

New Castle Presbyterian News

June 2011



Church Picnic - June 12

Our annual Church Picnic will take place on June 12 immediately following the 10:00am worship service. Please join us to enjoy the food and fellowship!

Church officers will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. Everyone else, please contribute a picnic salad, dessert, or side dish to share. There will be activities for children. Elders and Deacons will be calling for a count of who will attend, or you may sign up on the list in the C. E. building.

Hope to see you there!



We will switch to our summer schedule of Worship at 10:00am on Sunday, June 12th.

Dedication of Pledges

Thank you for your pledges to the Capital Campaign for Air Conditioning and Building & Grounds needs. These generous promises will be dedicated in worship on June 5.



The Day of Pentecost

Celebrate joyfully the Day of Pentecost on June 12 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with lively worship, reception of our confirmation class students by profession of faith, and our church picnic. We remember the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the expectant church as we look forward to the great things God will do in us. It is appropriate to wear red on this day, as people “on fire” for the Lord!

Confirmation and Profession of Faith

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, our Confirmation Class members will renew their baptisms by confirming the promises once made by their parents with their own professions of faith. Being confirmed will be:

George Spock
Aaron Spock
Robert Truman

Thanks be to God for the grace that upholds us throughout all of life!

The Sacrament of Baptism



On Sunday, May 22, Luca John Monzo, infant son of Dana Spring Monzo and Eric Monzo received the Sacrament of Baptism. Sponsors for his Christian upbringing are Karen Spring and Robby Spring, as well as the entire congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church. Luca is also the grandson of Janet and Robert Spring. See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God – and so we are!

Thank You!

Our sincere appreciation to all for the kind, helpful support, comforting messages and prayers which were offered following my mother’s death on Easter Sunday, Corky and I are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. Grace and peace to you all.

Jo Viola



Mission and Outreach News **Urban Promise Dinner and Supplies**

Urban Promise offers 6 weeks of summer camps for free in 5 locations throughout the city of Wilmington. Each camp is filled to capacity, with a total of over 350 children, youth, Street Leaders, and college interns participating. Their curriculum this year is based on the book of Psalms with amazing lessons about God's character and love. The camp structure includes bible lessons, recreation and crafts. We will be helping Urban Promise in two ways: providing craft supplies and hosting a dinner for about 35 team leaders and adults.

This year Urban Promise has changed its procedure for collecting craft items. Instead of providing us with a long list, each church or small group is being asked to provide "bundles" of two or three items. We will be providing:

- 50 packs of markers
- 75 boxes of crayons
- Fabric strips cut approximately 1" wide and not less than 10" long – can be longer. (This is a great way for our crafters to use up scraps of fabric.) If you would like to provide some of these, please call Barbara Whisman at 322-6234.

Additional recycle items that would be welcomed:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Clear plastic lids (like from deli containers)
- Yogurt or margarine containers
- Wood scraps in assorted shapes and sizes
- Magazines and catalogs
- Coffee cans
- Paper Tower Tubes

Please use the collection container in the foyer of the CE building for your donations. Please bring your contributions on or before June 7, 2011.

The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, July 31. Please mark your calendars. More specific information will follow in the weeks to come.

Friendship House Breakfast Program--Sunday, June 12

Our church will be serving breakfast on June 12th at the Friendship House location at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington, DE. We will need volunteers to help prepare the breakfast quiche on Saturday, June 11th at 3 p.m. and volunteers to serve the meal on Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

We also need donations of food and/or money for the breakfast quiches. If you can help out in any way, please sign up on the volunteer sheets posted in the CE Building. Please give any money donations to Janet Spring. Please have all food donations in the refrigerator in the CE Building by noon on Friday, June 10th. Thank you all for your generosity.

Congregational Meeting

The congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church meets June 5th after worship for the purpose of electing officers and at-large members to the Nominating Committee. We will consider the following report from the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be received from the floor.

SESSION

Class of 2013: Jim Flook: Jim joined the New Castle Presbyterian in 1979 shortly after he moved to New Castle with his wife Susan. They both grew up in York, Pa and were Lutherans until their mid-twenties. They have two adult children, Kathy and Jonathan. Jim is currently finishing a 3 year term as a trustee for the church. Jim has volunteered to usher at church many times, and also enjoys preparing and serving meals at Friendship House in Wilmington. Jim recently retired from the Siemens Health Care Diagnostics business, after 32 years as a senior IT manager. He holds undergraduate degrees in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering from the University of Arizona and a Master in Computer Science from the University of Delaware. His hobbies are hiking/camping, travel, and cooking.

