

# January Newport News

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**December 26**

**One service at 10:00 a.m. (no adult education or Sunday School)**

**January 2**

**One service at 10:00 a.m. (no adult education or Sunday School)**

**January 9**

**Regular schedule—8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**

January 16

Regular schedule—8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

**January 23**

**One service at 10:00 a.m. followed by Annual Meeting**

January 30

Regular schedule—8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

## Meekhof Lecture Series January 7-9, 2011

Dear Newport Family and Friends,

As many of you know we are privileged in this congregation to have a memorial endowment established by Pastor Emeritus David Meekhof in memory of his late wife, Doreen. It is a lecture series that we offer in the winter each year to promote education in our congregation around issues such as worship, social justice, and children.

This winter the lectures will take place on January 7-9, 2011. We will welcome Dr. Rodger Nishioka, associate professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Rodger is the son of retired pastor, Dick Nishioka, who pastored at Japanese Presbyterian Church in Seattle. He is the author of several books and articles focused on youth and young adults and the educational ministry of the church as spiritual formation. I have heard Rodger speak on several occasions. He is a very engaging speaker! You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear him.

The lecture series is called "21<sup>st</sup> Century Reformation—Challenges That Are Changing the Church." The topic Friday evening, January 7, at 7:30 p.m. is "Eight Trends That Are Changing How We Do Ministry." This will take place in our sanctuary. Saturday is a brunch which will allow time for questions and answers. The topic Saturday is "From Soul Searching to Souls in Transition—Ministry with Youth and Young Adults." It starts at 9:30 a.m. Rodger will preach at both services on Sunday, January 9.

Please pick up a brochure to read more about Rodger and the presentations he will be giving. I highly encourage you to make this important event part of your Newport experience.

Jim

## Church Family



### In our prayers

**Wes Sikkema** (health concerns)  
**Daryle Harvey** (health concerns)  
**Sandy Brooks** (cancer treatment)  
**Larry Wood** (health concerns)  
**Frances Peppard** (pulmonary issues)  
**Jerry Nash** (pulmonary issues)



### To Bea Polinsky

As noted on page six, over \$6,000 worth of clothing was donated to the Compass Center. Much thanks are due to Bea who donated countless hours to this worthwhile project. (Bea also made the Advent banners at the entrance to the sanctuary.)

### From Stewardship & Finance

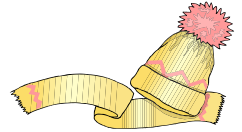


Thank you for your stewardship pledge and "Supporting Our Community of Faith". We have received pledges of \$607,000 to date and thank you for your commitment and support of Newport Presbyterian Church ministry and mission.



I have just completed my first year at Newport and publishing the Newport News. Thank you to all who have encouraged me with their kind words and for the patience you have shown me. I think I'll try it another year!  
Thank you. Pam

### Warm for Winter



On Sunday, November 21, the congregation dedicated 136 scarves and hats for the homeless! A wonderful total! Thanks especially to Inez Ware who produced the vast majority of the hats and over half of the scarves, but also to everyone else who contributed. The items were delivered to Janice Tufte and are now in the hands of those who need them somewhere in Seattle.

In addition to all the time given and labor, let's continue to keep the homeless in our daily prayers— that they will be fed, warm and safe.

### Mission & Peacemaking

### Alternative Gifts for Christmas Fair Newport provided a very green Christmas for many this year!

Christmas blessings to all of you, the wonderful and generous people of NPC! Thanks to our 19 participating organizations (a fair record) and many hard-working volunteers, the 2010 Alternative Gifts for Christmas Fair was a big success! This year's fair raised over \$9,260! 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. 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!

**Found SERRV item:** Did you purchase a round nativity candle holder where light shines through the star cutouts? The nativity scene is recessed on one side, and the three kings are painted around the sides. The blue base for the candle holder was left on the SERRV table and is now in the church office. Please contact Kim Olmstead at (425) 823-7082 if it's yours.

Patten's  
Perspective

A message from  
Pastor Jim Patten

## With Gratitude

As I write this we are fast approaching Christmas day and the end of the year. It has been another rich Advent. The devotional booklet written by many of our members is wonderful. It is amazing how many good writers are in this congregation.

As we look to the new year one event is coming up I want to particularly raise to your attention. This is our annual Meekhof Lecture Series. This is the series established to honor the memory of Doreen Meekhof, the wife of our first pastor, David Meekhof. Each year we bring speakers from across the country to speak on three interests: education in the faith, social witness and action, and worship.

This January 7-9 we are very pleased to bring Rodger Nishioka. Rodger holds the chair in Christian education as an associate professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He is also the son of Dick Nishioka, the retired pastor at Japanese Presbyterian Church in Seattle.

Rodger is simply one of the best and most entertaining speakers I have ever heard. I know I pump up our speakers every year, but Rodger is truly someone not to miss. Especially if you have children in the home or are grandparents you will want to hear him. His topic is **21<sup>st</sup> Century Reformation-Challenges That Are Changing the Church**. The lecture on Friday night, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary is: *“Eight Trends That Are Changing How We Do Ministry.”* Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. he will speak on *“From Soul Searching to Souls in Transition-Ministry with Youth and Young Adults.”* Rodger will also be our preacher at both services on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. I highly encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity.

