

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *December 2006*



### **Each Sunday of Advent “White Gifts”**

Deacons will continue collecting donations of non-perishable food for the local New Castle food cupboard operated by St. Vincent dePaul Society at St. Peters Catholic Church for hungry people who live in New Castle. This year we will collect food **each of the four Sundays in Advent**, as well as, **Christmas Eve**. Please bring donated breakfast or canned meat and protein items, juice, soup, vegetables, fruit, or even dessert items and place them in the marked box in the Narthex.

The term “White Gifts” referred to the white wrapping paper around each donated can or box. *We no longer need to wrap individual items.* However, our celebration of the hope, love, joy, and anticipation of Christ in our lives will wrap each donation with the sparkling glory of God’s working presence in our midst.

Thank you,  
The Deacons

### ***Christmas Caroling***

Be sure to mark your calendar for a great evening of Christmas Caroling on Friday night December 22<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at the church at 7:00 P.M and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling.

We will end up at Gene and Carol Mayhew’s house (17 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street in New Castle) for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30 P.M.).

Please join us at the Mayhew’s even if you are unable to walk around and carol.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**  
**AT NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

- December 3            First Sunday of Advent  
                          The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
                          Reception of New Member  
                          12:45 p.m. Family Wreath Workshop
- December 9 Spirit of Christmas (Saturday)  
                          10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- December 10        Second Sunday of Advent  
                          Spirit of Christmas items available at fellowship
- December 17        Third Sunday of Advent  
                          Congregational Meeting after worship  
                          Fellowship at the Manse
- December 22        Christmas Caroling (Friday)  
                          7:00 p.m. Gather at church  
                          8:00 p.m. Refreshments - Mayhews (17 E. 5<sup>th</sup>)
- December 24        Fourth Sunday of Advent  
                          11:00 a.m. Morning worship  
                          Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
                          5:30 p.m. Children's Service (Meeting House)  
                          7:30 p.m. Traditional Service (MeetingHouse)
- December 25        Christmas Day – Have a blessed holiday!
- December 31        First Sunday after Christmas  
                          11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
                          No Sunday School
- 7:00 p.m. 350<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Progressive Dinner  
10:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship  
                          Meeting House  
                          Hanging of Anniversary Quilt



## Donate a Frozen Turkey

If you earn credit for a free turkey this fall please consider donating that free turkey to a Christmas Food Basket project being organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Beverly Stoudt is co-chairperson of this large undertaking. Approximately 320 families and senior citizens will receive a week's worth of non-perishable food on Saturday December 16. Each basket also will be accompanied by a frozen turkey for Christmas dinner.

Many grocery stores are offering bargain prices and offers of free turkeys before Thanksgiving. And, some companies give their employees a free turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you have accumulated credit or expect a gift of a turkey and do not want it, please consider giving it to our Christmas Food Basket project.

We will need your donated turkey by **Saturday Dec. 16**. If you plan to have one please call Beverly Stoudt at 368-9354 who will arrange for pick up and storage. We have a facility that will store as many turkeys as we can get. If you would like to bring it along to any Sunday church service that would be wonderful and hopefully easy for your family.

If you want to purchase a turkey and donate it we will be very grateful. Remember the prices are much better **before** Thanksgiving than after.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will pledge a turkey.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will bring our donated turkey to church.

\_\_\_\_\_ We do not have space to store a turkey and will  
need to have our donated turkey picked up.

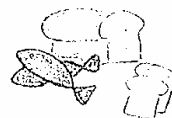
Please call our family at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for consider this loving project and taking the time to secure a frozen turkey.

Beverly Stoudt (368-9354)  
Newark Area Welfare Committee  
P.O. Box 951, Newark, DE 19715

# MEETING GROUND

P.O. Box 808 Elkton, Maryland 21922  
410-275-2936 www.meetingground.org



October 31, 2006

Dear Cynthia and  
Mission Partners at New Castle Presbyterian Church:

Thank you for the cleaning supplies and baby items which you so kindly brought to Clairvaux Farm. These needed items we appreciate very much – without them our ministry would not even be possible.

