



Newport United Methodist Church
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Jesus Christ, *Head*
The Congregation, *Ministers*
Rev. Linda J. Gesling, *Pastor*



-a Retreat in the City-

*Newport United Methodist Church is a people of God
dedicated to following the teaching of Jesus
so that we and others can grow in our faith.*

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Linda Gesling, Pastor

Gathering

We come together in the name of the Lord.

Please record your attendance by signing the registration pad -
members, friends and visitors alike.

Prelude Judy Lieftring, Organist

Lighting of the Candles
Church Bell Toll

Symbol of the Spirit's Presence

Introit "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" Natalie Sleeth
No. 2271 Newport UMC Choir

Announcements

Call to Worship
Happy are those who walk in God's ways.
**Blessed are those who observe God's
commandments.**

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed
on righteousness.

**Joyful are those whose hearts are filled
with praise.**

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**We come to worship the One who leads us
in the ways of life.**

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
No. 89

Greeting One Another

Anthem "Lord, Make Us Messengers of Your Peace" Jan Carneghi
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Unison Prayer

**Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against
the powers that would draw us away from your love.**

**Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long
in the land you have prepared for us.**

**Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart, and guide us to walk in
your ways,**

that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share.

**May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others,
as we hold fast to the gift of faith.**

**Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light,
that our days may be filled with grace. Amen. (J. Wayne Pratt)**

*Hymn
No. 467

"Trust and Obey"

Scripture Lessons **Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (OT p.186)**
Matthew 5:21-37 (NT p. 4-5)

Sermon Pastor Linda

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, as we present these offerings, may we be reminded of the
many blessings you have shared with us as individuals, and as a com-
munity of believers. You have fed us with the milk of your grace,
and have nurtured us with a love that knows no limits or boundaries.
May our sharing this day reveal our priorities and our promises, for
we belong to you and offer you our gifts, that they may be used in
mission and in ministry to bring glory to you, our Creator, Redeem-
er, and Sustainer. Amen.

Prayer Requests

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*Hymn
No. 410

"I Want a Principle Within"

Sending Forth

The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.

*Circle of Benediction

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
No. 557, verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Extinguishing of the Candles
Taking the Light into the World

Church Bell Toll

Postlude

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
USHERS' TABLE.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

Today's ushers have kindly volunteered.
 Last Sunday's ushers were Sherry Elg and Tracy Birttnen.
 Acolytes were Donald Birttnen and Vance Heidenreich.

If you would like to provide flowers in
 dedication to a loved one, or an occasion, contact the church
 office so that it can be noted in the bulletin.

Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, February 12		<i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Social Time, Adult Study
Monday, February 13	6:30-8:30 pm	Shawl We Knit?-NUMC
Wednesday, February 15	6:30 p.m.	Voice Choir, S
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir, FH
Thursday, February 16	Noon	Red Rockers, North Pole, Npt
Saturday, February 18	1:30 p.m.	United Church of God Service
Golden Chili Cup and Silent Auction for <i>Be The Tool</i>		
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; silent auction ends at 7:30		
Cost \$15 Location: Faith UMC		
1530 Oakdale Ave		
W. St. Paul		
***Be The Tool travels to New Orleans April 22-30.		
Pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.		
Sunday, February 19		<i>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Social Time, Adult Study
<i>Noon-3 pm</i>		<i>Sharon Hanson's Big Birthday, FH</i>
Wednesday, February 22	6:30 p.m.	Voice Choir, S
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir, FH
Thursday, February 23	9am-4pm	Angel Closet, N
Saturday, February 25	1:30 p.m.	United Church of God Service
Sunday, February 26		<i>Eighth Sunday after Epiphany</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Social Time, Adult Study

Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday; Lent begins.

Upholding the Church with our...

Prayers : for the family of **Marion Meyer who passed away last Sunday;** for **Arnie Larson's family** on the passing of his brother; for Marilyn Campbell's friend **Helen Miller** who suffered her third heart attack; for **Marilyn's group of school nurse alumnae** on the passing of coworker **Shirley Nelson (prayers, please for Shirley's family too)** for **Chuck and Joanne Zutz and their grandson** in a very difficult time; for Sue Bay's friend **Marilyn Meyers** who suffered a heart attack on the 21st; for **the Bernard family** on the death of their mother **Nancy;** for **Oneida Zavoral's family** on the passing of her last brother; for **Bruce Timm** who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer; for the Reynolds daughters' cousin **David Hartenstein** who has Stage 4 lung cancer; for Christi Nelson's cousin **Kathy Fallgatter** who will be having open heart surgery; for the Bays' friend **Phyllis Melbo** who is in treatment for breast cancer; for Jill's brother-in-law **Scott Reger** who is having surgery soon; for **Vicki Toepper, Karen Allen, Connie Gebur, Andrew Ladwig, Nancy Anderson, Dave Swanlund, Lowell Pommerening, Jeanie Hegberg, Bill Larson, Lorinda Cozad, Sue Peterson...**
We pray for immigrants coming and trying to come into the United States; for everyone in the South affected by tornadoes and flooding; for the families of the victims of attacks at the Fort Lauderdale Airport and in Berlin, Baghdad, and Istanbul; we pray for the people of Aleppo, Syria that they may find safer refuge; we pray for the police and first responders whose jobs are often difficult and dangerous; and for the victims of storms throughout the country; for victims of violence all around us; for children who have suffered abuse; for all families whose loved ones are missing.
 Pleaae keep **Tonnie Bailey** in your prayers for continued recovery.
We pray for wisdom and desire for justice in newly elected office holders.

Joys: **Lou Cowart's** surgery went well and he's recovering at home!
Sherry Elg's tests all clear; **Barb Cullinen** had successful surgery to remove a tumor on the spine; **Steve Twohy**, while very weak, is improving!

Thanks to God for good outcomes!

Perhaps you have asked us to uphold a loved one in our prayers. If so please give us an update as their conditions change, as a joy or a concern.

Presence: Last week's Attendance at Worship =36
Gifts: Last week's total Offering = \$1590

Service: Thanks to Tracy Birttnen, Sue Bay, and Sandi Heidenreich for their dedication to Angel Closet.

There is a **sign-up sheet** on the **narthex bulletin board** for those who are **interested in serving** as an **usher, greeter, or acolyte.**

Welcome to our Visitors ...

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return many times and to bring others with you.

Nursery care for children under 3 years of age is available during the worship service. Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month and is open for all to receive as a sacramental gift from God.

We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call Pastor Linda for an appointment. If you would like to discuss baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the pastor. Persons desiring to marry may speak with the pastor to schedule pre-marital counseling. We are willing to provide additional services as needed - simply call the church office (651/459-2747, at extension 1).

You are cordially invited to become an active participant of any of our program opportunities as noted in our weekly bulletin. Christian Education is available September through May for adults. If you enjoy music, you are welcome to join our voice and handbell choirs. We share in a growing ministry where volunteer opportunities are available, matching your skills to church and community needs.

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, *The Key*, or wish to make a comment/suggestion, please note such on the back of a prayer request card found in the pew pocket and place it on the offering plate. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for.

Newport United Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Linda Gesling	Pastor
Judy Lieffring	Director of Music
Mike Nelson	Handbell Choir Director, Administrative Asst.
John Brenneman	Treasurer
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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays
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