

New Castle Presbyterian News

September 2008



Worship Time Returns to 11:00 a.m. **MONTREAT/YOUTH SUNDAY**

September 7 marks our return to worship at 11:00 a.m. Join us that Sunday as we enjoy the return of the choir, and are led in worship by the senior high members of our congregation, many of whom traveled to Montreat for the Youth Conference this summer. Learn how lives have been changed and Christ has been served!

Installation of Officers

God set aside thirteen new officers for leadership in this congregation at worship on August 24. Ordained and installed as new elders are Rod Denison and Susan Lipp. Installed to a new term of service is Elder Pat Taylor. Ordained and installed as new deacons are Conchita Showell and Annie Fouracre Sotomayor. Installed to a new term of service is Deacon Linda Twyford. Additionally, these new trustees have been recognized and blessed for the work ahead of them: Jane Fouracre, Steve Handy, and Laurie Powell. Elder Bruce Raker will be installed at a later date, as well as an additional trustee to be elected on September 21. Thanks be to God for those who have said yes to the call to service.

We also say farewell to those officers who rotate off of their respective boards: Elders Phoebe Dill, Marcia Quillen, and Cynthia Robbins; Deacons Molly Dunson, Shirley Knox, and Mary Pratt; and Trustee Earl Reed. What a fine service to the life of this congregation! We thank them and wish them well as they continue to serve in other ways.



Shop for Read Aloud Delaware

Support our organization, Read Aloud Delaware by purchasing a \$5 Macy's shopping pass. We keep 100% of the proceeds!

On Saturday, September 20th your exclusive shopping pass entitles you to save 10-20%* on most items including many of Macy's best apparel and accessory brands. Plus, enjoy a full day of special events, entertainment and a chance to win a \$500 Macy's shopping spree!

Please see Shirley Knox or Conchita Showell for tickets.



Volunteers for Memorial Garden/Manse Gardens

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Joan Appleby and Pat Bird for all of their hard work and attention this Spring and Summer to the gardens by the CE Building and the Kitchen. We appreciate the plantings that they have put in and all the weeding that they have been doing. We would love to have a couple of other volunteers who would take responsibility for weeding the Memorial Garden and for weeding Nancy's yard and patio. It helps so much to have someone who checks every week or so for weeds before they get ahead of us and breaking the yard work into small parcels makes it so much easier.



Flower Guild

Do you appreciate the beautiful flowers adorning our church every week? Do you enjoy the Christmas and Easter decorations in the church? Well, this is due to the hard work of the Flower Guild. However, we sometimes have to use artificial decorations because we are short donors. (ugh!) Won't you please join the donor list and help beautify our sanctuary? The cost is \$40 and you can call Jean Swanson at 322-3288 or Dot Campbell at 322-9324. Thank you!



Choir Rehearsals

All are welcome to our Adult choir rehearsals which begin on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30 pm, followed by a delicious ice cream social.

Come and join us and be a part of our great musical fellowship.

A reminder for Handbell ringers: your first rehearsal is Thursday, September 4th beginning with Colonial Chimers at 6:45 pm and Celebration Ringers at 8:00 pm.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – With something new!

Yes, it is still summer but our 8th annual Spirit of Christmas (12/13/08) is only a few months away. Once again the beneficiary of the proceeds from this event will be Friendship House/Corner House and the “something new” will be “Look What \$20 Will Buy.” We will solicit donations from businesses and new items from individuals that are worth \$30 or more and tag them with information about what their purchase of \$20 will support at Friendship House. Such as meals, clothing, and other forms of support and assistance for the homeless. We are excited about this new idea.

We need you to be thinking about what you want to do. Donations will be needed for the Book-DVD-CD sale, for the soup and bread sale, and lots of cookies for the cookie, coffee/cocoa table. Workshops are already underway, and will continue, creating sewing and craft projects to be sold. You may contribute craft items created on your own.

Be looking for information telling you where you should bring donations and when, and very important, how you can volunteer on Spirit of Christmas Day. Our community now looks forward to this event. Let’s make this the best one yet!

Carol Mayhew, Ellie Gerhart, Nanette Nichol



Mission and Outreach

Urban Promise Dinner

During the month of July we sponsored a dinner for the youth leaders at Urban Promise. We had 32 young adults and their leaders for dinner and services. It was inspiring to hear from these young people and their work with the inner city youth of Wilmington. They were also very appreciative of the many art supplies and kitchen needs that were donated by our congregation. Special thanks to Irv and Susan Lipp, Beverly and Jim Stoudt, Bob and Janet Swick, the Martin-Robbins family, Karen Dobson, and Gene and Carol Mayhew for their help with setting up and cleaning up the meal.

