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Newport News

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Greeters and Welcomers All

What a wonderful time was had at our recent Meekhof lecture series. We laughed a lot and learned even more as Dr. Rodger Nishioka spoke from his wealth of experience and knowledge about trends in the church. Among the many significant points that Rodger shared with us, there is one that stands out for me as very important in our life, worship and mission together. Rodger highlighted the one reason, above all the others, that a visitor will return to a church that he or she has visited. That reason is not the preaching. It is not the music. Nor is it the program. While those are important, the number one reason that folks come back a second Sunday is...that someone spoke to them!

Imagine that! Something as simple as a person in the congregation saying hello and talking to them is what will bring a visitor back the next week. And yet, so often, greeting a visitor seems scary or difficult: What should I say? What if I introduce myself and they are long-time members? I'm an introvert – talking to people I don't know isn't my thing...and besides, someone else will do it better than me.

Newport is a friendly place made up of wonderful folks. I want to encourage all of us to be part of being the welcoming Body of Christ, especially to those who come through our door on a Sunday morning to visit. It's not really that difficult. Try this: "Hi, my name is _____, and I'm not sure that we've met before?" That's really all it takes to start a conversation in which you can ask if they are new to the area or what brought them to Newport. Then...invite them to coffee hour, to the Sunday School class that day, to meet another nearby member, to ask you any questions they have about Newport. In addition, Newport's Membership and Hospitality Committee keeps welcome bags for visitors stocked on the desk in the narthex – please give them one. It really does take all of us to greet and welcome those who come to visit. Perhaps they will return for a second visit just because you took the time to talk to them!

~ Janet



Adult Education—February 6—27

Paul—An Appealing or Appalling Apostle

This four session class to be led by Gary Skinner will take a fresh look at the Apostle Paul, his life, his writings, his mission and his message. Why study Paul? More than half of the New Testament was either written by or is about Paul. Furthermore, most of the past and present controversies that have caused divisions within the church are related to misunderstandings and misinterpretations of Paul and his writings.

Church Family



In our prayers

- Wes Sikkema** (health concerns)
- Daryle Harvey** (health concerns)
- Sandy Brooks** (peace and comfort)
- Larry Wood** (health concerns)
- Frances Peppard** (pulmonary issues)

Dear Friends at Newport,

Thank you so much for all that you have done for my family and myself! We have gotten solace from your cards, encouragement from your calls, faith and strength from your prayers and energy from your delicious food!

As the song says,

♪“I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God!” ♪

Love,
Karen Waalkes & Family

Dear Members of Newport,

Thank you for your generous gift to us at Christmas. We all join in expressing how glad we are to be part of this church and to be in ministry together with you. This is a wonderful place to be!

Blessings,
Your Newport Staff
Jim, Janet, Rhonda, Pam, Jason, Susan, Lori,
Robert, Noriko

Did you lose? We found...

- ◆ A very cute handmade children’s activity book with a dog, clown, bunny and so much more. A lot of time and effort was put into this booklet. Someone’s grandma?
- ◆ An old sepia photograph of a young lady was left from All Saints’ Sunday with the name “Mate McMillan” on the back and a date of 1908. Someone’s grandma?

Thank You from Mary’s Place

In a note of thanks from Mary’s Place they said, “Thank you for making our ‘home’ possible. Mary’s Place has become a living room, family room and dining room to all those who don’t have one of their own. Because of you, Mary’s Place will...

- remain a safe haven during cold, lonely and dark days of winter;
- provide the love and acceptance we all desire most;
- help the most vulnerable find shelter in the rain and snow; and
- remind women and children that they are not forgotten...you love them!”

Dear Newport Presbyterian Church,

Thank you again for hosting a holiday donation drive for foster kids! The results are in, and the Wearhouse saw the following cumulative successes in the month of December from your efforts:

- 27,272 items collected
- 11,637 items distributed
- 1,340 volunteer hours
- A brighter holiday for foster kids!

Kids got just what they wanted this holiday. They were excited to discover toys and games; teens went straight for MP3 players and video games. Holiday wishes came true this year because of your support!

