

New Castle Presbyterian News

November 2011



Stewardship 2012

As God continues to lavish blessings on us, we are called to continue to lavish on others blessings which 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 in our communities, nation and world 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. **We ask that all pledges be returned by Sunday, November 20.** Thank you for your current stewardship commitment of time, talents and resources and thank you for consideration of your gifts for a new year.

Members of Session



**Daylight Savings begins
Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to "Fall Back"!**

Stewardship Brunch

Members and friends are invited to attend a stewardship brunch on Sunday, October 30, 2010 following worship. Following the brunch we will discuss our dreams and plans for 2012.

Isabel Klein Bequest

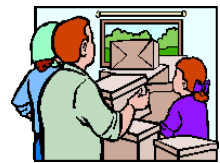
A Bequest in the amount of \$24,690 from the estate of Isabel Klein was gratefully accepted by the Session in October under the following terms: 50% toward the Special Gifts Fund and 50% toward the Building Fund. The latter portion was added to the contributions for our current Capital Campaign for Building and Grounds. Isabel was a lively and delightful member of our congregation from 1962 until her death in 2010. She contributed much as a member of the Session and through her energetic travelogues. Her legacy lives on through this generous gift. We are so grateful that she remembered the church in her will.

Capital Campaign for Building and Grounds

To date, out of approximately 88 member pledging units, 47 have contributed to the capital campaign. So far close to \$97,000 has been pledged for payment over the 2011 through 2013 time frame. We are \$3,000 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. If you have not yet pledged, it's still not too late!! And if you have pledged, please follow up with your 2011 payment. Because of money already received, the \$40,000 borrowed from the church's Trust Fund to pay for the air-conditioning installation has been repaid. Together, we can secure our facilities for years of service yet to come!

One Shot Service Sunday



On Sunday, October 23, six of our church youth participated in this year's One Shot Service Sunday. This event for 100 presbytery youth from eleven churches packed 15,000 dehydrated meals for shipment overseas through Stop Hunger Now, a Philadelphia-based organization devoted to stamping out world hunger. The meals consisted of soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and a vitamin packet. The Stop Hunger Now leadership expects these meals to be shipped to Uganda.

Participating Presbyterian churches were: Concord, Lower Brandywine, First and Central, Calvary, Red Clay, Limestone, Westminster Wilmington, Rock, Chestertown, Trinity, and New Castle. Our youth were: George Spock at the funnel station packaging meals; Katie Martin at the scales weighing the product; Daniel Barry doing the heavy lifting of 50-lb bags of soy and rice; and Chris Raker, Alex Barry, and Aaron Spock serving as runners between stations. A special appearance was made by U.S. Senator Chris Coons (looking good in a hairnet as were we all!), who served at one of the sealing stations.

The event was held at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church. The youth were also able to meet participants in athletic activities led by Red Clay's new associate pastor for youth, John Moore. After the assembly of the meals, the youth gathered for a supper consisting of rice and beans. More than 1.02 billion people in our world do not have enough to eat – more than the populations of USA, Canada, and the European Union combined. That's one in nearly six people! Most of them are women and children. Many thanks to the six youth who decided to be part of the solution and to the adults that helped out: Julie and Rob Barry, George and Julia Spock, and Steve Martin. Together we can Stop Hunger Now!

Our Parish Associate

The Session has approved a professional relationship with Rev. Kit Schooley as our Parish Associate. Kit, who is a retired Presbyterian Minister, will be assisting Pastor Nancy in worship leadership and adult education. Kit was our interim pastor in 1998 and 1999 during the construction project for our educational building.

Kit has served 11 other churches as interim pastor. On two occasions, he was the installed pastor for a congregation, including Head of Christiana in our presbytery. His last two interim periods were served at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian as an Interim Associate for 3 years (membership of 3200) and 1st Presbyterian, Chesapeake City for 9 months (membership 36).

He has served two congregations which are over three hundred years old, and three congregations which are over 175 years old. Kit noted that he maneuvered his classes in seminary in order to never take the then-required church history courses, and so the Holy Spirit maneuvered to send him to learn historic churches first-hand instead!

Kit is married to the Honorable Teresa Schooley, Representative in the Delaware House, and has two married daughters, one in Durham, NC and one in Atlanta, GA. He has two grandchildren aged 8 and 6.



All Saints

We celebrate the saints that have gone before us on All Saints Sunday, November 6. The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving during communion will include the names of those dear to us who have entered the Church Triumphant. Please be prepared to fill out a form with a beloved's name that day to include in the offering. If you cannot be present but would like the name of someone who has died to be remembered, please call the church office (328-3279).

