

Newport News

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February 18, 2010

Newport Presbyterian Church



World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5, 2010

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

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Fellowship

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“Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God”

Please join us on March 5 at Newport Presbyterian Church for World Day of Prayer. This year’s service has been prepared by the women of Cameroon 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.

We encourage you to wear bright clothing and to bring your musical or percussion instrument to play in the processional.



Mission Hospital Gives Back ... and Forward

Yodogawa Christian Hospital in Osaka, Japan has given the Presbyterian Church (USA) \$208,577 to be used for mission in Asia. The gift represents the same amount that Presbyterian Women contributed in 1956 to the hospital founded by Presbyterian Church (USA) missionaries. The gift helped built a 76-bed hospital that has grown into a multi-faceted medical complex.

This project was started in an impoverished community still reeling from World War II. Now 657 beds, it is rated as one of the two top private hospitals in Japan. Dr. Masaaki Mukubo, hospital superintendent said, “YCH was once a recipient of God’s love from Presbyterian Church (USA) and it is our mission now to pass it on to other Asian countries that are in need.” Over the years the hospital has provided direct aid to hospitals in Bangladesh, Nepal and China.

A new facility will be built nearby with a large chapel in the center symbolizing the hospital’s commitment to its Christian roots. Each day at Yodogawa begins with chapel services.

(This report was published in the November ‘09 issue of Presbyterians Today.)

An addition to the 2009 Annual Report

This information was added to the final copy of the Annual Reports for 2009 under Missions and Peacekeeping.

Habitat for Humanity

Last summer we were involved in Habitat’s “Together We Build” effort at Snoqualmie Ridge. M & P contributed \$1,000; in addition, Roger Bedell, Jim Cooley and Gary Schwab worked one Saturday at the build.

Church Family



In our prayers

Wes Sikkema (health concerns)
Daryle Harvey (health concerns)
Sandy Brooks (cancer has returned)
Betty Meyer (recovering from surgery)
Prayers of consolation for Bob & Barbara Welsh and family on the death of their son, Jon



Dear Newport Presbyterian Church Friends,

Words cannot express how much your kindness has meant to my family over these past weeks. The cards, notes, flowers, phone calls and words of encouragement have been life-changing, leaving us with profoundly grateful hearts amidst the sadness. I've learned so much about compassion from this community.

My family found the service a turning point in our grief. Jim's inspiring words, Lori's beautiful music, the lovely program, the deacon committee's coordination of the lovely reception, the Joy Circle's delicious cookies, and most of all the attendance of so many church members, deeply touched our family and made us feel loved and cared for. Newport Presbyterian Church is a special place where I have witnessed, as well as experienced, the transformational quality of God's love through this remarkable community of believers.

Warmly,
Lisa Tuff Lewis & Family

Vacation Church School "Baobab Blast"

Mark your calendar for Newport's VCS program coming this summer from Sunday, June 27 through Wednesday, June 30. Stay tuned!

Memory Loss is Not a Normal Part of Aging

If memory problems are affecting your life, or a loved one, you may want to learn about the Alzheimer's Association's Early Stage services.

The Association offers programs designed specifically for individuals who are experiencing memory loss that is affecting their daily life and/or are in the early stages of dementia. This program aims to provide education and group discussion on topics such as medical causes and treatments, future planning and communication strategies.

The seminar will be held Friday, February 26 from 1:00—4:00 p.m. at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE in Bellevue.

A pre-registration process that includes a short phone interview is required before attending the seminar.

Call Samantha Woodward at (206) 529-3868 or (1-800) 848-7097 ext. 229.

Caring for Someone with Memory Loss?

A family caregiver support group meets the second Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 3924 Issaquah Pine Lake Road SE in Issaquah. Meetings are free and are led by trained volunteers who receive ongoing technical support and training from the Alzheimer's Association. Contact person: Nallely Marron at (425) 313-7364.

