

The Chimes
Newport Community Church

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From the Pastor

The Chimes October 2024

It was all about “relics.” A lock of hair from Mary’s head. The tooth of a saint. Wisps of straw from Bethlehem’s manger. A piece of the “true” cross. The list continues.

If a church or cathedral possessed some such piece of material memory everything else about that church was enhanced in the minds of the faithful. So important were these “relics” that a lively commercial trade was carried on and livelihoods, not to say fortunes, were sustained by that commerce. Even as such relics were adored as genuine, everybody knew that there were enough “pieces of the true cross” to build a good number of barns.

Ordinarily these bits of memorabilia were kept securely in a reliquary, a room or case dedicated to the maintenance of the relic(s). But at least once a year, that changed.

On All-Saints Day the relics were removed from safe keeping and displayed in public procession through the streets of the city or town. The procession was accompanied by crowds and great celebration. The evening before the procession was a time of preparation and anticipation. It was All-Hallows Eve, and it has become our Halloween.

For the Christian, Halloween is no more about ghosts and witches than Easter is about bunnies and eggs. We don’t need the relics, genuine or fake. We could benefit from some appreciative memory of those who, going before us, have left a

faith that we can embrace and celebrate. And we can resolve to do the same for those who come after us.

Happy Halloween!

Pastor Dan Berg

Moderator's Report

It is now autumn, and the temperature has cooled down. Hopefully our Love for Jesus has not.

We had a nice group outing to the Spokane Indians game a few weeks back and a group winery tour by the time you are reading this. Our average congregational turnout on Sundays has been increasing. Pastor Dan and his fill ins Marty and Naomi have been a blessing to our Church. We have welcomed newcomers as well as former members of the flock. We are still actively pursuing a new pastor to help us with our further growth. We appreciate you being part of our church family and your support. Continue to pray for us and the charities we support.

May God Bless Us

All!

Kevin

Diaconate News for September 2024

Thanks to Marty and Naomi for speaking this summer when Pastor Dan was gone. Also thanks to Cathie, LiLynne and Doris for filling in as musicians for Don and Chris.

If there is an old favorite hymn you would like to sing sometime please let Don and Chris or Sheryl know and we will try to work it in.

We could use more people on the Diaconate and/or to help serve at communion. Diaconate primarily assists the pastor with planning worship, sets up and serves communion, and makes sure the décor in the sanctuary is taken care of..

Let Don or Chris know if you are interested.

Have a wonderful fall.

Chris

Trustees Report July, August, September 2024

Howdy y'all

Since the last Trustees report in June a number of things have been accomplished. The church roof has been rejuvenated; this will extend the roof life at least 5 more years. We had a cleanup day, pulled weeds, trimmed trees and shrubs, cleaned sanctuary heat vents (we don't think they've ever been cleaned.) We patched and sealed the driveway and walkways; the sprinklers will be blown out on Thurs. 9/26. Snow removal has been arranged. We will still need to have furnaces serviced, filters changed, smoke detector batteries changed, and the carpets cleaned.

That's about it for now.

Thank you all for all you do,
Bill

Finance Committee

Hello NCC Members-

Thanks to your generosity and your dedication,
I am pleased to report that our financial standing is strong.
Please thank your trustee's, Mitch, and the board in general for their frugal decisions and their hard work as we continue to demonstrate stewardship excellence in the management of our church building and assets.

In Christ,
Naomi Oscarson
NCC Treasurer

Pastoral Search Committee

Hello NCC Members-

Our pastoral search committee continues in its diligence and dedication. We are in ongoing interviews as we consider applicants.
Please feel free to contact any search committee member if you have any questions.

In Christ,
Naomi Oscarson
Search Committee Chair

MISSIONS

It's Shoebox Time!! Pick up a box and brochure or Dee will shop for you. \$20.00 covers box, items and shipping. Thank You.

The “gently used and clean” clothing box will be left out all year.
Food Items from our “Little Red Wagon” and clothing will be delivered to Kathy’s Cupboard whenever they arrive in our Church. They are very appreciative.

Newport Christian Women’s Fellowship Report

Our first meeting of the season was held on Friday, Sept 13th.
17 ladies attended and we had a fabulous salad bar, compliments of Women’s Fellowship. Alice and Betty hosted.

The program was supposed to be presented by Connie Ripple regarding her doll collection, but she did not show. So.....

We made plans regarding the upcoming gift and bake sale on December 6th and 7th .

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for anyone who wants to create their own basket. Also a sign up sheet for baked goods.

We all need to start collecting donations for the baskets. Alice has received several donations and has made a list of who has donated.

The October meeting will be on Friday, October 11th. Jackie is hosting.
The program will be reaching out with the Called to Care team and making fall door hangers for assisted living residents.

See you there!

