested in signing up for PAR (pre-approved remittance – where monthly contributions can be made to the church through your bank), please contact Sue Morrison (458-8150) or smorriso@unb.ca.

CHURCH BULLETINS - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin (\$20), please contact the church office (459-3313). We encourage everyone to consider being a sponsor as it off sets the cost of our weekly bulletins.

NMUC LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have plenty of interesting books in our church library for anyone to borrow. There have been a couple of requests for **“large print” novels** for our library. If you have any at home or know someone who would like to donate some, we’d love to have them.

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the choir room. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time in the cold winter months. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:

Currently there is an urgent need for **kid-friendly snacks**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

The **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** would like to gauge the interest of the congregation to resume volunteering at the Fredericton Community Kitchen. If you are interested, please contact Emma Geneau to discuss scheduling.

emmag13@live.com

NEW FUND-RAISER FOR M&S sponsored by NMUC Sunday School: Toonie Calendar Clocks are here! Pick up your one-of-a-kind clock, personally decorated by Sunday School kids. Add a toonie on each of the indicated special occasions. These will be collected in November 2023. If you have any questions, contact Sheila Power at 506-292-4106.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Feb. 21st, 4-6 pm.** Menu: Sausages, pancakes, ham, potato scallop, baked beans, homemade brown bread and dessert. Tickets \$15/Adult. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets!

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).