

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *August 2008*



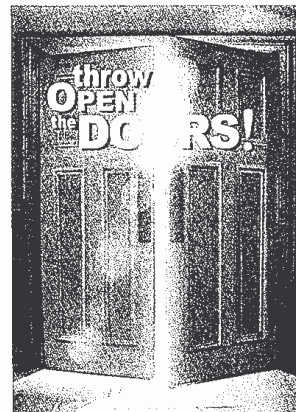
### **BACK FROM MONTREAT**

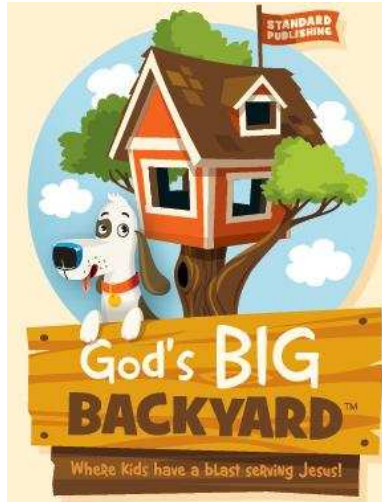
Early on Sunday, July 20, nine youth and three adults (plus six-year-old Mia Taylor) traveled to Montreat, North Carolina for the 2008 Youth Conference V. We were challenged and lifted up throughout the week as we learned new songs, heard stirring messages, read the Bible, worshipped together, and celebrated the power of Jesus Christ. Our conference theme was Throw Open the Doors, and our youth will now be considering ways in which we can make that happen at New Castle Presbyterian Church and in New Castle Presbytery. Be looking forward to a date on which our youth will present their experiences with the whole congregation.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this journey of faith, especially Executive Presbyter Jim Moseley and Associate Executive Jackie Taylor, who were chaperones. Many thanks also to Corky Viola, for the generous use of his van. God was surely present and our youth and adults were powerfully blessed by this spiritual adventure.



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## **2008 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** **GOD'S BIG BACKYARD**

What a great, rocking week we had at New Castle Presbyterian Church! Our facilities were transformed by Lyn and Rachel Briggs and John and Mary Kate Hollingsworth (New Castle United Methodist) into God's Big Backyard, a place where all are welcomed and all learn how to serve Jesus Christ through our families, friends, neighbors, and community. Our twenty-nine children were enthusiastic and delightful! *Many thanks* to Lyn, Rachel, Mary Kate, and John, as well as our teaching team:

**Classroom PreK:** Ellie Gerhart / Janet Spring  
**Classroom K-1:** Bev Stoudt / Chris Grant  
**Classroom Gr 2-4:** Pat Bird / Danielle Knox  
**Service Projects:** Nancy Rowland  
**Crafts:** Lisa Raker, Kaitlyn Raker, Danielle Knox  
**Opening/Closing:** Nancy Rowland  
**Games:** Molly Dunson  
**Meals:** Pat Bird, The Rakers, Cynthia Robbins & Steve & Katie Martin, Amy Selheimer, Julie Barry, Connie Reese  
**General Troubleshooter and Picture-shooter:** Bruce Raker  
**Registration:** Bruce Raker, Shirley Knox  
**Administration:** Shirley Knox

Many thanks as well go to every one who contributed money, supplies, food, and prayers. God was surely present and powerful!



### **READ ALOUD DELAWARE OFFERING**

Our 40% local portion of the Pentecost Offering (May 11) and our Vacation Bible School offering went this year to Read Aloud Delaware, which provides books and one-on-one reading to at-risk children to fight illiteracy and give kids a reading start. A number of our members volunteer for this worthy program, especially through the Rose Hill Community Center. A total of \$125.00 has been sent to further this ministry.



### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Our next delivery will be September 1-5. 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 1**  
Shirley Knox

**Tuesday 2**  
Jean Swanson  
Joan Smith

**Wednesday 3**  
Dot & Jason  
Campbell

**Thursday 4**  
Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

**Friday 5**  
Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore

## **MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Mission & Outreach Committee is planning sewing/craft projects for the Spirit of Christmas. There will be Sunday afternoon sewing workshops this summer to make mittens, water bottle holders, pins, aprons, etc. In the mean time, if you have any old 100% wool sweaters, please consider donating them to Mission & Outreach. The sweaters will be cut up, so only holey garments will be considered. Please give your donations to Ellie Gerhart.



## **FLOODS, SERVICE, AND TAX INCENTIVE REBATE CHECKS**

Would you consider an imaginative way of using your tax incentive rebate check? The Session has set up an account for members who would like to devote their check to the service of others. The designated ministry for this special fund will be Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – 2008 U.S. Storms. Many of our sister communities in the Midwest have been devastated by flooding and need our help. Just send the amount of your rebate with a check made out to “New Castle Presbyterian Church” with the memo line marked “Disaster Assistance” or “Midwest Flooding”. You will be stimulating the economy (the intention of the rebates) and serving those in need at the same time!



## SOLO SINGLES - SUMMER EVENTS

During July and part of August, we will be meeting at Battery Park for the Summer Concerts. We will meet 10 minutes before show time at the bandstand near the fire company on South Street. Bring your own refreshments, even dinner, chairs, blankets, etc. Any questions can be answered by Sue Townsend at 562-3647 or Maryellen Wample at 652-4492. The schedule is as follows:

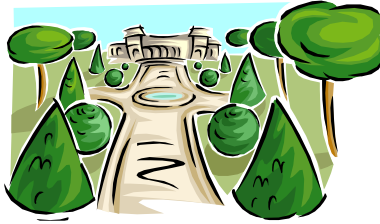
AUG 6*	- <b>"FIRST STATE SYMPHONIC RAND"</b> <i>Marches, patriotic songs and show tunes!</i>
AUG 13*	- <b>"THE SERENADERS" - WALT WAGNER</b> <i>Swing and dance with the sentimental touch!</i>

\*Aug. starts at 6:45 p.m.

Other tentative plans include:

OCTOBER: Shady Maple with the New Castle Senior Center  
Bombay Hook Wild Life Refuge

FUTURE PLANS: Sight and Sound in Lancaster  
Arden Players: Gilbert and Sullivan  
Cook out at Nanette Nichol's house



**LONGWOOD GARDENS**  
**“OKLAHOMA” BY THE BRANDYWINERS**

The entire congregation from the New Castle Presbyterian Church is invited to join the Solo Singles on August 2, 2008.

We will be going to Longwood Gardens and attending the Brandywiners Show, “Oklahoma”.

We plan to meet at 7:00 p.m. at the picnic grounds. It will be a “bring your own food” night. Curtain time for the show is 8:30 P.M. The \$25.00 fee will include entrance to the gardens. Please make your own reservations at 800-338-6965. Be sure to inform them that you are part of the New Castle Presbyterian Church group.

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Come on out and enjoy a wonderful evening!!!!

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Next Newsletter Deadline is **August 22, 2008**.