

New Castle Presbyterian News

January 2008



Many Thanks to the Members of the 350th Anniversary Committee

As the Chair of the 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee I would like to thank the following individuals who served on our Anniversary Committee for their hard work and amazing dedication. The Committee met for the first time on March 15, 2005 and the last meeting was held on October 30, 2007 with the work of the members continuing throughout December of 2007. That is a commitment of just three months shy of three years! What a wonderful group!

It was such a pleasure to work with this committee, everyone made a specific contribution to one project or another throughout our anniversary year of 2007. We set an ambitious schedule of events, projects and activities with something happening in every month in 2007 and two or three things occurring in some of the months. Each member stepped up and took over on one project or another and all of the work got done and done well. The committee made this year of celebration a very successful and memorable one and just about everyone in the congregation participated in some event or activity. Many members of the congregation who were not official committee members also contributed to the work and success of the year's activities.

Again, thanks so much to everyone on the Committee and to the congregation for your tremendous support and enthusiasm for our 350th Anniversary Celebration. 350th Anniversary Committee members included the following:

Carol Mayhew, Chair
Nanette Nichol, Secretary
Ginny Appleby
Joan Appleby
Patricia Bird
Lyn Briggs
Dot Campbell
Vic Clark
Eileen Dunham

Ellie Gerhart
Bruce Gordon
Anita Johnson
Ralph Johnson
Lynn MacEwen
Steve Martin
Linda Neel
Bill Quillen
Connie Reese

Janet Spring
Jean Swanson
Bob Swick
Laurie Tumulty
Corky Viola
Herb Pratt, Archives Advisor
Nancy Rowland, Pastor

Mission & Outreach Update

NCPC Book Night

Our reading selection for January 15 will be **American Gospel**, by Jon Meacham. This is a great read for history buffs interested in how religion shaped the thinking of our founding fathers and presidents throughout history. A fitting book for the conclusion of our year long celebration of our 350th Anniversary since 15 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterian. This book has been well researched and the footnote pages and acknowledgement pages are as interesting as the book itself. Jon Meacham is an editor for Newsweek magazine and has also written a book about Harry Truman and Winston Churchill.

Grace, Eventually by Anne Lamott will be scheduled for March 18th and **Mountains Beyond Mountains** by Tracey Kidder will be scheduled for May 20th.

To all soup, bread, pickle, and relish makers for Spirit of Christmas —

You did it again! Thank you for giving your time and talent for our causes and for providing delight for the folks who enjoyed the fruits of your labor. You have become legend!

- Mary Pratt

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took part in Emma's memorial service, Nancy, Eileen and the choir, Melissa at the organ and those who provided for the reception following the service. So many compliments, all saying that everything was just right. And to those of you who were there, thank you so much.

I say again how blessed I am to be part of this church family. The love and support you have shown me over these years as I have cared for Emma has meant more than I can say. And Emma knew how important you all are in my life. Again, thank you, and let's continue to care for one another.

Love,
Nanette Nichol and Debbie and Doug

We Need Your Feedback!

The Worship and Christian Education Committees of the Session need your wisdom in creating a worshipful and nurturing experience for fulfilling our baptismal vows. We want to have the schedule which promotes the greatest participation in Worship and Christian Education for our members, young and old. Please help us by completing this survey and returning it to Pastor Nancy's box or office by **January 15th**.

Does the time of Christian Education for children and youth affect whether your children come or not?

___ I do not have children.

These are my reasons for participating or not participating in Christian Education for my children:

___ I do not have children.

These are my reasons for participating or not participating in Christian Education for myself:

What Christian Education model would work best for you?

Weekday ___ Which day? ___
Weeknight ___ Which night? ___
Saturday ___ What time? ___
Sunday ___ What time? ___

Block schedule (like VBS) ___ How often? ___ When? ___

What worship time would you prefer for fall/winter/spring?:

10:00 a.m. ___
10:30 a.m. ___
11:00 a.m. ___

Would worship time would you prefer for summer?:

9:00 a.m. ___
9:30 a.m. ___
10:00 a.m. ___
10:30 a.m. ___

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Are you familiar with any Christian Education models at other churches that might work for us?

Have you had any trouble finding parking before church or Sunday School?

What solutions do you suggest for our parking problems?

