

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *January 2010*

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### **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

It would take much space to individually thank all those who contributed to the success of our 2009 Spirit of Christmas on December 12<sup>th</sup>, so we will say “thank you” to all of you, our church family, for your tireless efforts, “thank you” to all the New Castle City employees and officials and the many volunteers, and to the members of the New Castle Visitor’s Bureau. “Thank you” goes to all the musical performers of all ages and to all the New Castle residents who opened their homes.

Once again Friendship House will be the recipient of the proceeds of this event and we anticipate that will be a contribution of over \$7,500.00. We will have a firm figure in the next few weeks. Sharing the good news of this event continues to bring congratulations. Be proud of your efforts!

Mark your 2010 calendars. December 11, 2010 will be our 10<sup>th</sup> SOC anniversary!!

Carol, Ellie, and Nanette





## A Tale of Candle Sconces and Coffee Cans

As I sat in church last Sunday, I found myself admiring the beautiful hand forged iron candle sconces as they cast a warm glow through the room during Communion. Part of the meticulous 1950's restoration of the Meeting House, they were later modified by none other than our clever and practical Pastor Emeritus, Ralph Johnson. Some of you will be aware of this but, for those who are not, here's the story.

Apparently, the sconces which are elegantly simple were functionally deficient in that, as the air in the room stirred, wax tended to miss the shallow cups intended to catch it and to drip on pews and/or the congregation. Ralph came to the rescue by making simple circular trays with decorative scalloped edges which, being of larger diameter, were able to contain the occasional drip. Ralph painted them flat black to disguise their humble origins.... as the discarded steel lids from coffee cans! Ralph considered tin cans to be excellent raw material for a variety of useful gadgets. Many of you will recall his high style "spotlight" for the Palladian window which was made from a large tomato juice can.

Submitted by Corky Viola

## **Middletown Construction Begins January 12th!**



Our Building begins for Grace Point, our newest housing development in Middletown, on January 12, 2010. Sign ups for the six-house development located on East Lake Street are now open online at [www.habitatncc.org/volunteer](http://www.habitatncc.org/volunteer).

- \* Under the picture click on the blue VOLUNTEER link
- \* At the homepage for the online scheduler **VOLUNTEERUP**, click on the **Log In** link in the upper left side of the page.
- \* Choose I'M A NEW VOLUNTEER
- \* Create a User Name and Password by filling in all of the blanks on the registration page.

(If you've already created a USER NAME AND PASSWORD SIMPLY ENTER IT IN THE BLANKS.)

- \* Click register. You're back at the calendar.
- \* Choose the site (Grace Point) and any day that says SIGN UP (i.e. January 12) that you want to come out; don't forget to add guests, if applicable.

We are looking for individuals and small groups of 15 each day, except on Saturday where we are looking for groups of 10.

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Terrace Green's (A & Townsend Streets, Wilmington) architectural and engineering plans are close to being completed. We are looking at a late January/early February start date there.

In the meantime, volunteers are still needed to work on other properties Habitat has acquired. If you or someone you know- a neighbor, friend, church or civic group, etc. - would like to volunteer, email [Brenda Porter-Rockwell](mailto:Brenda.Porter-Rockwell). Skilled volunteers/local trades people can call our Construction Manager Mark Vible directly at 302-420-8527 to set a work date.



## **Congregational Life and Membership**

The Congregational Life and Membership committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in exploring ways to enrich the life of our congregation is welcome to attend!



## **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 Vornhein, or place them in the Noon Circle church mailbox, and many thanks.

Christian Education Committee

**Announces:**

**PIZZA and a MOVIE!**

The Pizza will be Make-Your-Own

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

6:00 - 8:00

Families are invited to attend this evening of fun and fellowship as we view a movie together and enjoy some good food!

Please bring your favorite pizza topping to share. The CE Committee will supply the pizza crust and sauce!



Please RSVP by  
Wednesday, January 20  
by signing up in the  
Christian Education Building



**January Pot-Luck Fellowship**  
**With Musical Guests, the Pencader Titan Chorale**

Join us for an evening full of fun on **Sunday, January 31** as we welcome the Pencader Titan Chorale for a performance at **4:00 pm** and a pot-luck dinner following. Sign up in the fellowship hall to come. Be sure to bring enough for our guests! And don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor!

