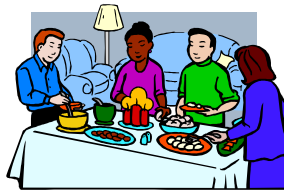


# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *November 2009*



***Daylight Savings begins  
Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m.  
Don't forget to "Fall Back"!***



**STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH**  
**Sunday, November 1, 2009 12:15 p.m.**

If you have not already been called by an officer to place your reservation, please call the church office at 302-328-3279 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

### **\*PROGRAM\***

*"For Such a Time as This"*  
*at New Castle Presbyterian Church*

**\*Child Care Provided\***

**Our future mission at this church depends upon your whole-hearted support!**

*Members are to bring:  
a breakfast casserole, a side dish, a salad, or breakfast breads.*

A Word about Giving - from Jim Whisman:



*My wife Barbara and I were married in this church. Here, I've attended funerals and memorial services for friends and classmates*

*I've felt the warmth of finding new friends and the joy of being part of the fellowship that comes from being involved in our Sunday services and our mission programs.*

*This church has special meaning to us for memories in the past and we look forward to new experiences in the future.*

*As we move into the year 2010 our church has challenges and opportunities that need to be addressed. The challenges include a continuing need to finance our annual operation cost, projected to be approximately \$232,000, while our income from pledges and investments is declining. We may incur a deficit next year.*

*Another challenge we have is finding ways to bring new members to our door. I don't have an answer to solve this problem but new initiatives need to be considered and tried. This program will cost in both financial resources and volunteer time.*

*Today, I am asking you to respond favorable to our annual appeal for pledges. In the next few weeks you will be asked to attend programs so that you are aware of our needs. We believe it is important for you understand those needs.*

*As a member of Session and the Resource Development Committee, I will be pleased to meet with you personally to discuss in more detail our needs and how you can help.*



## Mission and Outreach News



### CROP Walk

We would like to thank all of the walkers and their sponsors for another successful CROP Walk. The weather was not as bad as expected and we had a great group of walkers. If you sponsored one or more of our walkers, please make sure your donation is paid on or before November 7th. Please make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**. (If you sponsored more than one walker, you can just write one check. The money is turned over in one lump sum.) If you don't see you "walker" in church, you can give your donation to Sue Townsend or Janet Spring. Our walkers were Sue Townsend, Linda Bennett, Joan Smith, Nancy Rowland, Janet Spring, and the Martin-Robbins family. If you pledged money to "any teenagers", please give your donation to Katie Martin. Thank you again for supporting this worthwhile cause. Joan Skilton, the CROP Walk coordinator from New Castle United Methodist Church, will give us a final tally of our donations later this year.



### Friendship House Breakfast

We served breakfast at the Friendship House 8th and Shipley location on October 25th. We would like to thank all those members who volunteered to serve and all those members who contributed food or money for the breakfast. Your efforts are truly appreciated by the individuals we serve. On a very happy note, Dewey has "graduated" from Corner House and moved into his own place. Two years ago in December when we were serving breakfast, Dewey had a cancerous growth on his face that started bleeding and would not stop. Jo Viola was volunteering that day and took care of Dewey and convinced him to wait for the ambulance to take him to the hospital. He agreed to treatment and now his cancer is in remission. Praise God for all his blessings great and small!



## Ditty Boxes

We are so happy to see that the "cars" have disappeared from the Seamen's Center poster and supplies are already filling the box. **On November 15, we will be filling up the ditty boxes.** We thank you for your continued generosity.



## Clothing Bank

What a wonderful supply of clothes, shoes, and outerwear! Your support to this ongoing ministry of Friendship House was greatly appreciated. Besides providing adequate clothing for the needy, the Clothing Bank of Delaware also provides an opportunity for job training for women. We would also like to thank those members who helped bring all the clothing downstairs.



### **3rd Annual Ralph Johnson Cookie Bake**

We will deliver bags of cookies to the Friendship House breakfast on December 20th. Last year we made up 125 bags of cookies. Please have your cookie donation (store bought and/or homemade) to the church kitchen by Friday, December 18th. We will bag them up on Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for delivery on the 20th. There will be a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to help on Friday evening.



