



# Newport News



July 20, 2009

Newport Presbyterian Church

## Music, Music, Music! What a way to praise God!

### Music Ministry APB

We are so blessed here at Newport Presbyterian Church. The abundance of talent and the good hearted people who give of their talents to enhance worship are truly amazing.

Our music program is growing and expanding. With this growth comes a request for more volunteers. I would like to personally invite you to participate in one or more of our musical choirs and/or ensembles. Truly, no experience needed—a good heart and a love of worship required. Take a look at what is available to you, and let me know if what you would like to do:



- **Bell Choir:** This does not require any prior musical experience. All ages are welcome! We have bells of all sizes. If you can count, you can ring! The sound of bells is joyous, and ringing is fun. We encourage anyone who would like to become involved with the music program, but not sure how, to consider ringing. Rehearsal time is not permanently set but is currently scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.



- **Chancel Choir:** A traditional choir, a community of singers of all ages 12 to 90 years old. We rehearse weekly; have biannual retreats and social events. We are a warm, welcoming community that takes a leadership role in leading worship in our traditional 11:00 a.m. service as well as special services throughout the year. Rehearsals and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. Our annual retreat is August 29 and 30 at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend.



- **Praise Ensemble:** This is a brand new ensemble that will sing at our 8:45 a.m., informal service. The goal is to have approximately 12 singers. The ensemble will sing two to three services a month. The music will be more contemporary and will require some singing and music reading experience as rehearsals will be minimal. Rehearsal time will be determined once the ensemble is established.



- **Praise Band:** This is the worship band that leads the praise songs in the informal, 8:45 a.m. service. We are looking for: a *lead* guitarist, other instrumentalists, percussionists, and a couple of vocalists who can harmonize and/or read music well. We would love to have enough players to have a rotation system available. The Praise Band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30.



- **Youth Music:** We sing, we play, we ring! The youth participate in special services such as youth Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, and Easter. In addition, we are looking for youth who have experience playing instruments and are willing to play with the Praise Band.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for music participation at Newport. If you have even had a fleeting thought run through your mind that you would like to participate in the music, now is the time! Feel free to call or email me with any questions. [rjuliano@newportpres.org](mailto:rjuliano@newportpres.org) or [rjuliano@msn.com](mailto:rjuliano@msn.com). 425-746-6111 (church), 425-785-5698 (cell)

With God's love,

Rhonda Juliano  
Music Director

## Can we pray for you?

### Prayer Chain

We have an active Prayer Chain. If you have a concern for which you would like prayers, contact Carib Smallman, 206-588-1277, or Judy Schwab, 425-391-4167. To be included in the printed list of prayer concerns, contact the church office, 425-746-6111. In the same vein, if you would like to be removed from our list, let one of us know.

### Church Family

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** **Daryle Harvey** (back surgery); **Irene and Harold Hermann** (Ken Hermann's parents, Irene with cancer/surgery); **Wes Sikkema** (broken arm); **Larry Wood** (recovering from fall plus other health issues)

## With Thanks

Thanks to all of you for the prayers and concerns with my recent neck injury. I am able to take the brace off, and it looks like everything is going to be OK. I really appreciate all the good thoughts and prayers during these past few weeks.

Woody Bernard

Dear Newport Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for your support of Engage International's Book Drive. Together your congregation donated more than 500 items. We know the children in the Dominican Republic will be excited to read new stories to their friends and families. If you would like to know more about our organization, the web address is [www.engageint.org](http://www.engageint.org) or you can follow the founder's work this summer in the Dominican Republic on her blog, [www.laurafrancis.wordpress.com](http://www.laurafrancis.wordpress.com).

In Christ,  
Laura Francis, Engage International

Thank you to Noriko Fujita NPC Nursery Director: Not only does Noriko look after our children, she has also been generously sharing from her garden. Each Sunday those who come to Coffee Hour may go home with a bag of lettuce. For the families of the children in her care, she pre-

pares a bag in advance. It is delightful to see the little children leaving the nursery proudly carrying their bag of lettuce for their family.

## We need referrals for new office staff

### Personnel

Retirement is hitting the Church Office this year. Judy Matthew will retire at the end of August. We are searching for a hard-working, qualified, non-member of the church to assist Sue through the fall and take over when Sue retires at the end of this year. The applicant should have strong communication and computer skills, especially with Microsoft Word. The job will be part-time through December and then full-time.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please call Amy Farnham with referrals. Home 425-687-9006 and cell 206-914-0198.

