



WORSHIP TIMES

8:45 a.m. Informal Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Education

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Newport Presbyterian Church

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Patten's Perspective

A message from
Pastor Jim Patten

“GRATITUDE”

“a feeling of thankful appreciation...”

This year has been challenging at best. The economic woes that are plaguing the whole world can't help but make one anxious. Our political system feels broken with partisan politics preventing our government from working for the common good. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan seem to go on and on with more loss of life and seemingly little to show for it. And on a more personal level Newport has said goodbye to some beloved members. I thought I knew what it would be like to lose a spouse having gone through it with so many church members in my 29 years of ministry. As it turns out, I did not know much.

All of this is well known to most of us. It is enough to make one deeply sad, angry, frustrated, or despairing. I can relate to most of those emotions myself. But that is not the whole story. I have sensed a competing emotion growing in my heart: gratitude. One of the things in my life that makes me so grateful is this community of faith. You have surrounded me with love, food, permission to be away from work and the space to feel what I am feeling.

As I talk with others who have lost a loved one, or who are going through a tough time, I have found I am not alone in this feeling of gratitude. Newport Church has played a very nurturing role in those experiencing grief or difficulty. People have said over and over again how much they value the community they find here. It doesn't stop there. Even though we have been in the midst of a terrible recession, this congregation has stepped to the plate and supported our mission and programs with sacrificial giving. Unlike many churches

who are struggling deeply because the giving has decreased, we have stayed quite healthy financially. We are right on target in meeting the expected income for 2011. The capital extension campaign that has enabled us to pay down our debt from the remodeling was a huge success. We have received more than 100% of what was pledged. That is almost unheard of. Such faithful giving has made me, and your Stewardship Committee, very grateful.

Gratitude is catching. It is a counter message to the despair and anger all around us. It is one of the gifts the Church can offer our world. Given that, your Stewardship Campaign Committee has chosen as its theme this year: “Gratitude”. The tag line is: “Nurtured By Our Faith Community, We Respond in Gratitude.” We know there are many stories of gratitude in our congregation and we want to celebrate them this fall and all through Advent. We hope this gratitude helps us all respond generously as we think about what we will pledge to God's mission at Newport. Giving out of gratitude is far more joyful than giving out of obligation or guilt.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:
CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS
9:45 to 10:35 a.m.**

Preschool & Kindergarten meet in room 25
1st—5th begins with music in room 24,
then room 29 for class

Mid and Senior High Youth
will meet in the youth room downstairs.

Church Family



In our prayers

Larry Wood (health concerns)
Frances Peppard (pulmonary issues)
Sam Waalkes

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There are some important dates to remember this fall as we move into this season of financial giving:

Tuesday, October 18

This is the date for our Leadership Dinner. Anyone can define themselves as a leader if they want to pledge early to support the ministry and mission of Newport for 2012. The dinner is free thanks to some generous sponsors. It will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13

This is Pledge Sunday. This is the day we receive the rest of the pledges from all those who did not pledge early. It is the day we dedicate our gifts given in gratitude for all God has done for us through this congregation and beyond.

You will be hearing stories of gratitude all through October in *Moments for Stewardship* in our worship services and in newsletter articles. And then in Advent our devotional booklet will focus on gratitude as well. I am excited to see how focusing on gratitude changes us and how we look at our lives and the world. Coming to worship each Sunday is a way to reinforce feelings of gratitude. We help each other in this.

See you in worship.

Jim



Did you know...

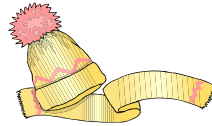
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Check out our Facebook page,
Newport Presbyterian Church
and click on "like"

to get updates on the latest activities.



WARM FOR WINTER: HANDMADE HATS & SCARVES

We hope you've been busy knitting, crocheting or sewing hats and scarves for the homeless in the greater Seattle area. Last year approximately 6,500 hats and scarves were delivered to shelters. Each year we've contributed 100 or more—let's do even more this year!

Adult-size handmade hats and scarves are most needed and can also fit most youth. The collection box is now up in the narthex until the blessing which will occur on Sunday, November 20.

For more information, contact Mary Hanke at (425) 885-9783 or meh6308@hotmail.com. If you want to learn more about the project, check out the flyer posted by the library.



ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

The Alternative Gift Fair is on!
Watch for more information in
upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

Fall Work Party Saturday, October 22 8:30 a.m.—noon



Our annual Fall Work Party offers a great opportunity to get outdoors and help maintain the building and grounds with the Newport community. Please consider stopping by to help with cleaning, gardening and repair of your church.



“No More Excuses” Flu Immunization Clinic at NPC Sunday, October 2 ~ 12:00-1:30 p.m.