### **Shoe Boxes**

Shoe boxes make the perfect carrying cartons for our homemade soups for the upcoming Spirit of Christmas sales. Please check your closets and bring any boxes you can spare to the Christian Education Building to be used for that purpose, beginning on November 15th. Put them in the corner of the room near the donated books. **Thank you!**



## **The Kitchen Has Gone "Green!" Please "Paper Only"**

New Castle Presbyterian Church has joined the Green Movement and we are proud to announce this initiative.

Thank you for all of your support and public awareness on behalf of all the living here on our planet.

Please note that there are additional deacon provided food items in the kitchen to add to your coffee hour/Fellowship Hour menu. Things like popcorn, mixed nuts, pretzels, crackers, and there will be cookies in the left refrigerator freezer that are marked, "FELLOWSHIP HOUR" for your use. Call Susan Townsend, Kitchen deacon or Conchita Showell, Fellowship Hour deacon if you have additional questions.

More kitchen news:

We have ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, and ice cream toppers, etc., which are currently in the refrigerator for events. They are all up-to-date and usable. Please don't bring additional ones until you check if we have what you need for your event.

Thank you for your constant support of our congregations' activities and for the sharing of your hospitality together.

Susan O. Townsend "Sue," Kitchen deacon



## Donate a Frozen Turkey

If you earn credit for a free turkey this fall please consider donating that free turkey to a Christmas Food Basket project being organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Beverly Stoudt is co-chairperson of this large undertaking. Approximately 350 families and senior citizens will receive a week's worth of non-perishable food on Saturday December 19. Each basket also will be accompanied by a frozen turkey for Christmas dinner.

Many grocery stores are offering bargain prices and offers of free turkeys before Thanksgiving. And, some companies give their employees a free turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. If you have accumulated credit or expect a gift of a turkey and do not want it, please consider giving it to our Christmas Food Basket project.

We will need your donated turkey by **Saturday, Dec. 19**. If you plan to donate please call Beverly Stoudt, as soon as you get the turkey, at 368-9354 to arrange for pick up and storage. We have a facility that will store as many turkeys as we can get. If you would like to bring it along to any Sunday church service that would be wonderful and hopefully easy for your family.

If you want to purchase a turkey and donate it we will be very grateful. Remember the prices are much better **before** Thanksgiving than after.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will pledge a turkey.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will bring our donated turkey to church.

\_\_\_\_\_ We do not have space to store a turkey and will need to have our donated turkey picked up.

Please call \_\_\_\_\_ family at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for considering this loving project and taking the time to secure a frozen turkey.

Beverly Stoudt (368-9354)  
Newark Area Welfare Committee  
P.O. Box 951, Newark, DE 19715



## **Spread the Good News!!**

Volunteer to distribute door hangers in a nearby neighborhood in the next two weeks, and spread the good news about New Castle Presbyterian Church. The Congregational Life and Membership Committee have developed attractive new literature giving nearby residents the basic story about our congregation and its ministries, with an invitation to try us out! Now all we need are willing walkers to hang them on door knobs! Get some good exercise and get the word out at the same time! Door hangers are available in a box in the outer office.



## **We Need Your Unused Wheelchairs!**

If you have any unused wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc., please consider giving them to the church, so that we will have some on hand for emergency use. Please call Kris in the church office to arrange delivery.





## Thanksgiving Worship

Join your friends and neighbors in giving thanks to God for many blessings! This year's community worship service will be held at our own church Meeting House on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m.

An offering of canned goods and monetary contributions will be received for St. Peter the Apostle's food closet. Come give thanks to God!



## Thanksgiving Breakfast

We will gather together in the CE building for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day (November 26) at 8 a.m. The talented students of Hodgson Vo-Tech's culinary program will again prepare a delicious meal for us, and Pastor Nancy will lead a time of reflection and thanksgiving.

