

# The Lighthouse

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## Newsletter of Ocean Shores United Methodist Church

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OPEN HEARTS—OPEN MINDS—OPENDOORS

### Notes from the Pastor's Pen . . .

As I have mentioned before, I believe the American Church has lost the sense of mystery surrounding God. (We westerners need to have an answer for everything!) In many ways, including architecturally, our sense of the inscrutability of God is as absent as twenty-nine cent a gallon gasoline. Let me attempt to share with you what I mean by the loss of the mystery of God and the Gospel. And, let me have a go at it in the form of a personal credo.

A 'credo' is a Latin word for a statement of beliefs that guide your actions, as in 'a creed of the Christian Church.' It is a kind of "I believe" statement. So, here is mine:

"I believe that God knows everything, has the power to do everything, and is always with us. I believe God is different than us, is holy and exalted. God's thoughts are different than mine and in no way can I begin to comprehend those ideas. The love of God is humanly impossible to understand fully. The power and love of God cannot be controlled by me, and I do not either deserve or can earn such. God created everything and is not held to the Laws of Thermodynamics. Despite this awesomeness, God loves each of us and longs to be in relationship with us. We miss so much by thinking we know all about God.

In the words of C.S. Lewis, "How much happier you would be, how much more of you there would be, if the hammer of a higher God could smash your small

cosmos."

This is the God (and more characteristics, of course!) I believe in. The God who loves each of us and who pursues us, longs for us, waits for us. What are you waiting for?

See ya in church.

Wayne

## TEXTS FOR MAY

Date	Text
01	St. Matthew 25:14-30
08	St. Matthew 25:31-46
15	St. Mark 13:24-37
22	Romans 3:19-28
29	St. Matthew 22:34-46

## Congregation Leadership

### *President Administrative Council*

Gerry Dixon

### *Treasurer*

Barbara White

### *Lay Leader*

Marvin Wheeler

### *Worship*

Helen Lord & Jean Wheeler

### *Trustees*

Vicki Schmidt

### *Nurture*

Lois Westlund

### *Outreach*

Roe Simpson

## Online Church Calendar

### Gratitude

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are better off than the five hundred million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting, or not attend one, without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank or in your wallet, or spare change in a dish

someplace, you rank among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can read a book, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all. So count your blessings.

Excerpt from *If: Trading your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities*, Mark Batterson, Baker Books, 2015.

## **Paul Newman, A Life**

**by Shawn Levy**

Paul Newman was not only a superbly talented actor; he became a superb race car driver, when he turned fifty.

He was also an oddity in Hollywood; the rare box office titan who *cared* about the craft of acting, the leading man known for the staying power of his marriage, and the humble celebrity who made philanthropy his calling card.

The son of a businessman who owned a large sporting goods store in Cleveland, Paul and his brother Arthur, who were extremely close all their lives, grew up in Shaker Heights, a wealthy suburb of Cleveland.

The outspoken Newman used his celebrity to call attention to political causes dear to his heart, including civil rights and nuclear proliferation.

He took up race car driving at fifty, and excelled there, also, becoming the oldest driver to ever win a major race.

He and E.L. Doctorow, an author and neighbor, launched "Newman's Own" brand of food products and donated the entire profits to numerous charities, exceeding \$400 million.

Paul Newman was an extraordinarily gifted man, admired and respected by those he met. And, he was such fun to be around.

I so enjoyed this extremely interesting biography of a wonderful, loving, generous, talented man.

Lois Westlund  
Lighthouse Book Reviewer

Published by Three Rivers Press, 2010, 512 pages.

## Building Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<b>1</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>2</b> 12 N AA	<b>3</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>4</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>5</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>6</b> 12 N AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>9</b> 12 N AA	<b>10</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>11</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>12</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>13</b> 12 N AA	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>16</b> 12 N AA	<b>17</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>18</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>19</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>20</b> 12 N AA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>23</b> 12 N AA	<b>24</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>25</b> 12 N AA 6:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>26</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr	<b>27</b> 12 N AA	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30 A <b>Worship</b>	<b>30</b> 12 N AA	<b>31</b> 10 A - 2 P Senior Res Ctr				

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