



# Newport News

November 16, 2009

Newport Presbyterian Church

## Mission & Peacemaking



## 'Christmas at Newport'

### The Giving Tree

This year Newport's Giving Tree will again benefit the Bellevue Hopelink's Holiday Gift Room and Treehouse (children in foster care). Hopelink sets up a Gift Room where parents and grandparents have an opportunity to shop with points for clothing and toys for their children and therefore they can pick the right size, color, etc. At Treehouse foster parents can also pick the gift best for the children in their care.

Please check out The Giving Tree, select one or more tags, purchase the item and return it UNWRAPPED to the Tree before December 15. Members of the Mission Committee will deliver the gifts to Hopelink and the Huber family will deliver to Treehouse. If you would particularly like your gift to go to Treehouse, please mark it as such.

If you wish to bring items other than those listed on the tags, here are a few suggestions: socks, tights, underwear and jackets (children and teens); gift certificates to fast food places, movies, video stores; toiletries for guys, cosmetics, watches, radios, teen jewelry. Gift wrap is also greatly appreciated for the gift wrapping service or for families to take with them.

Hopelink can use volunteers around December 15 to set up the Gift Room, sort donations, etc. On December 21 and 22 help is needed to assist those shopping for gifts, wrapping gifts and other duties.

If you are interested please contact Gerald Wright at Bellevue Hopelink (425-943-7558).

Folks of all ages are invited to join the festivities of "Christmas at Newport." This wonderful Advent fellowship event begins at noon on November 29 with a wonderful meal of ham, mashed potatoes and veggies. Families and individuals will have the opportunity create their own special Nativity scene and/or to participate in the "Greening of the Church" as we decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will conclude with a few Christmas carols as we gather in worship for the installation service for Janet DeWater as our called Associate Pastor. Join us!

### *Service of Installation for Janet DeWater*

**Sunday, November 29—1:30 p.m.**

Please join us for a worship service to celebrate and install Janet as our called Associate Pastor. A "Commission" from the Presbytery will lead the service and all are invited to attend. A dessert reception will follow.



### Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Please plan on joining us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship service on November 25 at 7:00. The service will include the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, youth participation, circle of thanksgiving and an offering of food for our local food bank. A time of dessert and fellowship will follow.

## Church Family

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Wes Sikkema** (health concerns)  
**Lynne McClintock** (diagnosed with MS)  
**Daryle Harvey** (health concerns)

## Thanks for your prayers

I want to thank all of those who prayed for me during my last procedure. It went exceedingly well and is definitely band aid surgery. Thanks to all your prayers there were no mishaps and healing has been swift and complete, well almost. I also want to thank those who helped save my energy by bringing delicious meals and for the lovely cards and thoughts. Actually I was surprised at how low my energy level was. This has been a high maintenance year for me and hopefully that was the end and life can get back to normal. Our church has truly been a home with a built-in family and lots of love to spare and I really appreciate all that has been given to me on this journey. Bless you all. I love you.

Dee Tucker

## Mission & Peacemaking

## A good time was had by all!

Thank you to all who contributed food and participated in the Bridge Disability Ministries monthly gathering on October 18. It was a great time of laughter, singing, crafts, simple games and fellowship as we gathered in the Great Hall and Atrium. We had a record turnout with over 70 guests with disabilities, 40 volunteers and a cameo appearance by "Harvey!" It is always wonderful to make contact with many of the guests who had been at previous years' events.

*Mission & Peacemaking/ Membership & Hospitality Committees*

## Peacemaking Offering

The Mission Committee has chosen to send Newport Presbyterian's share of the Peacemaking Offering to the Nonviolent Peaceforce. If "war is not the answer" the Nonviolent Peaceforce is a working alternative. This international organization trains and sends unarmed, civilian peacemakers into conflict situations, communicating with combatants, keeping civilians safe and enabling civil societies to carry on their work and build lasting peace.

