

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *August 2009*



### **2009 Vacation Bible School** **Camp E.D.G.E.**

*Experience and Discover God Everywhere!*

What an amazing energizing week we had at New Castle Presbyterian Church! Our facilities were transformed by Lyn Briggs into an extreme adventure camp, a place where God is experienced and discovered everywhere!! Our twenty children were enthusiastic and delightful! Many thanks to Lyn, as well as our teaching/serving team:

<b>Classroom PreK:</b>	Danika Dobson, Conchita Showell
<b>Classroom K-1:</b>	Bev Stoudt
<b>Classroom Gr 2-4:</b>	Pat Bird
<b>Crafts:</b>	Lisa Raker, Kaitlyn Raker, Danielle Knox
<b>Opening/Closing:</b>	Nancy Rowland
<b>Games:</b>	Bruce Raker, Zach Dobson
<b>Meals:</b>	Amy Selheimer, Pat Bird, Lyn Briggs, Lisa & Bruce Raker, Julie & Alex Barry, Karen Dobson, Ellie Gerhart, and Nanette Nichol
<b>Photographer:</b>	Bruce Raker
<b>Registration:</b>	Joan Smith, Shirley Knox
<b>Administration:</b>	Shirley Knox
<b>Set-up:</b>	Miranda and Scott Matthews

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

### **Vacation Bible School Offering**

The Vacation Bible School Offering this year went to the Medical Benevolence Foundation. We have provided moringa trees for nutrition, immunizations, health clinic visits, care for vulnerable children, and medical supplies for many in Africa and across the world. \$238.55 was raised during VBS week and the Sunday afterwards. God is powerful!!



## **Back From Montreat**



Early on Sunday, July 26, eight youth and two adults traveled to Montreat, North Carolina for the 2009 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 World on Fire, and our youth will now be considering ways in which God's holy fire can shine into New Castle Presbyterian Church and New Castle Presbytery. Our youth will present their experiences with the whole congregation on August 2 in worship.

Attending are: Jackie Cobb, Zach Dobson, Danielle Knox, and Kaitlyn Raker from our church; Leandra Moore and Amber Simmons from Hanover Street Presbyterian; Bethany Dixon from Easton Presbyterian; and Jenny Brumbaugh from Seaford Presbyterian.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this journey of faith, especially Executive Presbyter Jim Moseley, who with Pastor Nancy was chaperone. God was surely present and our youth and adults were powerfully blessed by this spiritual adventure.

## **Congratulations to Rachel!**



Rachel Briggs, entering her senior year at St. Mark's H.S., received a scholarship to attend a four week college level summer program at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), June 27 to July 18, 2009. She was one of 225 high school juniors chosen world wide - her roommate came all the way from Shanghai, China!

Founded in 1826, MICA is the oldest continuing, fully accredited, degree-granting art college in the United States and is ranked in the top 10 art colleges in the nation.

Rachel had just recently returned from a two week summer scholarship program at the Marie Walsh Sharp Art Foundation in Colorado Springs, CO and was a 2008 recipient of the Delaware Governor's School for Excellence in Art scholarship, a one week program at the University of Delaware.



## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

Yes, it is still summer but our 9th annual Spirit of Christmas (12/12/09) is only a few months away. Once again the beneficiary of the proceeds from this event will be Friendship House/Corner House.

Once again, we will be featuring “Look What \$20 Will Buy.” We are looking for members to solicit donations from businesses and/or contribute new items from individuals that are worth \$30 or more. We will 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. Last year, we sold 92 items, but needed many more. This year’s goal is 150 items! Joan Appleby will again coordinate this effort and store the items you procure until December.

Donations are also 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. We also encourage you to contribute craft items created on your own. A new craft project will create Christmas ornaments out of all those large clip-on earrings you no longer use! Rummage through your jewelry drawers and make a contribution to the box in the Christian Education building entryway. They will be beautifully transformed and sold at the craft table!

We are also looking for someone to serve as this year’s Santa. Do you know someone who would be good at this?

