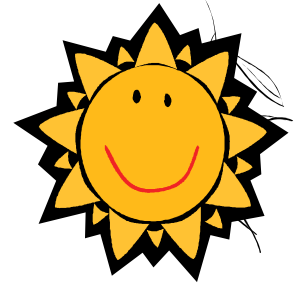


New Castle Presbyterian News

June 2007



A Job Well Done

Many thanks to all the loyal members of New Castle Presbyterian who helped in so many ways to make the presbytery meeting on May 22 such a success. Those who attended found everything to their liking, and that was because of our friendly, helpful members! Thank you for such faithful service to your church and presbytery. This was truly a fitting celebration of our church's 300 years of leadership in New Castle Presbytery.

Youth Project at the Senior Center

On June 13th the Youth group, parents and church members will return to the New Castle Senior Center to join in a garden clean up for the seniors. We will provide a luncheon and have some intergenerational fun.

Our activity will start at 10:00 and luncheon will be served at 12:00. We will need some donations of money, chips, rolls, sodas, and paper supplies. Sign-ups will be in the fellowship hall and for more information please call Sue Townsend 328-5533 or email sotownsend@yahoo.com

Summer Worship Begins June 10

Don't miss out! We move to our summer schedule on June 10 with worship at 10:00am with our Anniversary Picnic to follow at 11:00. Bring a salad or dessert.

Please Update Your Directories

We have new mailing address' and phone numbers for the following people:

William & Marcia Quillen
600 Whitby Drive
Sharpley
Wilmington, DE 19803
302-656-5799

Patricia & David Bird
105 Harmony Street
PO Box 452
New Castle, DE 19720
302-322-7895

We Need Your Help

The 350th Anniversary Committee is in the process of gathering names and addresses of folks to be invited to the banquet on November 11, 2007. Committee members are looking over several lists at this time. These include former members, inactive members and friends of the church.

If you know of anyone that you believe should be invited, please give the name and especially current address, to Janet in the office as soon as possible. Even if it turns out that we already have that name, that is O.K. Better to have that cross check than not.

Thank you. We don't want to miss anyone.

- Nanette Nichol for the 350th Committee

Meals on Wheels

NCPC is not on the rotation in June. The next scheduled dates are July 23-27.

Seat Cushions

For our members who need a little extra support in order to worship with us, the Worship Committee has provided seat and lumbar cushions for individual use. They are in a basket in the narthex as you enter. Please ask an usher to help you get one!

The Christian Education Committee Announces...

A Day at the "Shore" in Avalon, NJ

Courtesy of Jo and Corky Viola



For: Everybody (young and old!)

Date: Saturday, July 14

Time: come as early as you can and stay as long as you like. The day will be pretty unstructured but Jo and Cork's house will serve as "home base". Hang out there to read, visit or nap in the hammock, go to the beach or explore Avalon. We'll have dinner together at the house in the mid to late afternoon.

Place: The Viola's House at 148 31st St. in Avalon, NJ

What to bring: your own beach needs, lunch will be on your own, and a dessert or salad to share for dinner.

Corky, Jo and the CE Committee are providing dinner - Pulled Pork BBQ sandwiches, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and drinks.

There will also be an outside shower and a place to change clothes, if needed.

Please sign up on the CE Building Bulletin Board by Sunday, July 8.

Questions? See or call Cork, Jo or Amy Selheimer.

Vacation Bible School Is Coming!!

Don't miss out on all the fun! Vacation Bible School returns on July 8-12, 6:15 to 8:15 each evening. This year our theme is the Great Bible Reef, and we will be diving deep into the Word of God. **We need volunteers to make our school the very best!** *Please sign up on the sheets provided in the Fellowship Hall.* It's lots of fun and you can make a big difference in someone's life!

Seamen's Center

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to remind everyone that we will again be supporting the Seamen's Center's "Christmas at Sea" program next December. Last year the congregation provided 30 ditty boxes, which included various items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, etc. We were also able to include 30 hand knitted scarves, 10 hand knitted hats and some purchased hats that were given to the seamen as part of the 1300 ditty boxes given to the arriving ships in the month of December. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to be part of the bigger world as we share in celebrating Christmas and sharing our time and resources.

If anyone has any questions about the program please call Ellie Gerhart (302-328-0908). Ellie will be available to teach or help with any knitting questions. The summer months are a great time to work on a Seamen's scarf. As always, patterns and some yarn are readily handy in the basket in the Fellowship Hall...we hope we will be able to repeat last year's generosity.

- Ellie Gerhart

Urban Promise Summer Camp Program

On July 15th we will be serving dinner to the counselors of Urban Promise. Many of these young people come from all over the world to work for Urban Promise and their youth summer camp program. There will be a sign-up sheet in June for anyone interested in helping cook and serve a meal for these dedicated young people.