Compared to the cost of war, unarmed, professional civilian peacekeeping is inexpensive. Nonviolent Peaceforce could send 2,000 well-trained peacekeepers into a war zone for one year for the same amount of money the world's militaries spend every four minutes.

If you want to learn more about this unique concept go to [www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org) to see an 18 minute video.

★ Thank You! ★  
★ THANK YOU! ★

## Thank you Raucous Robe Supporters!

The choir had a wonderful spaghetti fundraiser dinner and thanks to you all, it was most successful! There were approximately 160 people in attendance and the amount raised for new choir robes is right around \$6,000! We are well on our way to a new look with no more worries about who has whose robe. You truly are such generous supporters of the music program here at Newport.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Rhonda

## Thank you

We are grateful to Doug Counsell for building our new welcome center, donation boxes and usher stand. Doug took drawings from Dennis Chivers, leftover scraps of wood from our remodel and built these beautiful furnishings for the narthex and sanctuary. Thanks, Doug!

Thank You, God!  
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## Patten's Perspective

A message from  
Pastor Jim Patten

As I write this article we are heading into the last two Sundays of the liturgical year on November 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Advent starts on November 29<sup>th</sup>. There is something about endings and beginnings that touch my heart. I love the cyclical nature of the liturgical year. It starts with preparing for incarnation and ends with celebrating God's incarnation in Jesus as King (Christ the King Sunday).

God is incarnated, however imperfectly, in much of life. We sense God's presence in the ordinary if we have eyes to see that presence and hearts to feel it. One of the ways we tune our eyes and hearts to recognize God is in literature. The best literature incarnates truths that only stories can reveal. The Gospel story is the ultimate example of that, but fiction also is a rich source.

This Advent I will be teaching an adult class on Sunday mornings from the book *Faith Stories: Short Fiction on the Varieties and Vagaries of Faith*. This book is the follow up to the book *God Stories*, edited by C. Michael Curtis. These books are full of short stories that capture, sometimes in surprising ways, issues of faith and glimpses of God.

### Sunday morning @ Newport

**8:45** **Informal Worship**

**9:35** **Hospitality Time**

**9:45** **Church School for all ages**

**10:35** **Hospitality Time for All!  
(and choir rehearsal)**

**11:00** **Traditional Worship**

**Noon** **Hospitality Time**

The class will begin the first Sunday of Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup> and go for four weeks through December 20. If you come to the class it would help if you buy the book and read the story for each Sunday. The book can be found on Amazon.com or at your local bookstore. Here is the schedule:

- November 29 we will read "My Son the Fanatic"- pp. 67-76
- December 6 we will read "The Third Generation"- pp. 169-188
- December 13 we will read "Full Day"- pp. 159-168
- December 20 we will read "The Comedian"- pp. 77-89

These stories cover many different faith traditions. They are powerful, peculiar, and sometimes very funny. I hope they become a unique way to prepare our hearts for incarnation this Advent.

See you in worship.

Jim

## Mark your calendar

The annual Lay Musicians' Benefit Concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31. It will be held at the First Congregational Church of Bellevue, and the proceeds will go to benefit projects in South Africa and Haiti that our churches are heavily involved in.

This is the opportunity for closet, shy, or otherwise constrained (but also unconstrained) musicians to emerge into the light to share their gifts and musical loves with the rest of us. This is the time to brush off that favorite and most meaningful piece and get it ready for us. This event has always been hugely enjoyable, so please contact Damon Meyer by email, or through the church regarding what you would like to offer

**Do you want to find out the answer to question #3 from this month's insert "Remembering the Past?"**

Come to the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25 to learn about the tradition of passing out five kernels of corn and get a complete list for all years.

## Deacons Corner

## Meet Fred Dunlap



Fred Dunlap is deacon for the Cherry Ministry Unit. This is the fourth time he has served as deacon. He is also a Stephen Minister and has served as an Elder. He coordinated the ushers for nine years and frequently is the friendly face to greet you on Sunday mornings.

