

New Castle Presbyterian News

March 2012



***Daylight Savings begins
Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to "Spring Forward"!***



Ecumenical Lenten Suppers

Join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent. We will gather through March 28 for Wednesday evening fellowship suppers at 6:00 pm, followed by a presentation on faith practices. Participants are free to go by 7:30. The schedule for the suppers is:

Wed., March 7, 6:00 pm – New Castle United Methodist

Wed., March 14, 6:00 pm – Immanuel Episcopal

Wed., March 21, 6:00 pm – Hope Lutheran

Wed., March 28, 6:00 pm – St. Peter the Apostle RC

WHAT IS THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING?



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The number of denominations currently participating in OGHS

1949

The year of the first One Great Hour appeal

Immediately following World War II, Protestant churches in the U.S. made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. In 1949, the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches' separate campaigns.

A program called One Great Hour was broadcast on March 26, 1949, over major networks and many independent stations. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing" for the first time. At times, One Great Hour of Sharing was coordinated with both the Roman Catholic Bishops' Fund Appeal for Overseas Aid and the Jewish Passover Appeal. Free time and space were donated to this joint appeal through the Advertising Council.

From the beginning, this has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, One Great Hour of Sharing has varied from eight to 29 participating communions. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In recent years Presbyterians have given about \$10 million annually.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2010 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Receipts

\$7,655,272

Expenses

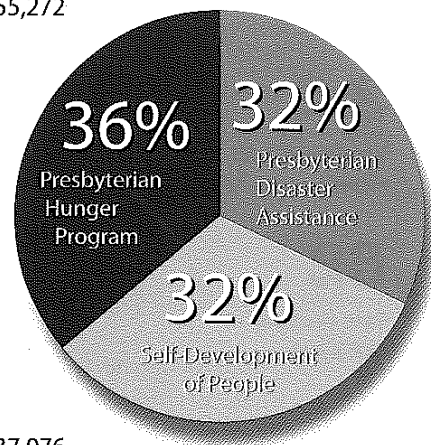
Fundraising (5.7 percent)	\$435,528
Shared Services charges	\$382,668

Total Expenditures (10.7 percent of receipts) \$818,196

Disbursements (after expenses)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$2,196,133
Presbyterian Hunger Program	\$2,455,426
Self-Development of People	\$2,185,517

Total One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Disbursements \$6,837,076



A detailed list of grants and disbursements by each program area will be online by March 2012.

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A Sharing Calendar

One Great Hour of Sharing

It's remarkable what your gift will do.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hunger	<p>4</p> <p>[Jesus] said to [the disciples], "You give them something to eat" (Luke 9:13). Help fight local and global hunger by supporting a hunger walk.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Worldwide, a billion people—about 1 in 7—are chronically hungry. About half of them are children. Give three units to help promote food security—reliable access to enough of the right kinds of food.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Without the right nutrition in the first two years, a child's physical and mental development is compromised. Give one unit for each toddler you know.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Nearly one in four children in the U.S. is at risk for hunger. Give three units in thanksgiving if your household has never experienced hunger.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety, depression and behavior problems than children who do not. Share a unit for each snack you eat today.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Poor nutrition and calorie deficiencies cause nearly one in three people to die prematurely or have disabilities. Give two units if you ate out this week.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). Share one unit for each person or experience that brings you joy.</p>
Water and Education	<p>11</p> <p>"... I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." (Matt. 25:35). Give a unit in thanksgiving for each glass of water you drink today.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>More than a billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water. Give one unit for each faucet in your home.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>More than one in three people lack adequate sanitation facilities. Give one unit for each toilet and sink in your home.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Almost a billion adults worldwide can't read, write and do basic math. Share a unit for each time you write or type your name today.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Educating women and girls improves the health and economic well-being of the community. Give one unit for each year of formal education of your household members.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>In parts of rural Africa, sand dams can provide clean water for drinking, livestock and gardening—and improve the lives of women and girls. Give two units in thanksgiving for this.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>In the U.S., some 7,200 students drop out of school each day. Only 70% of high school freshmen will graduate. Share one unit to honor a teacher important in your life.</p>
Children	<p>18</p> <p>"Let the little children come to me ... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Luke 18:16). Share one unit for every year of your age.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Each day some 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes—one every five seconds. Give one unit for each meal eaten by a member of your household today.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Child labor is a fact of life for children in many developing countries. Give one unit for each person under age 18 in your extended family.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>One in four children under age 5 in the developing world is underweight. Give three units in honor of the children in your congregation.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>One child in five in the U.S. lives in poverty. Give one unit for each meal eaten in a restaurant by a member of your household this week.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>When disaster strikes, children are often the most vulnerable—to hunger, exposure, disease, exploitation. Share a unit for each flashlight in your home.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>In developing countries, rural children are 50% more likely to be physically underdeveloped than urban children. Share a unit for each fruit you eat today.</p>
Disaster Relief	<p>25</p> <p>God calls us to share with neighbors in need. And, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). With a thankful heart, share three units if you have not experienced a disaster this year.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Some 20 million people in Pakistan were directly affected by devastating floods in 2010. OGHHS continues to help families recover. Share one unit if you gave to OGHHS last year.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>For the cost of a laptop computer, Church World Service can provide two families with shelter kits. Share one unit for each computer or cell phone in your household.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>The Haiti earthquake in 2010 left more than 230,000 people dead. OGHHS continues to help survivors recover. Give one unit for each home you've lived in throughout your life.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Communities are less prone to disasters through emergency preparedness training and shelter upgrades. Give one unit for each time you have enjoyed a sunrise or sunset this month.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, OGHHS funds helped Gulf Coast survivors repair and rebuild—and return home. Share a unit for each window in your home.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OGHHS helps meet the needs of survivors who were most vulnerable before the disaster. Give one unit for each blanket in your home.</p>