Volunteer Training Opportunity

How do you care for someone living with HIV/AIDS or chemical addiction? Multifaith Works CareTeam volunteers offer practical care, emotional support and nonjudgmental listening to people living with HIV/AIDS and/or recovering from addiction. To find out more about their March 20 volunteer training call (206) 324-1520 ext. 226 or check their website www.multifaith.org.

SOUPer Bowl of Caring

Newport's youth groups thank you for your generous giving on Souper Bowl Sunday. In addition to 78 food items, \$536 was given for our local food banks. Thanks for your **super** giving!



Patten's Perspective

A message from
Pastor Jim Patten

“Listen carefully to God’s music”

I have been reading a very interesting book called *We Walk the Path Together: Learning from Thich Nhat Hanh and Meister Eckhart* by Brian J. Pierce, OP. Pierce is trying to show how Buddhism and Christianity complement one another as seen through the eyes of Hanh and Eckhart. Both are contemplatives.

A couple of quotes stand out to me as we enter Lent. In speaking about God with the metaphor of music we read, “We are led to a deeper experience of the silent music of the Great Mystery that sings through us all.” And, “There is no place and no time outside of the present moment for an encounter with God.”

Part of our work in Lent is to listen carefully to God’s music, so to speak, “the silent music of the Great Mystery” so we might live out of a deeper, truer place in ourselves. When we can do that we are much more able to live in the present. We won’t obsess about the past, all the things we wish we had done or not done. We won’t worry about the future and all those things out of our control.

The Taizé form of worship is one of the ways we can hone our listening and be more present in the present moment. Taizé consists of meditative singing of short songs, repeated again and again, along with extended periods of silence and brief readings. The singing can almost be mesmerizing as the words sink deeper with each repetition. The silences will take some getting used to. Even five minutes of silence can feel like an eternity!

I remember when I was in seminary and could visit other churches. I spent one semester visiting the local Quaker meeting house in the woods outside of Princeton. The entire hour of worship was silence, broken only a couple of times by someone saying a sentence or two. The first time I went I thought I would go out of my mind. I wiggled on my pew and could not settle down. My mind wandered and I was bored. By the third time, I could finally settle in and just be present with others in silence.

Taizé worship may feel like that to some if they have never been. But, if you stick with it, you may find you crave the silences, the meditative singing, the focus on candlelight, and the quiet readings. I encourage you to give it a try this Lent. We will meet in the sanctuary on five Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. for a 45 minute service starting on February 24th. Communion will be served on the last Wednesday before Holy Week.

Of course, regular attendance at worship on Sunday morning is also a good way to prepare during Lent. I hope to see you in worship these next six weeks.

Jim

Lectionary Readings

March 7 (Third Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 55:1-9; *Psalm 63:1-8*;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 14 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Joshua 5:9-12; *Psalm 32*; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21; *Psalm 126*; Philippians 3:4b-14;
John 12:1-8

March 28 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Luke 19:28-40; *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*;
Isaiah 50:4-9a; *Psalm 31:9-16*; Philippians 2:5-11;
Luke 22:14-23 or Luke 23:1-49

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

February 21 to 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.

March 7—Parenting Faithfully resumes at 9:45 in room 14.

All parents are invited to drop in as you are able, for discussions on sharing faith in families, Bible stories and parenting skills and challenges.

Celebrate Newport's 50th with our Mission Weekend at Sound View Camp Friday, April 16 — Monday, April 19

One of the mission components of our 50th year celebration is to provide needed upgrades and maintenance for Presbyterian Sound View Camp, located in Longbranch, Washington. Sound View is a 90-minute drive (approximately) from the church, and is very well-loved by our youth who attend summer camps there.

Projects include:

(1) the addition of a first aid room to an existing cabin; (2) a dormitory addition to another building; (3) general clean-up; and (4) maintenance of grounds, trails, and buildings. Tasks are available for all ages and abilities!

Accommodations:

Cabins, bunkhouse, and some conference center bedrooms. These are available to us free of charge.

Meals:

Volunteer cooks are needed starting Friday morning. Some meals may be provided by the camp (Breakfast-\$6, Lunch-\$7, Dinner-\$9).