And, on behalf of your staff here at Newport, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy New Year. We love working here with you as we attempt to be faithful to God's call in our lives. We deeply appreciate all of you who volunteer your time and talents as we work together in the ministry and mission programs at Newport.

See you in worship.

Jim

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## Newport Green

Session has just approved a motion that Newport apply to become a Greening Congregations member through Earth Ministry. (We already belong to this organization.) We seek to weave creation care, in its many forms, into the fabric of our church's life and mission. There is no additional cost to us.

We are well on our way towards receiving this designation due to practices followed in our recent remodels, ground maintenance, education courses and general operation. An outline of these many accomplishments has been sent to a number of members who have expressed interest in this endeavor. The process includes setting goals for each year and volunteers have already determined that one of our immediate goals is to make our recycling program “easier and obvious”, especially with clean-up after large events.

If you would like to be a participant in the Green Team, please contact Cindi Rezabek and look for our planning session to be held sometime in January.

For more information on the Greening Congregations program, go to [www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org).



## Adult Education

- ◆ January 9—Intergenerational class led by Rodger Nishioka, Meekhof lecturer
- ◆ January 16—Intergenerational class—Faith Sharing
- ◆ January 23—One service at 10:00 a.m. followed by Annual Meeting

Bill and Elaine Hallmark, longtime volunteers with Beyond War, will be with us on January 30, 2011 to share their experience in Beyond War and the principles underlying its work. They will show a 28 minute video and invite discussion. Beyond War is a practical grass-roots educational foundation focused on developing the conditions necessary for humanity to live without war. Beyond War believes conflict is necessary, but war is not. War is obsolete and can be eliminated. For more information see <http://beyondwar.org> and the book *LIVING BEYOND WAR: A CITIZENS' GUIDE* by Winslow Myers (available for purchase on the website). We will also have an opportunity to discuss whether we would like to schedule a four session study group to discuss the book and engage the concepts it presents.

### New Year's Eve Playreading

Playreaders will gather at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, December 31 at Len and Cindy Rezabek's to read Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers", share a late (almost midnight) supper and welcome the new year.

Newcomers and non-readers are always welcome. Please contact Nancy Ellingham or Joan Merritt if you plan to be there.

May we assign you a part?  
What would you like to bring for supper?

### Search for Meaning...

Pacific Northwest Spirituality  
Book Festival  
with featured speakers:  
Anne Lamott and Tariq Ramadan

Saturday, February 5 from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Pigott Building, Seattle University  
[www.seattleu.edu/stm](http://www.seattleu.edu/stm)

## Youth Group News

Beginning January 9 the Mid and Senior High Youth Groups will combine into one group on Sunday night. We will begin with games at 5:30; eat at 6:15; have music worship at 6:30 and break into separate Mid High and Senior High groups from 6:50-7:30 for Bible study.

## Other Activities

- ☺ Sound View Senior High Leadership Retreat—Friday, January 21 to Sunday, January 23
- ☺ Lazy Sunday—January 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the youth room
- ☺ SOUPer Bowl of Caring—February 6

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 23 following our**  
**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.



**Another way to keep in touch**  
For members and friends who are on Facebook:  
Be sure to visit our Facebook page,  
Newport Presbyterian Church  
and click on "like"  
to get updates on the latest activities.



## Happy Birthday to you!

If you have a January birthday and are not listed, please notify the office so we can include you next year. Thank you for filling out the information sheets when you had your picture taken. We are working diligently to get all information updated and correct!

1/2—Emily Strom	1/18—Peggy Felton
1/5—Ann Huber	1/18—Beth Gest
1/5—Susan Mandt	1/21—Andrew Kwon
1/6—Fred Antrobus	1/22—Jerry Howard
1/8—Katie Lindblom	1/22—Karla Howell
1/8—Heather McClure-Coleman	1/22—Martha Schroeder
1/9—Marty Andrews	1/23—Jo Thompson
1/11—Jane Wierenga	1/29—Francis Horner
1/13—Bea Bollinger	1/30—Dave Mandt
1/14—Cyrus Huber	1/30—Emily Meyer
1/15—Scott Nelson	1/30—Amanda Nelson
1/16—Barbara Krompholtz	1/30—Janet Skinner
	1/31—Wilma Monson

## Congratulations to:

**Rhonda Juliano** who has been chosen by the American Choral Director's Association to select music for the Church Music Reading Session at the Summer Music Academy at the University of Puget Sound next summer.

**Linda Hunter** who is one of 20 national winners of the KPMG Chairman's Award for Excellence in Volunteerism. This award recognizes individuals who go above and beyond, and exemplify excellence, selflessness, volunteerism and community service. Linda says she is most excited about the \$1,000 contribution that will go to Treehouse for its work with foster children.

Be sure to pick up your new offering envelopes so you can begin using them on Sunday, January 2. Discard any 2010 envelopes as many number assignments were changed this year.

