

New Castle Presbyterian News

February 2010



Give Act Pray



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Haiti Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Situation Report January 18, 2010

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is coordinating its efforts with our ecumenical and international partners in the relief work in Haiti. Carlos Cardenas is on the ground in Port-au-Prince as part of the initial response team. The past few days' priorities have focused on search and rescue, medical attention for those injured by the earthquake, along with food distribution for the survivors.

Food and fuel supplies are limited and there is urgent need to bring in these most essential resources at this time. Fifteen sites have been identified for distribution of relief items. Distribution of food and clean water are a top priority. It is estimated that 200,000 families, nearly one million people, are without homes and living out in the open air. Temporary shelter is a focus for this next week. PDA and its partners are seeking to bring in 20,000 tents to Port-au-Prince in this next week. There are three to four thousand tents currently on site.

The greatest need from the church, along with prayer, is financial support in order to gather and strategically mobilize these most urgent relief supplies in the critical days that lie ahead.

We continue to be moved by the tragic loss of so many thousands of lives in the wake of this disaster. We join in prayer with our brothers and sisters in the United Methodist Church in mourning the loss of long standing partners in relief work, Sam Dixon and Clinton Rabb. In the midst of this great human tragedy and the challenge that lies ahead, we are inspired by the hope of the people of Haiti and the many faithful people who join with them in response to the overwhelming need. PC(USA) mission co-worker to Haiti, Mark Hare says: "Port au Prince has been deeply wounded. The whole country will be deeply affected. Jenny and I have no answers for any of these problems... I believe that our God is a God of hope, that despair has already been defeated, and now is the time to face what has happened and to act, act out of that hope and not out of despair. I don't have any idea what that will mean. But our God is up to the task. Pray for us, that we will also be up to the task."

Yes. Pray for the people of Haiti and those who are working faithfully to bring hope and healing. And pray for our church that each of us will be up to the task to bring hope, healing, and a visible witness of God's love.

As God's people, we are called to stand in the "GAP" — Give, Act, Pray.

Give — [Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000064.](#) Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check. Gifts by check may be given **through "New Castle Presbyterian Church"** throughout January and February or mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700. **Please include the designated giving account number on your check.** This is one of many ways to give: you are also encouraged to consider the Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Clinton-Bush relief drive, and others. Ninety-five percent of contributions to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund for Haiti will go directly to the victims.

Act — Make Gift of the Heart kits. Congregations and individuals can assemble hygiene kits and baby kits. [Instructions are on the PDA Web site.](#) (www.pcusa.org/pda) This may be a project for our March 10 Ecumenical Lenten Supper.

--Advocate for Temporary Protected Status for Haitians. Information can be found on the [Presbyterian Washington Office Web site](#). Stay informed. Visit the PDA Web site for answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and for [resources](#) to aid in discussions.

Pray — You can join with others in lifting up the people of Haiti and those seeking to provide aid in this critical time.



Ecumenical Lenten Suppers

Join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent. We will gather February 24 through March 24 for Wednesday evening fellowship suppers at 6:00 pm, followed by a mission project or presentation. Participants are free to go by 7:30. The schedule for the first three suppers is:

Wed., February 24, 6:00 pm - New Castle United Methodist

Wed., March 3, 6:00 pm - St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic

Wed., March 10, 6:00 pm – New Castle Presbyterian

Wed., March 24, 6:00 pm – Immanuel Episcopal

Be sure to look for the rest of the schedule in the March newsletter!



Pastor's Study Leave

Pastor Nancy will be on study leave in the Holy Land February 22 through March 4. Her trip is completely financed and sponsored by a division of the Masons organization known as the Knights Templar. It is specifically designed for pastors who have never been to the Holy Land and the trip will include pastors from across the country of many different Christian backgrounds. Please pray for Nancy on this marvelous trip!

In her absence, the pulpit will be filled on February 28 by Commissioned Lay Pastor Felipe Garcia-Carrión and Presbytery Executive Jim Moseley. Please contact the church office or Deacon Bev Stoudt if you have a pastoral emergency.



Valentine's Day Brunch-Sunday, February 14th

Celebrate the love of Christ this Valentine's Day with brunch after worship and a special program on our important work with Friendship House. Former members Linda Neel and Kathy Graham who serve on the Friendship House board will discuss the many ministries for the homeless which our congregation supports through Friendship House. Of particular interest is our partnership with Calvary Presbyterian Church in the operation of Corner House, a home for older single men who are about to re-enter mainstream housing. This ministry was the recipient of our 2009 Spirit of Christmas proceeds.

You should be getting a phone call from a deacon or an elder beginning the end of January. Please let them know whether you will be attending and what dish you will be bringing. If you do not hear from your deacon or elder, please call or email the church office and let them know you would like to attend.

God is good! Come and share a meal with those you love on this special day.



Update

Since 2004 several members of our congregation have been praying for needs and giving praise to our God on behalf of 352 people who have requested prayer. We offer daily prayers to our God who loves us, wants the best for us, and has the power to help us. It has been a privilege to be made aware of personal needs, concerns, worries, thankfulness, and joys.

We are currently praying for four requests. All prayers are confidential and remain on our active list for two weeks unless a longer period is requested. We only pray in response to requests and our group's prayers are separate from the Sunday service prayer requests. We pray with first names or even initials if so desired.

