



CELEBRATING the past WELCOMING the future

Newport News

Sept. 21, 2009

Newport Presbyterian Church

HOT TOPIC: COFFEE

Like a cup of coffee BEFORE church? The coffee crew is looking for a few first service folks to start brewing and set out a couple of cups. If you'd like to learn how to operate the coffee maker and find out where the cups live, please contact Andrea Strom or Rob Williams and they'll set you up for a quick tutorial. It's easy and a nice way to serve your congregation. See the Sunday a.m. schedule for our regular coffee serving times (pg. 6).



Congregational Meeting called for Sept. 27

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.

About our 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.

Save the date for Fall Clean-up
Saturday, October 17
9:00 a.m., lunch provided

A chance to serve

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.



Creation + Green = Good

Newport Green

On August 11, 2009, Session updated Newport's Identity/Mission/Vision Statement. The last sentence now includes

the word, "creation." It reads, "May we continue, pastors and congregants alike, to be guided by the Spirit, awakened anew to the truth that God is the God of all people and creation, and be ever open to the mystery of our faith." Take a look at the full Statement next time the Friendship Folder is passed to you Sunday during worship.

This last year Newport has joined Earth Ministry and has offered classes in Faith and the Environment and in Food Justice. We have shared in this Newsletter how the care of our beautiful grounds and how the remodels of the Sanctuary, Atrium, and Great Hall have incorporated sound environmental products and practices. We've created a Newport Green bulletin board and placed a notebook of creation-care essays in the library. Your ideas are welcome!

Can we pray for you?

Prayer Chain

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 included in the printed list of prayer concerns, contact the church office, 425-746-6111. In the same vein, if you would like to be removed from our list, let one of us know.

Church Family

IN OUR PRAYERS:
Leslie Toschi (recovering from surgery); **Lucy Tuff** (with ongoing health concerns).

Also, **Sokhary Bin Neang**, a member of one of the refugee families sponsored by Newport, passed away September 9. Please pray for her husband, Bon Hor Neang, and their son, Andy, who is a graduate student at the University of Washington.

Partner up for the Sandwich Board Dance

Membership & Hospitality

You've seen the NPC Sandwich Board at the bottom of the hill directing you to church on Sundays, but how does it get there? And why?

Well, someone places it there so visitors can find their way to our beautiful, welcoming church. It needs to be placed BEFORE church (about 8:25 a.m.) and picked up AFTER church (12:00 p.m.). It lives in the coat room off the atrium, (or in the back of MY car if no one signs up). Think TEAM WORK—my plan is to get someone to take the BEFORE shift and someone to take the AFTER shift. So if you sign up you only have to do half the job! Please contact Andrea Strom stromcamp@comcast.net or 425-226-4666 for more details. Take a month, a week, whatever works for you and THANKS!

MEMORY BOOK

Included in this newsletter is the second of a series of special anniversary celebration pages. We encourage you to collect and collate the pages as you receive them to create your own memory book.

Thank-you, Fishpond

Property

Once again, our resident pre-school has made a tremendous gift to the mission and ministry of Newport by putting new carpet and vinyl on the floors, painting the walls and installing new bathroom fixtures in the four classrooms on the south corridor. This is a gift of money and volunteer labor, made possible by the faithful stewardship of the Fishpond Board and Director Keri Cable. Members of the Fishpond Board are Nancy O'Leary, Penny Grove, Patsy Benson, Sue Mattson, Ann Huber, Keri Cable, Darlene Wang, Krista Pittiglio, Anne Dahlin, and Marcia O'Donoghue.

Boy Scouts upgrade trail

We can thank John Osmond and Boy Scout Troop 499 for enhancing the trail around the south wetland. They worked two days, August 28 and 29, to make the trail more accessible by outlining it with branches, removing ivy and blackberries, spreading wood chips, and building steps on a steep portion. This is John's Eagle Scout project and is the fourth improvement at Newport to come from Troop 499. Elder Rob Williams is a member of the troop committee.

Giving in Hope

How we share now shapes our future

Often when I sit down to write my newsletter article, I look at what I said last year at this time. Last October the title given to my article was “Weathering the Storm.” I talked about giving to the church in the midst of the growing recession. I don’t think I realized back then how bad the storm of last October was going to get.

