

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 19th, 2023 11 am
Transfiguration Sunday: Last of Epiphany

Thought for Meditation:

If we had keen vision and feeling of all ordinary human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow and the squirrel's heart beat, and we should die of that roar which lies on the other side of silence.

George Eliot/Mary Ann Evans

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# 315 VU Holy, Holy, Holy

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy One, Light from Light, very God from very God, days pass and the years vanish and we walk sightless among the mysteries.

People: We miss the miraculous in our very midst.

Leader: Let your Presence, like lightning, illumine the darkness;

People: Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns, unconsumed. That the smallest morsels become abundance.

Leader: That we may exclaim in awe, ‘How wondrous is this place and we did not know.’ 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 17: 1-9

SERMON: *Things Seen and Unseen*

***HYMN #333 VU Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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 OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN# 657 He Leadeth Me**

***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 has been sponsored by Linda Watson.

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.

**Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Myrna Belyea-Tracy
Trustee On Duty (Feb): Ann Urquhart**

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Feb. 19th - Official Board Budget Meeting (following the service)

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

Wed., Mar. 1st - 1:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting at the church

Wed., Mar. 1st - 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 26th, 2023 (following service)

Join us next Sunday for our Annual Congregational meeting & potluck luncheon following the service. The potluck luncheon is planned to be a cold buffet of finger foods. Open to all members and adherents of NMUC.

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.

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. **4.**

The **March** issue of **Broadview magazine** has now arrived and is available to borrow in the library area.

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).