



A Newsletter of Newport United Methodist Church

July, 2018

As we welcome Pastor Steve to Newport, this page is under renovation. Here is the letter from Bishop Bruce Ough officially assigning him to our parish.

June 19, 2018

Dear Steve:

Following prayerful discernment, you have been assigned pastor of Newport United Methodist Church and are being sent to lead the congregation to carry out its mission of making and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We affirm God's vision for the congregation to become a healthy, vital expression of Jesus' imperatives to (1) love God and neighbor, (2) reach new people, and (3) heal a broken world. We are grateful for your specific leadership gifts and competencies that will enable the Newport United Methodist Church to fulfill this mission and vision, and we thank God for your faithful response to God's call upon your life and for your humble acceptance of this particular assignment.

As you begin your ministry with this congregation and the community it serves, the following ministry opportunities will need your specific attention to:

- Lead congregation in discerning a vision and strategy for Newport to live into a new life cycle
- Gather new people in the area and launch 2-3 discipleship focused small groups
- Identify new missional opportunities, partnerships, and strategies with an eye toward helping Newport and the Conference expand our presence in the Newport/Cottage Grove area.

Please meet with SPRC within your first 30 days to review and discuss this apostolic letter. Determine together the necessary support and approaches to honor these priorities.

We believe you have been uniquely called and gifted by God to serve Newport United Methodist Church and the surrounding community. We pledge to hold you and this congregation in prayer and to support your ministry May God's blessings of wisdom, courage, compassion, and joy be poured out on you, and may God work through you to accomplish God's kingdom purposes.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Bruce R. Ough, Bishop  
Dakotas– Minnesota Area

Cynthia Williams, Superintendent  
River Valley District

Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age." Matthew 28:18-20 (CEB)

**FLOCK WATCHER asks that you keep these people in your prayers:**

**Karen** who is recovering at home following a stroke; **Arne** who had surgery the second week of July; **Garel** who is recovering from fractures suffered in a fall; **Sharon** for healing from pain; **Nancy's cousin Sandra** whose cancer has returned; **Gale and Marilyn's son-in-law Mike** who is on the list for a kidney transplant; **Sherry W.** who is having chemo; **Bob and Sue's friend Janet** who has cancer; **people and families dealing with mental illness; people displaced by the eruption of Mt. Kilauea and new wildfires in California; everyone who is and will be affected by this summer's river flooding; everyone** who faces **financial crisis** for various reasons.

*We share our joys too: Thank God for the skilled people who rescued the Thai youth soccer team from the cave! Church neighbor Bud is recovering well at home. If you have lifted someone up for prayer, please update us in the church office as their conditions change, as a concern or joy!*

**Thank you** for welcoming me as your new pastor and showing hospitality to me and my family. It's been a fantastic two weeks, and I'm feeling truly blessed. I am really looking forward to getting to know you better and hearing the story of how God has blessed you and brought you here. I'm also really excited to learn more about Newport and the surrounding communities. Together with God's help, we are going to do great things. Please let me know if I can pray with your or help in any way. With Jesus' love and peace, **Pastor Steve**

Pastor Steve, wife Alicia; sons Josh, Sam, Zach



MUSHROOM SOUP À LA CAFÉ BUDAPEST, to serve 12

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 stick butter (4 oz.)
- 1 small onion, diced (1/2 cup)
- 1 ½ lbs. mushrooms, sliced thinly
- 5 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 7 cups cold water
- ½ oz. dried mushrooms
- Juice of ½ lemon (1 Tbsp.)
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 2 Tbsp granulated chicken base
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 2 cups light cream
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ bunch parsley chopped fine (3 Tbsp)
- 1 cup croutons for garnish
- ½ bunch parsley chopped coarse for garnish

*This recipe comes courtesy of our friend Paul Gaboriault. Paul spent a number of years apprenticing in hotel and restaurant kitchens throughout New England, developing friendships and collecting many recipes, which have been featured from time to time in the Key. With each of these recipes comes a great story; one day with his permission we will compile them all, with the stories, for you. [Ed.]*

PROCEDURE:

Wash the dried mushrooms in cold water, then place them in a bowl and cover them with boiling water. Soak 30 minutes.

Melt the butter in a 4-quart saucepan and add the diced onion, sautéing it until translucent.

Add half of the sliced fresh mushrooms and sauté over low heat until the liquid is evaporated.

Add the flour, blending it with the wire whisk, and cook for 3 to 5 minutes.

Dissolve chicken base in a little cold water and add to the contents of the saucepan, stirring until smooth.

Add the remaining fresh mushrooms, soaked dried mushrooms and their liquid, the lemon juice, 7 cups of cold water, salt and pepper, and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat, cook 10-15 minutes.

