



Newport News

December 18, 2009

Newport Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve Worship

“Through song and silence, word and wonder,
let us make our way to Bethlehem.
Let us worship the Holy One
who beckons in an infant’s cry.”
(Ann B. Day)

Please join us for worship on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

The 4:00 service, while particularly appropriate for children, is for all ages. It will include the readings and carols of Christmas, music by our ensemble, bell choir, young children and organ. A brief Nativity Drama will be presented by our older children and youth, and the service will conclude with the traditional lighting of the candles. Nursery care is provided during this service.

The 10:00 service will include the reading and carols of Christmas, music by our chancel choir and a string quartet. There will be a Christmas sermon and the sacrament of communion will be celebrated. The service will conclude with the traditional lighting of the candles. While nursery care is not provided during this service, children are always welcome in worship at Newport Presbyterian Church.

Mission & Peacemaking

Newport’s Dream of a Very Green Christmas (Alternative Gifts for Christmas Fair)

Christmas blessings to all of you, the wonderful and generous people of NPC! Thanks to our 18 participating organizations and many, many hard-working volunteers, the 2009 Alternative Gifts for Christmas Fair was a huge success! This year’s fair raised over \$8,140.00! Money raised stays with the participating organizations and will be used to help needy families in our local communities and in developing regions around the world become self-sufficient, gain skills training, and learn to care for animals that will provide needed income and food. Your generosity will also help feed the hungry; purchase goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits and chicks; provide blankets for disaster victims and school kits for kids. What a wonderful way to end the year...providing income, dignity and hope to God’s people. Thank you, once again, for your generous support!

New Year’s Resolution from Mission and Peacemaking

“We’ll all do JUST ONE MORE THING for some body or some thing.”

For all individuals and groups, formal and informal — we know you all do lots, we know that days are full, still ... so many need so much. Think how much more would get done if we all arranged to do “just one more thing.” Need ideas? Check Newport’s website; click on “Mission Partners.”

Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year

Church Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Wes Sikkema (health concerns)
- Lynne McClintock (diagnosed with MS)
- Daryle Harvey (health concerns)
- Jon Welsh (cancer)



Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to provide a floral arrangement for our Sanctuary on Sunday, perhaps in memory or honor of someone or some special occasion? If so come to the office and pick an open date from the green chart on the bulletin board. Sign up and take a handout from the bulletin board—it will give you all the details you need plus a form for you to fill out so it may be announced in the bulletin if desired.



www.newportpres.org

Did you know—on our website you can:

- Read sermons
- Read the Sunday announcements
- Check the weekly calendar of events
- **Receive the Newport News hot off the press?**

Just provide the office with your email address and you will receive the monthly newsletter the minute it's finished. Don't like to read it on line? There are usually only eight pages so just print them off on your printer. This helps to keep paper and postage costs down.

★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU!

Thank you

Many thanks to all who contributed homemade scarves and hats to the Warm for Winter project for the homeless, especially Inez Ware who made the majority of the items in many different patterns and colors. Newport's contributions raised the total contributions from groups and individuals in three Seattle area counties to nearly 7,000 much-needed hats and scarves. Let's continue to keep the homeless in our thoughts and prayers.



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| 2-Emily Strom | 22-Karla Howell |
| 4-Ann Huber | 23-Jo Thompson |
| 5-Susan Mandt | 25-Adam Hayes |
| 6-Fred Antrobus | 25-Peter Rockwell |
| 8-Heather McClure-Coleman | 29-Francis Horner |
| 9-Marty Andrews | 29-Isabel Langguth |
| 11-Jane Wierenga | 30-Amanda Nelson |
| 13-Bea Bollinger | 30-Janet Skinner |
| 14-Cyrus Huber | 30-Dave Mandt |
| 15-Scott Nelson | 31-Wilma Monson |

- 16-Barbara Krompholz
- 18-Peggy Felton
- 18-Beth Gest
- 21-Andrew Kwan
- 22-Martha Schroeder
- 22-Jerry Howard

If you have a January birthday and are not listed, please notify the office so we can include you next year.