The Pencader Titan Chorale is the top vocal ensemble at Pencader Charter School. The 13 member ensemble has been singing since 2006 and was formed during the school's 2nd academic year. The group consists of sophomores, juniors and seniors with some of the students planning to major in music once they begin college. Musical performances consist of St. John the Divine cathedral in New York City, various state level ACDA festivals, Festivals of Music competitions and various other performances in the community. The group performs music from the renaissance to contemporary styles with an emphasis on a cappella music.

Paul Gray has been directing the Titan Chorale since the Pencader Charter School first opened in 2005. Prior to that, he was a music educator in the Christina School District for 13 years. In addition to conducting the Titan Chorale, he teaches various levels of guitar class, Advance Placement Music Theory, Concert Choir and American History of Popular Music. He also teaches guitar privately in his home studio in North Wilmington.



## **Monthly Report**

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

### Membership:

November .....	186
Addition.....	3
Loss .....	13
December .....	174

### Income thru 11/09:

2009 Budgeted expectation: .....	\$208,490.00
2009 Actual:.....	\$195,300.00

### Expenses thru 11/09:

2009 Budgeted:.....	\$209,325.00
2009 Actual:.....	\$206,288.00



## **Direct Giving**

If you would like to have your contributions direct deposited, please call Shirley Knox at 322-0225 or call the office at 328-3279 for the appropriate form.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

**HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2010. Call Susan Flook at 328-7346 if you are interested. Substitutes needed, too. No week-end deliveries. Thanks. Consider this as your call in Christ!**

Our next delivery will be January 18-22. 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 18**

Shirley Knox

**Tuesday 19**

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

**Wednesday 20**

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

**Thursday 21**

Dot & Jason  
Campbell

**Friday 22**

Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore



### Souper Bowl



In conjunction with the Girl Scouts and the New Castle Senior Center, the Mission and Outreach committee will be sponsoring a "Souper" Bowl Drive during the month of January. Please bring cans of soup to the collection boxes in the CE building all month. Your donations will be taken to the Food Bank on February 7<sup>th</sup>, Super Bowl Sunday. Last year our congregation was very generous and we are happy to support our friends at the New Castle Senior Center and the Girls Scouts under the leadership of Nancy Ciufetelli with their efforts.



## Thank You



Dear Congregation,

Many thanks to each and everyone of you for your heartfelt Christmas wishes. My Christmas gift was extremely generous, but the greatest blessing is the privilege I have in serving you at New Castle Presbyterian Church. May your 2009 be filled with the goodness of God, who is able to make all things possible.

Fondly,

*Nancy*



## Adult Education

**Sundays at 9:30 am, Room 206: January 10 - February 4**

*Amazing Grace with Bill Moyers*

This unique program presents adaptations of an enduring hymn, from country music to gospel to folk, in one of PBS' highest-rated programs ever. Judy Collins sings in Columbia's St. Paul's Chapel, then recalls how "Amazing Grace" carried her past alcoholism. Jessye Norman sends "Amazing Grace" soaring across Manhattan Center footlights. Hear Johnny Cash, Jean Ritchie, and the Boys Choir of Harlem, all recorded on location across America.

*Amazing Grace, the Film - excerpts*

This movie is based on the life of antislavery pioneer William Wilberforce, who, as a Member of Parliament, navigated the world of 18th Century backroom politics to end the slave trade in the British Empire.

**Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall: January 13 – April 28**

"Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome"

Discover the deep theology and vibrant faith of the early church through this enduring letter, which includes some of the church's most beloved scripture passages.



## **CROP Walk Tallies**

New Castle Area CROP Walk – 2009 (Revised 12/15/2009)

<b>Church</b>	<b>Number of Walkers</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Asbury U. Meth.	14	\$1,422.00
Aldersgate U. Meth.	8	\$320.00
Business Sponsors	(12)	\$890.00
Immanuel Episcopal	5	\$580.00
N.C. Presbyterian	8	\$1,158.60
N.C. Methodist	41	\$4,577.00
Heritage Presbyterian	1	\$228.00
St. Peter's Catholic	1	\$120.00
<b>TOTAL 2009</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$9,295.60</b>
<b>Last Year's Totals</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>\$9,460.00</b>

**Business Sponsors this year were:** Ben G. Halko & Sons, Inc., Dr. James Forshey, Dr. Soma Padmalingham, Penn Mart Supermarkets, Inc., Karen Optical Co., Porto Fino Pizza & Restaurant, Red's & Son Auto Service, Reynolds Window & Screen Repair, Rosenthal Chiropractic, Southern Corrosion Inc., Trolley Square Chiropractic, Willey's Inc, and Cecil Vault & Memorial Co, Inc.