Schedule:

While we anticipate that most families and individuals will participate on Saturday and Sunday, we need at least six workers throughout the weekend, beginning on Friday morning and going through Monday afternoon. Folks can come for all or part of the weekend, and can sign up to work certain shifts.

Fellowship and Worship:

We will, of course, take time to sing, play and worship together! Sound View offers wonderful hiking trails and lovely beachfront. Check it out at www.soundviewcamp.com.

Sign up:

Registration information and a sign-up sheet will be available soon at the welcome center in the narthex. For now we hope you'll save the date and plan to join us for this **ALL-CHURCH** mission week-end! (Note: both pastors will be attending. There will be one worship service (10:00 a.m.) at Newport that Sunday with a guest preacher.)

Questions?

See Will Winslow about construction and Janet DeWater for everything else.

Newport Presbyterian to Host Seattle Presbytery

It will be a pleasure and responsibility of Newport to host Seattle Presbytery on Tuesday, March 16 for their monthly meeting and dinner. We will need lots of help before and on the day of the event including baking cookies/bars, setting up chairs and tables, setting tables, greeting guests, selling dinner tickets, helping before and during dinner, preparing centerpieces, taking down chairs and tables and cleaning up the kitchen.

If you can help, please fill out the form below, place it in the offering plate, turn it into the office or e-mail your response. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help. Many volunteers were involved when we hosted in the recent past and we had an enjoyable time working together on behalf of the Presbytery of Seattle. We hope that you can join us.

Questions: Contact Andrea Strom (425-226-4666); Cris Wilkinson (425-271-7852); or Helen Nash (425-882-0405).

Seattle Presbytery Dinner and Meeting—Tuesday March 16

I (we) would like to help host Presbytery. Here is how I (we) can help:

- Be part of the planning committee which will meet following worship on Sunday, February 21 from (12:15-12:45)
- Help clean and organize the kitchen or inventory tables and folding chairs on Saturday, March 6 (10:00am)
- Bake 3-dozen cookies/bars and bring them to church by 2:00pm on Tuesday, March 16
- Help with shopping ahead of time
- Help set up 26 tables and chairs for 208 guests (early on Tuesday)
- Help set tables with placemats, plates, flatware, etc. (around noon on Tuesday)
- Help with centerpieces
- Help in kitchen to prepare salads, etc. (2:00-5:00)
- Greet guests, sell dinner tickets, or make and serve coffee before the meeting
- Wait on tables, serve beverages, help clear tables
- Help wash dishes and clean up the kitchen (7:00-9:00)
- Put away tables and chairs (after 7:30)

I understand that someone will call or e-mail me with further details.

Name(s) _____

Phone and/or e-mail _____

Place completed form in offering plate or turn it into the office,
or e-mail your response to office@newportpres.org or hebnash@msn.com.





Cucumbers—who knew?

- Cucumbers provide a quick pick-me-up and nutritious snack with B vitamins and good carbohydrates.
- Slices in a pie tin drive off slugs in the garden.
- Phytochemicals in cucumber slides cause skin to tighten. Rub along wrinkles for an instant lift.
- Cucumber can also:
 - ◆ Polish shoes, repel water
 - ◆ Lubricate a squeaky hinge
 - ◆ Freshen breath, kill oral bacteria
 - ◆ Clean sinks, faucets, stainless steel
 - ◆ Remove stains from pens, crayons and markers.



a Birthday!

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| 3/3 Cliff Welch | 3/19 Emily Yang |
| 3/3 Oliver Ohrt | 3/21 Kent Phillips |
| 3/3 Jane Jones | 3/22 Farel McClure |
| 3/3 Laura Iverson | 3/22 Don Ludwigson |
| 3/4 Anna Belle Leland | 3/24 Kim Iverson |
| 3/5 Cathy Andrews | 3/26 Ellen Ingram |
| 3/6 Rachel Landy | 3/26 Mike Lowes |
| 3/7 Roy Gustafson | 3/27 Tony Copes |
| 3/7 Neal Chalmers | 3/27 Jim Patten |
| 3/7 Paul Arnett | 3/28 Sue Giovenale |
| 3/8 Brian Crowder | 3/28 Evan Verity |
| 3/10 Len Rezabek | 3/28 Kyle Sargent |
| 3/10 Claire Krueger | 3/29 Guen Goossen |
| 3/11 Bob Welsh | 3/30 Jim Baker |
| 3/12 Cameron McClure-Coleman | 3/30 Roger Bedell |
| 3/12 Emily Kelly-Peterson | 3/31 James Potter |
- If you have a March birthday and are not listed, please notify the office so we can include you next year.