Additional Comments:

Your name: _____

**Please join the congregation for the last activity of our
350th Anniversary Celebration
A Progressive Dinner on New Year's Eve
Monday Night, December 31st**

The evening will begin at 6pm with appetizers at Gene and Carol Mayhew's then progress to Don and Connie Reese's for soup and salad at 7:15 pm followed by the main course at Bob and Phoebe Dill's at 8:15 pm. We will gather at the Meeting House at 10 pm for a brief church service followed by desserts at Nancy Rowland's (Manse). If you are coming and can make a contribution to any one of the hosts for any one of the four courses, appetizer, soup or salad, main dish casserole or dessert that would be appreciated. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the CE building. Hope to see you on New Year's Eve.

Senior Day (for those 75 years of age and better)

It has been said that we make a living by what we get, but, we make a life by what we give. On January 20, 2008 NCPC will celebrate the lives of our senior members for giving their dedication, time, energy and enthusiasm to our church. There will be a special message, special music, and a special coffee hour to show our appreciation for these very special people who have given so generously to the life of our church.

Meals on Wheels

We are not delivering Meals on Wheels in January. Next delivery will be February 4th – 8th 2008. If anyone is interested in delivering meals to shut-in Seniors in the New Castle area, please contact Ellen Matthews at 302-777-1133.

Monday

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore

Tuesday

Jean Swanson
Joan Smith

Wednesday

Dot & Jason
Campbell

Thursday

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday

Shirley Knox

We Welcome Alison Clark

We have a new administrative assistant, Alison Pochvatilla Clark, in our church office! She is a life-long resident of New Castle, currently residing with her husband Aaron and her six-month-old daughter Maggie on 100 Jefferson Avenue in Wilmington Manor. She is a member of New Castle United Methodist Church and sings with the praise team at Asbury United Methodist Church. She completed her education at William Penn, University of Delaware, and Wilmington University in music, education, and counseling. Previous to the birth of her daughter, she has had work experience with the Walt Disney World Company and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware. Welcome, Alison! We are delighted you are here!

MANY THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS – YOUR HELP WAS SPECTACULAR!

The Spirit of Christmas 2007, Dec. 8, was nothing short of a complete and wonderful success for the merchants and citizens of Olde New Castle and the members of the New Castle Presbyterian Church as we closed the celebration of our 350th year.

It was made possible through the generous help of all members of the church by opening their houses to visitors, making soup, bread, crafts and cookies – oh, so many cookies and we still ran out. The gift of books set a record in sales. Hosts and hostesses brought our church to life in so many ways.

We sincerely thank you for all that you did during Spirit of Christmas. Because of your dedication we will be able to give a little more than \$5,000 to the Friendship House and their Corner House for men. It is very much a dedication of love. Thank you. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed by the board of directors of Friendship House. Please hear their comments given to Linda Neal who also sits on the board:

“Your efforts and those of your church made a wonderful impact on the men and women of Wilmington,”

- Kris Dierks.

“Linda, what a fabulous success you have built for Friendship House! Thank you so, so much. You and your friends at church head into Christmas filled with the spirit, and may you find the season as full of blessings for yourselves as you have made it blessed for others”

- Ashlin Bray.

In the Spirit of Christmas and Love, God Bless and Keep you this holiday season.

Susan and Irv Lipp
Co-chairs
Spirit of Christmas

Direct Giving

If you would like to have your contributions direct deposited please call Shirley Knox at 322-0225 or call the office (328-3279) for the appropriate form.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Years Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:30pm-Choir	3 6:00pm- Arasapha Mtg 6:45pm-Bells 7:00pm-Al-Anon 8:00pm-Bells	4	5
6 9:30am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 12:00pm-Fellowship	7	8 12:00pm- Noon Circle@ Prince on Delaware	9 6:00pm- Worship Committee 7:30pm-Choir	10 6:45pm-Bells 7:00pm-Al-Anon 8:00pm-Bells	11	12
13 9:30am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 12:00pm-Fellowship	14 7:00pm-Deacons	15	16 7:30pm-Choir	17 6:45pm-Bells 7:00pm-Al-Anon 8:00pm-Bells	18	19 Presbytery Ocean City
20 9:30am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 12:00pm-Fellowship 5:30pm- Spaghetti Supper	21 Martin Luther King Day 7:30pm-Trustees	22	23 7:30pm-Choir	24 6:45pm-Bells 7:00pm-Al-Anon 8:00pm-Bells	25	26
27 9:30am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 12:00pm-Fellowship Older Adult Emphasis	28 7:00pm- Session	29	30 7:30pm-Choir	31 6:30pm- Preservation DE 6:45pm-Bells 7:00pm-Al-Anon 8:00pm-Bells		

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Next Newsletter Deadline is **January 21, 2007**.