What's a "Unit"? Both agency and joy pervade the work of One Great Hour of Sharing. The calendar above highlights some of the challenging situations we address when extending care to our neighbors in the U.S. and around the world. Each day suggests a "unit" which is defined as a donation of coins. Your household can decide what coin is best for your situation each day.

Sources: Church World Service; Bread for the World; Children's Defense Fund; UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund); Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; World Food Programme; World Health Organization; American Red Cross; *The New York Times*; and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Family Fun Night

Friday, March 30th

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!

THE EASTER FAIR
IS COMING!!

Saturday, April 7
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Games, Crafts, Refreshments,
and a Celebration of the
Life Christ Brings!**

Help us welcome our Community!



- We Need:**
- Eager Participants
 - Cookie Bakers
 - Craft Volunteers
 - Game Leaders
 - Egg Hiders

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY IN THE CE BUILDING

Easter Flower Donations

In the spirit of the season of Easter, the Flower Guild will be decorating the sanctuary with spring flowers. If you would like to donate a flower in memory of a Loved One, or honor of someone, please fill out this form and return it with your check in the amount of \$12.00. This year we must pre-order our flowers. Please order as early as possible.

Deadline to order is April 1, 2012 (Palm Sunday).

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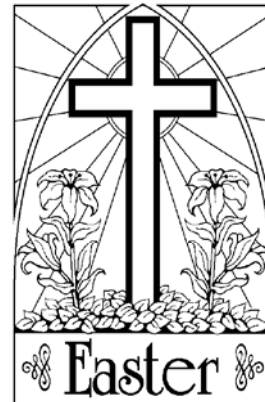
AMOUNT: \$ _____

(check one) IN MEMORY___/HONOR___ OF:

**Please make all checks payable to:
Flower Guild
New Castle Presbyterian Church
25 E. 2nd Street
New Castle, DE 19720**

Thanks again for your support!

The Flower Guild





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 March 26-30. 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 26

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 27

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 28

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 29

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 30

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore

Calling Odd Jobbers!

The Mission and Outreach Committee wants to help older folks with small jobs that they cannot do nor afford to have done. Or they'd also like to help if a church member is ill and needs help in the short term. The hope is to form a group, if there is enough interest, to do SMALL, odd jobs for members of the congregation or the New Castle area. No long-term or ongoing jobs will be scheduled (such as mowing someone's lawn on a regular schedule), but pressing one-time needs will be the focus.

Watch the weekly bulletin and the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for a kick-off date and a sign-up sheet to help or be helped. We hope to hold a meeting soon to discuss interest and feasibility. Help us help others!



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

January	179
Removal by certificate – Carol Quillen	-1
Removal by death – Arline Olds.....	-1
February	177

Income thru 2/4/12:

2012 Budget:	\$49,008.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$54,269.00

Expenses thru 2/4/12:

2012 Budget:	\$23,620.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$22,392.00



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Susan Olds Townsend and all the family and friends of Arline Olds, who died on February 25. A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 2:00 pm. Arline will be interred in the Memorial Garden.

Thanks be to God who gave Arline such a full and long life, and who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phillip Walters 3/2
Rolfe Scofield 3/3
Ruth Lindfors 3/4
John Hopkins 3/5
Howard Sowden 3/5
Charles Smith 3/6
Ruth McCullough 3/7
Amy Selheimer 3/10
Brian Werkheiser 3/10
Carl Witt, Jr. 3/10
Michael Taylor 3/11
Jennifer Dunham 3/12
John Handy 3/16
Katherine Martin 3/16
Brendan Walters 3/16
Jane Fouracre 3/19
Gene Mayhew 3/20
Nancy Rowland 3/25
Barbara Toccafondi 3/31



Jeffrey & Felicia Neel 3/5
John & Joanne Hopkins 3/9
Dana & Eric Monzo 3/24

Dear Friends,

THANK YOU

We want all of you to know how very much we appreciate your many kindnesses during the illness and death of our daughter, Ann Girvin. Thank you for your calls and cards, and for your prayers on our behalf - and especially for your love. God is good.