So far, very few of our requests come from our church family, for whom we want to offer this strength and service. If you have needs or know friends, neighbors, or family who do, please take advantage of the comforting and confidential service offered by our Prayer Chain. Contact Fran Gingher at 994-5988 (SilverFran@aol.com) or Susan Flook at 328-7346 (suzieflook@hotmail.com) who coordinate our work.

Also, if anyone is interested in joining our faithful group please call Fran or Susan to get started in this blessed ministry. We do the Prayer Chain by email, so everyone receives the exact same information and in a form that can be printed out if needed.

-Fran Gingher
From the Deacon's Bench



Thank You for the Turkeys

On behalf of the Newark Area Welfare Committee I want to thank our congregation for donating 19 beautiful turkeys and cash donations to our Christmas Food Basket Project in December 2009. Thanks in part to your loving kindness 438 families and senior citizens were given the security of a full food cupboard for Christmas. They were all grateful for your gift, and I pass their relieved smiles, spontaneous hugs, and gracious thanks on to you. Thank you for your Christian witness.

Beverly Stoudt



KITCHEN CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 9:30 A.M.

Many hands make work light and enjoyable as we work together.

There is a clean-up project scheduled for the kitchen. All cabinets will be emptied, cleaned, and re-organized. Please bring your gloves, cleaning products, and buckets.

Any additional information needed please call: Sue Townsend at 302-328-5533

Family Bowling Night



Friday, February 19, 6:00 pm
The church will pay for your
bowling fees and shoes.
Bring money for your dinner.

Questions?? - Call the church office (328-3279)
or Amy Selheimer (368-8639).



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

December	172
Addition.....	1
Loss	0
January	173

Income thru 12/09:

2009 Budgeted expectation:	\$227,387.00
2009 Actual:.....	\$215,876.00

Expenses thru 12/09:

2009 Budgeted:.....	\$227,387.00
2009 Actual:.....	\$223,317.00



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 not be till March 1-5. 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 1

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 2

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 3

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Thursday 4

Dot & Jason
Campbell

Friday 5

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 7th, 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.



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 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall: January 13 – February 17

“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.

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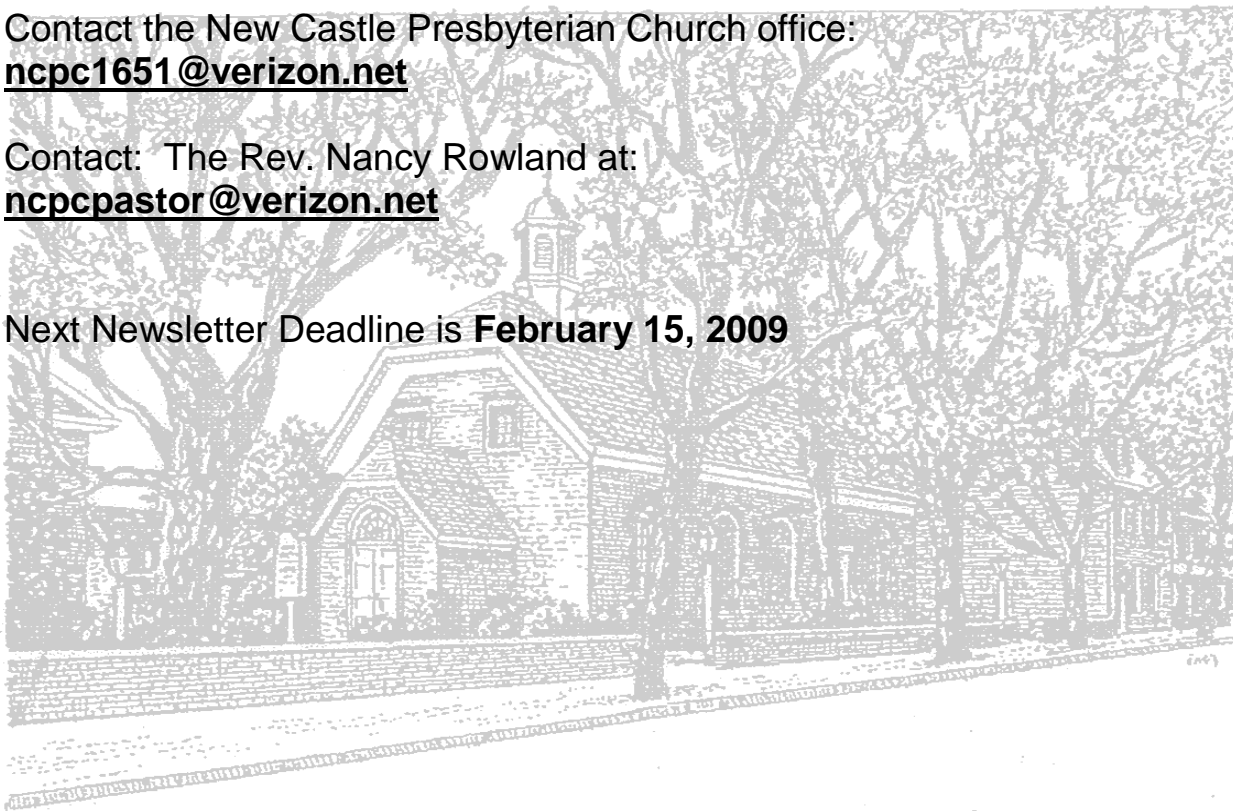
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