Please come and bring your loved ones to enjoy our annual Thanksgiving fellowship breakfast. ***You are particularly encouraged to invite a friend!*** Officers will be making reminder calls in early November. If you have not been called by November 20, please add your name to the list to be posted in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office. We will need an accurate count in advance for this catered event.



## **Emmanuel Dining Room Volunteers**

Each month, volunteers from our congregational prepare a nutritious meal to be served at Emmanuel Dining Room, a program of the Ministry of Caring at three locations in Wilmington. The meal is usually prepared the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month, then delivered that day for serving on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Coordinators are Steve Martin and Cynthia Robbins (302-283-1626).

This month, the meal will be prepared on Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 am in our church kitchen. ***We particularly need volunteers to clean up and to transport the food to 3<sup>d</sup> and Walnut in Wilmington. Won't you consider a call to this ministry this month?***

Additionally, be looking for brownie mix boxes to be distributed each month for your baking and return to the church kitchen by the 6<sup>th</sup> of that month. Your contributions are very much appreciated!!



## **Computer Alert**

The main church computer in Kris Krawczyk's office is being retired and moved upstairs and the programs removed to a new computer. There will be no Microsoft Professional Suite on this new computer, only Small Business Suite with Word, Excel, Power Point, etc. If you have any Access documents or any other Professional Suite documents that need to be retained from the old computer, please let Kris Krawczyk know as soon as possible.



## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit of Christmas will be Saturday, December 12, 2009.

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!

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

### **Craft Day for Spirit of Christmas**

Plan to join in the fun making ornaments to sell at Spirit of Christmas! The craft day is November 15 after worship. Many hands make light work!



## **Arasapha Wreath Making**

Christmas is just around the corner and once again the Arasapha Garden Club is making custom wreaths to adorn the doors of the shops and public buildings of the historic district.

You can order one of these custom colonial wreaths adorned with dried flowers, fruits, berries and nuts.

You may place your wreath order by calling Nancy Coning at 328-3739. The wreaths are selling for \$65 each and come in a 20" or 24" size (not the finished size, but the size of the ring back that holds the greenery).

We will be holding a class for those wishing to make their own wreath. The class is Wednesday, December 2nd from 6-8pm at the CE Building of the Presbyterian Church. The class includes full instruction and live wreath for \$35 plus materials.

The Garden Club is making 120 wreaths on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd from 9am to 8pm and on Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

Pot luck lunch is served on Wednesday.

Come and join us to make the wreaths. There are jobs for everyone, so come and help and have a wonderful time. You do not need artistic talent, just a desire to have a good time.



### **Looking for Pennies**

Noon Circle can put your extra pennies to a good use. When we have collected as much as \$100.00 in pennies, they are donated to Friendship House. So if you have extra pennies, we would be glad to accept them for this worthy year-round project. You may slip them into a plastic bag and hand them to our treasurer, Gisele Vornrhein, or place them in the Noon Circle church mailbox, and many thanks.