The Seattle Visiting Nurse Association will provide flu immunizations for church members and friends (9 years of age and older) in the Great Hall. The cost will be \$28 (cash or check payable to Seattle VNA) for those not covered by Medicare. If requested they will provide an influenza immunization receipt to submit to your insurance company. If you are covered by Medicare and Medicare Advantage, Seattle VSN will bill directly. *You must show your card at the clinic.*

No more excuses:

- ◆ **“Oh, the flu isn’t so bad...right?”** The flu is a contagious diseases which affects the lungs and can lead to serious illness; even healthy people can get sick enough to miss work or school for a significant amount of time.
- ◆ **“But what if the flu vaccine makes me sick? I can’t risk missing work or school.”** The flu vaccine cannot give you the flu. The most common side effects are a sore arm and maybe a low fever or achiness.
- ◆ **“I’m healthy. I don’t need a flu vaccine.”** Anyone can become sick with the flu and experience serious complications, even kids, teens and adults who are active and healthy. Flu viruses are unpredictable and every season puts you at risk. *You don’t want to be spreading flu, do you?*
- ◆ **“Wait a minute. I got a flu vaccine once and still got sick.”** You may have been exposed to a non-flu virus before or after you got vaccinated. The vaccine can only prevent illnesses caused by flu viruses. Also it takes about two weeks after you receive the vaccine for your body to build protection against the flu. This vaccine protects against the three influenza viruses that research indicates will cause the most disease during this flu season but there can be other flu viruses circulating.



“MAKING PEACE A REALITY”

On Sunday mornings November 6, 13 and 20, Dave Gallotte, Rob McClure, Tony Copes and Dori Yang will lead a class *“Making Peace a Reality.”*

How can ordinary people help bring about the end of war? In the book *“Living Beyond War,”* Winslow Myers argues that this is possible. The most practical and effective way to bring about such an unthinkable change, he writes, is for individuals to live nonviolence and change their own attitudes. While ending war may seem like a pipe dream, it once seemed equally impossible to end slavery and to give women equal rights. This book’s fresh approach will make for some fascinating class discussions.

If you want to read this slim book before or during the class, check with Dori Yang. She has copies available for \$12 each.



Rosehedge Multifaith Works next CareTeam training will be held Saturday, October 22. Volunteers will be trained to offer practical care, emotional support and nonjudgmental listening to people living with HIV/AIDS and/or recovering from addiction. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Cherie at (206) 324-1520 ext. 229 or cherie@rosehedge.org. To learn more about the program or download an application visit <http://www.rosehedge.org/rosehedge-multifaith-works-careteams/>.

Lectionary Readings

October 2

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; *Psalm 19*; Matthew 21:33-46

October 9

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-14; *Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*; Matthew 22:1-14

October 16

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 33:12-23; *Psalm 99*; Matthew 22:15-22

October 23

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*; Matthew 22:34-46

October 30

All Saints' Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17; *Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37*; Matthew 5:1-12

Family Crest?

During the clean-up of the library, two small silver teaspoons were found with the initials *AEM* (AEM) on them. They are very sweet and we hope to find the owner. Please see Pam.

FOLLOW THE ADVENTURES OF THE HUBER FAMILY IN PANAMA

Follow along with Chris, Lita, Kamila and Lincoln as they begin their new adventure in Gorgona, Panama. Their blog site is:

<http://huberadventure.blogspot.com>

(Note: The pictures are amazing!)



“Artificial intelligence is a wonderful thing. I told my computer that today is my birthday and it said that I needed an upgrade.”



10/1—Clay Strom
 10/2—Janet DeWater
 10/2—Rhonda Juliano
 10/4—Nancy Ellingham
 10/4—Curtis Ohrt
 10/5—Paul Boys
 10/5—Mary Woods
 10/5—Megan Jacobs
 10/6—Isaac Gonzalez
 10/6—Wayne Spohn
 10/7—Sandy Adams
 10/7—Nora DeWater
 10/8—Shawn Hanson
 10/8—Andrea Strom
 10/10—Judy Schwab
 10/11—Jeremy Ebbers
 10/11—Toby Gonzalez
 10/11—Eva Goossen
 10/11—Mollie Ohrt
 10/11—Gavin Wold
 10/12—Doug Farnham

10/12—John O’Leary
 10/13—Judy Matthew
 10/13—Lee Strom
 10/15—Maya Verity
 10/16—Dennie Carcelli
 10/16—Lucy Harms
 10/17—Ben Antrobus
 10/17—Jackie Tanner
 10/19—Andrew Johnson
 10/21—Gary Schwab
 10/21—Ken Woods
 10/22—Lance Richert
 10/23—Melanie Toschi
 10/24—Ken Hermann
 10/26—Arjan Benthem
 10/27—Bob Monson
 10/28—Don Campbell
 10/30—David Ruckhaber
 10/30—Fred Thompson
 10/31—Frances Peppard
 10/31—Ron Ranheim

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



Mission & Peacemaking

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again, thanks to all who donated food for the men in the Congregation for the Homeless shelter during August and also to those who delivered the food to Overlake Presbyterian Church. The men are now at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church if you have clothing, blankets or toiletries you care to donate.

A fundraising luncheon to benefit CFH will be held on Tuesday, October 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. The speaker will be Bill Grace, a social activist, travelling teacher, and storyteller. A no-cost lunch by award-winning Lisa Dupar's Catering will be served. Reservations may be made by emailing staceyw@cfhomeless.com.

