



Newport News

January 20, 2010 Newport Presbyterian Church

Upcoming events at Newport!

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Newport is hosting the Seattle Presbytery here on Tuesday, March 16 for their meeting and dinner (about 200 guests). We will need lots of help that day to prepare salads, set up chairs and tables, set tables, greet our guests, sell dinner tickets and, following the event, take everything down and clean up the kitchen!

Some help needed ahead of time will include baking cookies/bars for dessert, shopping for salad ingredients and creating centerpieces.

We'll be starting sign-ups in February so put the date on your calendar now!

The Planning Committee includes Helen Nash (425) 882-0405, Cris Wilkinson (425) 271-7852 and Andrea Strom (425) 226-4666. Please call one of us if you have any questions.

Saturday, March 20 Dep Dinner

Our Senior High Youth Group will be heading off to Puerto Rico this year for Deputation, where they will provide assistance to a low income community and lead a program for the children. The Youth Group invites you to attend a festive and fabulous dinner on Saturday evening, March 20. This event will include an auction element, but will have a new look this year, as the group raises funds for their annual mission trip.

Sunday, February 7

Calling all Artists! (and Art Aficionados)

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, wood-working, 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).

Use the registration form on page 6 or the goldenrod copy included in the Sunday bulletin to reserve table or floor space (some easels available) or time in the performance nook.

Approximate times:

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| 5:45-6:15 p.m. | Set up art displays at reserved places |
| 6:15 p.m. | Punch and art viewing |
| 6:30 p.m. | Hors d'oeuvres supper (while viewing or sitting) |
| 7:30 p.m. | Recognition of artists |
| 8:00 p.m. | Retrieve art items/clean-up |

May 7 and 8 Annual Women's Retreat

Save the dates of May 7 and 8 for the Annual Women's Retreat at the Rainbow Lodge. With longer daylight hours, the weather should be just right for enjoying the beautiful gardens, lake and wooded areas.

Lay Minister Margaret Redman will be our leader. She is an Elder from Mercer Island Presbyterian Church and is an experienced retreat leader. Watch for announcements regarding sign-up and other details.

Church Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

Wes Sikkema (health concerns)

Daryle Harvey (health concerns)

Jon Welsh (cancer)

Family of Lucy Tuff following her death on January 19

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.

Help Wanted

Do you have a little time on Friday mornings to help out in the church office? I sure could use some extra hands to collate and stuff the Sunday bulletins. It would only take an hour or two between 9:30 and noon. Please give me a call if you can help.

Pam

Thanks to all!

Thank you for your generous response!

The Family and Adult Service Center is very thankful for all the wonderful gifts of warm clothing. Newport donated 117 large packages for the special Christmas party. Included in each package was at least five items of clothing from the following: parkas, sweatshirts, knit shirts, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and sweaters.

These gifts represent a value of approximately \$4,500. It took two large minivans to deliver these gifts on December 16. Many needy people are kept warm because of your generous response.

Bea Polinsky

Note: Check out the picture of the wrapped packages in the hallway by the library.

Handmade



Dear friends at Newport,

It was my privilege to work at Newport since 1994—never have 15 years gone by so quickly! Thank-you for making my retirement a special occasion, and for so many kind words, handshakes and hugs, cards and comments. I appreciate it all.

Your cash retirement gift is an unexpected bonus, and so generous, as is my Christmas gift from you. I am possibly seeing a new sewing machine in my future! I already have a list of quilting and knitting projects waiting to be tackled.

Joel and I are going to be snowbirds, and will head for Tucson, AZ, on January 3, staying until mid-April. We have a park-model trailer there in the same 55-plus park as my sister and brother-in-law. If you are curious, Google Rincon Country West and you can have a peek. We look forward to visiting Newport when we are back.

You are a wonderful congregation, and have taught me first-hand how important it is to be kind to one another. Thank-you.

Sue Mattson
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Dear Newport,

What a nice welcome home from our Christmas/New Year trip to California. The generosity of Newport is truly appreciated, and went right in to my "retirement" account. Please extend my thanks and good wishes to all. Happy 2010!

Sincerely,
Judy Matthew

Mission & Peacemaking

Over 225 very nice gifts were delivered to Hopelink for their Holiday Gift Room and to Treehouse from our Christmas Giving Tree. A huge "thank you" to all who gave so generously again this year!



Listening and Lent

Last night, at our session meeting, the devotional leader talked about the art of listening as a great spiritual discipline. That fit nicely with Janet's sermon on the previous Sunday about listening for God's voice. The discipline of listening is a nice focus for Lent.

One of the reasons some traditions give up something for Lent is to remind us we need to simplify our lives so that all that might distract us from hearing God's voice is put aside. Certainly we could all benefit from less distractions in our lives. We can all benefit from a bit more silence, less words, and more humility in our relationship with God.