Habitat for Humanity Lunches--August 10th

We would like to thank guest Pastor, Shannon Hanson, and the Spock family for helping to prepare 24 lunch bags for the Habitat for Humanity housing project at the 22nd and Lamotte Street location in downtown Wilmington. Fellow Presbyterians from Long Neck, New York sent a crew to help with the construction and our lunches were greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Sue Townsend for delivering the lunches.

Friendship House Breakfast/Toilet Paper Drive

On **September 13th and 14th** we will be preparing and serving breakfast at the 8th and Shipley location. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the CE building for food donations and volunteering. We will also be collecting packages of toilet paper for distribution at the various Friendship House locations throughout the city, including The Corner House. A collection box will be available for donations in the front hallway of the CE Building.

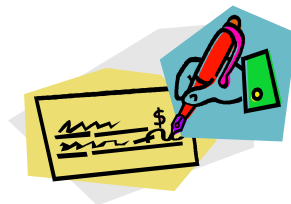
Upcoming Events

September: Clothing Bank Drive (see article in Newsletter)

October: CROP Walk

November: Seaman Center gift boxes

December: Spirit of Christmas and Ralph Johnson Memorial Cookie Bake (for distribution at Friendship House breakfast on December 21st)



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!



September Clothing Drive

The Mission and Outreach Committee announces our annual clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September. We will collect items for Friendship House's Clothing Bank of Delaware (CBD) which is celebrating its 10th year of community service. While all clothing items and bed linens are welcomed, children's, men's, and larger-sized, work appropriate women's clothing are especially needed. It is important that donations be clean and in 'wearable' condition.

All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room 205 during office hours (Mon–Fri 8:30 am–12:30 pm) or after church on Sundays. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply leave your donations on the first floor making sure that the bags do not interfere with normal traffic. Tax donation slips will be available along with a guide to help determine the value of donated items.

This activity supports a ministry of Friendship House that makes clothing available to people in need and also provides income and work experiences to women who staff the warehouse and distribution operation. The CBD Director described the work they do and the affect it has in this way, "Delivering a pair of sneakers to a homeless woman at the Women's Center and watching her walk away a littler taller. Delivering Halloween costumes to an inner-city day care, hearing the squeals of joy coming from the soon-to-be goblins, princesses and super-heroes. Congratulating a woman who gets a new job, completes a recovery milestone, or reconnects with her estranged family."

As you collect items for our clothing drive know that you are helping to change lives ... "one pair of jeans at a time".

Please Note:

We would like to participate in a special 'Back-to-School' clothing drive being held September 14th at the CBD warehouse. Please gather as many new or gently used children's clothing as you can, bag them separately, mark them as "children's clothing" and deliver them to the church by 1:00 p.m. Sunday 9/14. They will be delivered that day to the CBD warehouse located at the corner of Vandever Avenue and Jessup Street (1603 Jessup Street) in Wilmington. Feel free to stop by the warehouse that Sunday between noon and 3:00 p.m. Bring your children and grandchildren to see how your donations affect the lives of others. Any children's items collected after this date will be handled as part of our regular contribution.

If you need additional information, please contact Conchita Showell or Janet Spring.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation on September 21st after worship in the Meeting House for the purpose of electing a trustee to the Class of 2011.

Community Sunday School

The new year of Christian Education will get a kick-off on September 14 with a joint Sunday School with Immanuel Episcopal, New Castle United Methodist and Bethany UAME. Children will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Immanuel Episcopal Parish House and learn the truth about Peace and World Hunger. Create Pinwheels for Peace and learn more about one another and God's Word.



Career Insights for Teens (CIFT)

Do you know a teen who is asking, “What should I do after high school?”

West Presbyterian Church, in Wilmington, Delaware, in a joint ministry with other Presbyterian churches in New Castle Presbytery, has established a proven senior high career counseling program for high school juniors, seniors and second semester sophomores.

Held in one of the participating churches on two Saturdays with snacks and lunch provided both days, the program consists of sessions designed to help teens learn more about their interests, personality, abilities and values; their future career options; and the education and training needed to achieve their career goals. The first session includes completion of several aptitude, interest, and values assessments; on the second Saturday, test results are interpreted, and students participate in group discussion, online research, and one-on-one meetings with counselors.

The program is designed to help teens identify their God-given gifts, discover ways to use those gifts to help meet the world’s needs, and to plan education and training paths to reach their goals. High school juniors, seniors, and second-semester sophomores may apply. Enrollment for each session is limited to 10 participants. There is a fee for participation, with a limited number of scholarships available.

In addition to students who are college bound, those considering an associate degree, vocational training, military service, or gainful employment after high school will also find the program very helpful.

For more information about dates, locations, and fees, check the CIFT Web site at **www.careerinsightsforteens.org**, or contact Sue Baker at 302-655-5630 or **shccpwpc@verizon.net**. Programs are currently scheduled for October and November.

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