



August Newport News



Newport Presbyterian Church

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Welcoming in Spirit, Progressive in Theology

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Summer Worship at 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Adult Christian Education

**Patten's
Perspective**

**A message from
Pastor Jim Patten**

**“A GOD FOR ALL
SEASONS”**

Rhonda, Janet and I like to plan ahead. We usually sit down for an extended period of time in the late spring to look at the coming program year. We have some fun ideas for the fall and winter. For instance, Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday this year. We want to make those Sundays special. You will have to come to see what we have come up with!

The one Sunday I want to mention specifically is the first Sunday of the program year on September 18. We go back to two services that day. We thought it might be interesting to look at our spiritual journeys. We want to see if those journeys are affected by what stage in life we find ourselves at various ages. So, starting in late August, we will be handing out note cards for people to respond to a couple of questions. First, you will put on the notecard the age range that fits your situation: 1-30, 31-60, and over 61. These are rather broad age ranges, but hopefully helpful in determining a general perspective.

Then you will respond to one or both of these questions:

1. What are the biggest theological questions or doubts you have at this stage in your life?
2. What is most important about your faith at your age?

We are calling the theme of this Sunday, “A God for All Seasons.” The sermon will report back some of what we find on the cards. I am giving you all advance notice so you might think about what you will write on the card when we start handing them out on Sunday, August 21. You are free to write on more than one card should you think of something the next Sunday you wished you had written on the card you already filled out.

I find doing surveys like this both interesting and helpful. We learn we are not alone in our questions and doubts. Some questions seem to arise at different stages of our life. Some affirmations may also be age-driven. Hopefully this will affirm that the spiritual journey is one that lasts a lifetime. It is important we not stagnate at one stage of our journey thinking we have arrived. It is ok to find some aspects of our theology or doctrine less important at various stages in our journey. We may even go back to something we held dear when we were younger but now hold in a different way.

I look forward to reading those cards. I look forward to fashioning a sermon from what you write.

See you in worship.

Jim



Church Family



Summertime, and the living is easy...

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 7 as we gather for worship outside on the lower lawn and paved basketball court. You are encouraged to dress casually, bring your lawn blankets or chairs, sunscreen, hats and sunglasses and join in this fun summer worship experience. Folding chairs will be set up on the basketball court for those who prefer them.

followed by the

CHURCH PICNIC

Following the outdoor worship service, everyone is invited to join in the church picnic! The Membership and Hospitality Committee will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages, plates and flatware. Picnickers are asked to bring salads, desserts or munchies to share. Please bring items to the lower kitchen before worship.

and

There will also be a special **Newport Green Passport Activity** to help us learn about Newport's outdoor environment.

*In the event of rain,
the event will be moved
indoors to the Great Hall.*

In our prayers

Larry Wood (health concerns)

Frances Peppard (pulmonary issues)

Sam Waalkes

NEWPORT'S GREEN TEAM



In January the Newport Green Team adopted this mission statement: "Weave creation-care into the fabric of Newport's congregational life."

This committee works through direct conversations and e-mails as folks see a need and run with it. Individuals have worked to improve the recycling in the kitchen, researched the rules for recycling with our refuse company (not the same as your house), put plans in place for creating attractive yet obvious recycling containers that fit in with the design of the narthex and atrium, completed our Greening Congregation qualifications and displayed articles on Presbyterians for Restoring Creation and Earth Ministries.

The gardening and property volunteers continue to make our building and grounds a source of pride. Members are still responding to larger environmental issues thanks to the classes taught about advocacy. Some of us continue to read the Bible through an environmental lens and the Dep Team has focused on forest and tree management.

Please attend the outdoor service and all-church picnic on August 7th to learn more about our past and future earth stewardship efforts at home and in the larger community.



Dick and Joan Merritt invite you to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, August 12, between 4:00—7:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Refreshments will be served.

Mission & Peacemaking

MISSION DISBURSEMENTS APRIL—JUNE 2011

Bridge Ministries	2,500.00
Church of Mary Magdalene	1,000.00
From Deacon's Fund	200.00
Earth Ministry	250.00
Eastside Interfaith Societal Concerns Council	40.00
Emergency Feeding Program	1,535.00
Flood Relief Mission Supplies	1,747.93
Food Lifeline	2,000.00
Heifer Project International	1,000.00
Homes for Haiti	1,000.00
Presbyterians for Earth Care	75.00
Presbytery of Seattle (One Great Hour of Sharing)	3,229.00
Presbytery of Seattle (General Assembly)	3,249.99
Presbytery of Seattle (Presbytery)	1,749.99
Sharehouse	500.00
Sound View Construction Project	2,526.58
TOTAL	\$22,603.49



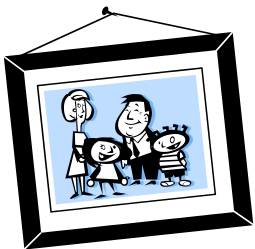
REMINDER

Thanks to a kindly neighbor, we now have a new locked mailbox. If you wish, you may now send secure mail to our street address:

4010 120th Ave SE
Bellevue WA 98006



Members of Newport can help lower the interest rate the church pays on our MDC Program loan by being investors while earning a very competitive rate of interest on their investment. For more information call (206) 971-4603 or email invest@synodmdc.org.