Thanksgiving Worship



Join your friends and neighbors in giving thanks to God for many blessings! This year's community worship service will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. John Stonesifer of Immanuel Episcopal.

You are asked to bring an offering of canned goods for St. Peter's Food Pantry and a monetary offering for the poor of our area. Give thanks to God!



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.



Christmas at Sea

Once again NCPC is participating in the Seamen's Center's "Christmas at Sea" program. The goal of the Christmas at Sea Program is to give a Ditty Box, a shoe box filled with gifts, to every seafarer arriving in Delaware during the month of December. Last year the Seamen's Center provided gifts to over 1200 mariners. The boxes are filled with essentials like toothpaste, razors and soap, a knitted cap and a few goodies. You can participate by taking one of the oranges off of the poster in the fellowship hall and returning the articles by November 13th. We will also send in more than 40 hand knitted articles provided by members, friends and family members of our congregation. This is an opportunity to reach out and say Merry Christmas and thank-you to those visiting our port from other countries around the world.

Mission and Outreach Committee



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!

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"The Messiah"



On Sunday, December 4th at 4:00pm, the Choir and Friends of New Castle Presbyterian Church will present a performance of "The Messiah" by G. F. Handel.

"The Messiah" is considered to be Handel's most successful and well known oratorio and was composed in 1741 in 24 days. We will be performing Part One (The Christmas Section) concluding with the ever popular "Hallelujah Chorus" from Part Two.

Soloists for this performance are Lisa Raker, Sarah McCann, Ellie Gerhart, Minerva Lermond, Jay Williams, Bill Anthony and Bruce Raker and will be directed by Eileen Dunham and accompanied by guest organist, Melissa Heieie.

Please come and join us for an exciting musical event on Sunday, December 4th followed by light refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Eileen Dunham
Music Director

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Morgan Burris who won the Greater Wilmington Outstanding Teen scholarship competition. She looked beautiful and got an award for Talent. Her talent and interview made a great impression on the judges. Morgan's platform was "Adoption--A Loving Option". She will be competing in the Miss Delaware Outstanding Teen competition sometime in March. Morgan is the granddaughter of Brenda DiMichele and the daughter of former members Wendy and George Burris

New Member Gathering

There will be an informal visitor and/or new member gathering on Sunday, November 6 at 12:15 p.m. at the Manse at 20 The Strand. Follow the brick pathway past the Christian Education building then bear right at the fork. Enter through the screened-in porch.

Leaders of the congregation will be present to answer questions and to share more about the life of faith and of this congregation, church membership here, and Presbyterianism. The gathering will last no more than 45 minutes. There will be activities for children.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Now we are less than 7 weeks from Spirit of Christmas on December 10!

Reminding you again of what you need to be thinking about – donating books and DVDs for the book sale (you may bring them to the CE Building beginning Thanksgiving Day when you come to breakfast, but NOT BEFORE that day), what soup and/or bread you are going to make to be sold, lots of cookies, homemade and otherwise for the attendees, your homemade crafts to be sold, and contributions for the “Look what \$20 will buy” table (give them to Joan Appleby). Hopefully you have already volunteered to work the day of SOC. If not, PLEASE consider doing so and recruit others to do the same. We need you.

The SOC Committee will meet next Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7:30pm. Get in touch with us with questions or you are welcome to come to the meeting.

Carol, Ellie, and Nanette

Look What \$20 Can Buy



It's time to think about donations for the “Look What \$20 Can Buy”. This is one of our most popular and revenue producing tables at Spirit of Christmas, and we have earned the reputation of having quality items. Visitors actually do their Christmas gift buying here, so let's make it a fun place to shop!

Gift certificates for restaurants or donations from your favorite retail store worth \$30 or more are very popular. We also need donations from individuals of new (or like new) items that have a \$30 value or more. Re-gifting is a great way to support our event.

Brochures of Friendship House are available in the church office for your use when soliciting a donation. Any questions about what to donate or arrangements for the storage of items until December 10th, call Joan Appleby 328-4098.



Donate a Frozen Turkey

If you earn credit for a free turkey this fall please consider donating that free turkey to a Christmas Food Basket project being organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Beverly Stoudt is co-chairperson of this large undertaking. Approximately 350 families and senior citizens will receive a week's worth of non-perishable food on Saturday, December 17. Each basket also will be accompanied by a frozen turkey for Christmas dinner.