The help that you bring and the spirit of it, provides for the needs of the persons we help in every way, especially the building of confidence and self-esteem. Early in the morning, as we see the kids with their backpacks walking down to the road to catch the bus to school, we are especially grateful for the generosity which makes our work possible. These days the air is crisp and cool as we look forward to winter, and I think about how these children, talking happily and excitedly as they walk, will not have to be afraid of facing the cold unprotected because they have lost their homes. They have a warm and secure place until their families get back on their feet, and it is because of the spirit of giving which you and others so freely and thoughtfully share with us.

I hope knowing how much good results from your help to persons in need will express thanks in a way that words never can. We are grateful to God for all the blessings of this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Mazza".

(For all at Meeting Ground)

## **Mission Outreach Opportunity for December**

During the month of December we will be selling Herb & Spice Mixes to benefit the homeless project at Meeting Ground. We will set up a mini "kiosk" in the Christian Education building during Coffee hour and will have a variety of items for sale. Cash and checks will be accepted. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to New Castle Presbyterian Church and put "Meeting Ground" on the memo line. These mixes are great for holiday entertaining and also make nice gifts and "stocking stuffers." We hope you will lend your support to this worthwhile cause. Pamphlets explaining all about this mission will be included with your purchase.



## **A Thank You from Karen Dobson**

My dearest friends,

Ever since last April, I have struggled to find a way to express how much your love has meant to me. Words are truly inadequate to describe the wave of comfort that met me during that terrible time, and has stayed with me each and every day since. The glorious service of worship, the welcoming reception, your encouraging visits, the just-in-time gift of money from the Discretionary Fund, the overwhelming generosity of your contributions to Danika and Zack's Educational Trust Fund, and most of all, your daily prayers on our behalf: these are gifts for which I will be forever grateful. You have provided the best-care scenario for us out of the worst-case tragedy.

At first, I was in such a place that there was a level of shock that made me survive. But as my mind began to take in these truly horrible realities, I discovered that there was so much more goodness meeting me than evil, and I was kept from sinking. I saw the face of God in everyone: friends, co-workers, soccer families, and most of all my church. I discovered at the funeral service so many wonderful friends, lifting me up, making sure that I would not fall.

I could spend the rest of my life serving out of what was given to me. As horrible, and unnatural, and wrong as Buddy's death was, I was met with such a Spirit-filled experience as to give me true hope and blessing. I well know that I would have been in the hospital had it not been for your healing presence. With every step, you made the way smooth for us. You gave more than hugs – from A to Z, you taught me what it means to help others.

Truly, you have been family to me, and a great comfort to all my family members who worried about me. You have created something beautiful and you have shown me that there is so much goodness in the world that I need not be afraid.

With all my heart,

***Karen***

# **Delaware *EITC* Campaign**

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## **VOLUNTEER Call To Action!**

***Put Money Back into the Pockets of Those that Need it Most***

**ONE HOUR OF YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME CAN BOOST A FAMILY'S INCOME AND PUT THEM ON THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS . . .**

**Tax Preparers:** Help hard-working families with incomes less than \$40,000 claim the tax credits they've earned! In 2006, 300 trained volunteers prepared taxes and generated over \$15 million in refunds for more than 10,000 hard-working Delawareans statewide. With your help, we could do more!

- Short-term, effective volunteer effort.
- 3 hours/week, mid-Jan. to mid-April.
- Free 8-hour tax training certified by the IRS.
- No experience needed.
- Supervising tax professional on site at all times.
- No liability to tax preparer (sites are IRS approved).
- Statewide locations and flexible hours.

**Cash Coordinators:** This year the DE EITC Campaign is looking for volunteers to help low-income taxpayers get on the road to financial success. With as little as 3 hours a week for the three months of tax season, you can help hard-working Delawareans learn how savings, credit, and state benefits can add up to increase household income and support future financial goals.

- No prior financial education experience is necessary.
- Volunteers receive professional training on all aspects of being a Cash Coordinator prior to starting.

**For more information, visit the volunteer section at our website: <http://www.eitcdelaware.net>**

### **NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

**Call: 302-655-0803 or E-mail [info@eitcdelaware.net](mailto:info@eitcdelaware.net)**

### **KENT/SUSSEX COUNTIES**

**Call: 302-947-2726 or e-mail [downstate@eitcdelaware.net](mailto:downstate@eitcdelaware.net)**



## Anniversary Quilt Banner

QUILT 1. Cover for a bed, usually made of two pieces of cloth with a soft pad between, held in place by stitching

Anyone who has ever worked on a quilted project knows that, large or small it is so much more than that described by a limited dictionary definition. The 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee requested a quilting project be part of our celebration. It was decided that a quilt banner would be created and hung from the balcony for the 12 months of our official celebration.

