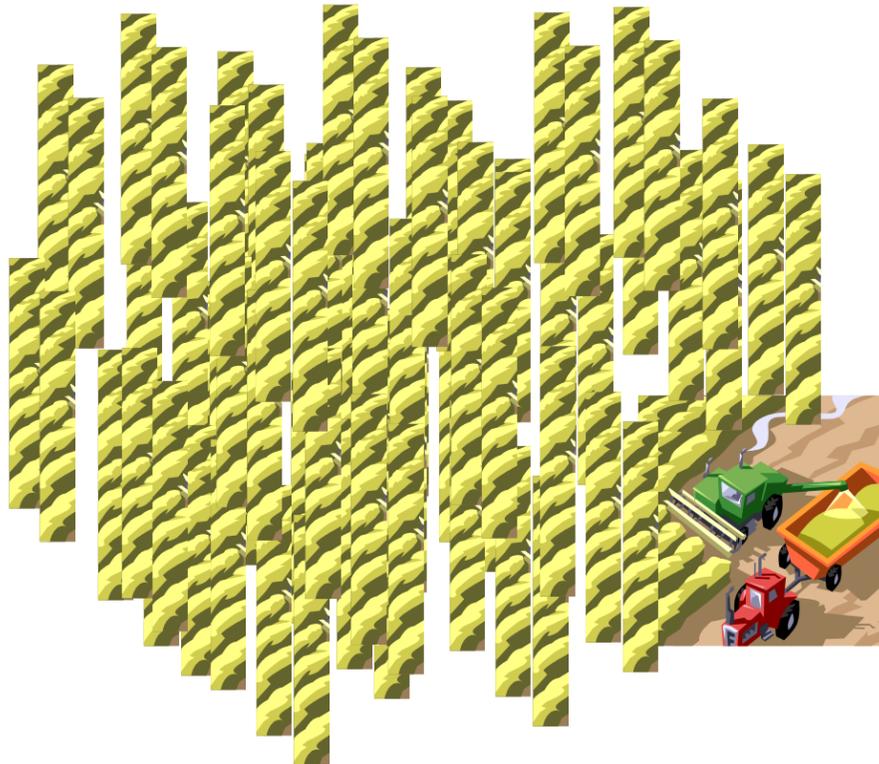




Newport United Methodist Church  
 1596 Eleventh Avenue  
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 Jesus Christ, *Head*  
 The Congregation, *Ministers*  
 Rev. Linda J. Gesling, *Pastor*

*The harvest is plentiful*



*but the laborers are few*

*-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.*

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Linda J. Gesling, Pastor  
 Sheldon Wolfchild, Guest Speaker

**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 Steve Ozanne, Accompanist

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

L: The Lord bore you on eagles' wings to enter into a covenant with you.  
 Now therefore, if you will obey the Lord and keep the covenant, you shall be  
 the Lord's own possession among all peoples.

**P: We will obey the Lord's voice and keep the covenant.**

L: The Lord bore you on eagles' wings to establish a colony of heaven on  
 earth. Now therefore, if you will obey the Lord and keep the covenant, you  
 shall be the Lord's ambassadors to all peoples.

**P: We will obey the Lord's voice and keep the covenant.**

**A: All that the Lord has spoken we will do. (Ministry Matters)**

\*Hymn "We Are Called"  
 No. 2171

Greeting One Another

Anthem "The Lone, Wild Bird" Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
 Steve Ozanne and Mike Nelson

Prayer of Confession

God of new life, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new crea-  
 tion. Yet when we consider our lives, we confess our failure to live in  
 Christ. You promised to be present with us always, yet our fear for the  
 future shows we do not trust in you. You love us with a great, eternal,  
 and costly love, yet our self-hatred shows that we have not opened our-  
 selves to your love. Your promise that where your spirit is, there is free-  
 dom, yet the injustice within our church shows that we have not let you  
 set us free. God, guide us on the slow journey of growth. Free us from  
 our fears, our prejudice, and our self-hatred, that we may live in Christ  
 in the freedom of your Spirit. Amen. (Ruth C. Duck)