If you did not receive envelopes and would like some, or if you have any questions, please call the office or Athena Panos.



## Kitchen Etiquette

Please note that one of the two refrigerators in our Newport kitchen belongs to the Fishpond Preschool and is labeled as such. The Fishpond staff keeps carefully prepared and organized snacks in their fridge for all of the individual classes, and they are particularly careful about keeping certain foods separated from others due to allergies. Your help in not "borrowing" food or storage space from the Fishpond fridge is appreciated.



The Three Little Kittens Have Found Their Mittens

Ah, retirement...

Newport's retired Sue Mattson entered her first own-design knitted baby blanket in Patternworks Binky Patrol knitting challenge and won first place! She received a \$400 gift certificate.

## Lectionary Readings

### January 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

### January 9: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43;  
Matthew 3:13-17

### January 16—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;  
I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### January 23—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;  
I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

### January 30—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;  
I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12



## R E A C H I N G O U T

### Compass Center/ Family and Adult Service Center

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU for Newport's great response to help those in need! The Compass Alliance staff was delighted to receive three full mini-vans containing over 300 gifts of warm clothing from Newport. Each package contained six or seven items of warm clothing such as coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, T-shirts, sox, hats and gloves. Towels, 50 sport bags and backpacks, sox and cartons of apple juice were also donated. *Newport generously gave over \$6,000 worth of needed clothing and other items. (See picture below.)*

Compass Alliance estimates that there are over 8,000 homeless persons in the Seattle area. **The need is great now!** Winter has just begun. More warm clothing, towels, sox and hats are needed and may be placed into the box in the "donation corner" of the Narthex. For more information call Bea Polinsky or Amy Farnham.

Many thanks also to the following who spent many hours wrapping the gifts: Joyce Felker, Peggy Felton, Wilma Monson, Carmen Palomera, Jayne Ranheim, Cindi Rezapak, Sharon Roos, Edna Simmerly, Barbara Welsh and Mary Ann Woodruff. Also thanks to Roger Bedell, Amy Farnham and Don Polinsky who used their vans to transport the donations to downtown Seattle.



Seven feet of wrapped gifts fill the Polinsky living room!

**NEW SOX!**

**WARM CLOTHES!**

### Circles and Meeting Times

#### **Deborah Circle**

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

#### **Grace Circle**

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

#### **Hope Circle**

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

#### **J.O.Y. Circle**

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

#### **Ruth Circle**

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



### Brunch Bunch/Book Study

Brunch Bunch welcomes new women to enjoy a delicious brunch in homes followed by a book study and discussion. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

For more information call  
Dee Tucker at (425) 957-1935 or  
Martha Garmanian at (425) 747-4201

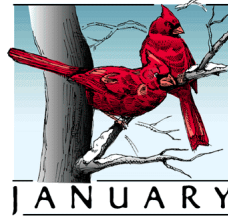
# JANUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 10:00am Worship Hospitality	<b>3</b> 9:00am Men's Biking Group  10:00am Ruth Circle in Library	<b>4</b> 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14  10:30am Stephen Ministry in Room 14	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Worship Committee in Chapel  7:00pm Property Committee in Room 26  8:00pm S & F in Library	<b>6</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking Group 11:00am J.O.Y. Circle in Library  6:00pm Praise Team In Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary	<b>7</b>  7:30-9:00 Meekhof Lecture Series at NPC	<b>1</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious  <b>8</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Meekhof Lecture Brunch
<b>9</b> <b>Rodger Nishioka</b> <i>guest preacher</i>  8:45am Worship 9:45am Education 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Handbells 5:30-7:30 Youth Group	<b>10</b> 9:00am Men's Biking Group	<b>11</b> 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14  7:00pm Session in Atrium	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking Group 9:30am Brunch Bunch in homes  6:00pm Praise Team In Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious
<b>16</b> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Education 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Handbells 5:30-7:30 Youth Group	<b>17</b> <b>Dr. Martin Luther King Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  9:00am Men's Biking Group	<b>18</b> 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14 10:30 PW Board 12:00pm AIDS Care Team in Library 12:30pm Deborah Circle at Aramakis  5:00pm Presbytery at Sammamish	<b>19</b>  7:00pm Hope Circle in homes	<b>20</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking Group 1:00pm ACE in library  6:00pm Praise Team in Sanctuary 7:00pm Personnel in Library 7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary	<b>21</b>  High School Leadership Retreat  7:00pm Movie night at NPC	<b>22</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious  High School Leadership Retreat 4:30pm PIPS Potluck
<b>23</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Congregational Meeting  High School Leadership Retreat  (no evening youth group)	<b>24</b> 9:00am Men's Biking Group  1:00pm Grace Circle in homes	<b>25</b> 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14  7:00pm Mission & Peacemaking in Chapel  7:00pm Christian Education in Room 22	<b>26</b>  7:00pm Deacons in Library 7:15pm Membership & Hospitality in room 26	<b>27</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking Group  9:30am Brunch Bunch in homes  1:00pm ACE in library	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious
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**Newsletter Deadline**

The newsletter is usually mailed on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The deadline for the January newsletter is **Friday, January 14.**