POSITIVE DISCIPLINE PARENTING CLASS!

Newport is pleased to offer this excellent class on Sundays, September 18 – October 30 from 10:00 – 12:00. Sunday School and extended care is provided for children of parents attending this class. Cost is \$50 per person with scholarships available. There are a few open spots remaining – please see Janet DeWater ASAP if you wish to register.

(janetdewater@newportpres.org)



JOIN THE FUN—JOIN THE CHOIR!

These are your musicians at play! Rhonda graciously entertained the choir, bell choir, praise team and Salad Bowl crew for a summer barbecue. You too can become a part of this very important ministry at Newport. And don't forget the new drum circle that is starting! Just tell Rhonda you're ready to make music!



MISSION AND PEACEMAKING

As August approaches, Newport will be furnishing all the breakfast supplies for the men in the Congregations for the Homeless program. The men will be at Overlake Presbyterian Church and we will take the food to them twice each week during the month. The sign-up charts are up for your donations and we still need names of persons willing to be called once during August to bring perishable items (orange juice, milk, bananas, etc.) to the church for these deliveries. Cash donations are very helpful—our shoppers will buy where we can get the best value. Please take a moment to look at the charts if you have not done so. Toiletries for men, clothing in good condition, twin-size sheets and blankets and duffle bags are also welcome and may be left in the downstairs kitchen. Leave a note with your donation if you would like a receipt for tax purposes.

Save the Date!

Congregations for the Homeless Second Annual Fundraiser

You are invited to join us for a no-cost fundraising lunch. Learn how you can help end homelessness on the Eastside by helping men move from the streets to stable housing one man at a time...

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue
from 11:30-1:00

More information will be provided in the coming months.

Stacey Witte (425) 765-1782

www.cfhomeless.org

Did you know...

146 people were found sleeping without shelter on the Eastside in January 2011's "One Night Count of the Homeless"?

Did you know...

13% of Eastside households earn less than \$25,290 per year, 30% of the area median?

Did you know...

52% of homeless families in King County reported that they became homeless because of high housing prices?



Giving kids what they need to thrive

Three deliveries were made to the Eastside Baby Corner in Issaquah with your generous donations of diapers, baby furniture, clothing, etc. A big "thank you" to all who participated and especially to Patsy Benson who delivered a car full of like-new items donated by her family. All these things are greatly appreciated by EBC and donated through agencies to those in need.

Lectionary Readings

August 7—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 14—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Matthew 15:21-28

August 21—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 12:1-8; Psalm 124; Matthew 16:13-20

August 28—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 12:9-21; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;
Matthew 16:21-28

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Did you pick up your copy of our new pictorial directory? Copies are in the narthex. If you had your picture taken you are allotted one copy. There should be some copies left over for those who were unable to have their picture taken.

Kudos again to Jan Medley, Tom Jones and others who worked so diligently on this project.

Did you know...

\$1,606 average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Bellevue in 2010 (versus \$946 in King County)?

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



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| 8/2—Kenneth Aramaki | 8/17—Emily Farnham |
| 8/4—Nick Antrobus | 8/17—Scott Johnson |
| 8/4—Ann Parsell | 8/17—Boyd Stockdale |
| 8/5—Dick Hawes | 8/18—Woody Bernard |
| 8/5—Bill Iverson | 8/19—Myrna Hackney |
| 8/5—Nancy Pfaff | 8/19—Claude Hendry |
| 8/6—Chuck Ask | 8/20—Ethan Crawford |
| 8/6—Lisa Sargent | 8/21—Mary Laws |
| 8/6—Jan Townsend | 8/22—Rob Sargent |
| 8/7—Boyd Ruckhaber | 8/23—Joan Merritt |
| 8/7—Hannah Wold | 8/24—Julie Wolthausen |
| 8/8—Jim Cornelius | 8/25—Tom Tucker |
| 8/8—Luanna Iverson | 8/26—Fred Dunlap |
| 8/9—Andrew Goossen | 8/26—Leif Osburn |
| 8/11—Dot Gregoire | 8/27—Jessica Aarhaus |
| 8/11—Rowan Johnson | 8/27—Erik Benthem |
| 8/11—Kei Kusakabe | 8/27—Amy Palmer |
| 8/12—Larry Wood | 8/28—Kelly Aramaki |
| 8/13—Dennis Chivers | 8/28—Joel Chalmers |
| 8/13—David Townsend | 8/28—Alison Ranheim |
| 8/14—Samantha Kunkel | 8/30—Logan Anderson |
| 8/15—Nancy O’Leary | 8/31—Karla French |
| 8/15—Jean Wang | |



HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

A Brush With Kindness (ABWK) is Habitat EKC's new Home Repair program. Our goal is to serve low-income homeowners throughout King County who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. The work is done by volunteers who use donated materials whenever possible.