I am reminded of our all-church retreat at Westport this past Labor Day Weekend. That was one of the windiest and wettest weekends I have ever experienced in a tent! Sandy and I did not go until Saturday morning. Apparently Friday night was even worse than Saturday night. Tarps were blown away. Canopies were snapped. Some woke to a river running inside their tent.

Yet, in spite of the storm, we shared a wonderful potluck dinner Saturday night that has come to be a highlight of this camping trip. We gathered around a campfire to worship on Sunday morning. And we ate Fred Antrobus’ cinnamon rolls (another highlight that can’t be described, only experienced!) We were church in the midst of the storm. We shared food. We sang, prayed, and talked about the meaning of the scripture passage for our lives. We enjoyed each other’s company. We laughed in the face of the camping hardships we faced. (And then we packed up and went home—HA!)

I guess what I am trying to convey is this: When life gets stormy, which it seems to be doing a lot these days, there is no better place to be than the Church. Newport has been that place for many folks these past fifty years. We will be celebrating many of those stories in the coming months.

If we want our Church to be around for the next fifty years for our children and grandchildren, then how we, in our time, share the many gifts we have been given is central.

We have said over and over again that giving is not about giving to a budget. We give because we grow spiritually when we are generous. We give because it is the right thing to do. We give out of a deep gratitude for all that has been given to us even in stormy times.



Patten's Perspective

A message from
Pastor Jim Patten

This year, I want to add another reason to give. We give in hope. Newport has a unique vision and perspective among Presbyterians in this area. We say that all the time, but it is true. There are very few Presbyterian churches in this area that would share the pulpit with a Muslim and participate in an

interfaith dialogue in our house of worship where the Quran is read alongside the Bible. I cherish Newport’s openness to such a dialogue.

We are strong as a church because of the fine staff I work with. We are strong as a church because of our commitment to justice and mission. Both those areas of the budget are in danger of seeing tough cuts if our stewardship campaign does not achieve substantial increased giving.

Despite these tough economic times we are solid financially because of the careful stewardship of your finance committee, our treasurer and financial secretary, and our session. But, it is important for the whole church to know accurately the situation we face should our budget need to shrink.

We will get through this storm we call the recession. God is good. Some will not be able to step up and give more. But, many others may be in the position to take the next step of faith in their giving. I pray whatever any of us decide to pledge, those pledges will be an expression of gratitude for what God has already done in the past, and of hope for what God will do in our immediate future, and the next fifty years of Newport’s history.

See you in worship.

Jim

Thanks for towels; keep them coming!

Presbyterian Women

The Family and Adult Service Center says **THANK YOU** for the generous and quick response to the urgent request for towels. 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. The showers are needed to prevent infections and spreading of disease. These are the only showers available for the growing number of street people in Seattle. New and gently used bath size towels may be placed in the Towel Bin in the Narthex.

'Together We Build' offers chance to help and learn

Mission & Peacemaking

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.

"Together We Build"

Build Dates

October 9-11

October 15-17

Your letters made a difference, says Bread for the World

David Beckman, president of Bread for the World, has announced that on August 31 President Obama signed a Presidential Study Directive authorizing a government-wide review of global development policy. You helped achieve this action!

You may remember that some months ago we participated in a letter writing campaign for Bread for the World to urge our national legislators to make our global development policy more effective. Since then legislation to accomplish this goal has been introduced in both houses of Congress. Rep. David Reichert has cosponsored the bill along with 99 other representatives. Now, we can help get Senate cosponsors for S. 1524 The Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act. You can write our two Senators directly or go to breadfortheworld.org and send a message through the website.

Bridge Ministries gathering for folks with disabilities Oct. 18

Come join in the fun and fellowship as we host a time of games, dinner, crafts, and singing with a large group of folks supported by Bridge Disability Ministries. We will gather Sunday, October 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m., in our Great Hall and Atrium. It's a special time looked forward to by the group as they gather together in a church each month. We need cookie and casserole makers as well as volunteers to help with setup, decorations, greeting, table hosting, and kitchen help. Watch for the signup board in the Narthex on October 4 and 11. Bring the greatest contribution to the gathering: yourself! Questions? Call Jack Roos, 425 454-9846.