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Patten's Perspective

A message from
Pastor Jim Patten



Ch...ch...ch...changes!

As Christmas approaches next week, I have been struck by how much is going on in Newport's life. The remodeling of the church has now moved to the outside with new siding and, soon, new paint and new front doors. Wally Alder, Dennis Chivers, and Joan Merritt have given leadership to this project with Wally leading as project manager. This was long overdue work. I am thrilled we have finally done the necessary repairs to the dry and wet rot underneath the old siding. We have preserved this church building for years to come. I realize it is difficult to spend money on buildings when there is so much hunger and homelessness in our area. But if we don't have a place to gather, worship, and inspire people to step out in mission, we would not be able to help those in need in the future.

Changes on the exterior of the building have only been part of the story. We have had enormous changes in our staff this year. You can read about it in my article for the annual report that comes out in January. I want to list one of those changes now. Sue Mattson is retiring after years of service to this church as our office manager. To say that she will be missed is an understatement of great proportions.

You will have an opportunity to say goodbye to Sue and wish her well in her retirement on Sunday, December 27th after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will only have one service that day. It will be an informal service with the singing of Christmas carols as the main focus. Following worship we will have a reception for Sue. I hope you can make every effort to be there for that party. While we are saying good bye to Sue as an employee, we know we will see her again. She has promised to stay in touch and even be available to sub for Pam, our new office manager, when she goes on vacation.

With Sue's retirement and all the other folks who have moved on or retired, Janet DeWater is now the one who has worked at Newport longer than anyone else! Change is inevitable in any church. Goodbyes are tough. Fortunately we have a healthy congregation that supports one another, making the difficulties any change can cause easier to bear.

Christmas reminds us change is part of any spiritual journey. Certainly the birth of Jesus changed the world. Creating space for Christ to be born into hearts yet again this year will change us as well. Being a Christian is all about following Jesus' example. If we take that seriously, we will need to be open to changes, some of which are not easy.

Thank God we have a community like Newport to support each other as we try to be ever more faithful to the one who brings light into our darkness and hope to a hurting world.

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to wish you all a very meaningful Christmas, and a new year filled with meaningful change!

See you in worship.

Jim

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 24

11:00 a.m.

(following the 10:00 a.m. worship service)

Copies of the Annual Report
will be available the prior Sunday
for you to peruse.

Please bring your copy to the meeting

Christian Education Classes for January—9:45-10:35

December 27 and January 3

No classes for adults or children because of the holidays. One worship service only at 10:00 a.m. these two days.

Intergenerational Sunday School January 10 and 17

Folks of all ages are invited to join together for two special events during the Sunday School hour on January 10 and 17 from 9:45—10:35 in the Great Hall. These two events are family friendly and no other Sunday School classes will be offered on those two Sundays.

Deacon-Hosted Gathering on January 10

Did you know that every member of Newport is assigned to one of 12 Deacon units? And each Deacon unit has a Deacon whose responsibility is to provide a ministry of care and compassion for the members of their unit, especially during difficult times that might arise. On January 10, from 9:45—10:35, our Deacons are hosting a time of fellowship for Deacon units to get to know their Deacon and one another better. Come and join with your Deacon unit for fellowship, refreshments and a fun time of getting acquainted!

Elder-Hosted Gathering on January 17

Did you know that Newport has 16 Elders, one of whom is a high school age youth, who are responsible for the governance of Newport? On January 17, from 9:45—10:35, our Elders will host a rousing game of "Elder Jeopardy" to explain some of the ways that they serve. Come and get to know your elected elders in ways you've not known them before! Refreshments provided.

January 24: No classes for adults or children because of the church Annual Meeting. One worship service only at 10:00, followed by the Annual Meeting.