THAT WAS THE EASY PART...The planning committee (Shirley Knox, Beverly Stoudt, Ellie Gerhart) was supported by many eager and anxious to help members and friends of the congregation. We did not have a history of working together on any quilt project but as everyone knows when the many talents and creative minds come together at NCPC all things are possible - thus we are proud to accomplish our first quilt project and honored that it is to be a visual reminder of people working together at NCPC.

We hope you are proud to display the quilt as a form of art and as you view it try to imagine many different, little pieces of fabric, colors of thread and ideas coming together - truly epitomizing our anniversary theme: 350 YEARS WITNESSING FOR CHRIST.

Ellie Gerhart, 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

We hope you enjoy reading a few verses of the poem, An American Quilt, written by Susan Meehan, a college classmate of Marsha Quillen's

## **AN AMERICAN QUILT**

A fine quilt  
may have one design overall,  
or it may have many  
interwoven together.  
Each works.  
Whichever is chosen,  
the design must be carefully built  
to please the eye that  
moves across the landscape of the quilt.  
It must explain itself.

A good quilt has been bound,  
cover to bating to underside-  
each has its purpose, its value, its glory.  
Together they are strong, warm and beautiful.

The quilting threads may be hard to see  
set in quiet background  
subordinated to let the pieces glow,  
or they may make a splendid pattern  
of their own  
weaving in brilliance over plain fabric.

A good quilt has many pieces,  
many patches.  
All are sewn with love  
a message of devotion  
sent by all who have sewn it  
for the generations of its use  
and appreciation.  
Let us make our beautiful quilt—  
together.

## **An Idea for Christmas**

Barb Kuzmarski passes along this fine idea for celebrating the holy season of Christ's love: instead of Christmas cards one year, give what you would have spent to your favorite mission project. Our 350<sup>th</sup> Mission Project would be a fine ministry to receive your contribution: Calvary House Homeless Shelter for Men.

### **Coffee Project**

We've added to our line of coffees by popular demand! The newest shipment will now include:

Tanzanian Jubilee	\$5.00 ea. / \$30.00 case
Café Salvador	\$5.00 ea. / \$30.00 case
Columbian drip	\$5.50 ea. / \$33.00 case
Columbian whole bean	\$5.50 ea. / \$33.00 case
Columbian Decaf drip	\$6.00 ea. / \$36.00 case
Columbian Decaf whole bean	\$6.00 ea. / \$36.00 case
Hazelnut Crème	\$5.75 ea. / \$34.00 case
French Vanilla	\$5.75 ea. / \$34.00 case
Toffee Caramel	\$5.75 ea. / \$34.00 case
Hot Cocoa	\$4.00 can
Tea (6 varieties)	\$4.00 box

Purchase coffee in Pastor Nancy's office. If you pay by check, make out to: New Castle Presbyterian Church, with "coffee project" on the memo line.

## **5Lb Bags of Sugar/Jars of Cremora**

Bill Perkins at Friendship House has noticed an increase in numbers at the various Friendship House facilities now that colder weather is setting in. He has asked for a donation of 5 pound bags of sugar and jars of Cremora to help with this increase. Another church has provided the coffee to meet the increase and we hope to help by donating bags of sugar and jars of Cremora. The next time you go the store we hope you might consider buying an extra bag of sugar and/or Cremora to help this valuable mission. Please put your donations in the basket in the front hallway of the Christian Education building. Thank you for your service.

## **350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Support**

The 350<sup>th</sup> committee is continuing their fundraising by offering our members and friends a replica of the original meeting house. It was produced by the Cat's Meow and the price is \$20. We will continue to offer Christmas tree balls at \$15 and note paper at \$10 per package. Please support our many endeavors for our 2007 birthday year by purchasing one or all of these offerings

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

The Spirit of Christmas is successful because of the wonderful support from every member of the church. We need volunteers to help setup, greet and host the hundreds of visitors that come each year.

We also need homemade crafts and Christmas ornaments, seasonal home decorations, cooks for homemade soup and breads, all your favorite books, and cookie makers for the free refreshment stand.

We hope you can help once again this year. If you can provide one of the needs, please give either of us a call, send us an e-mail or simply sign up on one of the volunteer pages in the Christian Education Building.