Fred, his late wife Nancy and two high-school aged children Alison and Paul, joined Newport in 1981 after they moved to the area from Virginia. Both teenagers were active in the senior high group. Paul met his future wife, Michelle Ruckhaber on a Deputation trip. Paul and Michelle now live in Carlsbad, CA with their two sons and a daughter and belong to the La Costa Presbyterian Church. Alison and her husband and two sons belong to Cottage Grove Presbyterian in Oregon where Alison is a part-time church secretary. She is also a consulting wildlife biologist.

When he was a child, Fred occasionally attended church with friends. He was baptized at the base chapel at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio when Paul was four months old, along with Nancy and Alison.

Fred attended the UW and worked part-time at Boeing as a student engineer until he graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He immediately entered the Air Force and was stationed at Scott AFB in Illinois as a communications officer. When Nancy graduated from college a year later, they married and eventually were assigned to Elmendorf AFB in Alaska where Alison was born. They lived in Pullman for a year and a half when Fred studied for his Masters in EE. After that, they transferred to Wright Patterson AFB where Paul was born. They also had posts in San Antonio, Wiesbaden Germany and finally northern Virginia when Fred worked for the Pentagon. After retiring from the Air Force, he returned to Boeing and worked on advanced weapon systems for 20 years.

Hiking is one of Fred's "sacred" activities. He has hiked for 11 years with the Newport men's hiking group and also pedals with the men's biking group. *"I didn't know the meaning of fellowship until I joined the men's hiking group,"* Fred says, *"There is a special bond between the participants of this small church group open to all male members and much brotherly love."*

As an outdoorsman, he also is an avid fisherman who shares the salmon and trout he catches. Fred enjoys woodcarving and likes to create pieces with a Northwest Indian style.

Fred's community service in early adulthood focused on sporting activities: Little League before the children were born and then coaching girl's soccer in Virginia when Alison was in ninth grade and boy's basketball at the YMCA when Paul was in ninth grade. Today he is concerned with caring for the environment

As a deacon, Fred wants to be aware of any difficulties experienced by the families in his ministry unit and also to encourage them to know and care for one another.

## Presbyterian Women

### Warm Coats, Warm Hats, Warm Hearts

The Family and Adult Service Center is again asking for warm clothes for a growing number of homeless men and families. Needed are warm jackets, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, gloves and sox for both men and women. Large and extra large sizes are most needed. Also there continues to be a need for towels and notions as over 150 come into the center daily to shower and clean up. This service prevents infection and disease.

All clothing should be new as they are given as Christmas gifts. Please wrap all gifts and state on the outside of the package—*men or women, size and contents*. New or used sports bags are also needed. Any questions can be directed to Bea Polinsky at (425) 746-6923 or Amy Farnham at (425) 687-9006.



## JESTERS



### Who are the J.E.S.T.E.R.S.?

They're crazy. They're fun. They're young. And they're (occasionally) out of control. Formerly known as the "Mid Highs", this rowdy gang of Jesus Freaks are busy serving their communities, playing games, and worshipping God. The former Mid Highs came up with their new name all on their own, and it stands for Jesus Encouraging Students Teaching Equality Representing Spirituality. The name really represents who the JESTERS are. The weekend of November 7 and 8, the JESTERS went on their annual weekend Dep trip, this time to Tacoma. While there they worked at a food bank and a soup kitchen, slept on the floor of a very old and beautiful church, played games, constructed an art project for the alternative gifts fair, watched Harry Potter, and attended worship. They worked hard, played hard, and had a great time. Get to know the JESTERS: same group of awesome mid highs, different cooler name.

## Christian Education

### Information meeting set for 2010 Japan trips

#### *Peace & Christianity Study Tour to Japan in May 2010!*

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.

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 22** at 9:45 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. (room TBD) to get the details about this trip.

For more information contact Monica Quill Kusakabe ([mkusakabe@comcast.net](mailto:mkusakabe@comcast.net)).