Many grocery stores are offering bargain prices and offers of free turkeys before Thanksgiving. And, some companies give their employees a free turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. If you have accumulated credit or expect a gift of a turkey and do not want it, please consider giving it to our Christmas Food Basket project.

We will need your donated turkey **any time** before **Sat., Dec. 17**. If you plan to donate please call Beverly Stoudt, as soon as you get the turkey, at 368-9354 to arrange for pick up and storage. We have a facility that will store as many turkeys as we can get. If you would like to bring your donated turkey to any Sunday church service that would be wonderful and hopefully easy for your family. Put it in the kitchen freezer and tell Beverly it is there.

If you want to purchase a turkey and donate it we will be very grateful. **Remember the prices are much better before Thanksgiving than after.**

- _____ We will pledge a turkey.
- _____ We will bring our donated turkey to church.
- _____ We do not have space to store a turkey and will need to have our donated turkey picked up.

Please call our family at _____.

Thank you for considering this loving project and taking the time to secure a frozen turkey.

Beverly Stoudt (368-9354)
Newark Area Welfare Committee
P.O. Box 951, Newark, DE 19715



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CHRISTIAN MINISTRY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

November 2, 2009

Conchita Showell
New Castle Presbyterian Church
25 E 2nd Street
New Castle, DE 19720

Dear Conchita and the New Castle Presbyterian Family,

On behalf of Friendship House Clothing Bank of Delaware, thank you **AGAIN** for the donation of clothing collected during the recent clothing drive. The NCPC Family donated approximately **800 pounds of clothes** for us to process and distribute in the community. **Fantastic!**

Please let people know that their donations may go to:

- A Senior Citizen living in public housing,
- A mother and child who have recently escaped to a shelter,
- A homeless man making it as a day laborer,
- A welfare mother who needs a coat for an interview so she can get a job.
- A grandmother whose grown children are struggling with addiction leaving her with another generation to raise,
- A family who lost everything in recent fire or flood.

As you all know there is a great need in the community for donated clothing for men, women and especially children. It is through the efforts of caring individuals and organizations like yours that these needs can be met. Wearing clean, good quality clothing improves an individuals self image, which in turn, improves their quality of life and enables them take the next step forward.

Again, we appreciate your time and effort in organizing the clothing drive. Please tell everyone that donated thank you.

Regards,

Linda Harrison
Friendship House Clothing Bank of Delaware
Director

Thank You



October 12, 2011

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
25 E. 2nd St.
New Castle, DE 19720

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,609.50 to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. We are grateful for your generosity. When you give to OGHS, you are making a conscious decision to bring the joy and love of Christ to some of the most vulnerable and desperate places and people around the world. Your contributions help by partnering in programs that help communities grow produce to consume and sell; by providing seeds and tools to Haitian farmers to assist in their recovery; and by enabling mobile health units to move quickly into areas affected by disaster.

At a time when most Americans are feeling some economic pinch, the impact of the same crisis on people who lack any economic cushion can be literally a matter of life and death. So on behalf of those sisters and brothers for whom this help is a witness to God's ever-present love, I thank you for your generous gift. May the Spirit of thanksgiving with which you gave it continue to overflow abundantly within both your own lives and the life of your congregation.

In Christ's grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Hall Boone".

Margaret Hall Boone
Special Offerings
margaret.boone@pcusa.org



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 November 21-25. 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 21

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 22

Joan Smith

Wednesday 23

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 24

THANKSGIVING
NO DELIVERY

Friday 25

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

September	186
Death of Jacqueline Hinsley	-1
October	185

Income thru 10/2/11:

2011 Budget:	\$188,403.00
2011 Actual:.....	\$184,460.00

Expenses thru 10/2/11:

2011 Budget:	\$186,198.00
2011 Actual:.....	\$179,344.00

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Richard Appleby, 11/4
Thomas Truman, 11/5
Jean Swanson, 11/6
Dean MacEwen, 11/10
Brenda Walters, 11/14
Patricia Bird, 11/15
Mary Pratt, 11/16
Elsie Clark, 11/17
Laurie Tumulty, 11/18
Susan Flook, 11/20
Judy Hentkowski, 11/23
Catherine Turner, 11/23
Sarah Werkheiser, 11/24
Bob Briggs, 11/30