Let us know how you can help make The Spirit of Christmas in 2006.

Thank you for supporting the Spirit of Christmas,

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Co-Chairs of the Spirit of Christmas  
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[irvapr@comcast.net](mailto:irvapr@comcast.net)  
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## **Now Hear This!**

Clean out your bookshelves! Support our annual Spirit of Christmas book sale! Bring those books you don't need (especially children's books) to the Christian Education Building no later than Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. A large box is waiting for you in the left back corner of the fellowship hall.

## **Soup and Bread Makers for Spirit of Christmas**

There are sign-up sheets in the C. E. building waiting for your name! We will need your delicious fresh homemade soup and bread to sell on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Containers are available in the church kitchen. If you have any questions, please call Mary Pratt at 328-7273.

## **Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels is the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers for the week are listed below:

### **Monday**

Minerva Lermond  
Phoebe Dill

### **Tuesday**

Shirley Knox  
Jean Swanson

### **Wednesday**

Dot & Jason Campbell

### **Thursday**

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichols

### **Friday**

Carl Witt

## **Our 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Begins!!**

On Saturday, December 9, 2006 as part of the Spirit of Christmas, historical items will be displayed in cases in the CE Building and commemorative items will be for sale. The Anniversary Quilt will be on display. The outside banner announcing the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church will be hung and a pamphlet highlighting the history of the church and announcing the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be available.

On Sunday Evening, December 31, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner followed by a 10:00 p.m. Worship Service during which the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt will be installed on the balcony in the Meeting House. Dessert will follow at the manse.

Join us for these all the events in 2007 celebrating who we are in Jesus Christ!

## **A Capital Project!**

In honor of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our historic Meeting House, the Session and Board of Trustees are exploring proposals for installing air conditioning and a new organ in our Meeting House. Each of these projects would cost close to \$45,000 (\$90,000 for both). We want your feedback!

Please fill out the following survey and return to the church by mail, e-mail (ncpcpastor@verizon.net), fax (328-5670), or simply phone one of the elders.

Would you like to see our worship space air-conditioned?  Yes  No

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to contribute to a capital campaign for a new organ and/or for air conditioning?  Yes  No

Would you like a visit from an elder about these projects?  Yes  No

Do you have concerns or wisdom to share about the air conditioning of historic buildings?

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Do you have any other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the church office by December 17.  
Thank you!



# December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
3 11:00a-Worship-The Lord's Supper 12:00p-Fellowship 12:30p-Advent Wreath Workshop	4 7:00p-Membership Evangelism	5 Presbytery-Lewes Noon Circle	6 7:30p-Choir Rehearsal	7 6:45p-Col. Chimes 7:00p-Al-Anon 8:00p-Celebration Ringers	8 9:30a-3:00p-Spirit of Christmas set-up	9 10:00a-5:00pm Spirit of Christmas
10 11:00a-Worship 12:00p-Fellowship 12:30p-Presbytery Youth Event	11 Meals on Wheels 7:00p-Deacons	12 Meals on Wheels	13 Meals on Wheels 6:00p-Worship Committee 7:30p-Choir Rehearsal	14 Meals on Wheels 6:45p-Col. Chimes 7:00p-Al-Anon 8:00p-Cel. Ringers	15 Meals on Wheels	16
17 11:00a-Worship 12:00p-Congregational Mtg. 12:10p-Fellowship @ Manse 12:30p- Youth lunch & year end activity	18 7:00p-English Country Dancers 7:30p-Trustees	19	20 7:30p-Choir Rehearsal	21 6:45p-Col. Chimes 7:00p-Al-Anon 8:00p-Cel. Ringers	22 7:00p -Christmas Caroling	23
24 11:00a-Worship 12:00p-Fellowship 5:30p-Children's Service 7:30p-Traditional Service	25 <b>A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!</b>	26 (no Choir)	27	28 6:45p-Col. Chimes 7:00p-Al-Anon 8:00p-Cel. Ringers	29	30
31 7:00p-NYE Progressive Dinner 10:00p-Worship 10:45p-Dessert						

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The New Castle Presbyterian Church has a new e-mail address:  
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**[ncpcpastor@verizon.net](mailto:ncpcpastor@verizon.net)**

Next Newsletter Deadline is **December 27, 2006.**