Class of 2014: Lindy Ballance

I started attending New Castle Presbyterian Church as a young boy, probably about 5 or 6 years old. I remember when Rev Johnson was starting his tenure and made friends with his twin sons Ted & Dan. Reverend Johnson also was one of our speakers at our High School graduation in 1976 at William Penn. I went to Sunday school all the way through high school, pretty much left for awhile, attending services every once in awhile. I again started attending regularly in 2000 and have pretty much attended church every Sunday I could, becoming a member I think in 2001 or 2002. As to my background, I have been married to my wife Sandy for 29 years, have two daughters Beth, who attends DelTech and works for JCPenney & Rite Aid Pharmacy as a Pharmacy Technician. My youngest daughter is Nicole, a sophomore at the University of Delaware studying to be a High School English teacher. Nicole also works part time at Dodd Dental & Rite Aid as a Pharmacy Technician. I am a store manager for Rite Aid in Bear. I have been with Rite Aid for almost 34 years and counting the days until I retire. Our family lives in the New Castle area and thankfully have many members of both our families nearby too. My hobbies include Bass fishing, UD football, the Phillies, & the Eagles along with yardwork which never ends. I will be honored to serve.

Class of 2014: Andrew Lundgren is an attorney. After five great years at Young Conaway, he recently took an in-house position with New York-based National Corporate Research, Ltd. assisting the General Counsel and management team, and heading up the company's Delaware operation in Dover. He has been a member since 2010. He is husband to Laura and father to Alexandra and Julia.

Class of 2014: Ray Snyder

Born and raised in suburban Philadelphia of two college educated parents, one a veterinarian and the other a school teacher.

Attended St. Peter's Episcopal church and choir school. Baptized and confirmed and married at St. Peter's. Traveled extensively around the U.S. while growing up and traveled the world serving in the military. Spent a total of six and one half years on active duty but no combat time.

Worked for thirty-two years for Sunoco in Philadelphia. Have been a volunteer firefighter for forty-four years and still belong to Wilmington Manor Fire Co. Am serving a third term as Commandant of the General Thomas Holcomb (New Castle native) Detachment of the Marine Corps League; volunteer on the Wilmington & Western Railroad and collect O gauge model trains. Ride a bike when the weather is nice but have never gone more than about twenty miles. Used to ride a motorcycle but have become wise enough to give that up for good. Enjoy time with my wife, children and grandchildren. One son, two daughters and three granddaughters. Like most types of music and love to read. Drifted away from the church in my middle years but found something was missing. Visited extensively to various denominations and parishes and found something at New Castle Presbyterian that made me feel comfortable and at home.

Class of 2014: Kris Stone A resident of old New Castle for nearly ten years, Kris joined the church in 2010 upon the baptism of her daughter. Kris has been a professional marketing writer since her graduation from the University of Delaware. She speaks French and Spanish, is an enthusiastic traveler, gardener, and "news junkie." Kris hails from Connecticut and visits her family there often.

DEACONS

Class of 2014: Conchita Showell I was born, raised and educated in Philadelphia, PA. I worked at IBM Corporation for 23 years, 6 divisions, 5 states, and 10 jobs in staff and management positions before retirement. After a very long absence from church membership, I joined the Heritage Fellowship United Church of Christ in Reston, VA where I ultimately served as a trustee. I also served on the Board of Directors for Reston Interfaith, an organization somewhat like Friendship House providing temporary shelter, transitioning housing and other services for the homeless. I moved to Delaware at the end of 2004 to be closer to my mother. I have been pleased to have found a warm church family that has allowed me to be active in the service of helping others. (Conchita has just completed a three-year term on the Board of Deacons)

A Second and Third Name will be presented on June 5.

TRUSTEES

Class of 2012: Laurie Powell I am married to Mark Powell, and am the proud Mommy of Miss Lily Anna Powell. Mark and I met at Elizabethtown College and I attended the University of Delaware for my MBA. I've lived in old New Castle for six years and served as a Trustee in the past for about two years. I am currently a full-time stay at home Mom and I love my job. Lily and I spend lots of time walking in the park and visiting with friends. We have really enjoyed our time here as members, have fun participating in church events, and have made lots of friends. I would be happy to serve the church as a Trustee again.

