



# January 2012 Newport News



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## JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, January 1**

**One worship service at 10:00 a.m.** Communion will be served.

### **Sunday, January 8**

Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Come and hear our guest preacher, Anna Carter Florence, this year's Meekhof lecturer. Intergenerational Sunday School gathering meets at 9:45 in the Great Hall led by Anna Carter Florence. We'll begin with coffee and a light breakfast.

### **Sunday, January 15**

Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. "Meet Your Deacon" gathering for **all ages** at 9:45 in the Great Hall. Come and gather with your deacon and others in your ministry unit. (If you don't know who your deacon is, we'll have a list available—this is a great way to get to know other Newport Presbyterians!)

### **Sunday, January 22**

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

### **Sunday, January 29**

Worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Our regular Sunday School schedule resumes at 9:45.

## **Meekhof Lecture Series with Anna Carter Florence, PhD.**

### **January 6, 7 and 8**

This year's Meekhof Lecture series guest lecturer is Anna Carter Florence, Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. Her lecture is titled, *"Speaking of God, Telling the Truth: Reading Our Story in the Verbs of the Text."* Join her on Friday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for a lecture and reception and then Saturday morning for brunch at 9:30 a.m. As the guest preacher on Sunday her sermon topic is *"Jumping In"* based on John 21:1-17.

### **Presentation Description**

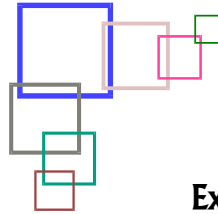
If you do a quick survey of any Bible passage, you'll find that what is true in life is also true in scripture: the verbs dominate. Not adjectives; *verbs*. It's what we *do* and *don't do* that preoccupies human beings. And it's the verbs we cannot imagine for ourselves (*live, liberate, forgive, resurrect*) that the church offers, and that we reach for, week after week.

So what happens when we read scripture and let the verbs lead? Anna puts a twist on dramatic theory and invites us to read the biblical "script" by focusing on the verbs that are given and chosen by the characters. What new things will we see and hear in both our sacred text and our human drama when we connect the verbs? How can that, in turn, deepen our relationships with God and one another?





**Larry Wood** (health concerns)  
**Frances Peppard** (pulmonary issues)  
**Dick Donnelly** (hospice)  
**Joel Mattson** (recovering from surgery)



## Deacon's Corner

by Frances Peppard

### Explore your neck of the woods!

Quick! Off the top of your head! Can you name the 12 ministry units at Newport PC? (Hint: They are named after trees.) Do you know the name of your tree? Do you know the other folks who live in your neck of the woods? Would you like to have a fun time between worship services?

The Deacons are sponsoring a special intergenerational fellowship event on Sunday, January 15 from 9:45-10:35 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Don't worry if you don't know the name of your tree. The Deacons will have guides at the doors of the Great Hall. Just come, relax and enjoy the folks in your ministry unit.



#### Featuring:

- ◆ Keynote Speaker Bruce Reyes-Chow
- ◆ Immigration & PC(USA) with Julia Thorne
- ◆ Healthy Church Growth with Tobin Wilson & Eliana Maxim
- ◆ Theology & Culture with Jeff Keuss
- ◆ nFOG, Finance, Clerk Training
- ◆ Mission Faire and more!

Registration and more information at:

[www.seapres.org/presbyfest](http://www.seapres.org/presbyfest)

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28

Mercer Island Presbyterian Church

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#### PHOTOS FOR PUBLICATION

As part of our publicity and information, Newport includes photos of church life and events in our newsletter and website. If, for any reason, you do not want us to use your picture, please notify the church office.



Your are invited to a

### Twelfth Night\* of Christmas Celebration

Sunday, January 8 in the Atrium

6:00 p.m.

Wassail, etc.

6:30 p.m.

"Spiritual Potluck"

(Bring whatever the spirit moves)

7:00 p.m.