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



## Monthly Report

*Look here each month for a statistical report on the life of the congregation:*

### Membership:

June.....	183
Addition .....	0
Loss .....	0
July .....	183

### Income thru 6/09:

2009 Budgeted expectation: .....	\$129,207.00
2009 Actual:.....	\$119,111.00

### Expenses thru 6/09:

2009 Budgeted: .....	\$119,337.00
2009 Actual:.....	\$116,421.00



## MEALS ON WHEELS

Our next delivery will be August 3-7. If anyone is interested in delivering meals to shut-in Seniors in the New Castle area, please contact the office at 302-328-3279.

### Monday 3

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 4

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 5

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Thursday 6

Dot & Jason  
Campbell

### Friday 7

Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore



**Thank You!**

My heartfelt thanks to all the members of New Castle Presbyterian Church for your prayers, flowers and get well cards. I will especially enjoy the soft, beautiful nap blanket with my name on it. As you have seen I have recovered well and am back in action.

Thank you all for your kindness and concern.

Dean MacEwen



# 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, August 15

**Time:** come as early as you can and stay as long as you like. You might want to come early to avoid traffic from the renters that check out/in every Saturday. The day will be pretty unstructured but Jo and Corky'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, August 9.

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

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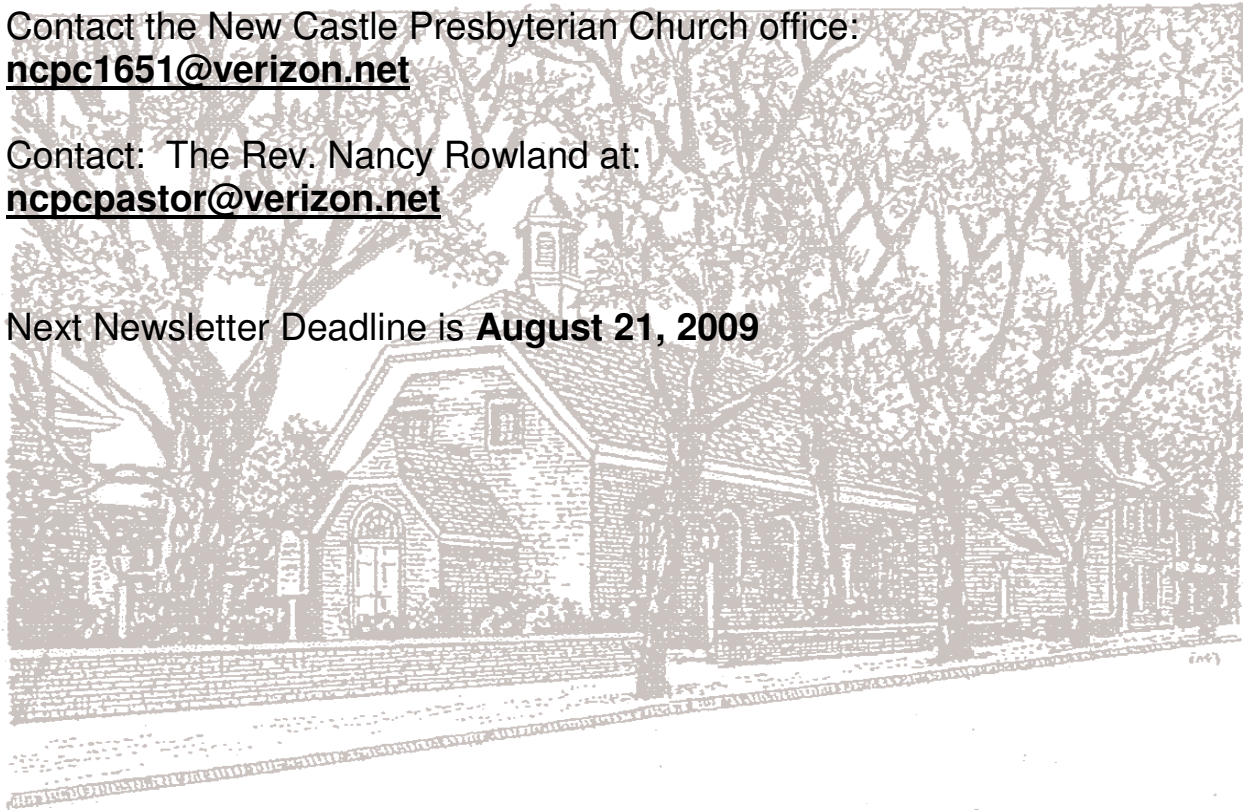
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