Our Graduates

Congratulations to those in our church family who graduate this spring:

Eighth Grade:

Danielle Knox, on June 1 from New Castle Middle School. She will attend William Penn High School next year.

Kaitlyn Raker, on June 8 from Newark Charter School. She will attend Newark High School next year.

High School:

Danika Dobson, on June 4 from St. Elizabeth High School. Will attend Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA next year, majoring in Biology – Pre Vet track and playing soccer.

John Handy, on June 1 from William Penn High School. His plans for fall are still pending.

Phillip Walters, on June 1 from William Penn High School. He will attend Delaware Technical Community College in the fall.

Graduate School:

Joe Taylor, son of Pat and Dave Taylor on May 25, 2007 with a Juris Doctorate from Catholic University, Columbus School of Law.

Our graduates will be celebrated in worship June 10.

Further information on graduates will be published in the July newsletter. If you have someone in your family who is graduating this spring, please contact the church office (328-3279).



FRIENDS OF OLD DRAWYERS, INC.

P.O. BOX 35 ODESSA, DELAWARE 19730

April 27, 2007

TO: Local Churches

FROM: Douglas Bennett, President

RE: Newsletter and/or bulletin insert

As we look to begin a new campaign to help raise funds for the expansion of our new cemetery site east of the church, we seek your help and respectfully request that you include information about our project in your bulletins. These funds will help us maintain our historical treasure and expand our cemetery lots, which we will begin to develop and make available to the public in the near future.

“You are invited to join The Friends of Old Drawyers at one of the unveilings and receptions of Larry Anderson’s architecturally detailed painting of Old Drawyers church and cemetery and the sale of numbered/signed prints. They are scheduled for...

• **Sunday, June 3 at 2 pm at the annual service—1 mi. north of Odessa on Rt 13 south**

• **Thursday, June 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hockessin Fire Hall**

• **Saturday, June 16 in the Sanibel room at the Atlantic Sand Hotel, Rehoboth Beach**

A booklet will be passed out and we are also offering “In Memory of” listings at \$ 25 each. Sponsorships, including an ad and many including a print, are also available. For more information call Allen Helsel at 302-479-9239, Larry Anderson at 302-999-9940, Carolyn Stanley at 302-378-3703 or E-mail OldDrawyers@verizon.net”

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in helping us get the word out about this event!

Bits and Pieces of the Past

This month we continue learning the delightful story of Mary Earle and the New Castle Antiques Show sponsored by our church 1949-1982:

NEW CASTLE ANTIQUES SHOW

SPONSORED BY NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW CASTLE
DELAWARE

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

The kitchen crew ran down Third Street with the dirty silver and washed it in Earles' kitchen because the hot water had to be saved for the coffee.

When George Twyford and Bud Deemer made our genuine 18th Century chandliers out of Eliason's funnels and small pie plates from the dime store for we had no hope of improving the lighting situation.

How these same chandliers were the joy and despair of our Sam Stewart for many years.

The year the front lawn sported a beautiful fountain when turned on opened up and heavens and for 3 days thereafter it was accompanied with a deluge from above which continued for 23 consecutive days breaking all sorts of records in the State.

How we listened to horror over the radio the news that the Building that we would be using for the Show was a condemned building.

Sitting up all night long waiting for a Dealer to arrive who had an accident on the way here.

Falling/asleep and rolling
Falling/off one of the long Church tables at 5 AM while waiting for the Dealers to pack up and leave.

Or deciding to check the buildings around 1 AM found our Nightwatchman strolling up Delaware Street---he was lonesome.

The early morning---3 AM---the fire whistle blew and three church members met in The Green nightgowns and pj's flapping in the Spring Breeze.

The year our Committee and Visitors sported black mustaches and other assorted interesting marks on their faces---due to a late printing job, shiny paper and high humidity the ink didn't dry.

We had one Dealer who spent his time bracing his nerves with the 'hair of the dog' that bit him and several of our gentler ladies in the Church thought he was taking 'cough medicine'.

When we watched one item leave at Booth at 75\$ and in 24 hours had changed hands two more times and it finally left the building with a happy man at \$375 and was delighted with his purchase--the Committee almost fainted and we had to clap hands over mouths to keep the secret.

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NEW CASTLE DELAWARE

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

Chan Gebhart took a dislike to the Dealers and viewed them all with suspicion. All the many hours he devoted to his 'books' and everything was accounted for down to the last thumb tack.

How Jim Earle and George Twyford trying to remove an old pump organ from the Academy almost parted friends when it was rolled over on George's foot.

When two little girls---daughters of Committee members were tied to the big tree in the Secret Garden so their Mothers could work on the building.

When during the cold nights in the Academy Building as we worked the Witas would disappear and reappear like a pair of Elves with pots of hot coffee and big platters of hot do-nuts.