Alice Mitchell, President

SAT Report-Social Activities Team-September Chimes

25 peeps attended the Spokane Indians baseball game on August 28th. Our Indians pummeled Tri Cities and went on to win the Northwest Championship. Go Indians! The all you can eat buffet was amazing as expected with our host Paul taking care of all of our requests.

Our next event is wine tasting on September 26th. We will meet at the church at noon then carpool to Arbor Crest Winery, and then to Latah Creek Winery where we will have a private room and a charcuterie board for snacks. 20 peeps have signed up to join the fun.

If you have suggestions for events, please contact Jackie, Alice, Dorothy or Michele.

Something to think about:

God has given us bodies have three important parts:

A physical Body-Mind-Spirit (Soul)

For our bodies, we exercise, watch our diet and hours of sleep to stay in shape.

For our minds-we read, listen to music, do puzzles, to keep our minds sharp and keen. All for the years of life.

For our souls we need the Church Sermon, Bible Study, Personal Devotions to develop our spiritual life.

For eternity.

By Faith McClenny

Bible Study The Book of James Thursdays 10:30.

At: Newport Community Church Fellowship Hall

All are Welcome

Called to Care and Prayer Chain

Called to Care also runs the prayer chain. It is usually done by email. The prayer chain has members and nonmembers on it. It is very easy to be on it. It only takes a minute to pray for someone that needs it. God works in mysterious and wonderful way, but listens to prayer. So, if you would like to be on Called to Care or the Prayer Chain please call the church office or talk to Sheryl.

Prayer Requests

The office and Called-to-Care are trying hard to keep the prayer list in the bulletin accurate and updated. It would help the office if you would, please, send prayer requests to the office by e-mail or fill out the tear-off tab from the bulletin and place it in the offering basket or blue-office folder. Please check the bulletin and see if anyone can come off. Thank you.

If you are interested in Legacy Giving, please contact the church office.

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office.

If you are interested in being a member, please contact the church office.

A Fathers' Tears

Sometimes Fathers don't let the tears fall, but the one that knows is God. He sees and he pats them on the back, to let them know it is all ok. Sometimes you can tell when the tears will fall. You can see it in their eyes, and you can hear the tears in their voice. Sometimes you just know what is in their heart, because you can just see it.

By Debbie Collins

My Mom

Mom is there for us. She kisses our boo-boos and cuts. It always felt better. She does the cooking and keeps the house clean. To us kids she is a wonderful mom and when us kids got bigger, we helped her.

By Debbie Collins

The Light of a Candle

The weather was changing, the sky was getting dark,
the winds picked up, I felt the rapid beating of my heart.
It was not too long before the power had gone out,
It would not be restored quickly, of that I had no doubt.
So I searched for a flashlight, that I finally found,
and I flicked the switch then put the flashlight back down.
It had no power, it had not been charged,
the illumination problem had not been resolved.
I searched next for some candles, we must have at least one,
and yes, I did find it, but matches I had none.
I remembered the gas stove, which with the candle I did light,
then I sat down and reflected for most of the night.
I remembered reading a single candle could be seen for over a mile,
I couldn't think how I could use that information, but it made me smile.
I wondered by candles how many books people did write,
including the Bible which tells us Jesus is, "The Life and the Light" .

Kevin Hunt

A Request to Help our Community

Hello to our local businesses, community groups, fraternal organizations, and fellow churches,

Several years ago local neighbors Gil and Lois Landon saw a need in our area to collect donations of good used accessibility equipment such as wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, and other helpful items to help those recover from accidents, surgeries, and medical issues. This equipment was and still is loaned out to anyone with a need. Gil passed away and Lois needed pass on the management of this operation they called "God's Closet". At that time our church was Newport UCC and an agreement was made with Rural Resources for them to handle the logistics of loaning out and collecting the equipment but they needed a storage facility. Our church volunteered to spearhead collection of monetary donations to pay the rental fees for the storage units which are due twice a year. Payment has been made through June 2024. We also agreed to print and post flyers to bring awareness to the availability of God's Closet. So when it comes time to replenish this fund, we as Newport Community Church ask for your help. If we all donate something, it contributes greatly to both our Washington and Idaho neighbors. Please contact Rural Resources to take advantage of this Free community service 509-447-9997 Located behind Subway... Please mail or drop off your contribution to:

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Specify the donation to God's Closet on the envelope or check reminder.

A Heartfelt Thank You in advance for you consideration.

Wishing God's blessings to you all. Kevin Hunt, NCC Moderator

Do you, or any one you know,
need a wheelchair, walker,
sanitary supplies, porta potty,
Bath bench, or other medical equipment?



God's Closet Is here to help.

All supplies are free.

Contact Rural Resources at
509-447-9997 Extension #2 Or #9
Wednesday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
333211 Highway 2 Ste. 200
In Newport, WA (Behind Subway)

If you would you like to donate
Gently used equipment in good
workable condition

Contact Rural Resources.

God's Closet is supported by
the local area churches.

Monetary donations may be sent to
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