

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *October 2011*



### **Five Wishes – October 2**

The New Castle Presbyterian Church Congregational Life Committee would like to share the gift of Five Wishes. This is a resource program for helping each of us express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself.

Five Wishes was developed by Aging with Dignity, a national non-profit organization with a mission to affirm and safeguard the human dignity of individuals as they age and to promote better care for those near the end of life.

All are welcome to participate in a program led by:

Rev Timothy Rodden,  
Director of Pastoral Services for Christiana Care Health Systems  
On: Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 from 3 to 5 PM  
At: the Christian Education Building 25 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, New Castle

You will learn:

- How to discuss this topic with your family, and receive materials which you can use.
- How to develop a document which is accepted as a legal advanced directive in Delaware.
- How to choose a power of attorney for healthcare

Please join us for this important event. For additional information see:

[www.agingwithdignity.org](http://www.agingwithdignity.org)

**Sign up in the Fellowship Hall today!**

# Stewardship 2012

*As God continues to lavish blessings on us, we are called to continue to lavish blessings on others that we have received.*

It seems like yesterday that we conducted the stewardship campaign for 2011. Shortly after that campaign, we embarked on a capital campaign. Now we find ourselves confronted with developing a budget for 2012. Hence... Stewardship 2012!!! I know that the message from your officers sounds like a “broken record.” Give, give, give!!



Economic conditions continued to be challenging in 2011. Income continued to stagnate or decrease, investments declined, benefits were reduced, fewer dollars continued to be available for entertainment, and education costs continued to skyrocket. 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 2012 stewardship season. In coming weeks, you will receive more information to assist you in determining a pledge for 2012. 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



## **New Castle Area CROP Walk – Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.**

Cooler weather has arrived and summer is drawing to a close. These are all signs that it's time to get ready for our annual New Castle CROP Hunger Walk. Mark your calendars now to be a part of this exciting local, interfaith, outreach event benefitting our country and many others.

Our local beneficiaries, Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington and the Food Bank of Delaware each received a check for \$1,650.04 as a result of our 2010 walk. The walk generated donations of over \$13,000.00 with seven churches and some Wm. Penn High School students participating. The rest of the money was used to help victims of floods, tornados, and hurricanes here in the U.S. and worldwide. Joplin, MO, Pakistan and the horn of Africa are some of the recent beneficiaries. Blankets, antibiotics, and personal hygiene kits are sent by CWS/CROP to disaster areas and war torn countries. Medical equipment and school kits are also included in shipments. They feed the hungry, provide shelter and help the impoverished to help themselves.

There will be two routes, allowing us to walk through historic Old New Castle and beautiful Battery Park. (Don't miss out on this!!) The longer route is about 3 miles, and the shorter route is about 1-1/2 miles (you'll be finished before you know it). The walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. **We need everyone to help.** Please walk or sponsor someone. You'll meet new people and have a lot of fun. It's amazing how much we can accomplish when we work together!

For more information and to volunteer, see Susan Townsend.

## **2011 Peacemaking Offering** **Received on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2011**

This year we remember the peacemakers of years past — in our congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. We renew our commitment to peacemaking as part of our calling as followers of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace.

The theme for the 2011 Offering is "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18). The offering supports peacemaking programs of the wider church. 25% of the offering has been designated by the Session of New Castle Presbyterian Church for feeding the hungry through our youth's One Shot Service Sunday on October 23.

## Mission and Outreach News

### **Friendship House Breakfast - October 30th**

Our church will be serving breakfast at the Friendship House Breakfast location at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington, DE on October 30th. We will need 2-3 volunteers to help prepare the quiches on Saturday, October 29th at 3:00pm at the 8th and Shipley Street location and we will need 6-8 volunteers to help serve the breakfast at 7:00am on the October 30th. We will also need donations of food or you can make a financial donation towards purchasing food to Janet Spring. Please consider volunteering in any way you can. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted the first week in October.

