

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *April* *2008*

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### **Spring Is Heading Our Way!**

With an early Easter and a mild winter, spring flowers will soon be among our blessings. You are invited to share those floral blessings with the women who live in Friendship House transitional housing through the Mother's Day Garden project. This is a simple way of honoring your own mother or another person who offers nurture and support while contributing to the beauty and peacefulness of transitional housing.

Your contribution to Friendship House (marked Mother's Day Garden) will be used to enhance gardens and yards at Friendship House facilities, and the person you decide to honor will receive a beautiful floral card for Mother's Day. You will be listed as the donor, but the amount of your contribution does not appear on the card; a gift of any amount is honored.

Please see the poster in the CE Building for more information, or see Janet Spring or Linda Neel to pick up a donor card. Thank you for honoring important people in your life with a gift that helps once-homeless women find the joy of sharing and gardening.

### **Save the Date!**

Family Day in Avalon will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many thanks to Corky and Jo Viola for hosting this wonderful event!

## **The Joy of Read-Aloud**

I was tired and had a lot of chores to do, so, I wasn't enthusiastic about taking 2 hours to read to a group of preschoolers. But, then I opened the door to the classroom and was welcomed by a flurry of little hands in the air and a chorus of, "Ooooh, I want to read.... pick me, pick me". Suddenly, there was a little body next to mine hugging me around my knees. What a welcome!!

Aren't you ready to be welcomed also? Come be a Read Aloud volunteer for a morning at the Rose Hill Community Center Head Start program. We are seeking volunteers to read to pre-school children between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, there will be an optional lunch for those who don't have to rush back to resume their day. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Christian Ed building.

Your willingness and availability are all that will be needed for this one-time volunteer experience. If you wish to become a Read Aloud Delaware volunteer and to fully participate in their programs, then, you'll need to complete a Read Aloud application, a security background check and a brief Read Aloud program orientation. For further information, contact Conchita Showell at 832-9226.

## **Prayer Chain**

Susan Flook ([suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com), 328-7346) will be receiving prayer requests while coordinator Fran Gingher is having surgery and recuperating. Please contact her from April 22 until Fran is fully recovered. Our prayers are with Fran during her time of healing!

## **Let's Restart the "SINGLES" Activities!**

We need to multiply our leaders! With more leaders we can share the organization for each event. With 2 or 3 additional leaders this and more could be possible.

The next event will in May. We had mentioned in the past that some would like to go to the Delaware Art Museum and the Delaware Modern Art Museum, with a lunch out afterwards. We can always carpool an event and organize pick-up for those who don't have transportation.

To volunteer, please call or email Sue Townsend at: c# 302-562-3647 or [sotownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:sotownsend@yahoo.com).

## Schedule Survey Results

Many thanks to all of you who responded to our survey concerning Sunday scheduling. Thirty-three surveys were returned. Nineteen preferred no change in regular worship time. Fifteen suggested a change. Seventeen preferred no change in summer worship time. Fifteen preferred some change. Because of these responses, the session has voted not to make a change in scheduling. Additionally, our families choose the current scheduling for Christian Education.

However, many interesting responses were gathered concerning additional offerings in Christian Education and worship:

*Maybe a book study in the Sunday school worship. Some people may enjoy who aren't able to drive at night...Kerygma Bible Study – learners guides provided...morning book and bible study with coffee and cake...a paid youth director who devotes all time and attention to youth and family activities; a short contemporary service followed immediately by church school...Have “new member” Sundays and Sunday brunch events... a published curriculum for the adult Bible study to be studied at home?...consider publishing text citations to review prior to worship or discussion...We need to attract more young families - personally greet every family that moves to the town of New Castle...I think it's a good idea to use the “Someplace Else” time as a learning time for the younger kids. Older youth could meet after church or a weeknight... Have events where youth bring friends, invite a dance team, soccer team, music group, then have an activity – work a theme...Invite another youth group... Would we be willing to pick teenagers up to attend events?...Give Youth Activity Reports before Sunday services begin...Replace the name “Sunday School” with “Bible School”; emphasize that bible School is a lifelong activity for all believers; have Bible School 52 weeks per year; have team teaching with both teachers present every Sunday; present the Bible “warts and all”; use the Socratic method for variety; use contests, awards, etc; encourage teachers to develop their own materials; visit other churches to see what works for them; it is difficult to have an effective class for any group without a critical mass present; both students and teachers have a difficult time if they don't want to be there; teenagers can teach, and they learn by doing it; buy/rent videos, audios, to augment teacher input.*

The Session is considering implementing these great ideas! Thank you one and all.

