

New Castle Presbyterian News

September 2012



!!!! Prepare for an Emergency !!!!

Gather on ***Sunday, September 9 at 4:00 pm*** to learn how to Prepare for an Emergency. Seminar Leaders will be:

Phyllis Guinivan and Gary Mears
of The University of Delaware
College of Education and Development

Light refreshments will be served.

Learn about our local municipal emergency planning program, as well as how to develop a plan for your own family and neighbors. We will address such issues as families with young children, elderly living alone, individuals with a mobility disability and even pets!

Spread the word to all your friends, family, and neighbors about this important seminar. See you on Sunday, September 9!

Don't Forget!

Fall Worship Schedule (10:30 a.m.) begins September 9th.



September Clothing Drive

The Mission and Outreach Committee reminds you of our clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September. Over 10 years ago, Friendship House developed the Clothing Bank of Delaware (CBD) to improve the free distribution of donated clothing by coordinating the efforts of businesses, churches, schools and community organizations of New Castle County. Now, more than 275 human service agencies contact the Clothing Bank when their clients need clothing. CBD's community partners enable them to respond effectively and efficiently in times of individual need or in broader disaster relief needs. Additionally, CBD provides employment and training to women who are entering the workforce after periods of unemployment.

While all clothing items and bed linens are welcomed, children's, men's, and larger-sized, work appropriate women's clothing are especially needed as well as new (unused) underwear for children and adults.

All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room 201 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.) or after church on Sundays. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply leave your donations on the first floor making sure that the bags do not interfere with normal traffic. Tax donation slips will be available should you need one.

If your closets have been emptied of unused clothing in previous clothing drives, tell your friends and neighbors that they too can participate. They'll be glad you did!



Spirit of Christmas

Check your calendar to make sure you have marked December 8th as this year's Spirit of Christmas. We need volunteers to do the many tasks that are part of the day. Be thinking about how you can help. In anticipation of December 8th the SOC Committee will hold two meetings, one on Tuesday, September 25th and the second on Tuesday, October 23rd, both at 7 p.m. in the CE Building. Any and all of you are invited to join us to share your ideas and let us know that you can help.

Be in touch with any one of us,

Carol Mayhew, Nanette Nichol, Pat Taylor

Sage Advice (from the Arthritis Foundation)

When it comes to medical care, what was once simply good advice has become a necessity. I have always encouraged people to be involved in their own health care, not to be passive as a patient or as a caregiver. I used to say that when you go to the doctor, you should ask questions and take notes. Now I say you *need* to ask questions and take notes.

This comes from experiences over the years with my own health care and that of my children and my parents. My natural inclination to be an involved patient, mother and daughter has turned into a strong conviction that no one can afford to be passive or just casually involved in his health care. Everyone must be a patient-advocate on his own behalf, recruit a partner-advocate (a friend or family member) or count on a caregiver-advocate.

Personal advocacy isn't easy. It takes time, commitment, courage and often persistence.

The first step is to accept responsibility. As Hillel, the sage from 2,000 years ago, said, "If I am not for myself, who will be?"

The fact is, no matter how sincerely your doctor cares for you and your health, no matter how much priority a hospital puts on reducing medical mistakes, you are one among hundreds, thousands and even millions of people. As a result, appointments are rushed, lab results lost, calls not returned, questions not answered, medical histories incomplete or overlooked and communication inadequate.

Recent efforts to improve quality of care and the efficiency and effectiveness of systems are promising, but those are long-term, ongoing projects. Right now, and from now on, you or someone who cares about you has to be vigilant and involved.

If you haven't already, step up.

Begin by taking notes. Ask how something is spelled, ask for information to be repeated or instructions put in writing. Talk about next steps, what you can do and what needs to be done by others. Ask who, what, why and when. And ask those "what if" questions that are worrying you. If you don't, who will?

Marcy O'Koon Moss,
Editor in Chief
(submitted by Dean MacEwen)



New Worship Time

At its meeting on June 25, the Session approved a new year-round time for worship at 10:30 am. Numerous requests have come to the Session from our younger families for us to have an earlier worship time. The Session is also aware of the needs of other members that the service not be scheduled too early. Our summer schedule had been set earlier because of heat concerns later in the morning, but with our new air-conditioning, that is no longer an issue. A consistent year-round worship time is helpful for welcoming newcomers to our church, as well as a boon to those of us who forget which Sunday we switch from one time to another! Hopefully, this compromise worship time will not be a hardship to very many, while it serves as an improvement to the life of the whole congregation. Our new worship time will begin **September 9.**



Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2013. 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 September 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

Lois Barth
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:

July	179
August	179

Income thru 08/04/12:

2012 Budget:	\$155,700.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$161,837.00

Expenses thru 08/04/12:

2012 Budget:	\$149,002.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$143,956.00

Sea Sunday
September 16

For 190 years, the ministry of Seamen’s Centers has been caring for seafarers of all races and creeds. Chaplains, staff, and volunteers work in some 300 ports throughout the world – showing God’s love for seafarers by visiting them on their ships, listening to their stories, and offering them practical and spiritual support. Since 1990, the Seamen’s Center of Wilmington has been giving crews and opportunity to relax away from their ships, meet people other than fellow crew members, make a telephone call, send an e-mail, post a letter to loved ones at home, or go shopping.

On September 16, we pray for these men and women on Sea Sunday, that this caring work will be carried out in Christ’s name throughout the year. We also invite you to help with the ditty box ministry our congregation offers in November and December.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mission and Outreach

The Mission and Outreach Committee will be having a meeting after church on Sunday, September 16 for current members as well as anyone else with an interest in learning more about the outreach services our church provides to the community.

