

CELEBRATING the past WELCOMING the future

Newport News

Oct. 19, 2009

Newport Presbyterian Church

Stewardship 2010

We have some good news and some challenging news to report. First the good news. We have received over \$260,000 in pledges to our Capital Extension Campaign to help pay down the loan principle and to do some necessary work on the exterior of our building. That amount, while a little lower than what we had hoped, represents

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some very generous giving on the part of those who pledged. These gifts will have an enormous impact on the amount of money we will save in interest over the life of the loan. Let's be specific. Because of the hard work of many, but especially Doug Farnham, we were able to restructure our loan with the Synod. The national church (Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program) has loaned us \$450,000 at a much lower interest rate than we were paying to the Synod. We applied that money to the Synod loan. By doing that we save \$7,000 a year in loan payments. When we apply the bulk of the Capital Extension Campaign pledges to the Synod loan, we will lower our yearly payments by another \$10,000. Not only will we have lower payments, but we will save \$420,000 of interest over the 20 year life of the loan. That is astounding! Doing this will mean our debt service will have a decreased influence over the annual budget allowing us to support our ministry and mission.

Now for the challenging news. We have come
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'Christmas at Newport'

Save Sunday, November 29, for the return of "Christmas at Newport!" We'll gather in the Great Hall at noon for a meal (ham and Linda Hunter's famous mashed potatoes), followed by Christmas crafts and greening the church.

'Raucous Robe Repast' is this Friday, Oct. 23—come!

Music Ministry

The Choir is inviting you, your family, friends, and neighbors to "The Raucous Robe Repast", a spaghetti dinner to help finance the purchase new choir robes. Our choir is growing (40+ members now!) and we have more choir members than we have robes.

As our church begins its 50th year celebration we believe that this is an excellent time to proceed with this ambitious project! We hope to find a color scheme and style more harmonious in our beautifully remodeled sanctuary.

What could be better on a cold fall night than some hot pasta with world-famous "Juliano Spaghetti Sauce?" Are you a vegetarian? No worries! We'll also have meatless sauce. We'll round out the meal with warm home baked-breads, crisp garden salad, and homemade brownies, lemon bars, and cookies!



We will enjoy a mingle time a half hour before the dinner to enjoy a mug of hot apple cider and visit with friends. To complete the evening, we will have an entertaining program during which you will be able to participate in a fun filled sing-a-long.

Come this Friday night, October 23., for fellowship and cider at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall; dinner 6:30-8:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 a person or \$35 a family of 3 or more.

If you can't attend, our choir is accepting donations for the robe fund Checks can be made out to Newport Presbyterian Church for the Choir Robe Fund. Your Choir thanks you in advance for your generous support!

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: **Wes Sikkema** (health concerns); **Lynne McClintock** (diagnosed with MS).

Karl and I joined Newport over 26 years ago and it quickly became an important part of our lives. Your warmth and caring since Karl's death has kept me smiling and given me strength. I felt support from those who attended his memorial service and from those who participated. It really surprised me that out of over 130 cards I received only two were alike. My faith is strong and your friendship is felt.

Doris Strom

Fishpond needs treasurer

Our Fishpond Preschool is seeking a volunteer treasurer to join our Board of Directors. Though financial expertise is desired, you don't have to be an accountant...our paid bookkeeper handles the day-to-day financial duties for our preschool. What we do need is someone to join our board and oversee our financial affairs with the aid of the director, board, and bookkeeper. The board meets monthly during the school year (usually the second Monday evening). The Fishpond has been a mission of Newport Church for 30 years now! If interested, contact Nancy O'Leary (chair), 425-430-1307 or uwnurse@hotmail.com.



Partner up for the Sandwich Board Dance

Membership & Hospitality

You've seen the NPC Sandwich Board at the bottom of the hill directing you to church on Sundays, but how does it get there? And why? Well, someone places it there so visitors can find their way to our beautiful, welcoming church. It needs to be placed BEFORE church (about 8:25 a.m.) and picked up AFTER church (12:00 p.m.). It lives in the coat room off the atrium, (or in the back of MY car if no one signs up). Think TEAM WORK—my plan is to get someone to take the BEFORE shift and someone to take the AFTER shift. So if you sign up you only have to do half the job! Please contact Andrea Strom - stromcamp@comcast.net or 425-226-4666 for more details. Take a month, a week, whatever works for you and THANKS!