## Fire alarm sounding? Exit now!

As part of our remodel, we now have a building-wide sprinkler system instead of our old pull stations and smoke detectors. That means the possibility of a false alarm is greatly reduced—no more children activating a pull station or construction worker creating smoke or dust and setting off a smoke detector.

The fire alarm is now activated only by heat triggering a sprinkler head to begin sprinkling.

What that means for us: If you hear the fire alarm, you must assume there is a fire and exit the building immediately. Our monitoring company will call the fire department.



## Want your newsletter via e-mail?

*Newport News* is now available via e-mail. If you prefer this delivery method, please e-mail us at [office@newportpres.org](mailto:office@newportpres.org) and we will put you on the e-mail list.

# God Is Bigger than One Religion

## We seek to learn from other faiths as we share insights

Newport Church has been interested in interfaith issues for quite some time. We have invited speakers from other faith traditions, especially from Islam, to share with us in several adult education classes. These classes have been rich and informative. We have sent representatives from Newport to the eastside Interfaith Fair for the past several years. All of this has given us a deep respect for other religions and their respective faith journeys. Many of us have come to see there is no one correct way to a living relationship with God. While we are firmly committed to our Christian approach to God, and happy to share our insights from that perspective, we are open to learn from others.

Some from Newport who attended this year's interfaith fair thought it was time to take the next step. They encouraged Newport to invite someone from another faith tradition to participate in worship with us. Hopefully several from that faith tradition would join us for worship as well. Our Worship Committee looked at this and agreed.

So, I have invited Jawad Khaki, from the Iman Center in Kirkland, to do a "dialogue sermon" with me on August 16. I am meeting with him this week to plan out the details. I think we will choose a topic, such as peace or love, and then read passages from our own sacred texts, and then talk about that topic from our faith traditions. Jawad will read from the Koran and I will read from the Bible. That is all I know at this time. Things may change as we see what feels most appropriate.

### Patten's Perspective

A message from Pastor Jim Patten

I am excited about this next step. While I know not all Christians agree with me on this, (not even all at Newport) I have come to see that God is bigger than any one religion. People of good faith from the world's enduring religions are all searching for God, for that sacred reality known by many names. It

feels more and more like arrogance when any one religion refuses to see other religions as legitimate in their own right. I don't think we need to blend the different religions into a hybrid religion. That is seldom helpful. We can, however, learn from each other if we speak from the depths of our own traditions. Certainly the world will be a whole lot more peaceful when people of good faith refuse to let religious differences flame sectarian violence. That is especially true of those religious traditions (Jewish, Christian, and Muslim) that all call Abraham their ancestor in the faith.

We, obviously, won't be having joint worship services very often. This may lead into some of us visiting Jawad's worship center, however. I hope as many as are able will make a point to come to worship on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

See you in worship.

Jim

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## Lights out? Doors locked?

Please, please! If you are the last one leaving our building, be sure that all lights (other than safety/security) are off, windows are closed and locked, and doors are locked. The building is checked each night, and if lights are on, windows are open or a door is unlocked, the security service must come in and check the building, resulting in higher costs to us. Thank you for your help.

## Our financial support helps many

### Mission & Peacemaking

From January through March, Newport gave financial donations to the following organizations:

General Assembly .....	\$3,249.99
Presbytery.....	2,499.99
Food Lifeline .....	2,000.00
Tierra Nueva.....	5.00
Renewal Food Bank .....	1,000.00
Sound View Camp Scholarships.....	300.00
Sound View Camp Ministry .....	173.62
Hopelink.....	3,000.00
Earth Ministry .....	400.00
Church of Mary Magdalene.....	1,000.00
Treehouse.....	1,000.00
Church World Service.....	1,000.00

Notes: **Earth Ministry** organizes for social change through environmental advocacy. **Tierra Nueva** provides services to migrant farm workers, new immigrants, and permanent Hispanic residents in Western Washington.

## Bridge Disability Ministries Sunday celebration dinner returning home

After two years of hosting the monthly Bridge disability Ministries dinner at another church, Newport is finally ready to have the gathering in our Atrium/Great Hall this year! Mark your calendars now for October 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We'll be providing more information and sign ups in the fall.

We are looking forward to this time of shared fun and fellowship with our adult guests with disabilities.

--Mission and Peacemaking and Membership and Hospitality Committees

## Our food programs a great help to Renewal Food Bank

Our church supports a number of feeding programs, including the Hopelink and Renewal Food Banks, and the Emergency Feeding Program. The food we sell before and after church and the food collected in the drum located in the narthex is being donated to the Renewal Food Bank. Since its inception in 2004, the food sales program has provided Renewal with \$5,190 worth of tuna, soup, fruit and other staples. Food bank manager, Rich Bowen, says NPC's contributions have helped Renewal significantly. Congratulations to us all and let's keep up the good work.