Carol & Song Fest

If you can attend, please RSVP to one of the following:

Helen Nash

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hebnash@msn.com

Judy or Gary Schwab

(425) 391-4167

jkschwab40@msn.com

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(206) 298-0202

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\*This year it is on the 14<sup>th</sup> night.

Patten's  
Perspective

A message from  
Pastor Jim Patten

**2011 ZOOMED BY**



Another year has zoomed by. It was a difficult year for me personally, as many of you know, but also one filled with so much gratitude for all the ways family, friends and this church family have shown me kindness. Thank you again. I can't say it enough. In spite of the gratitude, I am also more than ready for this year to be over!

We start the new year with our Meekhof Lecture series. This year we welcome Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. She has been called one of the best preachers in the country by people whose judgment I respect. She will be with us on Friday, January 6—Sunday, January 8. I would highly encourage you to come and hear her. You can read more about her schedule with us elsewhere in this newsletter. We have been blessed with this opportunity to hear great speakers thanks to the lectureship in honor of David Meekhof's late wife, Doreen. I am excited to hear Anna.

In addition to Anna, who will preach on the 8<sup>th</sup> and lead an intergenerational class between services, we have some fun educational events planned for the rest of January and the winter quarter. Look for articles in this newsletter and in the bulletins on Sunday. Dori Yang and the rest of the Adult Christian Education Committee have worked hard to plan a variety of educational opportunities that will help us all grow in our walk of faith.

Finally, on behalf of your staff, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. (I can't wait for Christmas Day and our "pj" and bathrobe worship service!) We all truly appreciate working here. You are very generous with your encouragement of our efforts. So many of you volunteer in so many ways to make sure the mission and ministry of Newport remains vibrant and faithful. Your support of the church budget with your gifts and pledges for 2012 has been amazing. I know of many churches in our area that have had to cut staff, or trim their budgets because of decreased support. That is not the case here. It speaks volumes to the health of this church. We are grateful.

See you in worship.

Jim



## **PIPS GATHERING – JANUARY 21**

Please save Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. for a Potluck Gathering of Newport's Parents, Infants, Preschool and School-aged Children. We'll gather in the Great Hall for dinner, conversation and lots of fun and running around in the Great Hall! Watch your email for further information as we get closer to the date.

# Atrium Art Gallery



The season of Advent began with the traditional lighting of the Advent candles, a shared meal, the greening of the church and something new to Newport this year: the opening of the Atrium Art Gallery! Entitled, "Gifts of Magi," the current exhibit features works of three of our members who have shared their gifts of art: Dick Hawes (photography), Rob McClure (acrylics, mixed media) and Dee Tucker (watercolor).

Through the ages the Church has served as a venue for creative endeavors. With its Atrium Art Gallery, Newport Presbyterian Church seeks to continue this tradition, providing space where the movement of the Spirit is experienced through the Arts. We hope you will enjoy this new addition in the life of our Newport community!

Note that art will be displayed on a rotating basis and that artists for future exhibits are being sought. "Interest Forms" are available in the church office and on the information rack in the narthex.

## Thoughts on Resolutions

- ☺ A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other. ~ Author Unknown
- ☺ Many years ago I resolved never to bother with New Year's resolutions and I've stuck with it ever since. ~ Dave Beard
- ☺ One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things. ~ John Barroughs
- ☺ My resolution for 2012 is to stop using quotes as filler for the newsletter. ~ Pam Zipoy



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### January 8

- ◆ Sunday School—9:45-10:35
- ◆ Youth Group—5:30-7:30 p.m. *Focus on Ephesians*

### January 15

- ◆ Sunday School—9:45-10:35

### January 22

- ◆ Sunday School—9:45-10:35
- ◆ "Lazy Sunday"—10:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. *Focus on Colossians*

### January 29

- ◆ Sunday School 9:45-10:35
- ◆ Summer Dep Parent Meeting—5:00-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. *Focus on Thessalonians*

Tentative date for Senior High Dep 2012  
July 29—August 5  
San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity



## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

### January 8

Meekhof Lecturer Anna Carter Florence to lead inter-generational class

### January 15

Newport's Deacons will lead intergenerational class

### January 22

Congregational Meeting

### January 29—February 5

Two classes on mental health with Chaplain Craig Rennebohm and Dave Emery

### February 12, 19 & 26

Guest speaker Duncan Ferguson on his book *Exploring the Spirituality of World Religions*

### March 4

Bread for the World letter writing

### March 11—April 1

Gary Skinner will teach a class on "Walking Through Lent with Bonhoeffer"

### April 8 and 15

Easter and Holy Humor Sunday—no Sunday School classes

### April 22—May 13

Rob McClure will teach a class on church architecture called "Decoding the Church"

**MISSION & PEACEMAKING PRESENTS  
ISSUES RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH**

Many of us have been impacted by the challenges of mental health conditions either personally or through family or friends. It can be extremely overwhelming and isolating for those affected. The stigma connected with mental health difficulties causes denial and delays in seeking available helpful treatment resources and can lead to more serious consequences.

Are there roles for us as individuals, or in support groups, or as a congregation to come alongside those trying to navigate their life journey with the burden of a mental health condition? As followers of Jesus Christ, we feel an inherent concern for those marginalized in this situation but most don't feel equipped to venture in.

To help us better understand the scope of these illnesses and to consider possible roles for coming alongside, two Adult Education classes have been scheduled, January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>, with presenters Dr. Craig Rennebohm, Mental Health Chaplain ("Souls in the Hands of a Tender God"), and Dr. Dave Emery, Bridge Ministries Chaplain and member of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAIM) South King County Board. Mark your calendar and join the conversation for a deeper understanding and consideration of alongside ministry in this area.

Questions? Contact Jack Roos, 425 454-9846, or Rob Sargent, 425 255-3731

**Lectionary Readings**

**January 1—First Sunday after Christmas**

Galatians 4:4-7; Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-40

**January 8—Baptism of the Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; John 21:1-17

**January 15—Second Sunday after Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; John 1:43-51

**January 22—Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

**January 29—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28



*Let them eat cake.*

*Marie Antoinette*

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1/2—Emily Strom             | 1/18—Peggy Felton     |
| 1/5—Ann Huber               | 1/21—Andrew Kwon      |
| 1/5—Susan Mandt             | 1/22—Jerry Howard     |
| 1/6—Fred Antrobus           | 1/22—Martha Schroeder |
| 1/8—Katie Lindblom          | 1/22—Karla Howell     |
| 1/8—Heather McClure-Coleman | 1/29—Francis Horner   |
| 1/11—Jane Wierenga          | 1/30—Dave Mandt       |
| 1/14—Cyrus Huber            | 1/30—Emily Meyer      |
| 1/16—Barbara Krompholz      | 1/30—Janet Skinner    |
|                             | 1/31—Sara Bliss       |

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



**LAY MUSICIANS' CONCERT 2012**

Join the musicians for the Lay Musicians' Concert on Sunday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Bellevue. If you would like to perform, contact Damon Meyer. For those who appreciate great music put the date on your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors. This is always a "must" event of the year and also a great fundraiser!

**Did you know...**

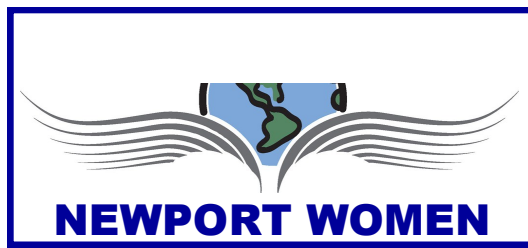
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Check out our Facebook page, Newport Presbyterian Church and click on "like"

to get updates on the latest activities.