### **Calling All Homemade Soup and Bread Makers**

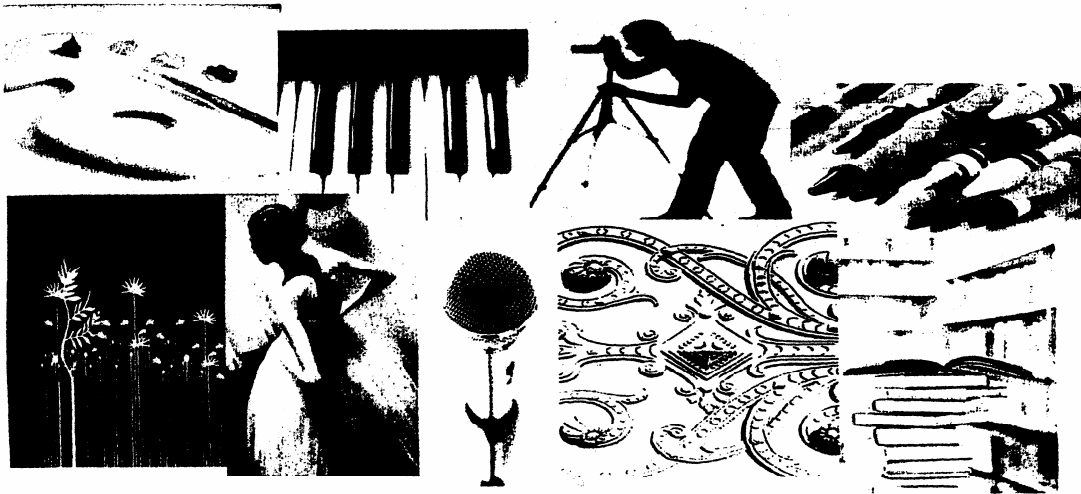
We need your help again to make those delicious soups and breads for the 2009 Spirit of Christmas celebration and also your homemade pickles, jams and jellies. (Note: Please bring only fresh soup, no frozen.) Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the Christian Education Building. These items may be brought to the C. E. building on Friday, December 11 from 8:30 - 3:00, or any time on Saturday, December 12 after 8:30 a.m. Containers, lids, and labels for the soup will be in the kitchen by November 1. Please place the labels on the lids to be seen from the top.

There are separate sheets for you to choose a time to help with the sales. If you can donate a couple of hours to help with this, please put your name in one of the time slots. **Thank you!**

# Expressing Grief: A Festival of Healing Through the Arts

Save the Date:  
11/08/09

*All ages  
All types of loss*



*1st Annual Grief Awareness Week*  
*for all Delawareans touched by grief*

**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2009  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Exceptional Care for Children  
11 Independence Way  
Newark, DE 19713

- \* Free!
- \* Come for any length of time.
- \* Refreshments served.
- \* Reservations recommended.

Contact *Supporting Kidds* at:

[www.supportingkidds.org](http://www.supportingkidds.org)  
(302) 235-5544  
e-mail: [lynncorbett@supportingkidds.org](mailto:lynncorbett@supportingkidds.org)

**Art Activities:** Create your own artistic expressions of grief

**Art Show:** View grief-inspired creations from artists of all ages and ability levels

**Grief Education:** Learn about healthy grieving via talks, videos, and demonstrations

**Solitude Room:** A quiet place for contemplation

**Resource Tables:** Learn about Delaware organizations and written materials that can support you and your family in times of grief

**Closing Ritual:** Commemorate the lives and deaths of those we love



Grief Awareness Consortium



## **Monthly Report**

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

### Membership:

September .....	184
Addition .....	0
Loss .....	0
October .....	184

### Income thru 9/09:

2009 Budgeted expectation: .....	\$178,296.00
2009 Actual: .....	\$164,486.00

### Expenses thru 9/09:

2009 Budgeted: .....	\$174,449.00
2009 Actual: .....	\$172,101.00



Thomas and Stephanie Casey are please to announce the arrival of Lillian Honor Casey, born September 23, 2009. She was 6 pounds, 5 ounces and 21 inches long. Big sisters Bridget and Rose are thrilled with their newest addition to the family! Lillian is also the 4th grandchild for Jim and Linda Neel.





## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

**We need your help! Please volunteer to deliver meals once every 6 weeks. Our volunteer base is getting low. Consider this as your call in Christ!**

Our next delivery will be December 7-11. 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 7**  
Shirley Knox

**Tuesday 8**  
Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

**Wednesday 9**  
Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

**Thursday 10**  
Dot & Jason  
Campbell

**Friday 11**  
Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore



## **Caroling in Old New Castle**

Be sure to mark your calendar for a great evening of Christmas Caroling on Friday night December 18th! We will meet at the church at 7:00pm and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling.

We will end up at Gene and Carol Mayhew's house (17 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in New Castle) for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30pm).

Please join us at the Mayhew's even if you are unable to walk around and carol.