## Poinsettia Donations

During December we invite the congregation to donate funds to help decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas Eve. A dedication in honor or memory of a loved one will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

If you would like to participate, forms will be distributed during worship in December, or you may submit them at any time. The suggested donation is \$10.00; any excess funds will be donated to Hopelink. Make your check payable to Newport Presbyterian Church and mark it for "Poinsettias" on the memo line.



### Happy Birthday to you!

-Shirley Baskin  
2-Amy Fairley  
3-Patty Fotheringham  
8-Amelia Batzel  
9-Glynis Williams  
10-Karen Montague  
10-Andrew Nelson  
10-Janis Medley  
11-Helene Ramseyer  
11-Nicole Calhoun  
12-Judy Campbell  
13-Jim Messner  
13-Don Polinsky  
15-Boyd Knechtel  
15-Maureen Crawford  
15-Shirley Gallotte  
16-Ron Ebbers  
18-Margaret Malsch

20-Carly Wilkinson  
20-Megan Phillips  
22-Bruce Carpenter  
24-Pat Bussard  
24-Joyce Felker  
25-Susan Chalmers  
25-Mary Horner  
25-Sarah Lowes  
27-Marjorie Hendry  
28-Don Benson  
29-Sarah Townsend  
30-Lynne McClintock  
31-John Grove

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





## Celebrating Christmas!

**Come celebrate the birth of Christ at our Christmas Eve services.**

### ***4:00 p.m. Family Service***

This service is a family-friendly service with youth and children participating in telling the Christmas story. Traditional carols will be sung with lots of time left in the evening. This service is perfect for families with young children. All are welcome!

### ***10:00 p.m. Service***

This service will have lots of beautiful music! The chancel choir and congregation will be accompanied by the Shaw family string quartet. What better way to welcome the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior! Come join in the celebration by hearing, singing and meditating on this miraculous event!

### **Youth**



As part of a Sunday School mission project, Alina and Andrew Swift work on painting two benches that are being built for Sound View Camp.

### **Newport Green**

What a surprise it was to see the new Donation Station with multiple bins, the Ushers' Stand with storage shelves, and the Welcome Booth with storage shelves. All these beautiful pieces of furniture were crafted by Doug Counsell. All had been on the Wish List of various committees for years! But here is the real delight: Doug made these items with unused, leftover wood from our recent remodel projects! Not only do they match the sanctuary and narthex perfectly, but they represent a fantastic way to go green, using what we had available. Wow ... and thanks!



Fun project: Count how many blue recycling containers are placed for your use in our entire church.

## **“In It Together” Praise and Worship Evening, December 4**

University Presbyterian Church is hosting a joint music and worship evening on Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. featuring the inspirational Gospel Choirs of seven area churches including University Presbyterian, Seattle First Presbyterian, Mt. View Presbyterian, and four other churches in the Rainier Valley (Rainier Avenue Free Methodist, New Light Christian Church, Emerald City Bible Fellowship and Church by the Side of the Road).

As we approach the busy Advent season, this will be an occasion to acknowledge that in these hard times, we're all in it together as the Body of Christ. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the local church ministries that are caring for those hit hard in the current economic downturn. See [www.upc.org](http://www.upc.org) for directions and parking information.