If you have any questions about our feeding programs, call Will Winslow at 425-235-1108 or contact him at [will-winslow@comcast.net](mailto:will-winslow@comcast.net). Will works on feeding programs for the Mission and Peacemaking Committee.

# Annual Labor Day Retreat coming soon

## Membership & Hospitality

Sign up now to join us for the Annual Labor Day Retreat at Twin Harbors State Park, Friday, September 4 through Monday, September 7. Spend the long weekend with your church family walking the beach, singing around the campfire, playing, eating (including Fred Antrobus's famous homemade cinnamon rolls), fellowshiping, and napping. Pastor Jim Patten will lead us in worship on the beach Sunday morning. Campsites have been reserved as usual. Other accommodations are available in nearby Westport for those of you who would like to join us but prefer beds over air mattresses. A reservation form is below. Please fill it out, attach your check, and turn it in to the church office. Please call Ann or John Huber if you have any questions, 425-985-3653 or 425-641-2842.

## ANNUAL LABOR DAY FAMILY RETREAT & CAMPING TRIP

- When:** Friday, September 4 through Monday, September 7
- Where:** Twin Harbors State Park near Westport
- What:** Fellowship -- Fun -- Campfires -- Beach walks -- Sand castles -- Oyster outings -- Kite flying -- Saturday evening potluck dinner -- Sunday morning worship on the beach followed by Fred Antrobus' homemade cinnamon rolls -- Group Activities led by Jim Patten
- Who:** All Newport families.
- Bring:** A main course item and a salad, appetizer, or dessert for the group dinner Saturday evening.
- Cost:**

Camping fees	\$64.00
Supplies per family	<u>3.00</u>
<b>Payable to Newport Church</b>	<b>\$67.00</b>

**Registration deadline is Wednesday, August 26. Campground cancellation policies make this deadline necessary.**

**Special instructions:** A campsite will be reserved for you when both the reservation form and the payment have been turned into the church office. You must register and pay for all three nights. If you have more than one vehicle, the campground will charge an extra vehicle fee of \$10 per night upon check-in. Attendees will receive further information about one week before the retreat.

- Questions?** Call Ann or John Huber at 425-641-2842 about campsites  
Call Jim Patten at 425-746-6111 about activities



**LABOR DAY CAMPING TRIP REGISTRATION FORM**  
(Fill out and drop off in the church office with your payment)

Vehicle license number (required by the park) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of family members attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nights you plan to camp    \_\_\_ Friday    \_\_\_ Saturday    \_\_\_ Sunday

## Women invited to dessert August 12

All Newport Women are invited to the Annual Dessert, Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the new Atrium at church. Mary Hanke will preview the new study books, which will be available for \$6.50.

### Presbyterian Women

Bring small notions (soap, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, etc.) to be given to the Family and Adult Service Center and The Church of Mary Magdalene. The birthday offering will go to missions at home and abroad.

## There is a Chance for Change at Mary's Place Day Center

Church of Mary Magdalene and Mary's Place Day Center's newest outreach group is Chance for Change. They are helping women caught in the destruction of substance abuse and prostitution. Presbyterian Women of Newport support Mary's Place in several ways. One is donating according to their current wish lists. See below. There is a large basket near the church office which is emptied and delivered often to Mary's Place.

electric fans

jewelry for our Incentive Store

Metro bus tickets: \$.50-\$1.75-\$2.00

Backpacks (especially those with wheels)

hair brushes, large combs, and picks

coffee

deodorant (prefer travel size)

tote bags/fanny packs—new/used

feminine hygiene—need tampons

large shampoo/conditioner/lotion

Special requests from the nurses:

sunscreen (prefer individual size)

allergy medication

purse-sized tissue

## Children's books wanted for Hopelink

We are collecting books for ages babies through teens during July and August for the Hopelink Summer Reading Program. This is for the children of persons coming to the Food Bank at the Bellevue Hopelink location. The children are encouraged to read and they may take the books home and keep them. A collection box has been placed in the small alcove on your right just before you enter the sanctuary.

### Mission & Peacemaking

## Congregations for the Homeless update

Sign-up charts are on the rolling bulletin board for Newport's August help with Congregations for the Homeless. We still need volunteers to donate perishable foods (milk, orange juice, bananas etc.). We'll give you a call and assign foods that are convenient for you to bring to the downstairs kitchen. Thank you to all who have signed up to bring non-perishable items—you may bring them to the downstairs kitchen anytime during July. Please leave a note with your donation if you would like a receipt for tax purposes.