Lent is a great time to seek more moments of silence. Your Worship Committee has planned some special services during Lent, on Wednesday nights, to help with this. We will, once again, gather in a darkened sanctuary on Wednesday nights, starting on February 24, at 7:00 p.m. as we worship in the Taizé style. This kind of worship involves repetitive singing of contemplative songs, silence, readings, and lighting of candles. It was very well received last Lent, so we decided to offer it again. I highly encourage you to take advantage of this way of slowing down, listening, and sensing God's presence as we focus on God's light.

Lent actually begins one week earlier, on Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. with our Ash Wednesday service. This service reminds us of our mortality, of the sin in our lives that leads to "little deaths" we all know so well. It is a way to focus us at the beginning of our six week march to Good Friday and then to Easter Day. Ashes are put on our foreheads, for those who wish, to remind us we enter this contemplative season fully aware that we are mortals. This can sound so morbid, but it is actually a very meaningful service and a great way to enter Lent. I heartily encourage you to come.

We will also have a very special event during Lent this year. As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, we have been inviting former heads of staff to preach at Newport. Dennis Hughes, who preceded Gary Schwab, will be in our pulpit on Sunday, February 14th.

So far this new year (I am still finding it hard to remember to write 2010!) is seeing many good signs. The siding is done and the outside of our building painted. We are beginning plans to fix our flat roof that is badly in need of renovation. The stewardship campaign went extremely well resulting in the session presenting a balanced budget at our annual meeting. I am feeling hopeful and grateful.

See you in worship.

Jim



World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5, 2010

10:00-11:00 a.m. Service

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Fellowship

Newport Presbyterian Church

"Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God"

Please save the date of March 5 as Newport Presbyterian Church hosts World Day of Prayer, prepared this year by the women of Cameron in West Africa.

The Republic of Cameroon is located in the center of Africa above the equator at the extreme end of the Gulf of Guinea. Due to its cultural and geographical diversity, Cameroon is often referred to as "Africa in miniature."

The 2010 service and offering grants will focus on issues affecting women and children and their communities in a globalized world such as human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual abuse, women's land rights and the growing rate of HIV infection among young women and girls.

If you're interested in helping plan this service for the churches in our eastside community, please contact Judy Schwab at (425) 391-4167.

Note: The first organized day of prayer held nationally was in Canada in January 1920. The U.S. held their first day of prayer one month later. Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth and children) from around the world gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March.

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

January 31, February 7, 14 and 21—Pastor Jim Patten and Pastor Janet DeWater—Inquirers Class

We offer an Inquirers class twice a year for those wanting to inquire about membership at Newport. The class will explore what it means to be a member of a Presbyterian Church in general and Newport in particular. There is no obligation to join the church should you decide to come to our class. Maybe you would just like to know more about Presbyterianism. This may be the time you would like to think about membership. If you would like to join, but can't make one of the classes, please come to as many as you are able.

January 31—February 14—Garry Skinner—What Kind of God did Jesus Reveal?

Three sessions 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. And, finally, we will look at how we cope with the reality that God always leaves us with unanswered questions.

February 21—March 21—Rob McClure—Prayer on a Celtic Path

Purpose: To end our remoteness to God. God's remoteness can be partially healed by looking backward to a distant, vital day. Celts built their rustic kingdom of God in what would later be the British Isles; their fervor in prayer washed their world in a vital revival. We will explore the foundations of Celtic theology and its roots still practiced today in our contemporary reformed liturgies.

Confirmation Class will begin January 31 for youth, grade 7 and up, who would like to explore church membership. Please contact Janet DeWater if you are interested.

Newport Presbyterian Church Mission Disbursements

October—December 2009

Presbytery of Seattle (Peacemaking offering)	\$ 581.25
Non-Violent Peace Force	1,193.75
Congregations for the Homeless	2,270.71
Mission—A.R.I. (Mission—Other)	240.00
From Deacon's Fund	632.31
Homes for Haiti	1,000.00
Eastside Domestic Violence	1,500.00
Washington Association of Churches (Mission—Other)	250.00
Church Council of Greater Seattle	2,000.00
HopeLink	2,268.35
Renewal Food Bank	2,268.36
Mission—Haiti (Medication)	342.00
Presbytery of Seattle (Preparation for Ministry)	246.00

“Greening Congregations”

Newport Church is well on our way towards receiving a Greening Congregations designation from Earth Ministries. Through our thoughtful building remodel and renewal, responsible ground-keeping, creation-care adult classes given and planned, on-line Session reports, and faithful recycling, we have already accomplished much. If you would like to be part of a group that works towards this goal for Newport, please contact Cindi Rezabek and/or www.earthministry.org. Newport is a member.

Kudos to Nathan and Jacob Hunter

Nathan and Jacob have been selected for Phase One of the Museum of Flight’s Washington Aerospace Scholars Program. Over 240 high school juniors applied to the WAS and Nathan and Jacob are among 16 still in the running. The students are hoping to qualify for a Summer Residency program held in June and July at the Museum of Flight.

Congratulations on your outstanding work and good luck as you proceed to the final qualifications.