Class of 2014: Sam Duncan grew up in our congregation. His father served as a trustee before him. Sam is an elementary school teacher as is his wife Jenna. They are the parents of 1-year-old (and baptized member) Luke. Sam has been an active member since March, 2010 and has just completed a one-year term on the Board of Trustees.

Class of 2014: Scott Selheimer A native of Ambler, PA, Scott earned his degree in business and journalism from Millersville (PA) University in 1985 and began working with the University of Delaware athletics department in August, 1985. He is currently finishing his 25th year with the athletics media relations staff, including his 18th as Sports Information Director. In his role as sports information director, he coordinates all media relations activities involving the UD athletics department, including writing press releases, coordinating media interviews, producing publications and game programs, game operations, and updating the athletics website. He enjoys reading and all sports and is an avid, but awful, golfer. He and his wife, Amy, and son, Kyle (18), have been members of the congregation since 1991. They reside in Newark.

A Third Name for 2014 will be presented on June 5.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, 2011-12

Bob Appleby is retired from the George and Lynch Company and is a long-time resident of New Castle, growing up in the Presbyterian Church. He became a member in 1946 and was the youngest person ever elected as an Elder of this Church. Joan, his wife, a Wilmington native, moved to New Castle following their marriage and joined the Church in 1963. Both Bob and Joan have been very active in the life of the Church serving on various boards and committees over the years. Bob has served as an Elder several times before and as a Trustee and has served on pastor search committees and worked very hard on the committee responsible for the Christian Education Building remodeling. Joan and Bob have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Marcia Quillen: Marcia has been active in the church since 1965. She has been a member of Session and a Trustee and she is currently a member of the Worship Committee and sings in the choir. Marcia attended Wellesley College and Hofstra University and graduated from the University of Delaware. She was one of the first two non-Quaker members of the Board of Trustees of her high school alma mater, Wilmington Friends School, and later worked as the school's development director. She also did development work for several years at the University of Delaware. Marcia and her husband Bill have two daughters - Carol in Houston and Tracey in Wilmington - and she and Bill have three grandchildren.

Nanette Nichol: Nanette, a member since 1965 when she and her late husband, Jim, moved to Delaware from Pennsylvania to teach, has served the church in a number of ways. She taught Sunday School, was ordained an elder and has served two terms on Session, served nine years as Clerk of Session, and served on two Pastor Nominating Committees. She is one of the original members of the Celebration Ringers handbell choir and a longtime member of the choir. She continues to co-chair the Spirit of Christmas Committee. Nanette is mother of daughter, Debbie, of Bellevue, Washington and son, Doug, of Bear, DE. She is retired after 41 years in education, most recently as librarian at William Penn High School for 22 of those years. Retirement includes travel with her partner, Ron, and volunteering with Meals on Wheels and at the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware.



**NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JULY 10-14, 2011

5:45-8:15 P.M.



Supper Included!

Classes for Children ages 4 to 10.

Bible Stories!

Crafts!

Games!

Music!

Worship!

Service Projects!



Vacation Bible School Registration Form

July 10-14, 2011

5:45-8:15pm

New Castle Presbyterian Church
\$5.00 per child / \$10.00 per family

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Other: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Name of friend your child might like to be with: _____



Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2011. Call Susan Flook at 328-7346 if you are interested. Substitutes needed, too. No weekend deliveries. Thanks. Consider this as your call in Christ!

Our next delivery will be June 6-10. 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 6

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 7

Joan Smith

Wednesday 8

Vic & Elsie Clark

Thursday 9

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 10

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Graduates

We celebrate our graduates in worship on June 5.

High School

Danielle Knox, daughter of Shirley & Dan Knox will graduate from William Penn High School on June 3 and plans to attend DelTech to study Healthcare.

Kaitlyn Raker, daughter of Lisa & Bruce Raker will graduate from Newark High School on June 6 and plans to attend University of Delaware this fall and to study Art Conservation.

Kyle Selheimer, son of Scott & Amy Selheimer will receive his diploma from Layton Prep High School and plans to attend University of Delaware this fall and to study journalism.

College/University

Danika Dobson graduated May 21 from Elizabethtown College with a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Human Services. She continues to work for DuValla & Co, LLC for the summer and will seek employment in her field for the fall.