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**Kris Krawczyk, Administrative Assistant**

**Eileen Dunham, Director of Music**

**Minerva Lermond, Director of Handbells**

**Jay Williams, Organist**

## SESSION

2010	2011	2012
Rob Barry	Rod Denison	Monty Gerhart
Robert Briggs	Susan Lipp	Connie Reese
Nancy Coning	Bruce Raker	Amy Selheimer
Karen Dobson	Pat Taylor	Jim Whisman

## DEACONS

2010	2011	2012
Zachary Dobson	Janet Reed	Lyn Briggs
Mark Powell	Conchita Showell	Bev Stoudt
Jean Swanson	Linda Twyford	Sue Townsend

## TRUSTEES

2010	2011	2012
James Flook	Steve Handy	Jane Fouracre
Carol Mayhew	Irv Lipp	Brenda Walters
Scott Selheimer	Laurie Powell	Brian Werkheiser

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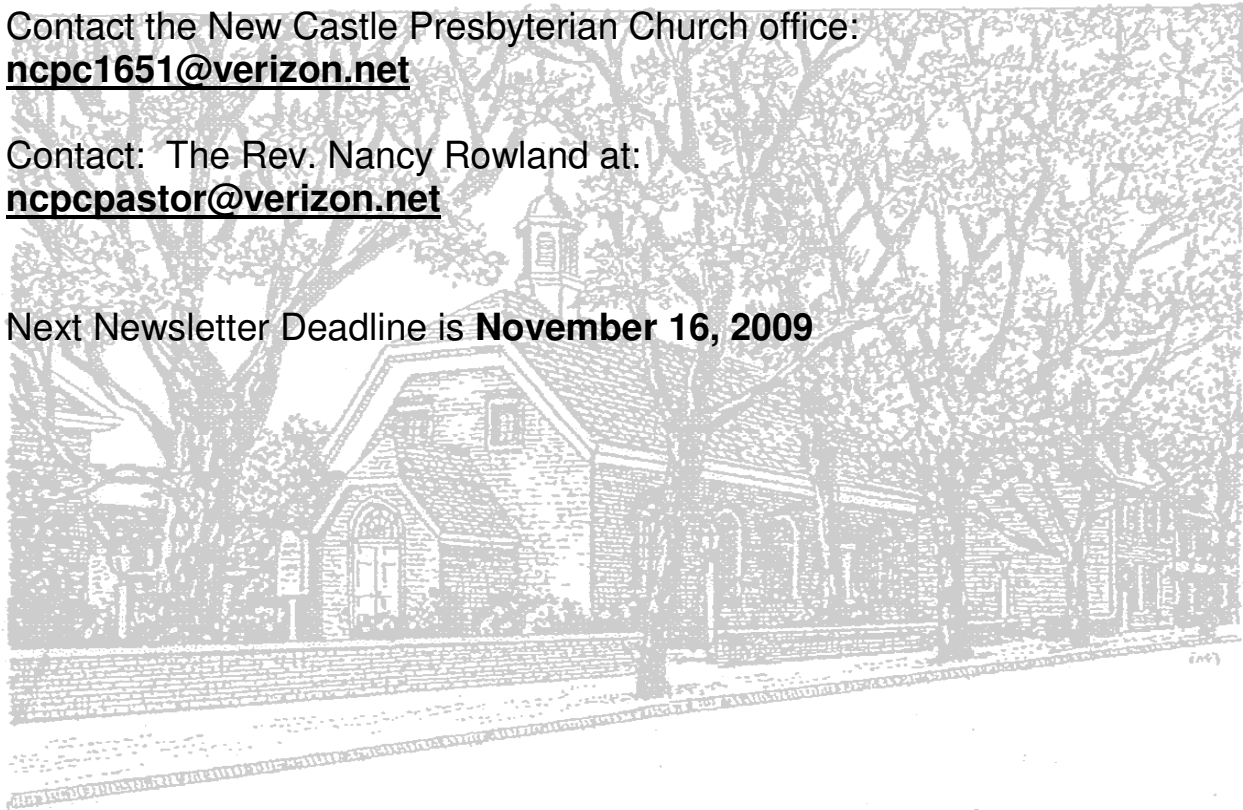
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **November 16, 2009**



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