Friendship House is a coalition of religious groups, businesses and individuals who provide ministry to the homeless. This year, our VBS students and staff donated money which was used to buy sugar and coffee creamer for the Breakfast Program. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Ralph Johnson Memorial Cookie Bake**

I know it seems very early to think about Christmas Cookies! However, we will need to deliver the cookies to the Friendship House Breakfast Program on Sunday, December 18th, which is just one week after the Spirit of Christmas. If you are a baker, you might want to get started early and put your cookies in the freezer. We will also accept store purchased cookies. Since this can be a hectic time of year for everyone, you might also consider a cash donation to Janet Spring who will do your shopping/baking for you. We hope to make up 125 bags of cookies to be delivered to the Friendship House Breakfast Program on Sunday, December 18th. If you would like to help out with bagging up the cookies, please come to the CE Building on Thursday evening, December 15th at 6:00pm. All cookies should be in the CE Building kitchen by Thursday, December 15th. Please label your cookies Ralph Johnson Cookie Bake. Thank you in advance. We have been doing this ministry for a number of years and this small token of love is so greatly appreciated by the clients who go to the breakfast!

## **Adult Bible Study**

A new season of Adult Bible Study begins on September 14! Join us to expand your horizons!

Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 am, Room 206:

**Strength in Disaster**, through October 9

How does God undergird us in the midst of personal, political, and natural upheaval? Share your stories and reflections on the scriptural story.

Wednesday Bible Study, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall:

**Memories of Egypt**, through October 12

We will retell the stories of slavery and freedom in Egypt, as we remember Joseph and Moses and revisit them from an exilic experience.

Follow through on your baptismal vows by joining us around Holy Scripture and its transforming power for life today!



## **Young Couple – Potluck – October 8th**

Young couples and families are invited to attend a fellowship pot-luck dinner gathering on Sunday, October 8. The festivities will begin around 4:00 pm. Those attending should bring a side dish, salad or dessert; the Kim and Matthews families will be taking care of main dishes and beverages.

The event will be held at Jennifer and Matt Kim's house, 8 Watson Lane, Middletown, DE 19709. Please RSVP as soon as possible by contacting Jennifer and Matt Kim at (302) 449-1455, or Scott and Miranda Matthews at (302) 838-2764, or email Jennifer at [jenkim1976@verizon.net](mailto:jenkim1976@verizon.net) or Scott at [theotormon@hotmail.com](mailto:theotormon@hotmail.com).



## **Communion Workshop – October 9th**

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 9. Meet in the kitchen – coffee and cookie in hand. Everyone is welcome. The Communion Server Schedule is posted on the CE Building bulletin board.

**Capital Campaign 2011 Update**  
*FINAL APPEAL*



To date, out of approximately 88 member pledging units, 47 have contributed to the capital campaign. So far \$84,000 has been pledged for payment over the 2011 through 2013 timeframe. We are \$16,000 short of realizing our goal of \$100,000.

The air-conditioning has provided us with a comfortable worship environment during recent hot, summer months. We are able to repay what we borrowed from our investments to install the air-conditioning. Now the trustees are prioritizing remaining repairs needed to the manse, CE building and the sanctuary.

We are asking those of you who have not yet had an opportunity to pledge to the campaign. Names of those who pledge and the amounts pledged are kept as confidential as possible. Session members have no knowledge of individual contributors. Session would love to see 100% of pledging units contribute. Within coming weeks, Session hopes to finalize the campaign. Large or small, all dollars pledged are valued. Pledge cards can be obtained in the Church Office or cut out the card below.

