



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



Grace Clovis, *The Event of Pentecost*

-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.*

PENTECOST

May 20, 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

Leader: I feel something in this place!

People: It feels like fire burning within!

Leader: It feels fresh and exciting!

People: It feels like fire burning within!

Leader: It feels like uncontainable joy!

People: It feels like fire burning within!

All: It is fire burning within! We are on fire and the world can't put it out!

*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"
No. 577

Opening Prayer

O God, we have prayed for your Spirit to come and dwell among us, and today it has. Continue to ignite in us new possibilities of community and fellowship. Enliven in us the passion to serve and to share. Grow in us the desire to set this world on fire through your Holy Spirit; and in so doing, we shall never be the same. Amen.

*Greeting One Another

Anthem "A Wonderful Time Up There" Lee Roy Abernathy, arr. Pethel
[c]2011 Universal Songs/Polygram Newport UMC Choir

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Spirit of God among us, you have chased us and far too often we have run from you. We have resisted the call to be blameless in your sight. We have rejected your mandate to eradicate racism and sexism.

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We have ignored your plea to care for the children and to bless the elderly. Forgive us, we pray, and renew in us a clean heart as we continue to speak a new Holy-Spirit-created language of unity and peace. Amen. *(Rev. Kevin B. Smalls)*

Scripture Lessons Acts 2: 1-21 (NT pp. 119)

*Hymn "Surely the Presence of the Lord"
No. 328

Sermon Rev. Linda Gesling

Presenting Our Gifts
Offertory

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

Offertory Prayer

Living God, you are the Lord of all! Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life. You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty, and in times of joy and peace. We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and the world to fulfill your promises. May our giving today show our trust in you. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Ezekiel 37:1-14)*

Prayer Requests
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*Hymn "We Are the Church"
No. 558

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.

Today's ushers are volunteers to whom we are grateful!
 So were last week's ushers. You could sign up in advance!
 Last Sunday's acolyte was Donald Birttnen.

If you would like to provide altar 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, May 20		<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Social Time, Adult Study
Monday, May 21—Friday, May 25		Get articles ready for the <i>Key!</i>
Saturday, May 26	1:30 p.m.	United Church of God Sabbath Service
Sunday, May 27		<i>Peace with Justice Sunday. We will be taking a special collection on behalf of the Minnesota Annual Conference.</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Social Time, Adult Study
Monday, May 28		OFFICE CLOSED <i>No Shawl We Knit</i>
Saturday, June 2	1:30 p.m.	United Church of God Sabbath Service
Sunday, June 3		<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, June 4	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting Fireside Room

UMC Love Offering

...for missions will be taken on each Sunday through May to be presented to the Conference by May 31. See the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

Upholding the Church with our...

Prayers : for the family of Robb, father of two of Sharon's grandsons, who passed away recently; for Karen who is recovering from a stroke; for Oneida whose husband Dale passed away this month; for Nancy's friend Cheryl in Cleveland Clinic with multiple issues; for our church neighbor Bud who broke his nose and cracked a vertebra in a fall and will be in rehab after release from the hospital; for Greg, friend of Catherine and Jim, whose cancer has returned; from Hebron, IL UMC: prayers for Bob and Deanna: after two years with cancer, Deanna has new cancer; for the family of Rufus (Art's brother-in-law) who passed away 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 Nancy's friend Mary who faces cancer surgery; 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; a peaceful solution in Syria; for immigrants coming and trying to come into the United States; for the displaced people who lived near Mt. Kilueia; for the victims of the school shootings in Kentucky, California, Maryland, Parkland, FL, and Santa Fe, TX; for the victims and families of the shooting in Antioch, TN; for 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 Judy's husband Joe was hospitalized, no new threat was found. Jodi's family says Steve is doing better (prayers should continue). Leanne, Timm, and the Be the Tool mission team returned safely from Texas! Jodi, her son Tommy and his fiancée Nicole joined us for worship, their wedding will be celebrated here! 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 = 41

Gifts: Last week's offering = \$570

Service: Thanks to Butch Heidenreich for making arrangements for our up-coming driveway and parking lot patching!

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

Rev. Linda Gesling	Pastor
Judy Lieffring	Director of Music
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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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