



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 in Epiphany TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 11, 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 Judy Lieffring, Organist

Introit "Come, Come, Everybody Worship"
No. 2271

Church Bell Toll
Symbol of the Spirit's Presence

Announcements

*Call to Worship
L: The Lord has called you here this day.
P: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.
L: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.
P: Lord, make us ready to serve you.
L: Come, let us worship God!
P: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.
(Ministry Matters)

*Hymn "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"
No. 371

*Greeting One Another

Anthem "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice" L. Hartsough, arr. Ringwald
[c]1986 GlorySound Newport UMC Choir

Prayer of Confession
Patient Lord, you know how accustomed we are to "magic" tricks. Our spirits and our senses get fooled easily. We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what we were seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event. Thank you for being so patient with us. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don't take time enough to understand its significance. Next page!

Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people. AMEN.
(Nancy Townley)

*Hymn "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"
No. 703

Scripture Lessons **2Kings 2: 1-12 (OT p. 332-33)**
Mark 9: 2-9 (NT p. 44)

Sermon Rev. Linda Gesling

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 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"
No. 2173

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.

Last week's ushers were Sherry Elg and Teri Reynolds.
Last Sunday's acolyte was Donald 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, February 11	9:30 a.m.	Sixth Sunday in Epiphany Worship Service Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Social Time, Adult Study
	2:00 p.m.	UMW Tea, Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 12	6:00-8:00 pm	Shawl We Knit, CG Library
Wednesday, February 14	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, February 15	Noon	Red Rockers Luncheon, North Pole, Newport Center
Saturday, February 17	1:30 p.m.	United Church of God Sabbath Service
Sunday, February 18	9:30 a.m.	First Sunday in Lent Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Social Time
Wednesday, February 21	6:30 p.m.	Voice Choir, S
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir, FH
Saturday, February 24	1:30 p.m.	United Church of God Sabbath Service

Be the Tool Update from Leanne

We have gotten a lot done on the house (in Katy, TX):

• Installed wooding flooring in living room, dining room, family room and hallways

• Installed tile flooring in the master bath, kitchen, pantry, hallway, and utility room

• Painted and installed baseboard in 90% of the house

• Installed and painted all but four doors in the house

• repaired drywall in several rooms and the garage- mud and sand also

• painted eight rooms in the house- touched up some paint in some of those rooms

• cleaned windows and screens

• installed window sills

• Installed drywall and tile for a shower enclosure

• General clean up.

Golden Chili cup and silent auction – Feb 17 5:30 -7:00 at Faith UMC

Pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.

Next trip to Katy Texas April 7-15.

Upholding the Church with our...

Prayers: for the family of **Oneida's** brother-in-law **Emory** who passed away in Virginia; John and Phyllis' friend **Dean** who had brain tumor surgery recently. Two of Doug's brothers need our prayers: **Gary** for renewed recovery after cancer surgery, and **Ted** for diagnosis and treatment of cancer; for the family of **Mike's** father **Edwin** who passed away two weeks ago; for Ruth's granddaughter **Carrie** who is having challenges in her pregnancy with twins; 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 school shootings in Kentucky and California; for the victims of the attacks in Kabul, 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 mudslides and wildfires again; the victims and remorseful perpetrators of sexual harassment; 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 **Park High's one-act play will move on to state!** Ethel's husband **Dave** had successful surgery and is recovering in the hospital; **Shirley's** son **Terry** had successful hip surgery and is recovering with great support from family! **Audrey**, young granddaughter of **Suzie Christmas**, does not have cancer, and other concerns can be treated later! **Sue** is home recovering from surgery; **Bob and Sue's** nephew and his wife welcome their baby!
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 = **27**

Gifts: Last week's offering = **\$1500**

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.

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