Monty  
On behalf of Session

*“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the fruits of all your produce.”  
(Proverbs 23:4-5)*

<b>Pledge Card</b>	<b>New Castle Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign 2011 GOAL \$100,000</b>	<p>Keep this portion as a record of your financial capital campaign pledge for the year 20__</p> <p>My (our) financial pledge \$_____</p>
\$_____ Amount of pledge for Capital Campaign		
\$_____ Pay in 2011    \$_____ Pay in 2012    \$_____ Pay in 2013		
Name _____		
Address _____		
Phone _____		
E-mail _____		
Comments on how you would like your pledge to be used: _____		



## **ONE SHOT SERVICE SUNDAY** **Sunday, October 23**



For the third time, our youth fellowship will be participating in One Shot Service Sunday, a Presbyterian youth event in the Wilmington area. This year all hundred-some youth from over ten congregations will work in one place to fight hunger. We will be working together with STOP HUNGER NOW ([www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)) to assemble.....(wait for it).....10,000 meals --- 10,000 MEALS - to be shipped to schools and orphanages in countries that are experiencing serious food shortages. Here's the low-down:

- \* Date: Sunday October 23rd
- \* Place: Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church
- \* Time: Registration starts at 2 pm. Dinner at 5ish. Done no later than 6.  
OPTIONAL ADD-ON: To stay for 6 pm cool, camp-style Sunday pm worship with the Red Clay youth.
- \* Purpose: HELP TO FEED THE WORLD!

The churches participating are: Red Clay, Concord, Westminster, First & Central, Calvary, Lower Brandywine, Trinity, Rock, Limestone, Dover, First Newark and New Castle Presbyterian Churches.

We will not stamp out hunger in one day, but we will be making a connection. Our participation 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.

Our budget will be sending \$50 plus \$10 for each participant. If you would like to contribute further to the cause, please see Pastor Nancy. All youth are encouraged to sign up for this special event. Thank you for helping us serve those who need our help and for helping our youth make a connection with the wider community!

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**



**LOVING COUPLES:** Are you looking for a great getaway? This is an invitation to come away from the world and spend an entire weekend focusing on your spouse and God's plan for your marriage at a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** to be held **Nov. 4-6, 2011** at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth, DE. Experience God flowing through your marriage as you learn new ways to love, listen, and share with each other. Come, let the Holy Spirit renew you as a couple!

Weekends begin at 7:00 p.m. Fri. and end at 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Brochures are available from [dottielund@comcast.net](mailto:dottielund@comcast.net) ph. 302-478-4209 or register on line at: [www.presby-me.org](http://www.presby-me.org). Spring weekend dates are Feb.17-19 in Havre de Grace, MD.



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 **DATE NEEDED.**

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

### **Thanksgiving Breakfast**

We will gather together in the Christian Education Building for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day (November 24) 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 18th, 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.

### **Thank You!**

Friends at NCPC,  
I would like to express my sincere and grateful thanks for all of your best wishes during my surgery and recuperation.

*Bob Briggs*





## 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 October 10-14. 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 10

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 11

Joan Smith

### Wednesday 12

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 13

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 14

Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore



## Monthly Report

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

### Membership:

August .....	185
September .....	186

### Income thru 9/2/11:

2011 Budget: .....	\$167,794.00
2011 Actual:.....	\$162,779.00

### Expenses thru 9/2/11:

2011 Budget: .....	\$167,926.00
2011 Actual:.....	\$162,377.00

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



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

## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



We're back!! Can you believe it is planning time for Spirit of Christmas again. December 10 is the date and we need everyone to be thinking about how they can take part.

Along with putting the date on your calendar we remind you of the ways you can participate – donate books, DVDs, and CDs for the book sale (we will let you know where to bring them and when), make homemade soup and breads to give for sale (these are huge sellers), make homemade cookies which, along with beverages, are given free to the attendees, contribute your homemade crafts to be sold, contribute items (give them to Joan Appleby) for the “Look what \$20 will buy” table, and volunteer and recruit other volunteers to work the day of SOC.

Yes, our event has taken on a life of it's own but it is a good life and it works because all of you make it work. Keep up the good work!!