January 31 – February 14

Rev. Gary Skinner will lead a class titled "What Kind of God did Jesus Reveal?" Three sessions will be devoted to three questions: How do we experience God? How do we know God? How do we deal with a God that doesn't intervene? In this class, we will look at biblical and non-biblical accounts of people and their experiences with the divine. We will also take a look at past and present theologies and how people have attempted to 'describe' God. Finally, we will look at how we cope with the reality that God always leaves us with unanswered questions.

January 31—March 28

Confirmation class for youth, 8th grade and older, will be offered. Information will be sent to these students.

January 31

Parenting Faithfully class is invited to join Gary Skinner's class, "What Kind of God did Jesus Reveal." (See above.)

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
2010 Meekhof Lecture
"I've a Feeling We're Not in Kansas Anymore, Toto"
with
Tony Robinson
Speaker, Teacher, Preacher, Consultant
January 15-17, 2010
Newport Presbyterian Church

Friday Evening Lecture—7:30-9:00 p.m.

"I've a Feeling We're Not in Kansas Anymore, Toto" Lots of us have a feeling in our bones that we're in a strange new world. If that's true, how can we describe that new reality? Most important, how do we, as the church, respond to it?

Saturday Brunch—9:30-11:00 a.m.

"Why Change Isn't the (Real) Point" We are aware of massive and constant change. Still, change for the sake of change isn't the point or the answer. But what is?

Sunday Worship with Tony Robinson as guest preacher—8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

"Water or Wine?"

Childcare is available Friday evening and Saturday morning by reservation only. Call the church office at (425) 746-6111 no later than Monday, January 11 to make a reservation. Nursery care and children's worship are available on Sunday morning.

**Celebrate the Arts
(and the Artists!)**



On Sunday, February 7 come celebrate the art and artists of Newport at an art show and hors d'oeuvres supper. As we observe our 50th anniversary, we also give thanks for the creative gifts given to each one of us by our God. Are you skilled in painting, woodworking, quilting, knitting, photography, writing or performing poetry? How about beading, glass art, drawing, card making, crafts of all kinds, writing or playing music, scrapbooking, ceramics and pottery, metal work, inlays, Scottish or liturgical dance, or ...?

Calling all artists, all ages—showcase your creative works in the Atrium and Great Hall on Sunday evening, February 7. All artists will be recognized. No sales or orders, please. Start creating or selecting previously created works now for this festive art show and appetizer supper (with punch).

Registration forms will be available in January for you to reserve table or floor space (some easels available) or time in the performance nook.



Property

Deferred Maintenance No Longer Deferred

While most of the funds from the Capital Campaign Extension are being used to pay down the principle on our remodel loan, Session did approve using \$50,000 of it for much-needed deferred maintenance projects. After receiving very favorable bids for new exterior siding, some roof repairs and outside painting, we contracted to go ahead with these projects.

Most of the siding work is already complete, including repair of substantial wet and dry rot under the old siding, mainly around windows and doors. There were some minor penetrations of rot to the inside wall board which will also be repaired. A roof sag on the southwest corner had caused drainage problems resulting in wet rot of fascia and soffits and this is being repaired. Roof drainage was improved over the kitchen area where water has damaged the wall under the siding. Four new side doors are in our painter's shop being prepared for installation. Much of the preparation for outside painting is now complete and will need a few dry days for that effort to get into full swing.

All of this work has been made possible by the generous response of the congregation to the Capital Extension Campaign and the leadership of Wally Alder. Separate gifts have also been given for new front doors, which are on order and expected soon.

All Church

Playreaders Meet on New Year's Eve

Newport Playreaders will meet December 31, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Len and Cindi Rezabek to read "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and share a midnight meal. Please contact Nancy Ellingham (425-746-5205) to let her know if you are coming, what food you would like to bring and whether director John Grove can cast you in a part. New participants, listeners and readers are always welcome.