Treehouse

Rosehedge Multifaith Works CareTeam volunteers offer practical care, emotional support and nonjudgmental listening to people living with HIV/AIDS and/or recovering from addiction. Our next volunteer training is Saturday, March 19. There are still individuals and families in Seattle who are isolated and miss meaningful connections due to the effects of HIV/AIDS and/or chemical addiction.

To find out more contact us at 206.324.1520 ext. 229 or visit our website www.multifaith.org.

Put your faith into action. What can you do to help?



Christ's Comfort and Support

The Christmas season has come and gone. I was very pleased with all the services Christmas Eve and Epiphany. I heard great things about the service on December 26th when I was on vacation. It was a full time, but one that was filled with meaning and wonder for me. The hard work put in by our liturgical arts and worship committees, SALAD Bowl, our music director and choirs, and the rest of the staff all added to the depth of our worship experiences.

Part of my warm feelings at this time of year come from the generous gift you all gave to me and the rest of the staff. On behalf of them I want to thank you for your generosity. We all appreciate it very much.

I am also feeling very grateful for the Meekhof Lectures this year. Rodger Nishioka was a tremendous speaker. Those who heard him Friday and Saturday have much to chew on. Those who heard him preach on Sunday, but missed the other times, are probably feeling regret now. He is truly a gift to the Church. Next year's speaker will be equally good. I hope you make it a point to put it on your schedule. We will have a date in the months to come.

This lectureship is an important part of our adult education program here at Newport. We pay for it out of the endowment started by David Meekhof in honor of his wife, Doreen, who died of cancer a little over 10 years ago. We have enough in the endowment to last a few more years. We are hoping some, who are able and interested, might add to that endowment with a gift. It will take the generosity of those who treasure these lectures to make sure the endowment is around for years to come.

Finally, I am grateful for all the love and concern shown to me and Sandy these past 22 months when Sandy's cancer returned. It has been a challenging journey. Now we are facing even more challenges as the latest chemotherapy has ceased to work. By the time you receive this newsletter we should know more about how large the tumor has grown in her liver and what options we might pursue. We continue to be very grateful for your prayers.

Rodger Nishioka talked about the importance of communities of faith as we all face challenges in our journey on this earth. Places like Newport are a tremendous support and comfort to those facing illness and end of life issues. We need each other to flesh out the love of God to one another. We need each other to point to Christ's presence in the midst of the chaos we all face from time to time. We need each other's presence in worship to add to the energy of our services. I hope you can make coming on Sunday mornings in 2011 a priority for you and your family.

See you in church.

Jim

Lectionary Readings

February 6—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); *Psalm 112:1-9 (10)*;

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

February 13—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:1-20; *Psalm 119:1-8*;

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 20—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; *Psalm 119:33-40*;

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

February 27—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:8-16a; *Psalm 131*; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5;

Matthew 6:24-34



All Church Mission Retreat

Save the date of April 9–10 for Newport's second, annual retreat at Sound View Camp! We are looking forward to doing some work for the camp, playing and worshipping together. This is an event for all ages! Watch for further details and registration form coming soon.

Youth Group News



Sunday, February 6

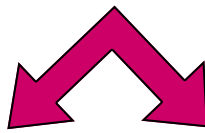
On Souper Bowl Sunday our youth are mobilizing to fight hunger and poverty in our local communities. They will be collecting cans of food and/or money to be donated to local people in need. Ben Antrobus will head up the organization of this timely project. Plan now to bring contributions of canned food or a financial donation on Sunday, February 6.

Not So Lazy Sunday

February 27

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

All youth are invited to join us for our typical Lazy Sunday of playing games and just hanging out. We will also be dedicating part of the time in preparation for our annual Senior High Dep Dinner Fundraiser which will be held Saturday, March 5. We'll be planning skits, music, decorations and dinner arrangements.