HELP OUR HOMELESS ALL-CHURCH REQUEST

Warm clothing is desperately needed for the growing number of homeless men and women. Many of these are veterans who have been discharged and are now looking for jobs. Often they have families. The cold weather will be here soon so now is the time to help.

Listed below are suggested donation items. Please place in the Compass/Alliance box in the narthex.

- ◆ Sweatshirts (dark colors, large sizes)
- ◆ Warm Coats (dark colors, large sizes)
- ◆ Socks (white, athletic, mid-calf)
- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Long sleeve knit shirts (dark colors, large sizes)

All clothing items must be new or only gently worn. New or gently-used blankets and towels are also needed.

GUEST PREACHER

On Sunday, October 9, the Rev. Dr. James L. McDonald, new president of San Francisco Theological Seminary, will preach at Newport. Before coming to SFTS, Jim spent 13 years building a broad movement against hunger and poverty for Bread for the World, a faith-based advocacy organization in Washington, D.C. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University, a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary (New York) and a PhD in International Relations from American University. With experience in pastoral ministry and as adjunct faculty at American and George Washington universities, Jim has shown a passion for education that makes a difference.



BRIDGE DISABILITY MINISTRIES EVENT Your help is needed!

On Sunday afternoon, October 23 Newport will again be hosting the Bridge Ministries monthly gathering with folks with disabilities. It's an event enthusiastically anticipated by those who attend from group homes and other living situations. Lots of volunteers will be needed to provide food, fellowship, crafts and decorations, and entertainment. Find your spot when we do sign-ups on October 9 and 16 and join in this delightful and rewarding event!

Questions? Contact Jack Roos at (425) 454-9846 or Trish Rogers at (425) 644-8512.

*Mission & Peacemaking and
Membership & Hospitality Committees*

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

October 2

Sunday School—9:45-10:35 a.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00)
We'll be looking at the book of Luke.

October 9

Sunday School—9:45-10:35 a.m.
Lazy Sunday! 10:30 am.—5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00)
We'll be looking at the book of John.

October 16

Sunday School—9:45-10:35 a.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00)
We'll be looking at the book of Acts.

October 21-23

Sound View Fall Retreat
Register at soundviewcamp.com. Parents, please arrange rides.

October 23

Bridge Ministry Event
For those of you who will not be attending the fall retreat but still want to help out with Bridge Ministry, please contact Jack Roos at jhroos@juno.com.

October 30

Sunday School—9:45-10:35 a.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00)
We'll be looking at the book of Romans.



R E A C H I N G O U T

Fall Gathering for Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Seattle invite you to attend the Fall Gathering!

*Women Called to Act:
Showing Love Through Mission/Peacemaking
with
Arda Aghazarian
Armenian Palestinian Christian*

Saturday, October 1
Japanese Presbyterian Church
1801 24th Ave S in Seattle

Registration 9:30 a.m.
Gathering 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00 (includes lunch)
(Preregistration necessary)
E-mail: Jodo16@Q.com
Phone: Joan Wilson (206) 522-5506

Come for an inspirational day of music, devotion, fellowship and mission.

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.*

Circles and Meeting Times

Deborah Circle

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

J.O.Y. Circle

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

Grace Circle

Leader: Helen Nash
Fourth Monday, 1:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle

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

Hope Circle

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

Brunch Bunch

Leaders: Dee Tucker,
Martha Garmanian
Second & Fourth Thursday,
10:00 a.m.

Church of Mary Magdalene

I have been overwhelmed and amazed at the generosity of the people of Newport. The Mary Magdalene basket has been filled and overflowing with donations all summer long. Every two or three weeks we are delivering large bags of items to their daycare center for homeless women and children at 314 Bell Street in Seattle. They never fail to write a gracious note of thanks each time. Thank you all at Newport, so very much. ~ Lucy Harms

Here is their latest wish list:

- ◆ Socks, new and gently used
- ◆ Diapers, baby wipes, pacifiers
- ◆ Coffee
- ◆ Razors, brushes & combs
- ◆ Bras & underwear, all sizes
- ◆ Deodorant (travel size)
- ◆ Shampoo, conditioner, soap (especially travel size)
- ◆ Poise pads and Depends
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products
- ◆ Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen
- ◆ Zip closure bags (all sizes)
- ◆ \$5.00 gift cards from Walgreens, QFC, Fred Meyer, WalMart or Target for generic prescriptions

Church of Mary Magdalene/Mary's Place Hats and Tea Fashion Show and Silent Auction

Saturday, October 22 from 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Mercer Island Presbyterian Church
For information call (206) 621-8474
or check their website at
staff@churchofmarymagdalene.org

Brunch Bunch/Book Study

Brunch Bunch welcomes new women to enjoy a delicious brunch in homes followed by a book study and discussion. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. For more information call:

Dee Tucker at (425) 957-1935 or
Martha Garmanian at (425) 747-4201



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NewsLetter
DEADLINE

**Deadline for November
 Newport News
 Friday, October 14**