



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.*

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

9:30 a.m.

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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 (*Genesis 9*)

Come, all you people, come and worship.
God has made a covenant with us.
Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.
God has made a covenant with all creatures.
Remember the covenant and be thankful.
God remembers the covenant and God will save us.

*Hymn "God Will Take Care of You"
No. 130

*Greeting One Another

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

Prayer of Confession (*Genesis 9, Psalm 25*)

**God of the rainbow,
you made a covenant with all creatures,
promising life and hope.
God of pathways,
you show us how we should walk.
Yet we forget our connection with one another
and think that we are the center of the universe.
We wander from your paths of truth
into paths of deceit and pride.
Forgive us and lead us back
into the arms of your love. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson **Genesis 9: 8-17 (OT p. 7)**

Psalter
Hymnal, No. 757

Gospel Lesson **Mark 1: 9-15 (NT pp. 34-35)**

*Hymn "Hymn of Promise"
No. 707

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 "Standing on the Promises"
No. 374

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 Leanne Clouse.
Last Sunday's acolyte was Donald Birttnen.

Upholding the Church with our...

Welcome to our Visitors ...

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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| Saturday, February 17 | 1:30 p.m. | United Church of God Sabbath Service |
| Sunday, February 18 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | First Sunday in Lent Worship Service Social Time |
| Wednesday, February 21 | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Voice Choir, S Handbell Choir, FH |
| Saturday, February 24 | 1:30 p.m. -8:00 pm | United Church of God Sabbath Service; Social |
| Sunday, February 25 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Second Sunday in Lent Worship Service Sunday School Social Time, Adult Study |
| Monday, February 26 | 6:00-8:00 pm | Shawl We Knit, Newport UMC |
| Wednesday, February 28 | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Voice Choir, S Handbell Choir, FH |

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.

Prayers: Jill's co-workers who are in the Philippines on a mission trip; Pastor Gary G who is going on a mission trip; Nancy's friend Linda who is recovering from a car accident; John and Phyllis' friend Marcia who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. 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 three 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 entering hospice care; 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 Georgette, 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 those facing deportation and separation from their families; 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, California, and Parkland, FL; for the victims of the attacks in Kabul, New York City, Sutherland Springs, TX, 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.

Joy **Park High's one-act play will move on to state!** Ethel's husband Dave is home from transitional care; Shirley's son Terry had successful hip surgery and is recovering with great support from family!
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 = 33
Ash Wednesday =12

Gifts: Last week's offering = \$915
Service: Thanks to John Brenneman for finding materials to plug leaks in the classroom walls!

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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| Rev. Linda Gesling | Pastor |
| Judy Lieffring | Director of Music |
| Mike Nelson | Handbell Choir Director, Administrative Asst. |
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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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