Dep Dinner – Saturday, March 5

Coming soon! The Senior High Deputation Dinner is almost upon us for the second year running. On Saturday evening, March 5 please join us for a dinner with plenty of good food, entertainment and fellowship to raise money for our Dep trip. At the conclusion of the meal and entertainment, there will be an opportunity for you to make a contribution toward the Dep fund. This year, the event will be combined with Newport's debuting Celebration of Arts Festival (see article) so the evening will be double the fun. Hope to see you there!

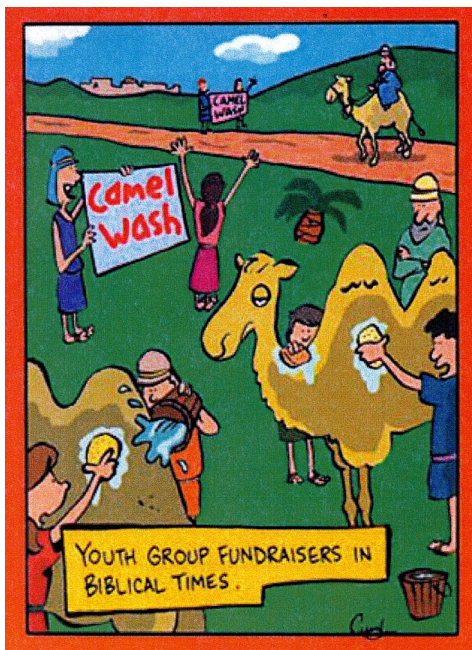
~ Ian Chivers

Celebration of Creative Arts

The visual arts show, postponed last year due to the Super Bowl, will be held Saturday, March 5. This celebration will be in conjunction with the youth's gala Deputation dinner. Although the dinner seeks your financial support for our youth, the Arts Show, held concurrently in the Atrium, is for celebration, thanksgiving and sharing.

If you paint, draw, design buildings or dresses, sculpt, knit, do beadwork, whittle, cross-stitch, collect, build, photograph, quilt, or...watch for the registration forms soon. Come and share; celebrate the gifts given by God and refined by work and dedication.

Appetizers and punch will be served while you view the creations of our Newport community.



Search for Meaning...

Pacific Northwest Spirituality
Book Festival
with featured speakers:
Anne Lamott and Tariq Ramadan

Saturday, February 5 from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Pigott Building, Seattle University
www.seattleu.edu/stm

Newport Green

Are you interested in promoting the stewardship of our natural resources as a continuing part of Newport's mission? As part of our intention to seek a Greening Congregation designation from Earth Ministry (as approved by Session in December), we are currently developing goals for this next year. Right now several folks are working to make the church's recycling efforts easier and more obvious, especially clean-up after large-group functions.

To participate, suggest future ideas and/or receive a copy of a comprehensive outline listing our creation-care history, accomplishments and suggested goals so far, please email Cindi Rezabek at shadowrez@live.com



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, sign up on the new yearly flower chart posted in the narthex. The office will take the information off the chart and put an announcement in the Sunday bulletin. Dedications must be received by noon on Wednesday.

Sign up now for that special date; remember that it needn't be fancy — flowers from your garden would be just fine!

Note: As of publication, the new flower chart has not arrived. It will be up very soon.



Another way to keep in touch

For members and friends who are on Facebook: Be sure to visit our Facebook page, Newport Presbyterian Church and click on "like" to get updates on the latest activities.



Happy Birthday to you!

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

2/1—Diane Cooley	2/18—Audrey Keeney
2/1—Andrew Swift	2/19—Alexander Gaugel
2/2—Larry Chalmers	2/19—Jacob Hunter
2/4—Rona Osburn	2/19—Nathan Hunter
2/6—Doug Counsell	2/20—Shirley Arnett
2/7—Karen Moore	2/22—Steve Johnson
2/8—Christina Sargent	2/23—Katrina Kelly
2/9—Susan Wold	2/23—Kerry Johnson
2/12—Bob Coggins	2/24—Lilly Sims
2/12—Jasper Sims	2/24—Robert Airis
2/12—Ryan Coggins	2/25—Beverly Heyden
2/15—Marnie Ranheim	2/26—Jim Cooley
2/15—Rob McClure	2/26—Katherine Carlisle
2/16—Caddy Ohrt	2/27—Jason Bishop
2/16—Heather Benjamin	2/27—Bob Vaughn
2/16—Patti Boys	2/28—Allison Costantini
2/26—Rebekah Huber Elsen	2/28—Helen Nash