# December 2009 Newport Presbyterian Church

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| <p><i>6</i> Communion</p> <p><b>8:45 Worship</b><br/>9:35 Hospitality<br/>9:45 Church School<br/>10:35 Hospitality<br/><b>11:00 Worship</b><br/>12:15 Handbells—Sanc<br/>4:30 Youth Groups—<br/>GH/Youth Room</p>                   | <p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:00 Men's Biking<br/>Group<br/>10:00 Ruth Circle—<br/>Library<br/>7:00 Grace Circle—<br/>Homes</p>               | <p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:30 Lectionary—<br/>Room 14<br/>10:30 PW Team—<br/>Library<br/><b>7:00 Session-<br/>Atrium</b></p>                                                                          | <p><i>9</i></p>                                                                    | <p><i>10</i></p> <p>9:00 Men's Hiking<br/>Group<br/>9:30 Brunch Bunch<br/>homes<br/>6:00 Praise Team—<br/>Sanctuary<br/>7:30 Choir—<br/>Sanctuary</p>                            | <p><i>11</i></p>                                             | <p><i>12</i></p> <p>8:00 Men's<br/>Breakfast<br/>@ Plum<br/>Delicious</p>             |
| <p><i>13</i></p> <p><b>8:45 Worship</b><br/>9:35 Hospitality<br/>9:45 Church School<br/>10:35 Hospitality<br/><b>11:00 Worship</b><br/>12:00 Hospitality time<br/>12:15 Handbells—Sanc<br/>4:30 Youth Groups—<br/>GH/Youth Room</p> | <p><i>14</i></p> <p>9:00 Men's Biking<br/>Group</p>                                                                                  | <p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:30 Lectionary<br/>Room 14<br/>12:00 AIDS Care<br/>Team—Library<br/>12:30 Deborah Circle<br/>@ Rezabeks<br/><b>DEADLINE FOR<br/>UNWRAPPED GIFTS<br/>TO GIVING TREE</b></p> | <p><i>16</i></p> <p><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br/>7:00 Hope Circle—<br/>homes</p> | <p><i>17</i></p> <p>9:00 Men's Hiking<br/>Group<br/>6:00 Praise Team—<br/>Sanctuary<br/>7:30 Choir—<br/>Sanctuary</p>                                                            | <p><i>18</i></p>                                             | <p><i>19</i></p> <p>8:00 Men's<br/>Breakfast<br/>@ Plum<br/>Delicious</p>             |
| <p><i>20</i></p> <p><b>8:45 Worship</b><br/>9:35 Hospitality<br/>9:45 Church School<br/>10:35 Hospitality<br/><b>11:00 Worship</b><br/>12:15 Handbells—Sanc<br/>4:30 Youth Groups—<br/>GH/Youth Room</p>                            | <p><i>21</i></p> <p>9:00 Men's Biking<br/>Group<br/>1:00 Newsletter<br/>Crew—Library<br/>6:00 Stephen<br/>Ministry—<br/>Ranheims</p> | <p><i>22</i></p> <p>9:30 Lectionary<br/>Room 14</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p><i>23</i></p>                                                                   | <p><i>24</i></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE<br/>WORSHIP<br/>SERVICES<br/>4:00 p.m.<br/>10:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Office closes at<br/>noon</b></p>                                       | <p><i>25</i></p> <p><b>HOLIDAY<br/>OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b></p> | <p><i>26</i></p> <p>8:00 Men's<br/>Breakfast<br/>@ Plum<br/>Delicious</p>             |
| <p><i>27</i></p> <p><b>One Worship Service<br/>at 10:00 a.m.<br/>No Sunday School</b><br/>11:00 Farewell Party for<br/>Sue—GH</p>                                                                                                   | <p><i>28</i></p> <p>9:00 Men's Biking<br/>Group</p>                                                                                  | <p><i>29</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><i>30</i></p>                                                                   | <p><i>31</i></p> <p>9:00 Men's Hiking<br/>Group<br/>6:00 Praise<br/>Team—<br/>Sanctuary<br/>7:30 Choir—<br/>Sanctuary</p>                                                        |                                                              |  |

## Hands-on Mission Hours Given

OCTOBER 09

To Newport Church: 243.5  
To Community: 332  
Total: 575.5

We've compiled the hours you have given to hands-on mission projects. The total for the year is 6,165!



## Newsletter Deadline

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

Deadline for the next newsletter is **Wednesday, December 16**. It will be mailed **Monday, December 21, 2009**.

### 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.

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## Lectionary Readings

### Nov. 22, 2009 (Christ the King)

2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18);  
Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

### Nov. 29, 2009 (1st Sunday of Advent)

Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10;  
1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

### Dec. 6, 2009 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11;  
Luke 3:1-6

### Dec. 13, 2009 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Zeph. 3:14-20; Isa. 12:2-6; Phil. 4:4-7;  
Luke 3:7-18