Mission & Peacemaking, and Membership and Hospitality Committees

New fall adult classes look at art, parenting

Christian Education

Two new Adult Christian Education classes will begin on September 27, meeting from 9:45 to 10:35. Please come regularly, or occasionally. Children attend their Sunday School classes at the same time, and the nursery is open.

Tantalizing Romance in Christianity and Art

This four-week class will be taught by Dr. Michael Macdonald. He will focus on the role of romance in Christianity (emphasis on hope, heaven, and C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*); in art (emphasis on music and Beethoven's 9th Symphony); and in literature (emphasis on Mark Twain, especially *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn*). Class will meet in the Chapel.

Professor Macdonald's thesis is that an understanding of the deepest and most profound meaning of romance brings us to the deepest and most profound of our human longings. Our greatest desire is to go beyond the many-times-wonderful but ultimately unsatisfying world we experience through the senses to arrive at a world even more wonderful and permanent.

September 27:	Definition and explication of theme
October 4:	C.S. Lewis (esp.) and Phillip Yancey and N.T. Wright on hope
October 11:	Hope/joy as expressed in art and literature (esp. Beethoven and Mark Twain)
October 18:	Review and discussion of course theme
Course moral:	Without Jesus Christ, romance in this sense does not work.

Instructor: Dr. Michael Macdonald, emeritus professor of European Studies and for many years Director of the C.S. Lewis Institute at Seattle Pacific University, retired in June 2007 after a 40-year career. Professor Macdonald, past president of both the Pacific Northwest Council of Foreign Languages and the Northwest Conference on Philosophy, is the author/editor of numerous articles and reviews as well as co-editor of *G.K. Chesterton and C.S. Lewis: The Riddle of Joy* and *Permanent Things* (both published by Eerdmans), and *Europe: A Tantalizing Romance* (published by University Press of America). He is currently President of the SPU emeriti faculty.



Parenting faithfully. . .or at least trying!

Have you ever wondered if you know enough about God and the Bible to teach your children? Are you completely stymied by the different versions of the Bible that are available, RSV, NIV, KJV, IDK, etc.? Are you at a loss as to how to encourage faithfulness in your home? Then come and join with other parents who are asking the same questions! Pastors Janet and Jim will lead a discussion-based class for parents in the hope of answering these and other questions you may have. We'll even have an anonymous question box! Join us, beginning September 27 in Room 14 on the lower level, during the Sunday School hour (9:45—10:35). Coffee provided!

Popular author Crossan to speak in October

Opportunity

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.

Introducing Rob Williams, Willow Ministry Unit

Deacons Corner

Rob Williams is the deacon of Willow Ministry Unit. Not only is this Rob's second time serving as deacon (from 2001-03 he was deacon of Chi Ministry Unit), he has also been an elder two times since he joined Newport in 1979. Rob has acted as convener for the Christian Education and Worship Committees and served on the Membership and Hospitality Committee. He has been an Usher Coordinator, Senior high youth advisor with his wife, Glynis, in the '80s, helped with deputation trips to Cle Elum and Coos Bay and assisted Paul Boys with 4th grade Sunday School for several years. The family has attended Labor day retreats and Rob has served on many Koinonia weekends in creating Christian Community. He currently produces the attendance record reports used by the membership committee and deacons.



Glynis, Rob's wife, joined Newport in 1981 along with their two children, Ian and Erin. Ian and Erin were involved in all of the youth activities from Fishpond through Senior High, including deputation trips and youth triennium. Ian was first cared for in the nursery when he was five days old and then played baby Jesus in the Christmas Eve service six weeks later. Ian now attends Palmer Chiropractor College in Davenport, IA, and Erin works at the Puget Sound Credit Union in Seattle.

Rob grew up in a Presbyterian family in Bozeman, Montana. They attended Bozeman First Presbyterian and Rob found a deputation trip to Idaho memorable.

He earned an Electrical Engineering degree from Montana State and in 1974 moved to Newcastle when he was offered a job at Boeing. He has been at Boeing for 35 years, working on a variety of military programs (e.g., B-1, B-2, B-52, F-22).