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R E A C H I N G O U T

Mary's Place/Church of Mary Magdalene

This is the first stop on the journey out of homelessness for women and children. At its new and larger location at 314 Bell St in Seattle, it holds church services on Saturdays, along with the following program services during the week:

- ◆ Hot breakfast and lunch
- ◆ Hygiene, showers and laundry
- ◆ Mail and phone
- ◆ Shelter referrals
- ◆ Housing and employment resources and referral
- ◆ Support groups: Seeking Safety, Chance for Change
- ◆ Medical care
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Move-in assistance
- ◆ AA meetings
- ◆ Clothing distribution

You can help by donating items on their wish list. Place them in the basket in the church entry. They will be taken to Mary's Place/Church of Mary Magdalene promptly.

Wish List

Much-needed nursing supplies:

- ◆ Reading glasses (all strengths)
- ◆ Multi-vitamins
- ◆ Antacids
- ◆ Prenatal vitamins

Other pressing needs:

- ◆ Gloves/scarves/hats/umbrellas
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Winter jackets/raincoats
- ◆ Incontinence products
- ◆ Diapers/wipes
- ◆ Denture adhesive/cleaner
- ◆ Shampoo/conditioner/body wash
- ◆ Bras & underwear
- ◆ Bus tickets
- ◆ Silverware for the day center
- ◆ Yoga/exercise mats
- ◆ Pop/snack items

See additional article on Mary's Place on page 2

Circles and Meeting Times

Deborah Circle

Leader: Cindi Rezabek
Third Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.

Grace Circle

Leader: Mary Hanke
Fourth Monday, 1:00 p.m.

Hope Circle

Leader: Dori Yang
Third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

J.O.Y. Circle

Leader: Barbara Baxter
First Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

Ruth Circle

Leader: Lucy Harms
First Monday, 10:00 a.m.

Brunch Bunch

Leaders: Dee Tucker,
Martha Garmanian
Second & Fourth Thursday,
9:30 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.

Women's Retreat

The HAIKU booklets are ready to be picked up in the foyer for those who attended last year's retreat. Your names are on the front cover. Carol Kelly put all the writings together in booklet form. We can thank Carol for her work in putting our literary effort in print.



Mark your calendar for this year's Retreat at the Rainbow Lodge on May 20-21. We will enjoy the beautiful spring setting. Don't miss this inspirational time together. Watch the *Newport News* for more information.

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.*

FEBRUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Hospitality is offered before and after worship services</p>		<p>1</p> <p>10:30am Stephen Ministry in Room 14</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00pm Property Committee in Library</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Men's Hiking</p> <p>11:00am J.O.Y. Circle in Library</p> <p>6:00pm Praise Team In Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00pm S & F in Library</p> <p>7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious</p>
<p>6 </p> <p>Super Bowl</p> <p>8:45am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Education</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Men's Biking</p> <p>10:00am Ruth Circle in Library</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 PW Board In Library</p> <p>7:00pm Session in Chapel</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am Men's Hiking</p> <p>9:30am Brunch Bunch in homes</p> <p>6:00pm Praise Team In Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>8:45am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Education</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>12:15pm Handbells</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>9:00am Men's Biking</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00pm Mission & Peacemaking in Chapel</p> <p>7:00pm Christian Education in Room 22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:15pm Membership & Hospitality in room 26</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Men's Hiking</p> <p>9:30am Brunch Bunch in homes</p> <p>6:00pm Praise Team in Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:45am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Education</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>12:15pm Handbells</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Men's Biking</p> <p>1:00pm Grace Circle in homes</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Note: The Tuesday morning Lectionary class is on hold until further notice</p> </div>				



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Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter is usually mailed on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The deadline for the March newsletter is **Tuesday, February 15.**