Next month: responses concerning parking issues!

## HIDDEN TREASURES AT NCPC

What are the funds we have working for us at New Castle Presbyterian?  
How can we increase our resources to more fully serve Christ?  
Come and find out the financial and spiritual treasures  
we have working for us in this church we call home.

A workshop will be offered on Sunday, April 13 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall by Philip T. Ellmore,  
a member consultant with our presbytery's  
SOAR (Stewardship of Accumulated Resources) Committee.

The agenda for the afternoon will be:

- 12:30 p.m. Arrival and Fellowship Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Statement of Purpose, Introductions
- 1:00 p.m. Definition of Financial Terms
- 2:00 p.m. Review of NCPC funds
- 3:00 p.m. Steps for the future
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

All officers, interested members, and faithful givers are invited to attend, *especially elders and trustees*. **Sign up today at Pastor Nancy's Study door, or call the church office (328-3279).**

Know your church finances!  
Let's get our light out  
from under the bushel basket  
and onto the lampstand  
that all may know that Jesus Christ is Lord!

# **New Ark Chorale**



**Join Us for**

## **“Going for Baroque”**

Music by J. S. Bach and others.

April 12, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
Newark United Methodist Church  
69 E. Main Street  
Newark, DE

## **“An American Tapestry V”**

Our annual celebration of American folk, concert, and patriotic music!

May 25, 2008. 7:30 p.m.  
Newark United Methodist Church  
69 E. Main Street  
Newark, DE

Tickets are \$15.00/\$12.00 Seniors/\$5.00 Students  
available at the door or by calling 302-368-4946

Newark United Methodist Church is located at 69 E. Main St., in Newark, Delaware. From I-95, take exit 1B (Newark), to Rt. 896 North, which becomes S. College Ave. and goes into the center of the University of Delaware campus. After passing under the pedestrian overpass on S. College Ave., turn right onto Delaware Ave. The church parking lot is on the left, just beyond the City of Newark parking lot. The church's evening entrance is on the side of the building. The building is handicapped accessible and childcare also provided for concerts.

## **WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU, Your Family and Our Community?**

**RENOVATING AND EXPANDING THE NEW CASTLE LIBRARY  
CAN OFFER YOU, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN,  
YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND ALL THE BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN IN  
THE NEW CASTLE AREA A HOST OF IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND  
BENEFITS, INCLUDING:**

- **More computers for public access.**
- **Books, books and more books.**
- **Added study and tutoring rooms.**
- **Large community meeting room.**
- **A team reading, study and meeting area.**
- **A new story-time area for the youngest members of our community.**
- **Improved accessibility.**
- **Civic pride.**

We'll see you there!


### **BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG.**

The benefits of an expanded Library depend on you.  
We need your support so we can continue to serve  
the entire community for decades to come.


Please mail your tax-deductible contribution to:

New Castle Public Library Capital Campaign  
P.O. Box 382  
New Castle, DE 19720

\*Contributions may be made in the form of stocks or securities.  
For more information, call Katie Newell at 302.328.1995



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00pm- Noon Circle	2 1:00pm- Bible Study 7:30pm-Choir	3 6:45pm-Bells 7:00pm-AI-Anon 8:00pm-Bells	4	5 8:00am Tai Chi  7:00pm Private Party-Hentkowski
6 9:30am-Bible Study 11:00am-Worship 12:00pm-Fellowship 12:30pm-Youth 6:30pm-Res.Dev.	7  7:00pm-Christian Education	8	9 1:00pm-Bible Study 7:30pm-Choir	10 6:45pm-Bells 7:00pm-AI-Anon 8:00pm-Bells	11	12 8:00am Tai Chi
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27 9:30am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship 12:00pm-Fellowship	28  7:00pm- Session	29	30 9:00am- Arasapha 1:00pm-Bible Study 7:30pm-Choir			

Pastor Nancy will be on presbytery committee retreat April 17-19

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**U.S. POSTAGE PAID**  
**NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE**  
**Permit No. 36**

**Address Change  
Requested**

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Next Newsletter Deadline is **April 24, 2008**.