

***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 Leanne and Doug's family at the passing of Doug's brother Gary; for Jill's friend Jen who was in the emergency room last week; for Judy's daughter Jill, who is diagnosed with cancer; Nancy asks prayers for Jennifer's grandmother-in-law Lucelen 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 Bobbie's son Gary who is having 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 from a second 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 = **\$795.18**

Service: Thanks to Sherry Elg for seeing to the coffee every Sunday! Thanks to Butch Heidenreich and John Brenneman for fixing the fellowship Hall closet wall!

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



Newport United Methodist Church
1596 Eleventh Avenue
Newport, Minnesota 55055-1649

Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

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 "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" Natalie Sleeth

Announcements

***Call to Worship Psalm 72: 1-7,11-14 (Hymnal, p. 795-96)**

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

May he be like the rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

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May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy,

and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

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First Reading **Isaiah 60: 1-6 (OT p.690)**

*Hymn "We Three Kings"
Red Hymnal No. 254

Second Reading **Ephesians 3: 1-12 (NT p. 193)**

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 **Matthew 2: 1-12 (NT p. 2)**

*Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter"
Red Hymnal No. 221

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.**

*Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine"
Black Hymnal No. 2173

Communion A Service of Word and Table III
Red Hymnal, pp. 15-16

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,
and Tracy Birttnen.**

Looking ahead...

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.**

Wednesday, January 9 Choir at 6:30 pm (S), Handbells at 7:30 pm (FH)

Saturday, January 12 United Church of God worships at 1:30 pm.

**Sunday, January 13 2nd Sunday in Epiphany
We worship at 9:30 am.**

Monday, January 14 Shawl We Knit, 6-8 pm at Park Grove Library.