

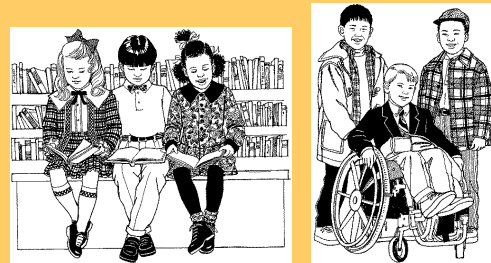


Newport United Methodist Church
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Jesus Christ, *Head*
The Congregation, *Ministers*
Rev. Linda J. Gesling, *Pastor*



Children's Sabbath



-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.*

18th Sunday after Pentecost—Children's Sabbath

October 8, 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

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: We gather with love, in the name of God who loves each and every child.

P: We gather with hope, as the body of Christ who is the hope of the world.

L: We gather with justice, called by the Spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate

P: Come, let us worship on this Children's Sabbath day with love, hope and justice.

*Hymn "Gather Us In"
No. 2236

Greeting One Another

Anthem "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Rick Founds, arr. Wagner
[c]2000 Maranatha Praise Inc. Newport UMC Voice Choir

Prayer of Confession

God, We confess that our world does not fully reflect your love and justice. We know that you do not want any of your beloved children to suffer hunger or poverty. Yet there is much that keeps us from creating the change you desire... We think about child poverty and want to place blame, or feel shame. We get overwhelmed and discouraged. We feel helpless or hopeless. We seek distractions or distance ourselves from "other people's" problems. But we know we are all your people. Forgive us, O God. Help us to turn in a new direction. Show us how to move forward working with faith, love, and hope to end poverty and pursue justice to create the world you intend. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, hope of the world. Amen. (Children's Defense Fund)

Blessing of Gifts for the Children

Scripture Lessons **Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (OT p. 66)**
Philippians 3: 4b-14 (NT p. 198)

*Hymn "Jesus Loves Me"
No. 191

Sermon

Pastor Linda

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

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

Offering Prayer

Almighty God, your wondrous creation testifies to your wisdom. We are in awe of you as we witness an eclipse or a glorious sunset. When a hurricane causes destruction, we ponder your power and feel vulnerable. We would be lost without your life-giving word! Thank you for befriending us in Christ, your word made flesh. May your Spirit give us a loving, childlike heart to reflect your kindness each day. Receive our offerings in Jesus' name. Amen. (Board of Discipleship)

Prayer Requests

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*Hymn "Christ Is Alive"
No. 318

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

Blessed 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 are volunteers to whom we are grateful!
 Last Sunday's ushers were Sherry Elg, Donald Birttnen, and
 John Brenneman.
 Our acolyte was Donald Birttnen.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are presented by Ruth Pommerening
 In memory of Hank Pommerening, whose birthday is October 11,
 and Donna Reynolds, whose birthday is October 13.

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, October 8	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	18th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service Potluck with guests from Head Start
Monday, October 9	6:30 –8:30 pm	Shawl We Knit, CG Library
Wednesday, October 11	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Voice Choir, Sanctuary Handbells, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 14	1:30 p.m.	United Church of God Sabbath Service
Sunday, October 15	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service Social Time, Adult Study

THANKS, CATHY AND HANK, for all your work to brighten up the Head Start areas of our building, AND for taking extra time to set up and clean up from the Nobel luncheon!

Red Rockers try somewhere new!

Red Rockers will meet for their monthly luncheon at Carbone's Restaurant in Cottage Grove, just off County 19 and 70th Street at 7155 Jorgensen Ln. Please contact Ruth Pommerening if you'd like to attend.

Upholding the Church with our...

Prayers : for the family of **Sharon Ross** on her sudden death; for Doug's brother **Gary Clouse** whose cancer has turned for the worse; for **the Eiden-Giel family and the family of Jamason Moffit**, the young man killed in an auto accident; for the family of Mike Nelson's friend **Greg Courteau** who passed away recently; for Ethel's sister-in-law **Eileen Christensen** who is dealing with aggressive cancer; for **Tom Rupp** who is recovering from a brain aneurysm; for the **family of Lee La-Valley** on his sudden death; for Nancy's friend **Mary Barber** who faces cancer surgery; for **Art Kounkel**, Eldon and Dorothy Woods' son-in-law who had heart surgery and faces a long recovery; for **Lil Maurer** who is recovering from neck surgery; for the family of Bob Bay's friend **Phil Murphy** who passed away recently, and **Jack Thomas** who is diagnosed with cancer; for Leanne Clouse's cousin **Lisa Naasz** who has cancer; for Bonnie Zappa's friend **Georgette Lopez** who is undergoing treatment for cancer and has many other issues; for **Timm Clouse, Lolita Johnson, Bruce Timm, Kathy Fallgatter, Barb Anderson, Marilyn Meyers; Chuck and Joanne Zutz, Joe Allwine, Scott Reger, Vicki Toepper, Karen Allen, Dave Swanlund, Lowell Pommerening, ...**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 attack in Las Vegas; for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; for everyone in the path of Hurricane Nate; 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.**
 Pleaae keep **Tonnie Bailey and** in your prayers for continued recovery.

Joys: **Gale Campbell's** surgery went well! **Pastor Sue and Connie Gebur** both have completed all treatments.

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 = **29**
Gifts: Last week's total Offering = **\$1707**

Service: Thanks to **Tracy Birttnen** for opening the cabin for the **Woodbury History Tour!** (over 40 attended) Thanks to **Karen Schottmuller** for faithfully tending all the garden plots, and to **John Brenneman** for keeping the lawns mowed! Thanks to **Bob Bay** for starting the insurance adjustment process on the roof. Thanks to **Butch Heidenreich** for arranging for patching in the parking lot!

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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