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

April	180
May.....	183

Income thru 5/5/11:

2011 Budget:	\$95,922.00
2011 Actual:.....	\$95,145.00

Expenses thru 5/5/11:

2011 Budget:	\$87,345.00
2011 Actual:.....	\$83,977.00



Thank You!

We would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards and visits. For making our lives a little easier over the past weeks since the accident that left us both with broken legs. You all have been great from bringing in dinners, doing our wash, shopping and just being supportive. We still have a long way to go but with your help we will make it. You are our extended family and we really love you all. Our front door is always open (because it takes too long for us to get up to answer) so stop by for a visit. Visitors are always welcome they make the days go by much faster.

Thank you again, Connie and Don Reese

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Minerva Lermond, 6/6
Kyle Selheimer, 6/8
Douglas Twyford, 6/8
Allie Lundgren, 6/9
Diana Reilly, 6/12
Molly Dunson, 6/13
Janet Reed, 6/16
Steve Handy, 6/19
Jason Campbell, 6/20
Danielle Knox, 6/21
Robert Lindfors, 6/22
Annie Sotomayor, 6/22
Kelly Chandler, 6/23
James Flook, 6/23
Gisele Vonrhein, 6/25
Christine Brooks-Corbett, 6/26
Ted Corbett, 6/26
Sarah McCann, 6/26
Corey Fagles, 6/28



Janet & Robert Spring, 6/5
Christine & Ted Corbett, 6/13
Lyn & Bob Briggs, 6/16
Ellie & Monty Gerhart, 6/18
Lindy & Sandra Ballance, 6/19
Christine & Richard Fagles, 6/21
Brenda & William Walters, 6/21
Juliann & Rob Barry, 6/25
Kelly & Mark Chandler, 6/25
Marcia & Bill Quillen, 6/27
James & Susan Werkheiser, 6/28
Bruce & Kay Gordon, 6/30

Change to the Book of Order

A Pastoral Letter from our Executive Presbyter Jim Moseley

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On May 10th the Presbytery of Twin Cities became the 87th presbytery to approve Amendment 10-A. This action formally confirms that the former “fidelity and chastity” language of our Book of Order [see below], effective July 10th, will be changed to read, “Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G.1000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation and suitability of office (G14.0204: G.14.0405).

This action upholds and confirms that the weight of discernment as to the qualifications and suitability of any candidate for deacon, elder or minister of word and sacrament rest primarily with the ‘calling” body. For most of us in the PCUSA this has always been a foundational principal of our form of governance.

As such we acknowledge that a person chosen by one presbytery or congregation as gifted for ministry may not be chosen by another presbytery or congregation due to a thousand varied factors. Who best to decide than the governing body extending the call?

This change in language unmistakably opens up the possibility that persons in same gender relationships may be considered for ordination.

What our church has decided through due process and decades of painful debate is to acknowledge that gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and trans-gendered persons whom we know, name and claim as brothers and sisters in Christ may now serve the church openly and honestly as church officers and ministers of the Gospel.

The truth I invite us all to accept is that GLBT persons have, for all generations, loved and supported and served and sacrificed themselves for the cause of Jesus Christ. We have been walking together, working together and breaking bread together from the very beginning of Christendom.

And while New Castle Presbytery is noted for being a more progressive presbytery, it is also clear that not all congregations or members of congregations are prepared to embrace this change. I do hope and pray however that those congregations opposed to 10-A will clearly understand that no congregation will be required to call or install gay and lesbian individuals as elders, deacons and pastors. Each congregation retains the privilege of establishing through prayer and examination standards of ordination acceptable to its membership.

In the coming weeks numerous documents, explanations, editorials and news stories will be released. Those materials provided to the presbytery through the offices of the General Assembly will be forwarded to every pastor and congregation. The Council of New Castle Presbytery has had some brief conversation on the amendment, and as more details are forthcoming will determine what other

discussion and gatherings might be helpful. We would appreciate hearing from you. Reid Beveridge, our Stated Clerk, and I have already agreed to visit several Sessions in order to respond to questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact us as well.

I readily confess that this letter is neither an exhaustive theological or ecclesiastical explanation about 10-A. More time will certainly be needed to grasp in detail what adjustments to our examination and ordination process might be necessary.... if any. In the mean time we all have mission, ministries and ongoing relationships needing attention.

Let's take one day at a time, one step at a time and one prayer at a time!

In Christ's Peace

Jim

Old language: Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

New language: Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

Note: I would be more than happy to discuss this change in our polity with any one!

-Pastor Nancy