

***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. ***

Upholding the Church with our...

Prayers : for all who are in need of help and healing...**Art** who fell and is facing care decisions; **Doug's brother Ted** who is ending aggressive treatment for cancer; **Karen** who is recovering at home following a stroke; **Sharon** for healing from pain; members **Alice** and **Karen** who have health issues; **Sherry's neighbor Doreen** who has pneumonia; **Sharon** who now has back problems; **Ethel's brother Harvey** who is back in the hospital; the **family of retired Oltman teacher Cathy** who passed away four weeks ago; **Gale and Marilyn's son-in-law Mike** who is on the list for a kidney transplant; **Bob and Sue's friend Janet** who has cancer; **Sherry W.** who is undergoing chemo; **Joy** who faces homelessness; **Lee, Sandra and family, Mariline's family, Greg, Tonnie; Correction Officer Gomm's family, the people of Zimbabwe** who continue to face social and political turmoil; those grieving after the **Branson Duck Boat** tragedy; **Puerto Ricans** as they still recover from last summer's storms and for our upcoming **UMC Mission Trips**; those children that have been reunited with their parents who crossed our borders... and those who haven't yet; those who have been forced to leave their homelands in search of the abundance we take for granted; for churches in need of reformation and transformation; the children and teachers in our **Head Start Program**; for our **Dreams and Visions Committee**...

Joys **Arne and Garel** continue to recover; **Chris' sister Sharon** is recovering in transitional care in Fargo.

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 = 35

Gifts: Last week's offering = \$2480 Angel Closet = \$100

Service: **Bob B** grabbed his jug and smote some weeds! **John B** keeps on mowing, and **Sherry E** faithfully starts the coffee and refreshments!

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 Steve 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.

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| Rev. Steve Pannkuk | Pastor | John Brenneman | Treasurer |
| Judy Lieftring | Director of Music | Catherine Klimek | Custodian |
| Mike Nelson | Handbell Choir Director, Administrative Asst. | | |

Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays

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Newport United Methodist Church

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Steve Pannkuk, 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.

When preceded by * , please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Judy Lieftring, Organist

Introit (refrain) **Come, Come, Everybody Worship with a prayer or song of praise;**
Black Hymnal no. 2271 **Come, come, everybody worship; worship God always!**
(verse) **Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day;**
Take a rest and think of God, put your work away.
(refrain) (Natalie Sleeth)

Church Bell Toll
Announcements

Symbol of the Spirit's Presence

*Call to Worship

Psalm 130: 1-8 (a Pilgrim Song)

² Help, God—the bottom has fallen out of my life! Master, hear my cry for help!

Listen hard! Open your ears! Listen to my cries for mercy.

³⁻⁴ If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance?

As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped.

⁵⁻⁶ I pray to God—my life a prayer—and wait for what he'll say and do.
My life's on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning,
waiting and watching till morning.

⁷⁻⁸ O Israel, wait and watch for God—with God's arrival comes love, with God's arrival comes generous redemption.

No doubt about it—he'll redeem Israel, buy back Israel from captivity to sin.

The Message (MSG)

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*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Red Hymnal No. 64

*Greeting One Another

Unison Prayer
O God, we praise you and bless you for you are our God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have blessed us in Jesus with every spiritual blessing and chose us in him before the foundation of the world. Speak to us again today in our words and in our worship, and remind us that we are fed with the bread of life. Remind us too that just as with the crowd, you provide for our every need. Forgive us when we forget that we are blessed to be a blessing, and call us to care and to share your abundant gifts. Please bring us into the praise of your glorious grace. Give us your wisdom and reveal to us the mystery of your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons **Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NT p. 194)**
John 6: 35,41-45 (NT p.98)

Message Pastor Steve

Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other"
Red Hymnal No. 560

Presenting Our Gifts
Offertory

*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer
Everlasting God, you are kind and trustworthy. Every day you graciously provide what we need from your abundance. We are grateful that you bring healing and hope for our life as individuals and as a faith community. Accept these monetary gifts and offerings to strengthen our church's outreach to our neighbors. May more people come to know you and your love through our ministries. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Invocation
Black Hymnal No. 2193, verse 1
Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.
Prayer Requests

The Lord's Prayer **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

*Hymn "Be Still, My Soul"
Red Hymnal No. 534

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

Today's ushers are volunteers to whom we are grateful! Last week's ushers were Sherry Elg and Tracy Birttnen. Last Sunday's acolyte was Donald Birttnen.

Looking ahead...

Sunday, August 12 *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*
We worship at 9:30 am.

Monday, August 13 **Shawl We Knit meets 6-8 pm at Cottage Grove Library.**

Tuesday, August 14 **5:00-7:00 pm: Angel Closet re-opening! Hot dogs on the grill and accompaniments thereto. School supplies and backpacks for the kids who need them. Come and meet your neighbors!**

Thursday, August 16 **Red Rockers Luncheon, Noon at North Pole, Npt Ctr**

Saturday, August 18 **United Church of God worships at 1:30 pm.**

Wednesday, August 29 -Voice Choir resumes! Handbells resume Sept. 12.