

***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 the safety of all travelers; for Judy's daughter Jill, who is diagnosed with cancer; Nancy asks prayers for Jennifer's grandmother-in-law Lucelyn who is in hospice care; for the family of Bob and Sue's friend Janet who passed away; for Wayne and Judy's son and daughter-in-law Kevin and Tara as they deal with Tara's serious health issues; for Tracy's cousin Glennys who is recovering from a broken leg; for the family of Nancy's cousin Don who passed away; for Bobbie's son Gary who begins treatments; for Judy's cousin Laureen who recovers from surgery and has other issues; Bob asks prayers for Sue as she continues to suffer back pain; Tracy asks prayers for her friend Tammy whose husband Lonnie died suddenly and whose mother deals with gangrene in her leg; for Karen who is recovering at home following a stroke; and Alice who has health issues; Gale and Marilyn's son-in-law Mike who is on the list for a kidney transplant; Lee, Sandra and family, Tonnie; for the safe return of Jayme from Barron, WI; the families of victims of distracted driving throughout our country; the victims of mass shootings everywhere; everyone recovering from hurricanes, and wildfires; 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 : Ruth 's granddaughter Lindsay's unborn baby is doing better! Arne and Barb's daughter Kristi is recovering well from hip replacement; Bobbie has joined us at worship again!

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 = **36**

Gifts: Last week's offering = **\$531**

Service: Thanks to Sherry Elg for seeing to the coffee every Sunday! Thanks to Bob Bay and Chuck Zutz from UCG who are installing new kitchen disposals!

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.

Rev. Steve Pannkuk	Pastor	John Brenneman	Treasurer
Judy Lieffring	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
1596 Eleventh Avenue
Newport, Minnesota 55055-1649
First Sunday in Christmastide

December 30, 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 Lieffring, Organist

Introit "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" Natalie Sleeth

Announcements

***Call to Worship Psalm 148 (Hymnal, p. 861)**

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,

who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all the deeps,

fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

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Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the
people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!**

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First Reading **1 Samuel 2: 18-20 (OT p. 246)**

*Your Hymn Requests *We will take one or two requests here, 1-2 verses.*

Second Reading **Colossians 3: 12-17 (NT p. 201)**

Unison Prayer

Merciful God,

**You sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the
way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with
joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer, Laurence Hull Stookey, UMH 201

*Greeting One Another

Gospel Lesson **Luke 2: 41-52 (NT p. 59)**

*Your Hymn Requests *One or two requests, 1-2 verses*

Message

Pastor Steve

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

Invocation “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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 Concerns

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.

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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

**Last week’s ushers were Donald Birttnen, John Brenneman, Sherry Elg,
Leanne Clouse and Tracy Birttnen.**

Looking ahead...

Sunday, December 30

**1st Sunday in Christmastide
We worship at 9:30 am.**

Saturday, January 5

United Church of God worships at 1:30 pm.

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany Sunday- we worship at 9:30 am.

Monday, January 7

**Martha Circle at 9:30 am.
Leadership Team meeting at 6:00 pm, Fireside Rm.**