

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *October 2010*



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*Difficult economic times challenge us*

*to step up our stewardship commitment. . . . .*

If you are like most citizens, the last year has been difficult on the family budget. Income has stagnated or decreased, investments have declined, benefits have been reduced or cost more, fewer dollars are available for entertainment, and education costs are skyrocketing. Forget about what the government says about the cost of living index. The reality seems to be that it gets more difficult each month “to make ends meet.” All of these things and more are real. Many families are struggling.

Difficult economic times also impact the church. Our costs go up. It can be a natural tendency to look at your “pledge” to the church as a way to help balance the family budget. The fact is that our church cannot survive with that type of thinking. We need to be reminded that most of us are “rich” when compared to many, many in our nation and world. We hear this often but the words continue to be true. . . . . so yes, we are asking members to consider an increase in giving once again this coming year.

As challenging as current economic times are, we have been blessed. We have homes, clothing, food and other basic necessities. Many do not. Our church members continue to “step up” to help those less fortunate. Members of this church continue to be role models in serving those less fortunate. The work continues.

We are blessed by our Christian generosity which is rooted in an understanding that all we have belongs to God. We are called to be obedient to God through our faithful sharing of our time, talents and financial resources.

So begins the 2011 stewardship season. . . . .

***Members and friends are invited to attend a stewardship brunch on Sunday, October 10, 2010 following church. Following the brunch we will discuss our dreams and plans for 2011. Please place this date on your calendar. More information will be coming soon.***

Thank you for your current stewardship commitment of time, talents and resources and thank you for consideration of your gifts for a new year.

Monty Gerhart, Representing Session



The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to remind everyone that we will again be supporting the Seamen's Center "Christmas at Sea" program this December. As in the past years we hope to provide 30-40 plus "Ditty Boxes" which include various items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, etc. We were also able to include hand knitted scarves and hats as part of 1,300 "Ditty Boxes" given to the seamen arriving by ship during December. This is our opportunity as a church and as individuals to share our resources and our gratitude to those who work all year long to provide us with essential goods. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to be part of the "bigger world" as we share our time and talents during the Christmas season. For those wishing to participate please see the poster in the Fellowship Hall. Items should be brought to Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone has questions about the program please contact Ellie Gerhart at 328-0908. We hope to repeat last year's generosity.



### CROP Walk

CROP WALK will be on Sunday, October the 24th. We will provide a lunch in the C.E. building before we will all gather at the New Castle United Methodist Church, 510 Delaware Street. Registration begins at 12:00 and the walk will begin at 1:00.

To register, use the sign-up sheets posted in the Christian Education building.

You can also use [www.croponline](http://www.croponline) to do your own fundraising. You can get on the NC Area site by clicking on 1.

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/TR/2010/FallCROPHungerWalk/TeamRaiser-Fall2010?pg=entry&fr id=6464>. Then you can click on the tab that says "Walk as an Individual", and answer the questions on the screens as they appear. If you have trouble, let me know, and I will see if we can get the CWS Website guy to make any corrections for you.

Contact Sue Townsend (302-328-5533) or ([sotownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:sotownsend@yahoo.com)) for further information.



## **Communion Workshop**

Nancy will lead a brief information and question answering workshop for all those scheduled to serve communion in the coming year immediately following worship on October 17. Meet in the kitchen – coffee and cookie in hand. Everyone is welcome. The Communion Server Schedule is posted on the CE Building bulletin board.

## **ONE SHOT SERVICE SUNDAY** **Sunday October 24**



Our youth fellowship will again be participating in a Presbyterian youth event in the Wilmington area. Ten churches are gathering on one Sunday – October 24 – to serve the needs of these valuable ministries: Delaware Food Bank, Clothing Bank of Delaware, Urban Promise, Habitat for Humanity, Friendship House shelters, and Shoes2Share.

The churches participating are: Red Clay, Calvary, First & Central, Elsmere, Trinity, Westminster, Concord, Hanover, Limestone, and New Castle!

The goal is to engage youth in making a connection with a community ministry, to better understand the need and the response this ministry makes. Shampooing a carpet, or organizing a tool trailer, or planting bulbs or scrubbing kitchen cabinets may not seem like much of an accomplishment --- but it does make a connection. It does make the needs of the poor and the response of the faithful real. And it does get kids -- all of us -- drawn out of ourselves, with our eyes, and our hearts, a bit more open.

New Castle Presbyterian Church is asked to contribute formerly worn shoes to the effort.

There will be a box in the Christian Education entryway for your donations. Thank you for helping us serve those who need our help and for helping our youth make a connection with the wider community!

# Family Fall Fun Night

Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 PM

At the home of Connie & Don Reese



All families are invited for a night of fun in the Reese's backyard - complete with a bonfire!

The CE Committee will supply the hot dogs and all the ingredients for S'Mores!

Bring a snack to share and a 2-liter bottle of soda.

Sign up in the CE Building!



