



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.*

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2018

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
Church Bell Toll

Judy Lieftring, Organist

Symbol of the Spirit's Presence

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Where is the child who has been born king?

People: The Lord is in his holy temple. Let us pay him homage.

Leader: Yes, God is here! Let us celebrate his presence.

People: With God's help we will make our whole life a celebration.

(H. Burnham Kirkland)

*Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
No. 251

Greeting One Another

Anthem "Is Not This Bread?" Glenn L. Rudolph
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Unison Prayer for Epiphany
Hymnal, No. 255

*Hymn "Star-Child"
No. 2095

Scripture Lessons **Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT p. 690)**
Matthew 2:1-12 (NT p. 2)

Sermon

Pastor Linda

Presenting Our Gifts
Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication
Prayer Requests
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
No. 569

Communion
Hymnal, pp.15-16

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

This week's ushers are Sherry Elg and Teri Reynolds.
 Last Sunday's ushers were Bob Bay, Donald Birttnen, and
 John Brenneman. Our acolyte was Donal Birttnen.

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, January 7	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Epiphany Sunday Worship Service Social Time, Adult Study Join us as we celebrate Garel's 100th birthday!
Monday, January 8	9:30 a.m. 6-8 p.m.	Martha Circle, Fireside Rm. Shawl We Knit, CG Library
Wednesday, January 10	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Voice Choir, S Handbell Choir , FH
Saturday, January 13	<i>temporary time change</i> 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	United Church of God Service Conversations with Dakota
Sunday, January 14	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Second Sunday in Epiphany Worship Service Sunday School Social Time, Adult Study
Monday, January 15	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team, Fireside
Wednesday, January 17	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Voice Choir, S Handbell Choir , FH
Thursday, January 18	Noon	Red Rockers Luncheon North Pole, Newport Center

Upholding the Church with our...

Prayers : John and Phyllis' friend **Dean** who had brain tumor surgery last month; two of Doug's brothers need our prayers: **Gary** for continued recovery from cancer surgery, and **Ted** for diagnosis and treatment of cancer; for Gale and Marilyn's son-in-law **Mike** who is being treated at the VA with multiple concerns; for Ruth's granddaughter **Carrie** who is having challenges in her pregnancy with twins; for the family of Sherry and Tracy's cousin **David** who passed away while in hospice care; for Bob and Sue's friend **Judy** who is awaiting a bone marrow transplant; 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, Sutherland Springs, TX, and Rancho Tehama, CA; for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; for everyone in the path of California wildfires again; the victims and remorseful perpetrators of sexual harassment; families of the missing Argentine submariners; 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** in your prayers for continued recovery.

Joys **Audrey**, young granddaughter of **Suzie Christmas**, does not have cancer, and other concerns can be treated later! Ethel's husband **Dave** is home and resting up for surgery. **We received the WasteWise grant to cover the cost of the dumpster enclosure! 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 = **26**
Gifts: Last week's offering = **\$915**
Service: **Thanks to Bob Bay for helping replace all the thermostat batteries!**

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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Judy Lieffring	Director of Music
Mike Nelson	Handbell Choir Director, Administrative Asst.
John Brenneman	Treasurer
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Thank you all for your generous Christmas gift!
 It is a pleasure to work for you.
 Someday I will print a perfect bulletin. Until then,
 Your friend, *Mike Nelson*