

December 13-20, 2009

Today, Dec. 13



Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 am	Informal Worship	Sanctuary
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	
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
9:00 am	Men's Biking Group	
7:00pm	Fishpond Board	Library
9:30 am	Lectionary Class	Room 14
12:00pm	AIDS Care Team	Library
12:00pm	Deborah Circle	Cindi Rezabek's Home
	Newsletter Deadline	
11:00am	Fishpond Christmas Program	Sanctuary



Monday, Dec. 14

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Thursday, Dec. 17

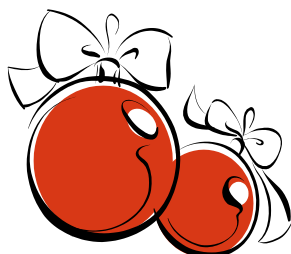
Friday, Dec. 18

Saturday, Dec. 19

Sunday, Dec. 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	@ Plum Delicious
8:45 am	Informal Worship	Sanctuary
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Welcome to
Newport Presbyterian Church
Welcoming in Spirit; Progressive in Theology
 December 13, 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.

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:** Forms are still available in the narthex for you to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The names will be included in the Christmas Eve 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. They are located on the wallboard in the narthex. 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 meets in Room 14 (lower level). This dynamic group of parents with active children seeks ways to talk about God with the next generation. Led by Pastor Janet DeWater. 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: 12/13-"Full Day" (159-168); 12/20-"The Comedian" (77-89). We meet in the Chapel.

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

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:** Unwrapped gifts must be returned to the Giving tree **before December 15**. The will be delivered to Hopelink and Tree-house; if you would particularly like your gift to go to Tree-house, please mark it as such. 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.
- **WARM FOR WINTER:** Thank you for your donations for the homeless of home-made hats and scarves for the Interfaith Network of WA and the Warm for Winter project. "On any given night in King County over 8,500 persons mostly men) have no place to call home. . . over 4,000 (of them) unsheltered most nights." With our extremely cold weather recently these items will be greatly appreciated by those in need. Again, thank you for your generosity. Mary Hanke

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.
- **IN OUR PRAYERS:** **Chris Antrobus** (hip replacement surgery); **Daryle Harvey** (health concerns); **Lynne McClintock** (diagnosed with MS), **Wes Sikkema** (health concerns); **Jon Welsh** (son of Barbara & Bob Welsh—cancer)

50th Anniversary Celebration History Tidbits

- 12/11/60—Seattle Council of Churches televised University Presbyterian Church's service which showed Newport Presbyterian's new pastor (Dave Meekhof) and the site for the our new church building
- 12/16/62—First worship service in new sanctuary
- 12/12/87—Mariners held a progressive dinner
- 12/14/87—Newport Handbell Choir played at Factoria Mall



BAHAI ADULT CLASS

The Bahai Spiritual Assembly of Newcastle that recently taught an adult class at Newport has invited any who would like to learn more about what Bahai's believe in a 90-minute weekly class lasting 8 to 10 weeks on "Reflections on the Life of the Spirit." It will meet at the home of Simin and Parviz Rahmany at 7627 118th Ave SE, Newcastle starting on December 17th at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested please RSVP Simin at 425-254-8857.

About our Chrismon Tree

The tree in our sanctuary is a "Chrismon Tree." The word "Chrismon" is an ancient Latin word which means Christ-Monogram. In other words, a Chrismon is a symbol of Christ. A Chrismon ornament is always white, gold, or white and gold combined. White represents God's purity and gold symbolizes God's majesty and glory. The following Chrismons are found on our tree:

4 Point or "Natal" star – shaped like a cross to symbolize the purpose of Jesus' birth.

Manger – symbolizing Jesus' birth.

Shepherd's Rod – Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd."

Butterfly – resurrection hope, old life to new, "...if anyone is in Christ they are a new creation."

Latin Cross – represents the instrument of crucifixion become the symbol of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Gospel Cross – the arms and legs of this cross stretch wider at the outer edges to show the good news being proclaimed to the corners of the earth.

Four Candles – represent the advent candles as we wait and prepare for the light of the world. A crown is used with the candles indicating that we live in expectation of the king.

Dove – the descending dove symbolizes the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Shell – a traditional symbol of baptism and in particular of Jesus' baptism.

IHS – a monogram of the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek

IXOYC – used by the early persecuted christians to secretly symbolize their faith in Jesus Christ, the letters 'IXOYC' are the Greek initials of the words for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. They also spell the Greek word for fish.