Other items that are greatly appreciated by the men in the CFH program are small-size toiletries, blankets, men's casual clothing in good condition, and carry-on size sports bags. These items may also be left in the downstairs kitchen and will be delivered in August. As the men are assisted in finding transitional and permanent housing, there is a need for dinette sets, beds, linens, small microwave ovens, vacuum cleaners, and dishes and cooking utensils. Please call Sterling Bentsen, 206-609-5999, if you have items to donate.

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# August 2009

Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

<b>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</b>		4-Nick Antrobus 4-Ann Parsell 5-Dick Hawes 5-Nancy Pfaff 5-Bill Iverson 6-Chuck Ask 6-Dylan Mansfield 6-Jan Townsend 6-Lisa Sargent 7-Lauren Hotson	7-Boyd Ruckhaber 8-Jim Cornelius 9-Andrew Goossen 11-Dot Gregoire 11-Kei Kusakabe 12-Larry Wood 12-John Brock 13-David Townsend 13-Amir Medawar 13-Dennis Chivers	15-Jean Wang 15-Nancy O'Leary 17-Emily Farnham 17-Letha Johnson 18-Woody Bernard 19-Claude Hendry 19-Myrna Hackney 20-Ethan Crawford 21-Mary Laws 22-Rob Sargent	23-John Stoaks 23-Joan Merritt 24-Julie Wolthausen 25-Tom Tucker 26-Fred Dunlap 26-Leif Osburn 27-Amy Palmer 27-Erik Benthem 28-Joel Chalmers 30-Logan Anderson	31-Karla French If you have an August birthday and are not listed, please notify the office so we can include you next year.	<i>1</i>  8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's
<i>2</i>  <b>Communion</b> <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Hospitality time	<i>3</i>  8:00 Men's Biking Group	<i>4</i>  7:00 Property—Library 7:00 CE—#22	<i>5</i>  7:00 Worship-#26 8:00 S&F—Library	<i>6</i>  8:30 Men's Hiking Group	<i>7</i>  10:00 Garden Crew	<i>8</i>  8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's	
<i>9</i>  <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Hospitality time	<i>10</i>  8:00 Men's Biking Group	<i>11</i>  7:00 Session-Chapel	<i>12</i>  Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Presbyterian Women Summer Dessert—Atrium	<i>13</i>  8:30 Men's Hiking Group	<i>14</i>  10:00 Garden Crew	<i>15</i>  8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's	
<i>16</i>  <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Hospitality time	<i>17</i>  8:00 Men's Biking Group 1:00 Newsletter Crew—Library 7:00 Stephen Ministry—homes	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>  8:30 Men's Hiking Group 7:00 Personnel—Library	<i>21</i>  10:00 Garden Crew	<i>22</i>  8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's	
<i>23</i>  <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Hospitality time	<i>24</i>  8:00 Men's Biking Group	<i>25</i>  7:00 M&P—#26 7:15 M&H—Library	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>  8:30 Men's Hiking Group	<i>28</i>  10:00 Garden Crew	<i>29</i>  8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's  5:00 Choir Retreat @ Rainbow Lodge	
<i>30</i>  <b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Hospitality time  4:00 Choir Retreat ends	<i>31</i>  8:00 Men's Biking Group						

## Hands-on Mission Hours Given JUNE 2009

To Newport Church: 142  
To Community: 263  
Total: 405

We've compiled the hours you have given to hands-on mission projects. The total for the year is 3718.5

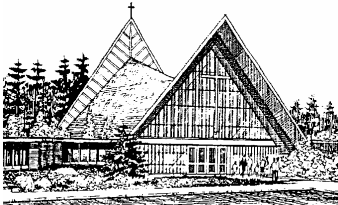
## Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter is usually mailed on the third Monday of each month.

Deadline for the next newsletter is **Wednesday, August 12, 2009** It will be mailed **Monday, August 17, 2009.**

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### To contact Pastor Jim

- By phone at the office: 425-746-6111.
- By e-mail: [jimpatten@newportpres.org](mailto:jimpatten@newportpres.org).
- At home (please call the church office to discuss regular church business and limit calls to home to pastoral care emergencies): 425-228-0339.

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## Lectionary Readings

**July 26, 2009**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Sam. 11:1-15; Ps. 14; Eph. 3:14-21;  
John 6:1-21

**August 2, 2009**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a; Ps. 51:1-12; Eph. 4:1-16;  
John 6:24-35

**August 9, 2009**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps. 130; Eph. 4:25-5:2;  
John 6:35, 41-51

**August 16, 2009**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Ps. 111; Eph. 5:15-20;  
John 6:51-58