

Welcome to
Newport Presbyterian Church
Welcoming in Spirit; Progressive in Theology
September 20, 2009

If you are visiting today, welcome!

- Please look in the Friendship Folders or the table in the Narthex for our visitor cards and ribbons. We invite you to wear the blue ribbon so we can get to know you, and to fill out the card and leave it in the offering plate. Please pick up a welcome bag in the narthex.

If you attend regularly

- Please give anyone wearing a blue "Visitor" ribbon your warmest Newport welcome.

Today at Newport

- **NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE:** Pick up a copy for your family from the table in the narthex. If we run out today, check back next Sunday—we'll make more.
- **YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF BBQ**
Mid Highs will gather at 4:30 to kick off the year with a barbecue, games, and devotion. Senior Highs will gather at 7:00 for the same. Plan to bring a friend, and let's start the year off right with awesome food, fun, and fellowship! MAD (Music and Drama) will occur for both Mid Highs and Senior Highs from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.
- **FRIENDSHIP TABLE:** Please stop by today and sign cards for those in our congregation who need a greeting, a prayer, or a boost.
- **Flowers** are given by Don and Bea Polinsky, in thankfulness for and in honor of 50 years together.
- **MAYORS' DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY:** The recent economic crash and resulting recession have dealt a crippling blow to far too many local families. With thousands laid off work, retirement nest eggs severely depleted and homes on the brink of foreclosure, these neighbors are facing the crisis of their lives. Their budgets strained to the breaking point, these households often face an impossible choice, "Do I pay my bills or do I put food on the table?" You can help feed these hungry neighbors by working a two-hour shift on Saturday, September 26 at the Factoria QFC asking shoppers to donate certain nutritional foods. There will be a sign up for our team of volunteers on the bulletin board as you leave church today. This is a great experience for a parent and school age child to have together.
- **NAMETAGS:** If you would like a nametag, fill out a request form (on the table in the narthex) and turn in to the office or place in the offering plate. Then next Sunday look for your nametag on the table. Please take it with you to keep (at home, in your car, in your purse...wherever works best for you) and of course wear!

All-Church

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 27 at 12:00 p.m. We will hear about their decision to present Janet DeWater as their candidate for our new Associate Pastor.
- **Lectionary Class** meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., in Room 14 (the newly named "Room of Requirement"—formerly Music Office) on the Lower Level. All are invited to come regularly or occasionally to discuss with the pastor the scriptures to be used in worship each Sunday. Park in the lower lot if you want to avoid the stairs.
- **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...come to the office and pick an open date from the green chart on the bulletin board. Sign-up and take a hand-out from the bulletin board—it will give you all the details you need plus a form for you to fill out for a bulletin announcement if desired.
- **SPEAKER:** John Dominic Crossan will present "Paul: an Appealing or Appalling Apostle?" October 16-18 at University Congregational United Church of Christ. Crossan will present ideas from his book, *The "First" Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon,* co-authored with Marcus Borg. The weekend includes programs Friday and Saturday, as well as an adult class and worship sermon Sunday morning. Tickets are \$50 if purchased by Oct. 7. For details, go to www.universityucc.org call 206-524-2322 ext 3447, or pick up a registration form in our office.

Volunteer and Mission Opportunities

- Newport is joining **Together We Build**, an Interfaith Coalition of Christians, Jews, and Muslims seeking to find common ground and learning from one another as we work together to build houses for low-income families in East King County. Together We Build will be working with Habitat for Humanity in their 8th annual build for six days in October. There will be building activities plus food preparation for a lunch served at the worksite each day. In addition, on October 11 there will be an Interfaith Worship Service. The build dates are October 9-11 and 15-17. Youth 16 and older are invited to join the build. Signups for each day will be limited due to the logistics of planning the build activities; you are encouraged to start planning which days you will attend. Details for signing up will be available in mid-September. Some of you know that Newport has been involved in previous Habitat Builds at Overlake Park and Newcastle. If you have questions, contact Gary Schwab, 425-391-4167.
- The **FAMILY and Adult Service Center** says **THANK YOU** for the generous and quick response to the urgent request for towels. Newport's Presbyterian Women collected over 50 towels. FASC has an on-going need for towels. They average 150 to 200 showers daily, and do approximately 80 loads of wash each day. The towels don't last long with constant washing. These are the only showers available for the growing number of street people in Seattle, and help prevent infections and the spread of disease. New and gently used bath size towels may be placed in the Towel Bin in the Narthex.
- **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE:** On Monday, September 21, activities will be offered at Bellevue College (Cafeteria), 7:00-9:00 p.m., including art, music, giant peace dove parade, world peace prayer ceremony, candle-lighting, and children's activities. Information: www.communitythreads.net
- **OPPORTUNITY:** Our Fishpond Preschool needs one or more church members to fill vacancies on its Board of Directors. The board meets monthly during the school year (usually the second Monday evening) to guide this school of about 80 students, and deeply values participation from church members. 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, or speak to Penny Grove or Patsy Benson, or e-mail fishpond@newportpres.org.
- **SHAREHOUSE EMPTY SHELVES FILLING:** Thank-you for the wonderful response to restock the linen and towel shelves at Sharehouse. There is a continuing need for all sorts of household items, so keep the Sharehouse bin in mind in the days ahead as you discovered good usable items around the house. Check the flier in the bin for a list.

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, 206-588-1277, or Judy Schwab, 425-391-4167. To be listed in the printed list of prayer concerns, contact the church office, 425-746-6111.
- **PEACE CANDLE:** The votive candle on the communion table is a prayerful reminder of those in danger in the Middle East, including our military and civilians and the people of Iraq, Afghanistan and other nations.

50th Anniversary Quiz

- Oops! When we listed the charter members of the church who are still active, we omitted Dot Gregoire. Sorry for the oversight.

September 20-27, 2009

Sunday, Sept. 20	8:45 am	Informal Worship	Sanctuary	
	9:35 am	Hospitality Time (informal)		
	9:45 am	Church School for all Ages		
	10:35 am	Hospitality Time		
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary	
	12:00 pm	Hospitality Time (informal)		
	4:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Great Hall	
	4:30-5:45	ELF "Sports Edition"	Lower Lawn	
Monday, Sept. 21	4:30-8:30 pm	Youth Groups	Great Hall/Youth Room	
		Mid High BBQ @ 4:30; Senior High BBQ @ 7:00; MAD @ 6:15		
	8:30 am	Men's Biking Group		
	1:00 pm	Newsletter Crew	Library	
	7:00 pm	Fishpond Board of Directors	Library	
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry	Homes	
	Tuesday, Sept. 22	9:30 am	Lectionary Class	Room 14
		7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Room 22
7:00 pm		Mission and Peacemaking Committee	Chapel	
7:15 pm		Membership and Hospitality Committee	Library	
Wednesday, Sept. 23	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Office	
	12:00 pm	AIDS Care Team	Library	
	7:00 pm	Deacons	Library	
	Thursday, Sept. 24	8:30 am	Men's Hiking Group	
9:30 am		Brunch Bunch	Homes	
6:00 pm		Praise Team	Sanctuary	
7:30 pm		Choir Rehearsal	Room 26/Sanctuary	
Friday, Sept. 25	10:00 am	Gardening Crew		
Saturday, Sept. 26	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	@ Denny's	
		Mayor's Day for the Hungry	@ QFC	
	7:00 pm	Play-Reading Group	@ Groves	
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For information on any church activities, events, or committees, call the office, 425-746-6111, or email us at office@newportpres.org or visit our website, www.newportpres.org