Check out Earth Ministry

Newport is a member of Earth Ministry. Now would be a great time to view their website at emoffice@earthministry.org. This faith-based group is currently offering a free Religious Study Guide and DVD to accompany the PBS series on the National Parks. Study sessions include "The Creator and Creation," "God in Nature," "Made in the Image of God," and "A Covenant with Every Living Thing." Other resources for congregations and individuals are also listed. For example, on October 24 from 9:30 until 12:00 Ballard Lutheran Church will host presentations titled "Food, Climate Change, and the Church." Check it out.

Newport Green

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up with a tentative budget of \$636,870 (which includes putting aside \$40,000 toward our debt service, a \$15,000 increase over 2009). This budget is \$7,000 lower than last year's budget. It represents all committees cutting from their budget. It represents cutting our budgeted benevolences. It represents no staff salary increases for the second straight year.

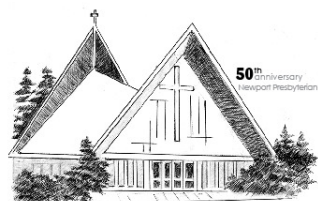
Even when we do this, if the giving remains the same as this year, (including those who needed to reduce what they pledged) we will need an extra \$30,000 to break even. If giving does not increase, we will have to make more cuts in the budget. The only places left to cut are in our benevolences or in our staff. Both those options are very difficult to contemplate.

We have not publicized the budget during the stewardship campaign over the last several years. This has been intentional because we don't give to underwrite a budget. Our giving is a reflection of our desire to grow in our faith. We give because God has given us so much.

But, we felt it was important for the congregation to know our budgetary situation so those who are able can respond. We recognize that many people are already giving sacrificially. Some have lost jobs or seen their retirement income from investments decrease. Just to give at the same level is a stretch and represents faithful stewardship. We do not want those in that situation to feel guilty because they cannot give more.

But, there are some who can step forward and take the next step up in their giving. This is the year to do so. As we celebrate the first fifty years of our existence as a church, and as we look forward to the next fifty years, we want to insure Newport's unique Presbyterian voice in this community. We are asking everyone to give prayerful consideration as they fill out their pledge cards for 2010.

Your Stewardship and Finance Committee



**CELEBRATING the past
GIVING for the future**

Stewardship Prayer Sabbath

Some years ago a long-time member of my Colorado congregation shared what it was like growing up in a church as the child of the minister. During her childhood years she was near to death on three separate occasions due to a brain illness. Each time the congregation, the presbytery, and all her family and friends began to pray for her healing and recovery. And each time she turned back from the edge of permanent brain damage and possible death.

From these traumatic times, she carried with her an enormous sense of gratitude as well as a profound memory of what it felt like to be surrounded by so many prayers. For her the power of prayer was not only a matter of faith, it was a matter of the memory of a feeling that penetrated deep into her being. She had been touched by the hand of God through the help of God's people.

For 50 years the congregation of Newport, through its prayers as well as its actions, has been helping to change lives for its members, its community, and the world. Newport has been a consistent and vital Presbyterian voice, combining faith, reason, and compassion for all who need to feel the healing hand of God. This year, as we reflect on all that Newport has meant and done, we are also being called to step forward into our next 50 years of faithful service. We have a renewed building equipped for the future. We have leadership and membership committed to the future. Together, with the help of God, we will move into our future.

And there is something each of us, right now, can do to help. Beginning sundown Friday evening, November 13 and ending sundown Saturday November 14 we are inviting all who are interested to participate in a "Prayer Sabbath" for this year's stewardship campaign. Look for a sign-up sheet soon and pick at least one of the 24 hours in this prayer Sabbath when you can give a gift that has no limits.

Stewardship season is not only about our budget, it is also a time for spiritual renewal. It is a time for all our prayers. Whether it is an hour in the car, or late at night in the quiet of your bed, or on a hike in the hills, or in your study, your yard, your wherever. You decide. What is important is that together, and with God's help, we ground our future in the faith and prayer that has sustained us.

Faithfully and Prayerfully
Doug Counsell

Our giving supports many causes

From July through September, the Mission and Peacemaking Committee made the following donations to aid the causes and groups we support.

