



Newport United Methodist Church  
 1596 Eleventh Avenue  
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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.*

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Greg Neumann, Guest 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  
 We gather today to worship the God of shalom.  
**Yes! "Shalom" is the Hebrew word for peace, wholeness, health, and blessing.**  
 Shalom is the harmony God intends for the world. Shalom is how God wants things to be.  
**Yes! Shalom is peace with yourself, with your neighbor, with the earth, with God.**  
 Let us raise our voices in song, acknowledging God's shalom.  
**Yes! Let us bless each other and our time together. (Rob Bell)**

\*Hymn "Shalom to You"  
 No. 666 (sung twice)

Greeting One Another

Anthem "Crossroads" Dave and Jean Perry  
 [c] 2000 Belwin Mills Pub. Newport UMC Voice Choir

Scripture Lesson **Matthew 25:1-13 (NT pp. )**

Unison Prayer  
**Holy One, we want to be your faithful people: to stay alert, watchful for opportunities to be vessels of your healing, love, and grace in all that we think, say, and do. In this season of days becoming shorter and nights becoming longer, teach us the lessons of waiting: even as creation hunkers down for its long winter nap, you are still at work- inviting, inspiring, and encouraging toward what is yet to be. May we continually grow more attuned to your ever abiding presence. Strength, courage, wisdom, and endurance for the journey. We thank you. We love you. We trust you. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"  
 No. 720

Sermon "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" Rev. Greg Neumann

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 "Go Forth for God"  
 No. 670

**Sending Forth**

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

"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.

Benediction

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.

*Upholding the Church with our...*

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 . . .*

<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Social Time, Adult Study</b>
<b>Monday, November 13</b>	<b>6-8 pm</b>	<b>Shawl We Knit, CG Library</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 15</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Voice Choir, Sanctuary</b> <b>Handbells, Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Red Rockers Luncheon</b> <b>Obb's, St. Paul</b>
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>United Church of God</b> <b>Sabbath Service</b>
<b>Sunday, November 19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Social Time, Adult Study</b>

**Monday, November 13...correction!** *The Key had wrong dates for Shawl We Knit! 13th and 27th, NOT 6th and 20rd!*

**Thursday, November 16...correction!** *Red Rockers meet at OBB's at 11:00 am! Burns Av. at Clarence St. in St. Paul.*

**Next Sunday, November 19...**

A visual and spoken presentation comes to Newport, given by a representative of the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community. Several display panels will be in the Fellowship Hall; please give them a look even if you can't be here for the spoken message. We will bring you details of the schedule when they are available.

**Prayers :** for Sherry and Tracy's cousin **David** who is entering hospice care; for healing for Butch and Sandy's great-niece **Kayla** as she prepares for college; for the family and friends of Park HS graduate **Parker** on his sudden death; for the family of Mike's aunt **Sharon** on her sudden death; for Bob and Sue's friend **Judy** who is awaiting a bone marrow transplant; for **the friends and family of Jamason**, the young man killed in an auto accident; for Ethel's sister-in-law **Eileen** who is dealing with aggressive cancer; for **Tom** who is recovering from a brain aneurysm; for Nancy's friend **Mary** who faces cancer surgery; for Bob's friend **Jack** who is diagnosed with cancer; for Bonnie's friend **Georgette** who is undergoing treatment for cancer and has many other issues; for **Lolita, Bruce, Kathy, Barb, Chuck and Joanne and grandson Joe, Scott, Vicki, Karen, Dave, Lowell, ...** 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 in New York City and Sutherland Springs, TX; for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; for everyone affected by California wildfires; for the victims and responders to the earthquakes in Mexico; 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** in your prayers for continued recovery.

**Joys:** **Pastor Sue** now shows no sign of cancer. **Peter** is back at school. Doug's brother **Gary** is back home. Eldon and Dorothy's son-in-law **Art** is back to work following heart surgery.  
**Thank 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 = **31**

**Gifts:** Last week's total Offering = **\$1910**

**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.

Newport United Methodist Church Staff

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