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

### Mary's Place January Wish List

- ◆ Hats/gloves/scarves/earmuffs
- ◆ Underwear (sizes 5-8) and bras
- ◆ Hot cocoa mix and coffee
- ◆ Socks and thermal underwear
- ◆ Deodorant—all sizes
- ◆ Brushes, combs, hair accessories
- ◆ Toothbrushes/travel-size toothpaste
- ◆ Feminine hygiene—pads, tampons
- ◆ Incontinence products
- ◆ Antacids (Tums/Pepcid, etc.)
- ◆ Diapers and baby wipes
- ◆ Shampoo, conditioner & hairspray
- ◆ Bibles—new and used & diapers
- ◆ Musical instruments—tambourines, drums, shakers

Please bring donations to the alley entrance of 314 Bell Street in Seattle between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information call the office at (206) 621-8474 or [office@marysplaceseattle.org](mailto:office@marysplaceseattle.org).

### Circles and Meeting Times

#### **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: Helen Nash  
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,  
10:00 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.

### Clothing Items Needed for Homeless and Jobless

As winter weather sets in, the need for warm clothes for the homeless continues. New and gently-used items for men and women may be placed in the large box in the narthex. Some needed items for men and women (mostly large sizes) are:

- ◆ Sweatshirts (dark colors)
- ◆ Coats
- ◆ T-shirts
- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Hats and Scarves
- ◆ Crew sox (men) & warm sox for women
- ◆ Playing cards
- ◆ Flashlights
- ◆ Tote bags & backpacks

Special needs for the Compass Center are:

- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Sox
- ◆ Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- ◆ Small soaps
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Lotion
- ◆ Shoes (gently worn for men, women & children)

The Compass Alliance have opened new housing facilities for veterans. The need becomes greater each year. To help with this program please call Bea Polinsky.

### 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.*



# 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b> 10:00am Worship 	<b>2</b> 9:00am Men's Biking <b>Office closed</b>	<b>3</b> No Lectionary	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Salad Bowl Meeting 7:00pm Property Committee in Library 7:00pm Worship Committee in Chapel	<b>5</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking 10:30am J.O.Y. Circle Garden Club 6:00pm Praise Team 7:30pm Choir	<b>6</b> 7:30pm Meekhof Lecture	<b>7</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious 9:30am Meekhof Brunch
<b>8</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 8:45am Informal 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Traditional 12:15pm Bell Choir 5:30-7:30 Youth 6:00pm 12 <sup>th</sup> Night Celebration	<b>9</b> 9:00am Men's Biking 10:00am Ruth Circle in Library 8:00pm Stewardship Committee in Library	<b>10</b> 9:30am Lectionary in room 14 10:30 PW Board In Library 10:30am Stephen Ministry in Room 14 7:00pm Session in Chapel	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking 10:00am Brunch Bunch 6:00pm Praise Team 7:30pm Choir	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious
<b>15</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:45am Informal 9:45am Education 11:00am Traditional 12:15pm Bell Choir	<b>16</b> <b>Dr. Martin Luther King Day</b> 9:00am Men's Biking <b>Office closed</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30am Lectionary in room 14 12:00pm AIDS Care Team 12:30pm Deborah Circle in Library <b>February Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>18</b> 6:45pm Membership & Hospitality in Library 7:00pm Hope Circle in homes	<b>19</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Personnel in Library 7:30pm Choir	<b>20</b>  4:30-6:00pm Drum & Pub	<b>21</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious 4:30pm PIP's Potluck
<b>22</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Congregational Meeting 11:00-5:30 "Lazy Sunday" for Youth 5:30-7:30 Youth	<b>23</b> 9:00am Men's Biking 1:00pm Grace Circle in homes	<b>24</b> 9:30am Lectionary in room 14 7:00pm Christian Education 7:00pm Mission & Peacemaking in Chapel	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Deacons	<b>26</b> 9:00am Men's Hiking 10:00am Brunch Bunch 6:00pm Praise Team 7:30pm Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious
<b>29</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:45am Informal 9:45am Education 11:00am Traditional 12:15pm Bell Choir 5:00pm Dep Parent Meeting 5:30-7:30 Youth 7:00pm Lay Musicians' at UCC	<b>30</b> 9:00am Men's Biking	<b>31</b> No Lectionary	<b>WORSHIP TIMES</b> 8:45 a.m. Informal Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Education 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Hospitality is offered before and after worship services			



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