**Walkers with the most sponsor money:**

Asbury U. Meth. Church – Sandy Carter - \$240.00

Aldersgate U. Meth. Church – 2009/2010 Confirmation Class - \$320.00

Immanuel Episcopal – Nan Ciuffetelli - \$390.00

New Castle Presbyterian –

Katie Martin, Steve Martin & Cynthia Robbins - \$345.00

New Castle Methodist – Jan Churchill - \$420.00

Heritage Presbyterian – Ignacio Mezo - \$228.00

St. Peter's Catholic – Winnie Mellinger - \$120.00

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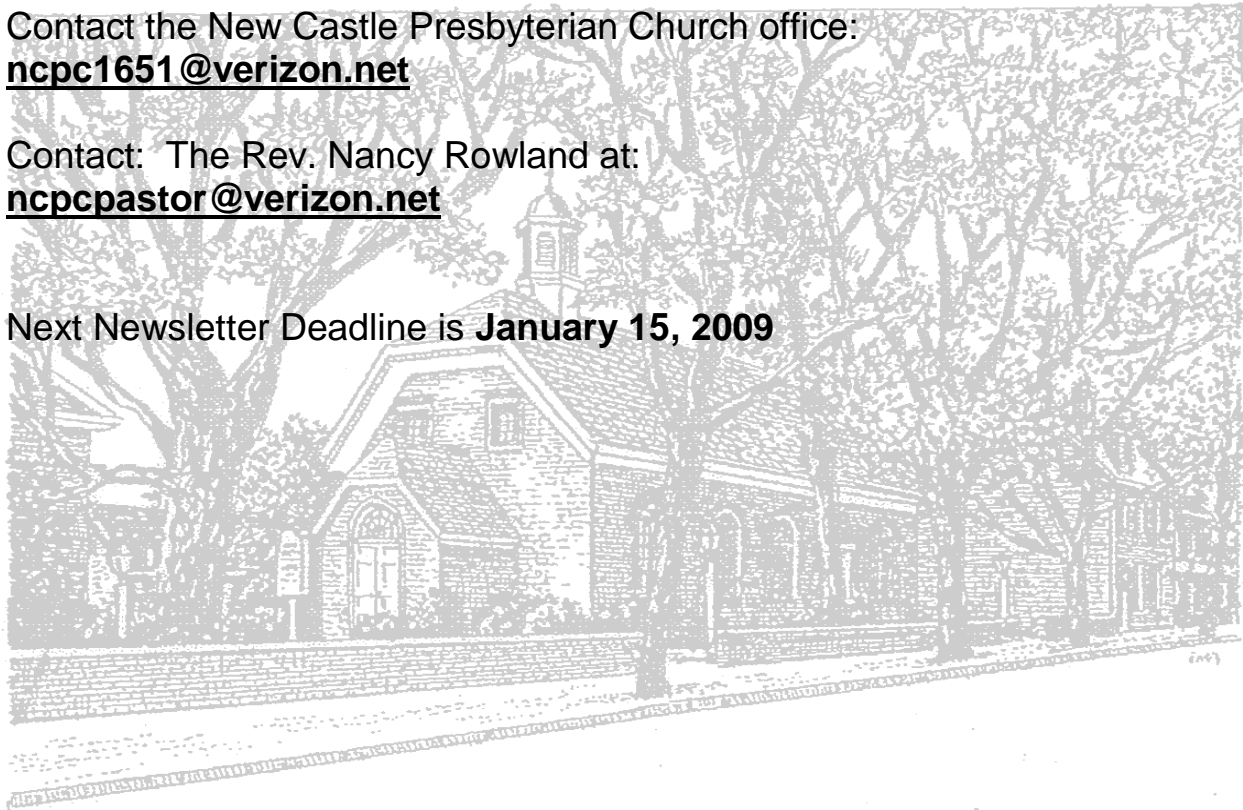
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **January 15, 2009**



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