Rob brings his own scouting experience to the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce where he coordinates Eagle Scout projects. Newport has benefited from these projects. For example, just a month ago, John Osmond's project added bark to the trail along the south wetland. Previous Eagle Scout projects include cleaning up the north end of the wetland, building a retaining wall around the garbage container and a ramp outside the kitchen door on the east side of the church.

Rob has also served on the Newport Habitat for Humanity Build in 1999-2001, both on the committee and pounding nails.

Rob is an experienced and enthusiastic climber. This year he plans to travel to Tanzania to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,331 feet), which will add to his already impressive record of summiting Argentina's Mt Aconagua two out of four climbs. This is the highest peak outside of Asia (22,841 feet). He has also summited Alaska's Denali (20,320 feet) three out of five climbs—once solo—and trekked in Patagonia.

Rob, in poetic fashion, sums up his passions with three Cs—Climbing, Computers, and Compassion for the World.

As deacon, Rob would like to “learn something about each person or family in his group and enable each person or family to feel welcomed and appreciated by others.”

Sunday morning @ Newport

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| 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 |

October 2009

Newport Presbyterian Church

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	1-Claudia Mansfield 2-Janet DeWater 2-Kelley Phillips 2-Rhonda Juliano 2-C.A. Mansfield 4-Nancy Ellingham 4-Curtis Ohrt 5-Paul Boys 5-Megan Jacobs 5-Mary Woods 6-Wayne Spohn 7-Nora DeWater	8-Andrea Strom 8-Bruce Raven Stark 10-Judy Schwab 11-Jeremy Ebbers 11-Mollie Ohrt 12-Doug Farnham 12-John O'Leary 13-Lee Strom 15-Maya Verity 16-Lucy Harms 17-Ben Antrobus 17-Jackie Tanner	18-Spencer Phillips 21-Gary Schwab 21-Ken Woods 22-Lance Richert 23-Melanie Toschi 25-Jessica Batzel 26-Arjan Benthem 27-Bob Monson 28-Don Campbell 28-Stella Batzel 28-Justin Anderson 28-Taku Kusakabe	29-Wes Sikkema 30-David Ruckhaber 30-Fred Thompson 31-Frances Peppard 31-Ron Ranheim If you have an October birthday and are not listed, please notify the office so we can include you next year.	<i>1</i> 9:00 Men's Hiking Group 11:00 J.O.Y. Circle—Library 6:00 Praise Team—Sanctuary 7:30 Choir—Sanctuary	<i>2</i> 10:00 Garden Crew	<i>3</i> 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's
	<i>4</i> Communion 8:45 Worship 9:35 Hospitality 9:45 Church School 10:35 Hospitality 11:00 Worship 12:00 Hospitality time 12:15 Healing & Wholeness Service—Chapel 4:00 Handbells—GH 4:30 Youth Groups—GH/Youth Room	<i>5</i> 9:00 Men's Biking Group 10:00 Ruth Circle—Library 7:30 Grace Circle—Homes	<i>6</i> 9:30 Lectionary—Room 14 7:00 Property—#29	<i>7</i> 2:30 50th Celebration Task Force—Library 7:00 Worship Comm.—Chapel 8:00 S&F—Library	<i>8</i> 9:00 Men's Hiking Group 9:30 Brunch Bunch homes 6:00 Praise Team—Sanctuary 7:30 Choir—Sanctuary	<i>9</i> 10:00 Garden Crew	<i>10</i> 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Denny's All-Church Workday at Habitat for Humanity, Sammamish Ridge
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Hands-on Mission Hours Given

AUGUST 2009

To Newport Church: 124

To Community: 318

Total: 445

We've compiled the hours you have given to hands-on mission projects. The total for the year is 4805

Newsletter Deadline

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

Deadline for the next newsletter is **Wednesday, October 14 2009** It will be mailed **Monday, October 19, 2009.**

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Lectionary Readings

September 27, 2009

Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Ps. 124;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

October 4, 2009

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps. 26; Heb. 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 11, 2009

Job. 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15; Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 18, 2009

Job. 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps. 104:1-9, 35c; Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45