A Concert for the new year!

The annual Lay Musicians' Benefit Concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31. It will be held at the First Congregational Church of Bellevue, and the proceeds will go to benefit projects in South Africa and Haiti that our churches are heavily involved in.

This is the opportunity for closet, shy, or otherwise constrained (but also unconstrained) musicians to emerge into the light to share their gifts and musical loves with the rest of us. This is the time to brush off that favorite and most meaningful piece and get it ready for us. This event has always been hugely enjoyable, so please contact Damon Meyer by email, or through the church regarding what you would like to offer.

Lectionary Readings

Dec. 27, 2009 (1st Sunday after Christmas)

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; *Psalm 148*;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Jan. 3, 2010 (2nd Sunday after Christmas)

Jeremiah 31:7-14; *Psalm 147:12-20*;
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

Jan. 10, 2010 (Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 43:1-7; *Psalm 29*; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan. 17, 2010 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 62:1-5; *Psalm 36:5-10*; 1 Corinthians
12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Jan. 24, 2010 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; *Psalm 19*;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Jan. 31, 2010 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 1:4-10; *Psalm 71:1-6*; 1 Corin-
thians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

January 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed 	2 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Plum Delicious
3 <i>Communion</i> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Hospitality	4 9:00 Men's Biking Group 10:00 Ruth Circle— Library	5 9:30 Lectionary— Room 14 7:00 Property—#29	6 7:00 Worship Comm.— Chapel 8:00 Stewardship and Finance— Library	7 9:00 Men's Hiking Group 11:00 J.O.Y. Circle— #26 6:00 Praise Team— Sanctuary 7:30 Choir— Sanctuary		9 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Plum Delicious
10 8:45 Worship 9:35 Hospitality 9:45 Intergenerational Church School 10:35 Hospitality 11:00 Worship 12:00 Hospitality time 12:15 Handbells—Sanc	11 9:00 Men's Biking Group	12 9:30 Lectionary— Room 14 10:30 PW Team— Library 7:00 Session- Atrium	13 Newsletter Deadline	14 9:00 Men's Hiking Group 9:30 Brunch Bunch - homes 6:00 Praise Team— Sanctuary 7:30 Choir— Sanctuary	15 7:30 Meekhof Lecture— Sanctuary	16 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Plum Delicious 9:30 Meekhof Brunch— Atrium
17 8:45 Worship 9:35 Hospitality 9:45 Intergenerational Church School 10:35 Hospitality 11:00 Worship 12:15 Handbells—Sanc 4:30 Youth Groups— GH/Youth Room	18 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed 6:00 Stephen Ministry— homes	19 9:30 Lectionary Room 14 12:00 AIDS Care Team—Library 12:30 Deborah Circle @ Aramaki's 1:00 Newsletter Crew in Library 5:00 Presbytery	20 7:00 Hope Circle Homes	21 9:00 Men's Hiking Group 6:00 Praise Team— Sanctuary 7:00 Personnel in Library 7:30 Choir— Sanctuary	22	23 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Plum Delicious
24 10:00 Worship 11:00 Cong. Mtg. 12:15 Handbells—Sanc 4:30 Youth Groups 31 8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Handbells—Sanc 4:30 Youth Groups 7:00 Lay Min. Concert @ 1st Congregational	25 9:00 Men's Biking Group 1:00 Grace Circle in homes	26 9:30 Lectionary Room 14 7:00 Christian Ed- Room 22 7:00 M & P in Chapel 7:15 M & H in Library	27 7:00 Deacons— Library	28 9:00 Men's Hiking Group 9:30 Brunch Bunch in homes 6:00 Praise Team— Sanctuary 7:30 Choir— Sanctuary	29	30 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Plum Delicious



Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter is usually mailed on the third Monday of each month. The deadline for the next newsletter is **Wednesday, January 13**. It will be mailed **Tuesday, January 19**.

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