Tidbits

Due to a new office manager (hmmm), January tidbits have not been getting into the Sunday bulletin. Since these are an interesting look at the history of Newport, here are a few that were missed.

- 1/1/81—Pat Mecham starts serving as Associate Pastor.
- 1/12/92—Gary Schwab installed as pastor; Frances Horner, David Brown, Bev Hawes, Mary Sikkema and Jim Patten were some of the participants.
- 1/14/73—David Yeaworth preached sermon at Installation of Gordon Cramer as Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church
- 1/15/84—Congregation votes to change name to Newport Presbyterian Church from Newport United Presbyterian Church when the two churches became Presbyterian Church (USA).

All Church Mission Weekend at Sound View

Be sure to save April 17-18 for Newport's Mission Weekend at Sound View Camp in Longbranch, WA. Details will be available soon for this project which is part of Newport's 50th Anniversary celebration. This is for all ages and promises to be a great time of service and fun for everyone

General Assembly Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Seattle Presbytery is seeking a young adult (ages 17-23) to serve as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to this year's General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis, July 3-10. If you are an active church member and would like to be considered for this position, please see Janet DeWater for an application form. This is an incredible opportunity to be involved in the workings of our denomination and to connect with other young adults from around the country!

Search for Meaning

**A Pacific Northwest Spirituality Book Festival
Saturday, February 13/9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Pigott Building/Seattle University Campus**

This free seminar is sponsored by Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry and co-sponsored by Humanities Washington, Elliott Bay Book Company and Seattle University Bookstore. It will bring together the best regional authors and works on issues of spirituality, faith, church-state matters and theology. Keynote speakers are Kathleen Norris and Gustav Niebuhr. Some additional presenting authors are Robert Fulghum Lesley Hazleton, Christina Dudley and many more. They will be available to sign books in the Pigott Atrium immediately following the presentations. For more information check out the website at www/seattleu.edu/stm and the poster in the hallway by the library. This free seminar is open to the public.

50th ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW AND POTLUCK HORS D'OEUVRES SUPPER Sunday, February 7th
Reservation Form and Volunteer Sign-ups

Name(s) _____

E-mail _____

Medium _____ (painting, cross-stitch etc.)

Please reserve (check as needed): (entire width of table and...)

2 feet table space 3 feet table space ($\frac{1}{2}$ table)

Need wall behind for propping, etc.

Floor space _____ Sq. feet. _____ Easel (a few available) _____ or bring quilt racks, pedestals etc.

Space in the performance nook

Space at Children's display table (pre-school and elementary)

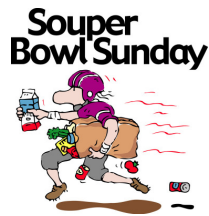
Need electrical hook-up

I can help set up tables and chairs after 12:00 Sunday, February 7

I can help in the kitchen before the potluck

I can help take down tables and chairs

I can help with clean-up in the kitchen at 8:00 p.m.



"SOUPer Bowl of Caring"

In 1990, a simple prayer prayed by a Presbyterian seminarian: *"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat,"* inspired a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the country. Since then, young people have raised over \$60 million for soup kitchens and foodbanks and other local help agencies. Newport's youth will be collecting non-perishable food and/or cash donations on February 7 following both worship services, and reporting our totals to the Souper Bowl of Caring organization. Your donations will be appreciated by the hungry of our community. Thank you!

Do you need something notarized?

I'm a notary and will be happy to notarize papers for you. There is no charge; just be sure to call ahead to check that I'm in the office. It will save you a trip to the bank!
 Pam

Lectionary Readings

February 7 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); *Psalm 138*;
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 14 (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Exodus 34:29-35; *Psalm 99*;
 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 21 (First Sunday in Lent)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*;
 Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

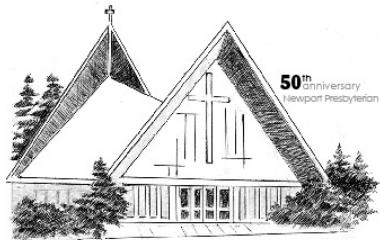
February 28 (Second Sunday in Lent)

Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18; *Psalm 27*;
 Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35

February 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Men's Biking Group 10:00am Ruth Circle in Library	2 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14 7:00pm Property Committee in Library	3 7:00pm Worship Committee in Chapel	4 9:00am Men's Hiking Group 11:00am Joy Circle in Room 26 6:00pm Praise Team in Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm Stewardship & Finance in Library	5	6 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious
7 Communion 8:45am Worship 9:35am Hospitality 9:45am Church School 10:30am Hospitality 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Hospitality 12:15pm Handbells in Sanctuary 5:45-8:00pm Art Show & Hors d'oeuvres	8 9:00am Men's Biking Group	9 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14 10:30am Presbyterian Women in Library 7:00pm Session in Atrium	10 Newsletter Deadline	11 9:00am Men's Hiking Group 9:30am Brunch Bunch in homes 6:00pm Praise Team in Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm Personnel in Library	12	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious
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