

\*\*\*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 Chris and Mike's friends Tori and Linda who are going through tough times right now; for former 833 teacher Pam who is recovering from two surgeries; for Jill's friend Ralph's mother, very elderly and severely burned; for Leanne and Doug's family at the passing of Doug's brother Gary; for Judy's daughter Jill, who is receiving chemo; Nancy asks prayers for Jennifer's grandmother-in-law Lucelen who is in hospice care; 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 recovers from surgery; Phyllis and John's son Tim who is in VA Hospital; 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; Tish and Lee as Lee will be placed in care, Sandra and family, Tonnie; wisdom and courage to our elected officials that they may keep the government open; for the families of victims of distracted driving throughout our country; the victims of mass shootings everywhere; everyone experiencing floods in California; for our upcoming UMC Mission Trips to Puerto Rico; 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 :* Shirley's knee, injured in a fall, is not as bad as feared, and she is recovering at Woodbury TCU! Pastor Steve is safely back from NJ with his new truck!

*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 = 25

**Gifts:** Last week's offering = \$965.77

**Service:** Thanks to Sherry Elg for seeing to the coffee every Sunday! Thanks to Pastor Steve and John Brenneman for shoveling at the front entrance this past week!

**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 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  
Seventh Sunday in Epiphany

February 17, 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

**(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)**

Church Bell Toll

*Symbol of the Spirit's presence*

**Announcements**

\*Call to Worship

Red Hymnal, p. 738

**Psalm 1**

*Please read responsively.*

\*Hymn

Red Hymnal No. 364

"Because He Lives"

First Reading

**Jeremiah 17: 5-10 (OT p. 719)**

Epistle Reading

**I Corinthians 15: 12-20 (NT p. 176)**

Unison Prayer

**God of the least, the last, and the lost: Jesus reminded us as he preached the Sermon on the Mount how much you pour your love down on the ones who are the poor, the meek, the heartbroken, the despised. In his words, we are convicted for ways we have clung so tightly to money and possessions, seeking the comforts, status, and control that they seem to provide. As we bring our gifts to your altar this morning, may your love soak into us in a way that it loosens our grip of the things of this world that do not last, so we may cling instead to your love and redeeming grace, which endures eternally. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 6:17-26)**

\*Greeting One Another

Anthem "There's a Song" Handt Hanson  
[c]1996 Changing Church Forum Newport UMC Choir

Gospel Lesson **Luke 6:17-26 (NT p. 64 )**

Message Pastor Steve

Hymn "Blessed Are They"  
Black Hymnal No. 2155

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

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  
Black Hymnal No.2214

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

**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 John, Teri and Sherry.  
Thank you!**

Looking ahead...

**Sunday, February 17 7th Sunday in Epiphany  
We worship at 9:30 am.**

**Wednesday, February 20 Choir at 6:30 pm (S), Handbells at 7:30 pm (FH)**

**Thursday, February 21 Red Rockers, noon at North Pole, Newport Center**

**Saturday, February 23 United Church of God worships at 1:30 pm.**

**Sunday, February 24 8th Sunday in Epiphany - we worship at 9:30 am.**

**Monday, February 25 Shawl We Knit, 6-8 pm at Cottage Grove Library**

**Wednesday, February 27 Choir at 6:30 pm (S), Handbells at 7:30 pm (FH)**