Youth





"Noche en el Caribbean" March 20

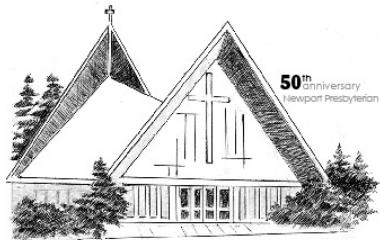
Save the evening of Saturday, March 20, from 5:30 - 7:30 to come and enjoy the warm breezes and tempting tastes of Caribbean fare as our Senior High Dep team hosts an enchanting evening of food, fellowship and the opportunity for you to support them on their deputation trip.

This summer, the senior highs will be traveling to Puerto Rico where they will serve at a children's home in Adjuntas, interacting with the children and working to improve the facilities. They will also work with a children's program in one of the poorest communities in Ponce, and will help with hands-on home repair and maintenance.

Tickets will be available shortly for "Noche en el Caribbean" at the price of \$15 (\$2 for children 12 and under). This event will be a departure from the usual Dep Auction, but will still feature a few auction items and services. There will be a presentation about the whole dep experience and Puerto Rico in particular. At the conclusion, you will be invited to "Give from your heart" in support of the youth group for Deputation 2010.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this very festive evening! Your support of Newport's youth, as always, is greatly appreciated.

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 Lenten Taizé Worship 7:45pm 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 10:00am World Day of Prayer (Newport is hosting) 11:00am Fellowship	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 5:00pm Mid High 6:30pm Sr. High	8 9:00am Men's Biking Group	9 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14 10:30am Stephen Ministry in Room 14 10:30am Presbyterian Women in Library 7:00pm Session in Atrium	10 Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Lenten Taizé Worship	11 9:00am Men's Hiking Group 9:30am Brunch Bunch in homes 6:00pm Praise Team in Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary	12	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious
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21 8:45am Worship 9:35am Hospitality 9:45am Church School 9:45am Session meets w/confirmation class 10:30am Hospitality 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Hospitality 12:15pm Handbells in Sanctuary 5:00pm Mid High 6:30pm Sr. High	22 9:00am Men's Biking Group 1:00pm Grace Circle in homes	23 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14 7:00pm Christian Education in Room 22 7:00pm Mission & Peacemaking in Chapel 7:15pm Membership & Hospitality in Library	24 12:00pm AIDS Care Team in Library 7:00pm Lenten Taizé Worship 7:45pm Deacons in library	25 9:00am Men's Hiking Group 9:30am Brunch Bunch in homes 6:00pm Praise Team in Sanctuary 7:30pm Choir in Sanctuary	26	27 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Plum Delicious 9:00am All-Church Work Party 7:00pm Play reading Group in homes
28 Palm Sunday 8:45am Worship 9:35am Hospitality 10:30am Hospitality 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Hospitality 12:15pm Handbells in Sanctuary 5:00pm Mid High 6:30pm Sr. High	29 9:00am Men's Biking Group	30 9:30am Lectionary in Room 14	31	See Birthday List on page 6  And a very special Happy Birthday to Cliff Welch who will be 101 years young on March 3.		



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Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter is usually mailed on the third Monday of each month. The deadline for the next newsletter is **Wednesday, March 10. It will be mailed approximately March 18.**

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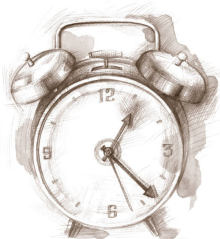
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