Debbie & Joe Harrington, 11/27

WORKSHOP FOR LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Explore the possibility of participating in worship in a leading way. On January 22, 2012, our Pastor Nancy will moderate a workshop for former, future, and potential lay worship leaders. We will meet in the Meeting House toward the end of Coffee Hour with coffee and cookies in hand. You will have a chance to hear about the reasons for lay worship leadership, to try your voice at the microphone, to ask questions, and to learn hints of do's and don'ts from experienced lay leaders as well as from our Pastor. A new Lay Worship Leaders sign-up sheet will be posted in the CE building in January. Everyone, including our young people, is welcome to this workshop. Questions ? call Marcia Quillen (302) 656-5799

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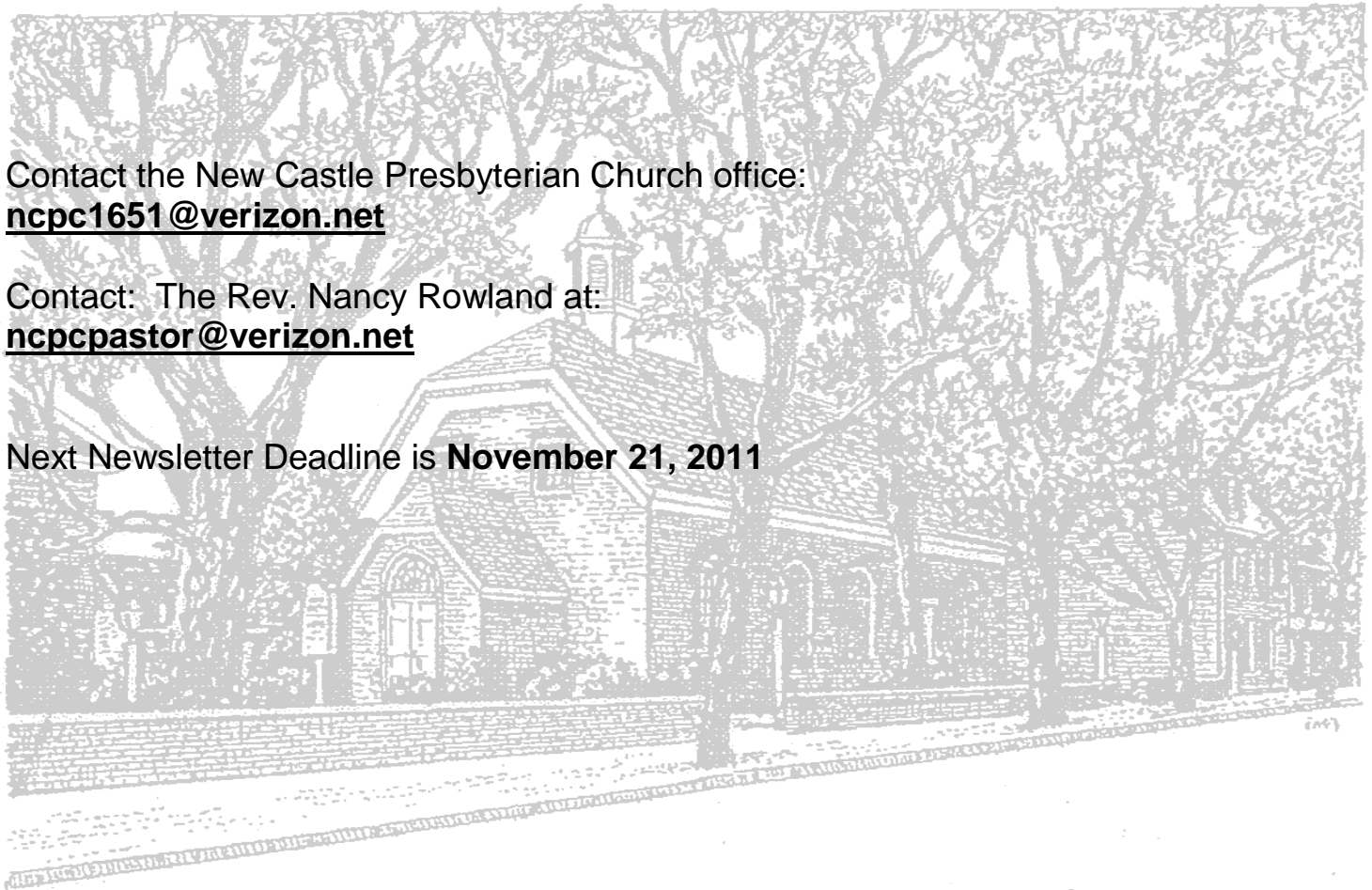


Address Change
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
ncpcpastor@verizon.net

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