Scripture Lesson Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 (NT pp. 9-10)

\*Hymn "The Gift of Love"  
 No. 408

Message Sheldon Wolfchild

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology  
 Invocation "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
 No. 2193

Offering Prayer

Prayer Requests  
 The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

\*Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth"  
 No. 431

**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 Steve Ozanne, Accompanist

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE  
 USHERS' TABLE.  
 CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

Today's ushers are volunteers to whom we are grateful!  
Last Sunday's ushers were Sherry Elg and Teri Reynolds. Our acolyte was Donald Birttnen.

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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 . . .

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| <b>Sunday, June 18</b>   | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>     | <b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> |
|                          | <b>1:00-9:00 pm</b>  | <b>Worship Service</b>               |
|                          |                      | <b>United Church of God Social</b>   |
| <b>Friday, June 23</b>   | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> |                                      |
| <b>Saturday, June 24</b> | <b>1:30 p.m.</b>     | <b>United Church of God</b>          |
|                          |                      | <b>Sabbath Service</b>               |
| <b>Sunday, June 25</b>   | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>     | <b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>  |
|                          |                      | <b>Worship Service</b>               |

**Shawl We Knit** continues to be planned for the second and fourth Mondays to come. We'll keep you informed of any changes.

### It's a granddaughter!

*Judy and Joe Lieftring announce the birth of Julia Ann, born to Jason and Andrea on June 13. She arrived 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and 20-1/2 inches in length. Everybody is doing fine!*

### Upholding the Church with our...

**Prayers:** for **Sharon and Warren Duval** as Warren recovers from a stroke and continues to struggle with kidney failure; for **Jill Cotton's family** as her brother **Neil Cotton** has passed away recently; for Doug's brother **Gary Clouse** who has stomach cancer; for Leanne Clouse's cousin **Lisa Naasz** who has cancer; for **Hoot's wife Lolita Johnson and their family and friends** as Hoot has passed away; for **Doreen Peterson's family** on the death of Doreen's sister **Sue Krech**; for the family of **Brandon Williams** who died May 28 at age 22; for Bonnie Zappa's friend **Georgette Lopez** who is undergoing treatment for cancer and has many other issues; for Mike Nelson's friend **Greg Courteau** who has Stage 4 liver cancer and only a short time to live; for Tracy's neighbor **Barb Anderson** who has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure; for Sue Bay's friend **Marilyn Meyers** who suffered a heart attack recently; for **Bruce Timm** who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer; for **Sandy Hartenstein** who has had a stent placed in her heart; for Christi Nelson's cousin **Kathy Fallgatter** who will be having open heart surgery; for **Bobbie Woodward; Sharon Hanson; Chuck and Joanne Zutz, Joe Allwine, Scott Reger, Vicki Toepper, Karen Allen, Connie Gebur, Andrew Ladwig, Dave Swanlund, Lowell Pommerening, Sue Peterson...** We pray for safety for all travelers; for good health for all of our congregation; for all those facing health care finance crises; for a peaceful solution in Korea; for immigrants coming and trying to come into the United States; for the victims of the attacks and fire in London; we pray for the police and first responders whose jobs are often difficult and dangerous; for safety for elected officials; and for the victims of storms throughout the country; for people and families dealing with mental illness; for victims of violence all around us; for children who have suffered abuse; for all families whose loved ones are missing. Please keep **Tonnie Bailey and Pastor Sue from Newport Lutheran** in your prayers for continued recovery.

**Joys:** **Judy and Joe Lieftring** have another grandchild: **Julia Ann** was born to **Jason and Andrea** early Tuesday morning. She was 8 lbs. 7oz. and 20-1/2 inches long. Everyone is doing fine! **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 = 21  
**Gifts:** Last week's total Offering = \$415

**Service:** Thanks to **Bob Bay** for much-needed deck maintenance and for arranging to have the roof inspected for storm damage!

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.

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