## 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 September 27-October 1. 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 27**

Shirley Knox

**Tuesday 28**

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

**Wednesday 29**

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

**Thursday 30**

Vic & Elsie  
Clark

**Friday 1**

Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore



## Monthly Report

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

Membership:

August .....	178
Addition: .....	0
Loss .....	0
September .....	178

Income thru 9/2/10:

2010 Budgeted expectation: .....	\$180,875
2010 Actual:.....	\$163,607

Expenses thru 9/2/10:

2010 Budgeted: .....	\$177,956
2010 Actual:.....	\$172,402

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Christopher Dunham, 10/2  
Carol Mayhew, 10/8  
Phoebe Dill, 10/10  
Frances Handy, 10/14  
Maryellen Wample, 10/16  
Donald Reese, 10/23  
Jacqueline Hinsley, 10/24  
Rachel Handy, 10/29  
Matthew Dunson, 10/31



Earl & Janet Reed, 10/3  
Kathy & Gary Graham, 10/5  
Dan & Shirley Knox, 10/6  
Miranda & Scott Matthews, 10/7  
Laurie & Mark Powell, 10/8  
Carl & Susan Witt, 10/25  
Annie & Leo Sotomayor, 10/28

*Dear NCPC Family,*

*Thanks for all your prayers,  
calls, cards and offers of help  
during my illness. Steve, Katie  
and I have been uplifted by  
your many expressions of  
concern and encouragement.  
You are such a blessing to us.*

*All best wishes,  
Cynthia Robbins*

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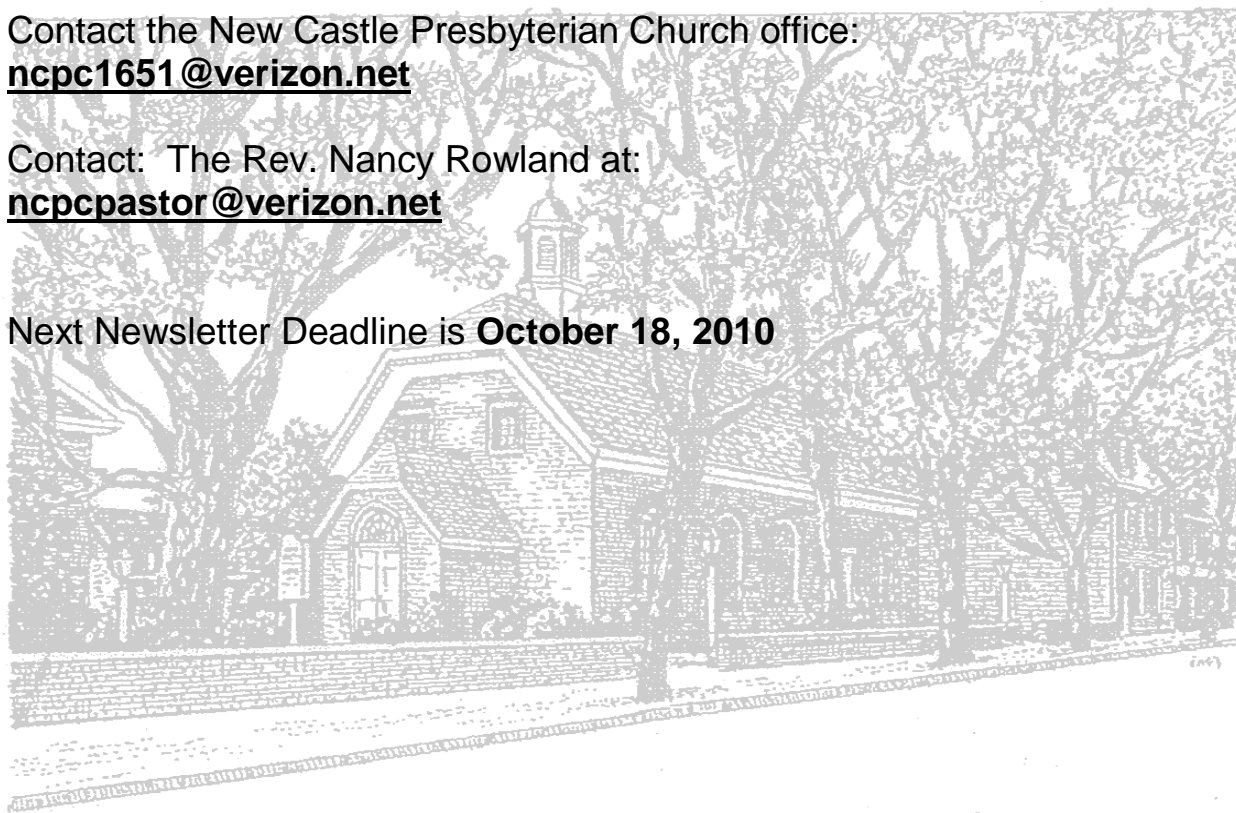
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **October 18, 2010**



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