Our much loved, much missed Mary Gebhart kept insisting that the following year we would have to have things much better organized---only to be greeted with Chan's determined, but quiet remark of 'if we had been we wouldn't had had all those children'

The day Bob Scott raised a pair of weary eyes and say 'How did you ever talk me into this---why I can't even drive a straight nail and now you had me build a room'

Over and over we found people who did not know what talents they had to share until they were forced to

Of Edwinna Long and her faithful old car that chugged all over on a thousand errands for us.

APRIL 18, 1958

A PIECE OF PLASTER
(Pennies from Heaven)

A piece of sermon-soaked plaster
fell from the church ceiling
and imparted a reaction
that sent the congregation reeling

An Antique Show
our ancient church needs;
So Mary Earle started
and planted the seeds.

The idea grew and took root,
They did not need to be hit on the head,
We'll sell antiques,
and make money, they said.

The New Castle Antique Show--
that's how it was born.
Now for Mrs. Earle
Please do not mourn.

Ten years its going
A Show of renown,
That put on the Antique Map
Our quaint little Town.

N.McIn.

Tuxedo Park, Delaware
1-31-48

Charles Cardwell & Son
815 Orange Street
Wilmington, Del.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Roman of your firm asked me to examine the
plaster on ceiling in the Presbyterian Church on East
Second Street in New Castle, Del.

I did examine ceiling 1/29/48.

This ceiling is in such a condition that I do not
believe it would warrant the expense of repairing, as no
one could guarantee how long it would last.

I would be glad to meet with you or a committee
from the church at any time, perhaps I could explain more
fully why I believe this.

I remain,

(Signed)

George A. McCloskey
5 Lincoln Ave.
Tuxedo Park, Del.

Herb T. Pratt
Church Historian

The Presbyterian Church is Organized in Scotland by John Knox

Scotland had never known orderly government, rule by law, or much peace. The land was ruled by lords, and under them lairds, all of whom fought their neighbors, raided the English, and in turn were raided themselves. The lords owned much of the land. Few of them could read or write. They lived in strong castles, and were as brutal tyrants as ever lived. The lairds were middle class gentry, who assigned the land to tenants for farming. The lowland Scots were farmers, but very poor.

Tenants lived in hovels made of stones, turf, straw, and thatch. Floors were of earth with a fire in the center. Smoke escaped through a hole in the roof. Cattle were tethered at one end of the room at night to prevent them from being stolen. The family slept on heather piled at the other end of the room. Vermin abounded at both ends. Life expectancy was thirty-five years.

There was little chance for education in Scotland. The universities of Glasgow and St. Andrews admitted 14 year old boys for education in Latin, for positions in the Catholic Church. The children of lairds received little education in either letters or morals. No school was available for children of tenants.

For tenants, justice was available only from the lords, although the laird heard small cases. Mostly, one settled his own disputes, and defended his own rights, by violence if necessary.

To live in these cruel times, in such a social system, and land of harsh climate and niggardly soil, the lowland Scots developed a unique mind and character. They learned to resist aggression. A man's rights were worth defending. One must fight back as long as possible, and then endure. He was not submissive or subservient.

The lords regarded the Catholic Church as a refuge for sons who were too feckless to be warriors. The Lord James Stuart, the illegitimate son of the king, wore body armor under his archbishop's Cossack. The clergy were lazy and mostly illiterate. The nuns were boldly unchaste. There were seldom churches in villages.

Little is known about the early life of John Knox. He became a Catholic priest in 1536. He became a follower of the Protestant reformer George Wishart, who was arrested for heresy on orders of the local Cardinal and burned at the stake. A Protestant gang assassinated the cardinal and seized his castle of St. Andrews. Mary of Guise, the regent of Scotland, asked for assistance from France. The French fleet captured the castle and sent John Knox to France as a galley slave. He was released after two years, went to Geneva, and became a friend and colleague of the theologian John Calvin.

In 1560 John Knox returned to Scotland from exile. He was small in stature, weak of body, strong in courage, and a fiery eloquent preacher. The Protestants, under Queen Elizabeth, were now in power. He carried the Reformation to Scotland, and soon the Presbyterian Church became the established Kirk of Scotland.

June 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30am-Sunday School 11am-Worship 12pm-Congregational Mtg. 12:15pm-Fellowship 7:00pm-NC Seminar: Life of Judge George Gray	4	5	6 6:30pm-Choir (last rehearsal for summer)	7 10:30-2pm - Arasapha Brunch 7pm-Al-Anon	8	9 Separation Day - Parade Float Meeting House open for Tours
10 10am-Worship 11am-350 th Birthday Picnic after worship	11 7pm-Deacons	12	13	14	15	16
17 10am-Worship 11am-Fellowship@manse 11:30pm-Father/Son Brunch	18 7pm-English Country Dancers 7:30pm-Trustees	19	20	21	22 Deadline for July Newsletter	23
24 10am-Worship 11am-Fellowship Hour	25 7:00pm-Session	26	27	28 7pm-Al-Anon	29	30

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