General Assembly	\$2,166.66
Presbytery	1,666.66
Congregations for the Homeless	115.09
Congregations for Kids	1,000.00
Covenant Network	1,000.00
FishPond Preschool	2,500.00
Hopelink	124.60
Samaritan Center (formerly Presbyterian Counseling Service)	1,250.00
Sound View Camp Ministry	1,576.38

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Peacemaking**

One Great Hour of Sharing	3,941.45
Pentecost Offering	100.00
from Deacon's Fund	599.86
TOTAL OF ALL GIVING	\$16,040.70

Thanks to those who helped collect groceries

Volunteers at the Mayor's Day of Concern reported generous grocery shoppers who filled 5 large barrels (one overflowing into a shopping cart) and 5 small ones and donated \$287 in cash. Many thanks to the following who volunteered two hours of their time on a Saturday for the Emergency Feeding Program: Judy and Gary Schwab, John White, Martha Schroeder, Jenny Costantini, Trish Rogers, Jayme and Karen Montague, Kim Olmstead, Lucy Harms, Karen Waalkes, Barbara Baxter, Stephanie Tomko and Peggy Minehan.

A resource to take, read, share: 'Care Notes'

"Care Notes" are short booklets that provide a healing, inspirational resource. Located on the north wall in the Narthex, east of the main entrance, "Care Notes" are available for you to take and read or share with someone who may be in need. Some current titles are:

- Tackling the Emotional Side of Cancer
- The Healing Power of Human Touch
- Squeezing Prayer into a Busy Life
- Talking with a Child about a Loved One's Death
- What Everyone Should Know about Dementia.
- Healing from the Pain of Betrayal.

**Stephen
Ministry**

New booklets are added from time to time, so please feel free to browse. We thank Joyce Felker for keeping the resource well stocked with relevant messages.

Alternative Gift Fair will meet all your gift needs

Mission & Peacemaking

“We’re Dreaming of a Green Christmas” at this year’s Alternative Gifts for Christmas Fair. Plan to come shop Sunday, November 15, 9:30-1:00 p.m.—it’s the perfect place to purchase your gifts!

Christmas has never been so green! Purchasing Fair Trade items and gifts of animals, clothing, school supplies, etc., is an earth friendly way to give. This year’s fair will also provide fabric gift wrapping and recycled bags to carry your purchases home. All items purchased come with complementary cards to enclose with your gifts.



100% of the proceeds will go to these wonderful organizations: Treehouse, Hopelink, SERRV International, Heifer International, Eastside Domestic Violence Program, Church World Service, Church of Mary Magdalene, Emergency Feeding Program, Habitat for Humanity, Homes for Haiti, Hospitality House, Pal Craftaid.

Make a difference locally and globally... and relax with all your shopping done!

Volunteers are needed! Contact Kim Olmstead at klolmstead2011@yahoo.com or 206-409-3647.

Information meeting set for 2010 Japan trips *Peace & Christianity Study Tour to Japan in May 2010!*

Christian Education

Next year, we want to explore how we can be part of the global movement for peace and sustainable agriculture, and expand our Christian journey. Taku and Monica Kusakabe will be leading a study tour to Japan for members (ages 13 and up) to travel and learn about other religions and how they influence the Christian journey. We will meet people who have a heart for peacemaking and people who are trying to help their rural villages be sustainable through small farm technology and leadership development. We will also hear about the Christian journey in a country where Christians make up with less than 2% of the population.

In addition to learning about the history and culture of Japan, the trip has three major objectives:

- A study of Christianity amidst Buddhist and Shinto traditions; we will learn about the hidden Christians and visiting the memorial to the 26 Christian Martyrs in Nagasaki.
- A study of peace and healing as experienced during and after War II in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We will listen to survivors; see the effects of nuclear weapons and learn about nuclear experimentation and collaborative peace efforts happening in today’s world.
- A deputation trip to the Asian Rural Institute, where we will work with grassroots leaders from marginalized countries as they study leadership and sustainable farming techniques.



Participate in all or part of this incredible experience. Dates for study tour are May 10-21, 2010; dates for ARI Adult Deputation are May 21-27, 2010. Cost for the Study Tour is \$2, 975 plus airfare (\$960-\$1,320 RT or use your mileage!). The deputation trip to the Asian Rural Institute is an additional \$975. Costs may vary due to exchange rates.

Join us Sunday, November 8 at 9:45 a.m. in the Library or 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel to get the details about this trip.

For more information contact Monica Quill Kusakabe (mkusakabe@comcast.net).

