

#1 SEPTEMBER 2009

YOU CAN HELP with our celebration

If you have photos of significant events in Newport's history, the planning committee would love to borrow them in order to create a commemorative slide show.

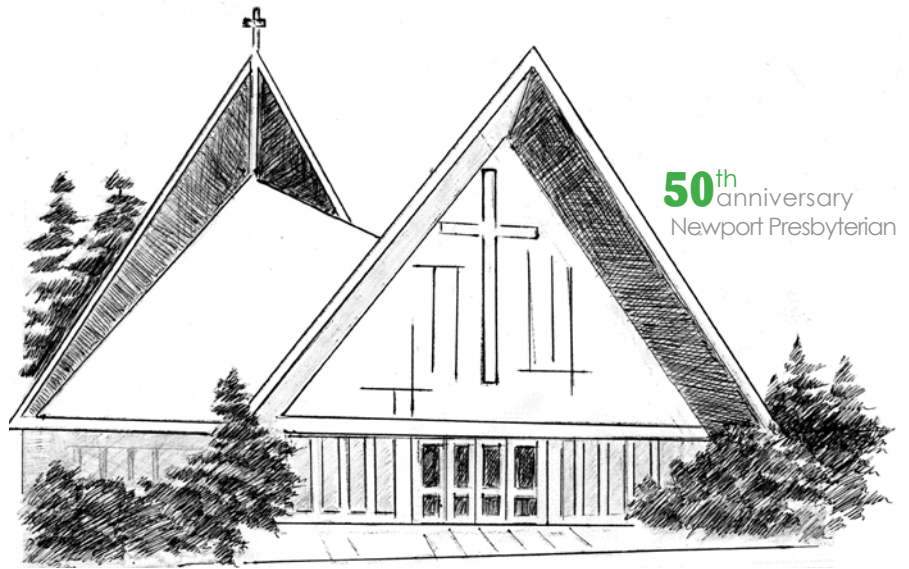
Please drop printed photos at the church office, labeled with who/what/when, as well as your name, so we can return them to you.

*If you have digital photos of recent events, please email them to:
david.c.meekhof@comcast.net
Thank you for your help with this!*

Remembering the Past

1. Name the 5 Senior Pastors who have been called to Newport.
2. Who have been the Assistant and Associate Pastors?
3. What trait do 3 of the 5 Senior Pastors have in common?
4. Of the charter members, which 5 are still active at Newport?
5. How many elders served on the first Session?

Answers will be in next Sunday's Bulletin and the next newsletter



50th anniversary
Newport Presbyterian

CELEBRATING the past

In September 1959, a small group of Presbyterians began worshipping at Sunset School with the goal of building a new church on our present site. By June 1960, this group was organized and officially chartered as Newport United Presbyterian Church!

In November of that year, Chair of the Building Committee, Frank Nelthorpe, began interviewing architects. Two years later, the congregation worshipped in the new sanctuary and on January 13, 1963 celebrated with a Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for the building, followed the next Sunday with a service of Dedication and Commitment.

For many years, volunteers worked every Saturday doing carpentry and painting to complete the building. The Women's Association collected Betty Crocker coupons for more silverware and MJB coffee bands for a coffee maker. A *Special Gifts* Program was established to finance the "finishing and furnishing our building."

WELCOMING the future

On September 20, 2009 we will kick off the celebration of Newport's fifty years of ministry. Our theme is *Celebrating the Past; Welcoming the Future*. Activities to observe this milestone will include:

- Founding pastor, David Meekhof, preaching September 20 at both services. Other heads of staff are being invited to preach throughout the year.
- An intergenerational Sunday School class on September 20, (9:45-10:35) highlighting Newport's history.
- A Spring Church-Family Mission trip to Sound View Presbyterian Camp for renovating and enlarging an old building on the property. Additional mission opportunities will be announced throughout the year.
- A time capsule
- A new pictorial directory
- A dinner on June 5, 2010 and worship service on June 6 as a grand finale to our nine-month celebration.

Newport truly is a wonderful community, and we look forward to celebrating this milestone in ministry together!