



**Welcome to**  
**Newport Presbyterian Church**  
*Welcoming in Spirit; Progressive in Theology*  
November 29, 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**

- **CHRISTMAS AT NEWPORT:** Join us after worship today for our annual shared Advent meal, craft activity and greening of the church beginning at noon. Following the greening we will conclude with the installation service at 1:30 p.m. of Janet DeWater as our called Associate Pastor.
- **FRIENDSHIP TABLE:** Please stop by today and sign cards for those in our congregation who need a greeting, a prayer, or a boost.

**All-Church**

- **ADVENT BOOKLETS:** Enrich your preparation this Advent by reading *OUR COMMUNITY AWAITS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: STORIES FROM NEWPORT*. A copy for your family is available in the Atrium.
- **POINSETTIA DONATIONS:** During December we invite the congregation to donate funds to help decorate our worship space for Christmas Eve. A dedication in honor or memory of a loved one will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. A form is included in today's bulletin. The suggested donation is \$10.00; any excess funds will be donated to Hopelink. Make your check payable to Newport Presbyterian Church
- **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.

**Adults**

- **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** meet each Sunday at 9:45.  
"PARENTING FAITHFULLY" class resumes next Sunday, December 6. This dynamic group of parents with active children seeks ways to talk about God with the next generation. Led by Pastor Janet DeWater in Room 14 (Lower Level). Please join us!  
**FAITH STORIES:** Pastor Jim Patten will lead a lively literary discussion of short stories published in the book *Faith Stories*, edited by C. Michael Curtis. We will read the following stories: 11/29—"My Son the Fanatic" (67-76); 12/6—"The Third Generation" (169-188); 12/13—"Full Day" (159-168); 12/20—"The Comedian" (77-89). Meets in the Chapel

**Volunteer and Mission Opportunities**

- **GIVING TREE:** Newport's Giving Tree this year will again benefit the Bellevue Hopelink's Holiday Gift Room and Treehouse (children in foster care). Hopelink sets up a Gift Room where parents and grandparents have an opportunity to shop with points for clothing and toys for their children. Foster parents can also pick at Treehouse the gift best for the children in their care. Please check select one or more tags from the tree in the narthex, purchase the item and return it UNWRAPPED to the Tree before December 15. Members of the Mission Committee will deliver the gifts to Hopelink and the Huber family will deliver to Treehouse. If you would particularly like your gift to go to Tree-house, please mark it as such. If you wish to bring items other than those listed on the tags, here are a few suggestions: socks, tights, underwear and jackets for children and teens; gift certificates to fast food places, movies, video stores; toiletries for guys, cosmetics, watches radios, teen jewelry. Gift wrap is also greatly appreciated for the gift wrapping service or for families to take with them.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Hopelink can use volunteers around December 15 to set up the Gift Room, sort donations etc. On December 21 and 22, help is needed to assist those shopping for gifts, with gift wrap etc. If you are interested, please contact Gerald Wright at the Bellevue Hopelink at 425-943-7558.
- **CLOTHING REQUESTED:** Family and Adult Service Center requests warm clothing for a growing number of homeless men and families: warm jackets, shirts, sweaters, sweat shirts, hats, scarves, gloves, socks for men and women; large and extra large size most needed. Other needed items: towels and notions; new or used sports bags. All clothing should be new as it is given as Christmas gifts. Please DO NOT WRAP your gifts as the committee will try to equalize contents before wrapping. Bring them by December 13. Place in the large box in the Atrium, or in the bin at our new donation station in the narthex. Questions? Bea Polinsky, 425-746-6923 or Amy Farnham, 425-687-9006.
- **WARM FOR WINTER:** The Interfaith Network of WA and the Warm for Winter project are asking for donations of home-made scarves and hats for the homeless. "On any given night in King County over 8,500 persons have no place to call home. . . over 4,000 (of them) unsheltered most nights." Most are men. Items may be knitted, crocheted or made of fleece. Or you may donate funds to a friend to make them for you. We will have a dedication service for the hats and scarves on Sunday, December 13, at both services. Bring your handmade items to church anytime between now and then, or give them to Mary Hanke. Call 425-885-9783 for information. Brochures will be on a table in the atrium. Many thanks for your generosity.
- **The Census is being taken soon.** It is critical we have an accurate count because federal monies coming into our county for all sorts of human services and other projects are dependent on the data collected in the census. Some in the Ecumenical Elders meeting are encouraging church people to get involved. Gary Skinner is happy to organize a meeting with the US Census Bureau Partnership Specialist, Hilary Bingham. Please contact him if you are interested or call her directly at (206) 719-0479.

## Save the Date

- **Meekhof Lecture** with Tony Robinson January 15-17.
- **Congregational Meeting** January 24.
- **Annual Lay Musicians' Benefit Concert** at First Congregational Church on Sunday, January 31.

## Around Town

- **John Knox Presbyterian Church**, 109 SW Normandy Road, Seattle; will hold its "**Community Faire**" Saturday, December 5, 9:30 to 4:00; featuring arts, crafts, and gifts; holiday bakery; Celtic Café; festive music; dance performances; and free hot apple cider. Proceeds benefit the John Knox Community Preschool.
- **SAMARITAN CENTER HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT:** Thursday, December 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m., 6417 Roosevelt Way NE, #101, Seattle (free underground parking): Shop at the Ten Thousand Villages shop and 15% of each purchase will be donated to Samaritan Center (formerly Presbyterian Counseling Service). Items include an array of fair-traded goods from around the world.

## 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 Celebration

### **HISTORY TIDBITS:**

- Thanksgiving—Over the years Newport has worshipped with First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, Overlake Park, Redmond, Issaquah (Pine Lake), Korean Pilgrim, St. Clement's and at a community-wide service at Lake Hills Community Church.



## November 29—December 6, 2009

### Today, Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent

8:45 am	<b>Informal Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:35 am	Hospitality Time (informal)	
9:45 am	Church School for all Ages	
9:45 am	Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:35 am	Hospitality Time	
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas at Newport</b>	
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Installation of Janet DeWater</b>	Sanctuary
4:30-8:30	Youth Groups	Youth Room/Great Hall

### Monday, Nov. 30

9:00 am	Men's Biking Group	
1:00 pm	Grace Circle	@ Neoma Lawrenson's

### Tuesday, Dec. 1

9:30 am	Lectionary Class Room 14	
7:00 pm	Property Committee	Room 29
7:00 pm	Personnel Committee	Library

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

11:00 am	Staff Meeting	
7:00 pm	Deacons	
7:00 pm	Worship Committee	Chapel

### Thursday, Dec. 3

9:00 am	Men's Hiking Group	
11:00 am	J.O.Y. Circle	Room 26
6:00 pm	Praise Team	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Stewardship & Finance Committee	Library
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Room 26/Sanctuary

### Friday, Dec. 4

### Saturday, Dec. 5

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	@ Plum Delicious
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### Sunday, Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 am	<b>Informal Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:35 am	Hospitality Time (informal)	
9:45 am	Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Church School for all Ages	
10:35 am	Hospitality Time	
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:00 pm	Hospitality Time (informal)	
12:15 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:30-8:30	Youth Groups	Youth Room/Great Hall



For information on any church activities, events, or committees, call the office, 425-746-6111, or email us at [office@newportpres.org](mailto:office@newportpres.org).