Possible projects include exterior repair, landscaping, weather stripping and painting. **We are looking to partner with families through referrals from your church.** If a friend, family member, or member of your congregation might be interested in ABWK please pass on our information. For more information, please contact Emily Fortman, Director of Family Services at efortman@habitatekc.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY HABITAT STORE OPENING IN AUGUST

Habitat Stores, known nationally as ReStores, sell new and slightly used building materials, appliances, furniture and home furnishings to the public at a fraction of retail prices. The funds generated are used to serve families and change lives. Habitat for Humanity of EKC are looking for several volunteers to keep the store in prime operating condition. Positions available include working in customer service, sales, visual maintenance, data entry, receiving and picking up donations and more. Let us know if you have a special skill you would like to contribute to the store. For more information about volunteering or donating items, please contact Curtis Heard at curtis@habitatekc.org or call (425) 869-6007.



R E A C H I N G O U T

Annual Summer Dessert!



Join us as the women of Newport gather for the Annual Summer Dessert to be held August 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the church Atrium. This is a time for social interaction, great desserts and an opportunity to 'wet our thirst' for better understanding of the Bible. Come and bring a friend.

The new Bible study booklets have arrived and should be timely. *Confessing the Beatitudes* is a study focusing on connecting faith and daily life and will address some of the difficult issues facing the world today, a woman's role in society and an emphasis on what the Beatitudes meant to the original audiences that would have heard Jesus speak them. Helen Nash will give an overview of this year's study and the books will be available.

Treehouse/Annual Summer Dessert

Treehouse has been chosen as the charity for our donations at our Annual Summer Dessert. We are looking for back-to-school items for teenage foster kids—especially boys who are often forgotten.

Here are some suggestions:

- Hoodies
Graphic tees and trendy tops
Jeans (skinny and bootcut)
Gift cards for Target (even \$5 or \$10 is appreciated)
Cash donation (Treehouse gets great deals when buying in bulk)

Church of Mary Magdalene/Mary's Place

Here is an updated list of their current needs. Thank you for your generous contributions. At least once a month these items are delivered to Mary's Place (314 Bell Street in Seattle) by Presbyterian Women.

- African-American hair care products
Large conditioners
Dental adhesive
Flat irons
Hairspray
Hair accessories
Wigs
Umbrellas & ponchos
Bus tickets (75¢ & \$2.25)
Exercise mats
Good shoes
Cough drops
Heating pads
Ice Packs
Headphones
Flip flops
Backpacks
Flashlights
Flash Drives
Bras
Panties
Depends
Feminine hygiene products

Circles and Meeting Times

Please note: The circles do not meet during July, August and September. They will resume in October. Brunch Bunch will meet August 11 at the home of Sally Hightower. They will resume their regular schedule on September 8.

Deborah Circle

Leader: Cindi Rezabek
Third Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.

J.O.Y. Circle

Leader: Barbara Baxter
First Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

Grace Circle

Leader: Mary Hanke
Fourth Monday, 1:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle

Leader: Lucy Harms
First Monday, 10:00 a.m.

Hope Circle

Leader: Dori Yang
Third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Brunch Bunch

Leaders: Dee Tucker, Martha Garmanian
Second & Fourth Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Remember—to join a circle you just need to show up. You may also form your own circle with friends who may need a more convenient time.

Prayer Concerns and Support Opportunities

We have an active Prayer Chain. If you have a concern for which you would like prayers, contact Carib Smallman at (206) 588-1277 or Judy Schwab at (425) 391-4167. To be listed in the printed list of prayer concerns, contact the church office at (425) 746-6111. Reminder: Please obtain permission if you wish to add a friend or family member to the Prayer Chain.

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Hospitality is offered before and after worship services</p>	<p>1 8:30am Men's Biking</p>	<p>2 10:30am Stephen Ministry in Library</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:30am Men's Hiking</p>	<p>5 </p>	<p>6 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious</p>
<p>7 Communion 10:00am Outside Worship followed by picnic </p>	<p>8 8:30am Men's Biking</p>	<p>9 10:30 PW Board In Library 7:00pm Session in Chapel</p>	<p>10 7:00pm PW Annual Summer Dessert </p>	<p>11 8:30am Men's Hiking 9:30am Brunch Bunch at home of Sally Hightower</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious</p>
<p>14 10:00am Worship Dep Sunday </p>	<p>15 8:30am Men's Biking </p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:30am Men's Hiking 7:00pm Personnel in Library</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious</p>
<p>21 10:00am Worship</p>	<p>22 8:30am Men's Biking</p>	<p>23 12:00pm AIDS Care Team in Library 7:00pm Mission & Peacemaking</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:30am Men's Hiking 1:00pm ACE in Library</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious</p>
<p>28 10:00am Worship</p>	<p>29 8:30am Men's Biking</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p></p>		



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