Add the light cream, the sour cream, and the finely chopped parsley, blending with a whisk, and use a spatula to detach any bits that have stuck to the bottom of the pan.

Simmer 10 to 15 minutes.

Adjust the seasoning.

Serve in large soup plates (not bowls) and garnish with coarsely chopped parsley and croutons.

The **LEADERSHIP TEAM** meets on **Wednesday, July 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

**Martha Circle** meets in the Fireside Room on Monday, July 9 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Red Rockers** will hold their luncheon on **Thursday, July 19 at NOON at the North Pole Restaurant in Newport Center. If you are attending please contact Ruth Pommerening at 459-1970.**

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**...Angel Closet has moved to Thursdays! The last regular opening was on January 4 but you can call the church office with individual needs in the meantime.** We will do our best to take care of families needing school supplies. Consult the list of supplies furnished by the school and grade your child will be attending. Church office phone: 459 2747.

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May, 2018 Financial Report

FUND BALANCES REPORT

The May 31, 2018 checkbook balance was **\$7,314.76.**

MONTHLY BUDGET ENVELOPE GIVING

May envelope and loose plate giving was **\$4,378.00.**

TOTAL INCOME FOR REPORT PERIOD

May income from all sources was **\$8,537.00.**

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR REPORT PERIOD

May expenses were **\$11,758.91.**

SUMMARY

**Income in relation to expenses for May, 2018 was -\$3221.91.**

**Blacktop repair to driveway and parking lot was a major expense this month (\$1,800).**

Please mention any projects you feel need doing or any concerns you have about repairs to Mike in written form. He will pass them on to the appropriate person.

**Everyone is encouraged to maintain good stewardship.**

Any suggestions for improving this financial report will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Brenneman**



# JULY 2018



## Birthdays

5 – John Brenneman

6 – Judy Lieffring  
Cheri Wrisky

9 – Tonnie Bailey

29 – Phyllis Brenneman



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>6th Sun after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Think about and volunteer for <b>special worship music for Anthem time!</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Room Use Designations</b> C – Classroom FH – Fellowship Hall FR – Fireside Room N – Nursery S – Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1:30 pm United Church of God</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><i>7th Sun after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30am Martha Circle -FR 6:00-8:00 pm <b>KNITTING GROUP @ CG Library</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>DATECHANGE!</b> 6:30 pm Leadership Team-FR</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>1:30 pm United Church of God</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>8th Sun after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Noon <b>RED ROCKERS EVENT</b> North Pole Restaurant in Newport</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1:30 pm United Church of God</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>9th Sun after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>2:00 pm <i>Key</i> articles due 6:00-8:00 pm <b>KNITTING GROUP @ CG Library</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>1:30 pm United Church of God</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>10th Sun after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>10 am Head Start End of Year Program</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>			<p><b>NEWPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 1596 ELEVENTH AVENUE (AT GLEN ROAD) NEWPORT, MINNESOTA 55055-1649 JESUS CHRIST, HEAD; THE CONGREGATION, MINISTERS; REV. STEVE PANNKUK, PASTOR</p>	



Newport UMC celebrated with Pastor Linda on June 10 as she marked her retirement from parish ministry. Linda will continue as Pastor *emeritus* in order to continue being part of the process to repatriate the Red Rock Eyanh-shah. She also plans to stay involved with the Shawl We Knit group which meets twice monthly at the Cottage Grove Library.

Best wishes to Pastor Linda and Steve as they both look forward to enjoying retirement! We hope to connect with you again soon.

*Until Voice and Handbell Choirs meet again in September, anthem time is open every Sunday morning for anyone who wishes to perform an appropriate vocal or instrumental selection. Contact Organist Judy about it in person or leave a message at the Church Office, 459-2747; we will all be grateful to hear you!*

Would you be willing to serve as an **alternate security contact**? You could be on an *as asked* basis (given advance notice) anytime or over a time period of your choice. You may have to respond to a phone call in the middle of the night and come up to church to meet a patrolman. **Contact Secretary Mike** in person or call the Church Office at **459-2747**.

**\*\*\* Dial carefully.** Newport Lutheran's phone number is very close to ours. **\*\*\***



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*The Key* is a monthly publication of Newport United Methodist Church, 1596 Eleventh Avenue, Newport, Minnesota. News items to run the following month are due in the Church Office by the 3rd Monday of the current month.



*A warm welcome  
awaits you . . .*



Voice and Handbell Choirs  
Adult Bible Study  
United Methodist Women  
Martha Circle  
Fellowship Dinner Groups  
Pastoral Care  
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EACH SUNDAY:  
Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is available during worship. Adult Study follows at 10:45.  
WEDNESDAYS:  
Voice Choir at 6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir At 7:30 p.m.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Newport United Methodist Church is people of God dedicated to following the teaching of Jesus because we want to set an example so that we and others can grow in our faith.*