

December 6-13, 2009

Today, Dec. 6

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, Dec. 7

9:00 am	Men's Biking Group	
10:00 am	Ruth Circle	Library

Tuesday, Dec. 8

9:30 am	Lectionary Class	Room 14
10:30 am	Presbyterian Women	Library
7:00 pm	Session	Atrium

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Thursday, Dec. 10

9:00 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, Dec. 11

Saturday, Dec. 12

Sunday, Dec. 13

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	@ Plum Delicious
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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



Welcome to
Newport Presbyterian Church
Welcoming in Spirit; Progressive in Theology
 December 6, 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

- **FRIENDSHIP TABLE:** Please stop by today and sign cards for those in our congregation who need a greeting, a prayer, or a boost.
- **COMMUNION SERVERS:** Martha Garmanian, Peggy Felton, John O'Leary, MaryAnn Eschbach, Martha Schroeder, Melissa Brooks

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.
- **CARE NOTES:** We have received some new Care Notes; some deal with Christmas. Look them over and take any you feel will be helpful. These are available to you through Newport's Stephen Ministry.

Adults

- **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** meet each Sunday at 9:45. "PARENTING FAITHFULLY" class resumes today. 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 is leading a lively literary discussion of short stories published in the book *Faith Stories*,” edited by C. Michael Curtis. We will continue to read the following stories: 12/6-“The Third Generation” (169-188); 12/13-“Full Day” (159-168); 12/20 -“The Comedian” (77-89). We meet in the Chapel.

Volunteer and Mission Opportunities

- **HOPELINK’S TWELVE DAYS OF GIVING:** Hopelink is asking people to consider giving a \$12 donation (for the 12 days of Christmas) this December. With need up, and overall donations down, this would make a huge difference in their ability to help more families. For information go to www.hope-link.org and click on the *Twelve Days of Giving* banner at the top of the page.
- **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.



Mission & Peacekeeping News

Instead of hanging a bulletin board on our clean new walls, the M & P Committee will be showing slides of NPC’s mission activities. Projects displayed will include the Bridge Ministries celebration, disaster reconstruction, the Mayors’ Day of Concern, food banks, furniture drives, Sophia’s Way, Christmas Gift Fair and other items of interest. There is always something going on and we want the congregation to know how its donations are being spent and where our time and energy goes with respect to helping the community. The next slide show will be December 20 during the coffee hour (between the services). Look for us in one of the conversation nooks near the coffee and snack tables.

Also the next food sale will be on December 20 so stop by and purchase some food for the Renewal Food Bank.

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.
- **Creative Arts Show** The Celebration of Newport's Creative Talent event will be Sunday evening, February 7. Start creating or selecting now for this festive appetizer supper and art show.

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:

- 12/2/73—Installation of new organ
- 12/4/83—Dedication of Lay Care Team (predecessor of Stephen Ministry—Patty Boys, Paul Boys, Ginny Crowder, Fred Dunlap, Janet Harron, Joan Merritt, Doris Strom, Karl Strom, Dee Tucker, Jean Wang and Carol Kelly were part of the team
- 12/4/97—Dave Meekhof inaugurated as President of Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska
- 12/1/91—Gary Schwab’s first Sunday—six liturgical dancers including Petty Felton and Penny Grove