PIPs Event on November 8

Membership & Hospitality

Parents, Infants and Preschoolers are invited to a Fall Gathering on Sunday, November 8, from 4:30 to 6:00, in the Great Hall. Please bring a dish from your childhood to share. Chicken Nuggets will be provided for the kids. And, bring a photo of yourself from your childhood—we'll see if we can match the pictures to the people!

Introducing Pam Zipoy, our new Associate Office Manager

Personnel

Pam Zipoy joins our staff as part-time Associate Office Manager through the end of 2009. Then when Office Manager Sue Mattson retires at year-end, Pam will take over as full-time Office Manager. We asked Pam to tell us about herself, and here is her response.

Dear Newport Congregation,

I'm very excited about this opportunity to join the staff at Newport Presbyterian Church. It's only been a couple of weeks but I already feel a part of the church and look forward to meeting everyone and become familiar with the Presbyterian "language."

Some background information: I am a native of Washington State. I grew up in North Bend and have always lived on the Eastside. I was widowed in 1986 and have a grown son, Kevin, and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Katie. I also have two stepdaughters and their families. I live with Betty and Lucy, my cats, and enjoy reading, knitting hats (I can't knit anything else!) and getting together with friends.

I worked for the Seattle School District until I retired in 2000, primarily at Franklin High School as the Administrative Secretary. After retiring I began working at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue as their Administrative Assistant. I found out what a great place a church can be to work. This last summer, due to budget constraints, my hours were drastically cut and I was very fortunate to learn of the opening at Newport Presbyterian.

I am working part-time now with Sue (what a treasure she is) and hopefully I can learn enough to carry on when she retires at the end of the year. For now I'm just trying to remember to say "Newport Presbyterian Church" when I answer the phone and remember names as I meet you.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Pam Zipoy

HOT TOPIC: COFFEE

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.

Like a cup of coffee BEFORE church? The coffee crew is looking for a few first service folks to start brewing and set out a couple of cups. If you'd like to learn how to operate the coffee maker and find out where the cups live, please contact Andrea Strom or Rob Williams and they'll set you up for a quick tutorial. It's easy and a nice way to serve your congregation.



November 2009 Newport Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> Communion 8:45 Worship 9:35 Hospitality 9:45 Church School 10:35 Hospitality 11:00 Worship 12:00 Hospitality time 12:15 Handbells—Sanc 4:30 Youth Groups—GH/Youth Room	2 9:00 Men's Biking Group 10:00 Ruth Circle—Library 7:00 Grace Circle—Homes	3 9:30 Lectionary—Room 14 7:00 Property—#29	4 7:00 Worship Comm.—Chapel 8:00 S&F—Library	5 9:00 Men's Hiking Group 11:00 J.O.Y. Circle—#26 6:00 Praise Team—Sanctuary 7:30 Choir—Sanctuary	6 10:00 Garden Crew	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's Mid High Deputation
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29 8:45 Worship 9:35 Hospitality 9:45 Church School 10:35 Hospitality 11:00 Worship 12:00 Lunch and "Christmas at Newport" (greening)	30 9:00 Men's Biking Group	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 1-Linda Vaughn 1-Will Winslow 2-Lisa Anderson 2-Don Hightower 3-Ron Kroeger 4-John Huber 5-Karen Aramaki 5-Lyn Lambert 5-Patsy Benson	6-Ian Williams 7-Julie Lockwood 9-Sue Mattson 9-Debbie Medawar 11-LeeAnne Knechtel 15-Karen Ingram 15-Carole Peterson 16-Betty Meyer 18-Sharon Roos	20-Stephany Landy 21-Doris Strom 21-Roger Wierenga 21-Lois Fish 23-Dorothy Wood 23-Alina Swift 23-Bea Polinsky 24-Dan Gaugel 24-Kamila Huber	28-Karl Kaucher 30-Ken Crowder 30-Athena Benjamin If you have a November birthday and are not listed, please notify the office so we can include you next year.	

Hands-on Mission Hours Given

SEPTEMBER 09

To Newport Church: 144.5

To Community: 194.5

Total: 339

We've compiled the hours you have given to hands-on mission projects. The total for the year is 5,589.5

Newsletter Deadline

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

Deadline for the next newsletter is **Wednesday, November 11** It will be mailed **Monday, November 16, 2009.**

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Lectionary Readings

October 25, 2009

Job. 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22);
Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

November 1, 2009

Isa. 25:6-9; Rev. 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 8, 2009

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Ps. 127; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 15, 2009

1 Sam. 1:4-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8