Herb and Mary Pratt





Save the Date!
April 15

The next New Castle Seminar will be held April 15 at 5:00pm followed by a pot-luck supper. The topic will be "Brown v. Board of Education in Delaware: Memories of a Transitional Time". Our special guests will be C. J. Seitz, Teel Petty and Dan Bungy.



Our Church Newsletter

Just doing our yearly check. Would you like to cut down on the amount of mail you receive? Please let us know your wishes by filling out the information below:

Send my newsletter to this email address: _____

I do not have email. Send my newsletter to my home address.

I will pick up my newsletter at church. Do not send at all.

Other: _____

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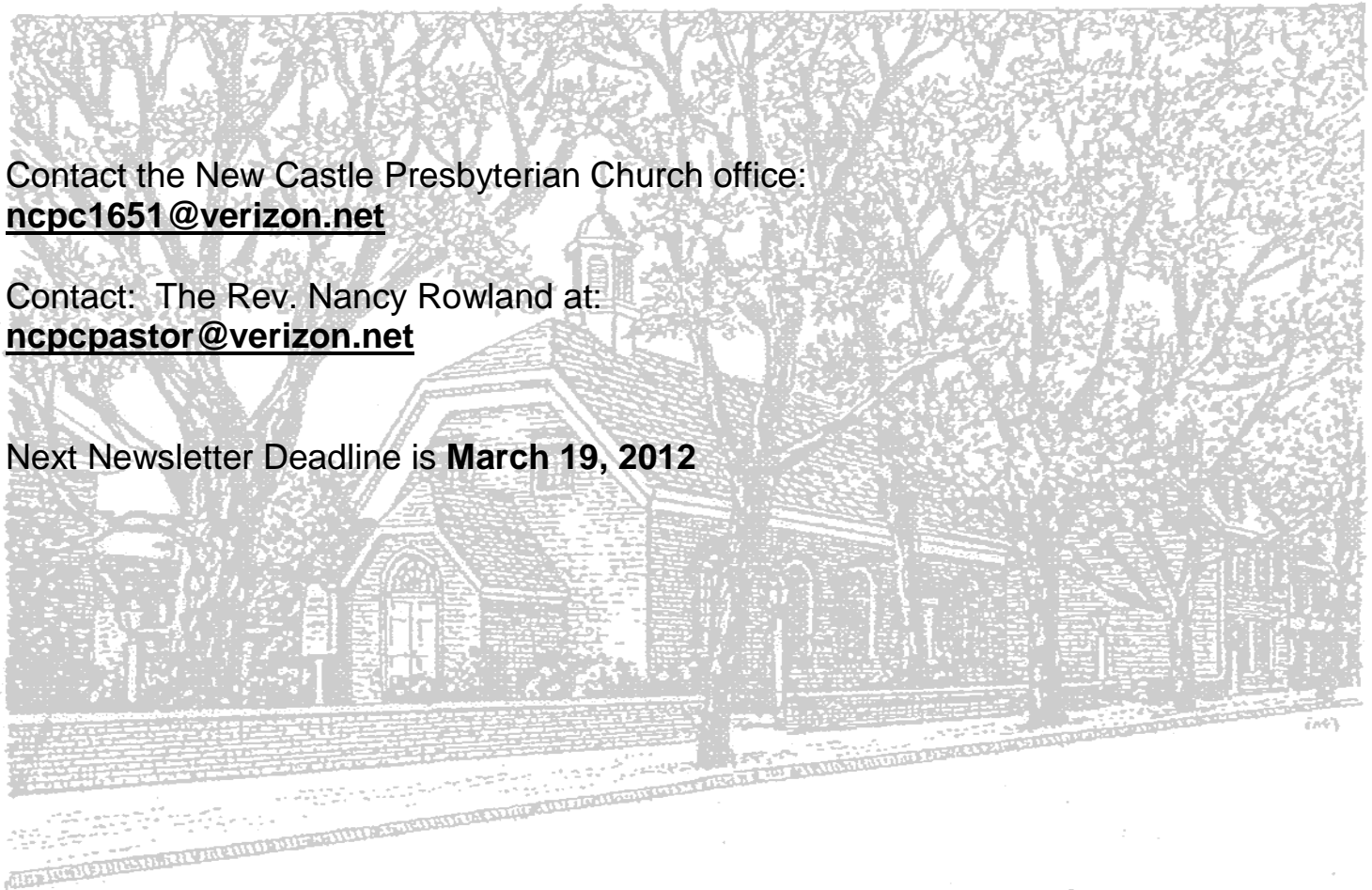


Address Change
Requested

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **March 19, 2012**



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