Looking forward to another success,  
Carol, Ellie, and Nanet

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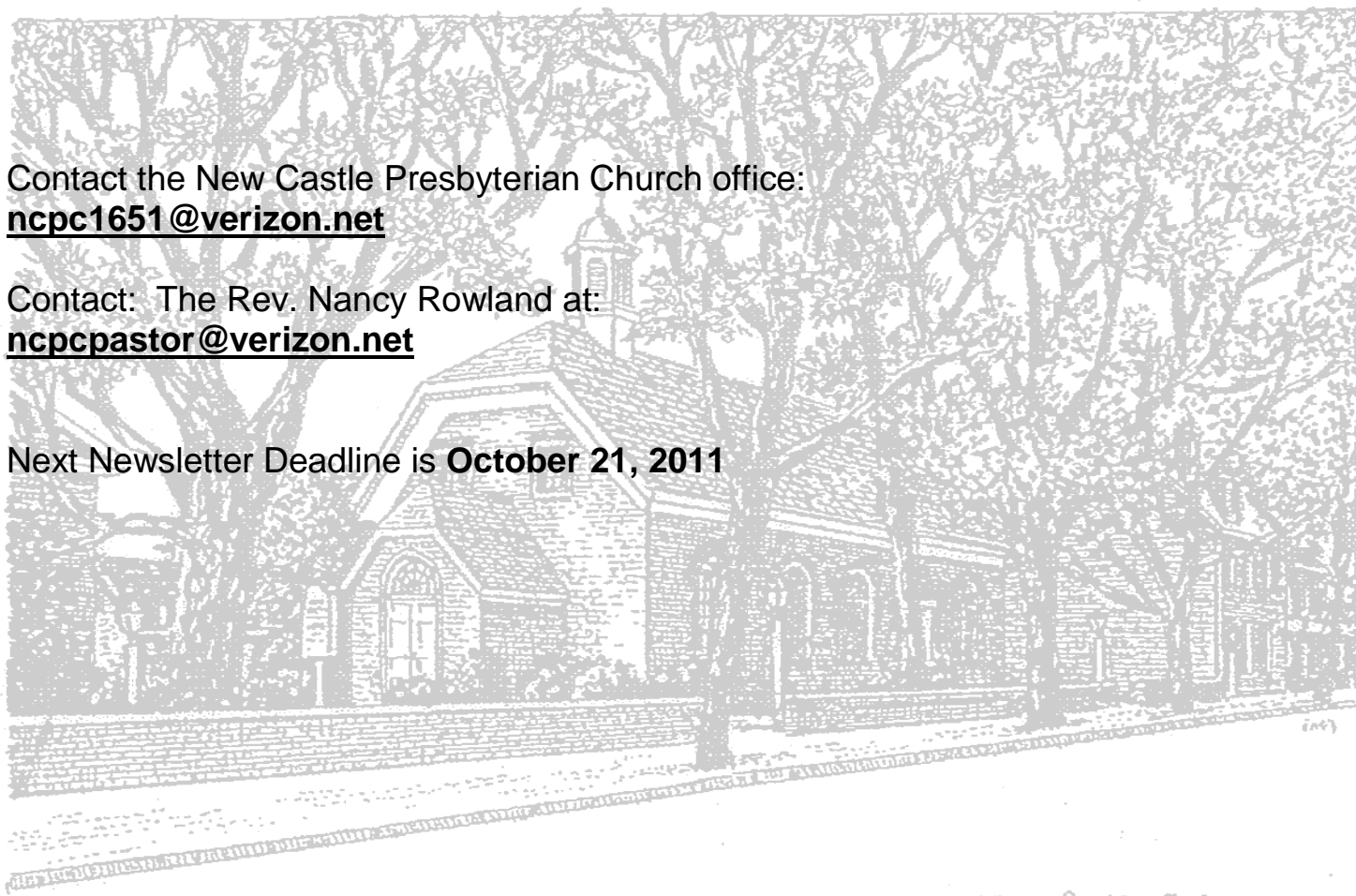


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Requested

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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:  
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **October 21, 2011**



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