Barbara Whisman



Bonfire

There will be a Bonfire at Don and Connie Reese's house on Friday evening, October 12th. More information will be in the bulletin and next newsletter.

One Shot Service Sunday

The youth of New Castle Presbytery will gather on October 21st at Red Clay Presbyterian Church for the fifth One Shot Service Sunday. This year they will "Stop Naked Now!" by transporting our clothes from the September Clothing Drive for sorting and donation to the Clothing Bank of Delaware. All youth grades 6-12 are asked to participate.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mary Cottrell, 9/2
Candace Dunson, 9/3
Elizabeth Carpenter, 9/5
Christine Fagles, 9/5
Deborah Harrington, 9/10
Nancy Coning, 9/11
Scott Matthews, 9/12
Robert Truman, 9/13
C. J. Seitz, 9/14
Connie Reese, 9/17
Aaron Spock, 9/17
Danika Dobson, 9/18
Mark Powell, 9/23
Mary Lynne Truman, 9/26
Susan Witt, 9/27
Zachary Dobson, 9/29
Anita Johnson, 9/29
Sarah Reeves, 9/29

Corky & Jo Viola, 9/11
Mary Lynne & Thomas Truman, 9/13
Julia & George Spock, 9/21
Linda & Douglas Twyford, 9/24



Congratulations

Congratulations to Molly Dunson and David Shaw, upon their wedding in our Meeting House on August 31st.



Choir Members Wanted!

Come and be a part of this great group and be actively involved in our beautiful worship services.

Rehearsals for our vocal choir begin on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:30pm followed by a delicious ice cream social.

We hope to see you there!

Eileen Dunham
Music Director



Handbell Choir

A reminder for Handbell ringers: first rehearsal for Celebration Ringers will be Thursday, September 6 at 7:30pm and for Colonial Chimers we will meet on Sunday, September 9 at 12pm. See you then!

Minerva Lermond

History Committee Begins a New Season

The History Committee continues its important work on behalf of our congregation with a new fall season. The committee will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the CE building. Currently serving on the committee are Ted Corbett (chair), Bill Quillen, Andrew Lundgren, Scott Matthews, Jim Meek, and Pastor Nancy. The committee interprets the history of the congregation and church properties, from the meeting house, to the grounds, the manse and the "rural" cemetery south of town. It is also in charge of the archives and church collections. The committee explores our history together and develops ways of promoting our story, using interpretive signage, brochures, escorted and self-guided tours, exhibits, and a published history of our church. We want you to be part of this effort! If you are interested in serving on or sharing something with the committee, please contact Ted Corbett at 302-276-2676.



Adult Education

Adult Education classes begin again in September. Join us to explore our shared story!

Beginning Sunday, September 9:

Let My People Go! -

A Study of the Book of Exodus for Our Day

Join us as we examine this central book of the Hebrew Scriptures, especially as it has served as a paradigm for the African-American church.

Beginning Wednesday, September 12:

Biblical Interpretation Three Ways:

Mormon, Roman Catholic, and Reformed.

How do we differ from our brothers and sisters in Christ in the way we approach our Holy Scriptures? How are we united?

Laussat Rogers Painting Restored and Framed

A long-time artifact in our archives has been a 1906 watercolor of the Old Brownstone sanctuary which existed on the Christian Education Building site from 1845 to 1950. It was completed by Laussat R. Rogers (1866-1957), architect, illustrator, and artist, who is best known for his beloved Delaware scenes. This watercolor of our buildings is so detailed that it is almost photographic. It was a gift to the church by William and Reba Greer by way of their daughter Reba Greer Hemphill.

This painting was recently restored with funds from Special Gifts and has just been framed as a gift to the church by Susan Bishop. Thanks be to God for this reminder of our covenant with God in this place!



New Castle Area CROP Walk – Sunday Oct. 14, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for the annual Church World Service CROP Walk. 25% of our donated money goes to Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington and the Food Bank of Delaware. In 2011 New Castle's CROP Walk had 98 walkers that brought in donations of over \$12,000.00. New Castle Presbyterian had 16 walkers and we raised \$1,657.00. Our top earner was Zarina Stone. Because of the local CROP Walk, Emmanuel Dining Room and the Food Bank of Delaware each received \$1,521.75.

Church World Service is one of the first responders whenever there is a disaster in the U.S. or anywhere else in the world. There are hundreds of CROP Walks in our country to help make this seemingly impossible endeavor possible. Worldwide, our tax-deductible gifts help CWS to: provide emergency food, clean water, shelter and blankets; cover the cost of vocational training; provide grants to start small businesses; and help cover initial living expenses for a refugee family.

The CROP Walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. from New Castle U. Methodist Church. There will be two routes that you can choose to follow, allowing us to walk through historic Old New Castle and Battery Park. The longer route is about 3 miles, and the shorter route is about 1-1/2 miles. You can walk, jog, push a stroller, walk your dog, and just enjoy a lovely walk among friends for a good cause. What could be better than that? **And** there'll be refreshments waiting for you when you've finished your walk. The person, from each church or group, who brings in the most CROP money will receive a "Save Around Delaware 2012" coupon book by Enjoy the City.

With your support, CWS is out there every day, doing what they do best. We'll give people the world over a chance. It's a wonderful thing to give hope to those who are living hopelessly. For more information and to volunteer to walk, see Susan Townsend.

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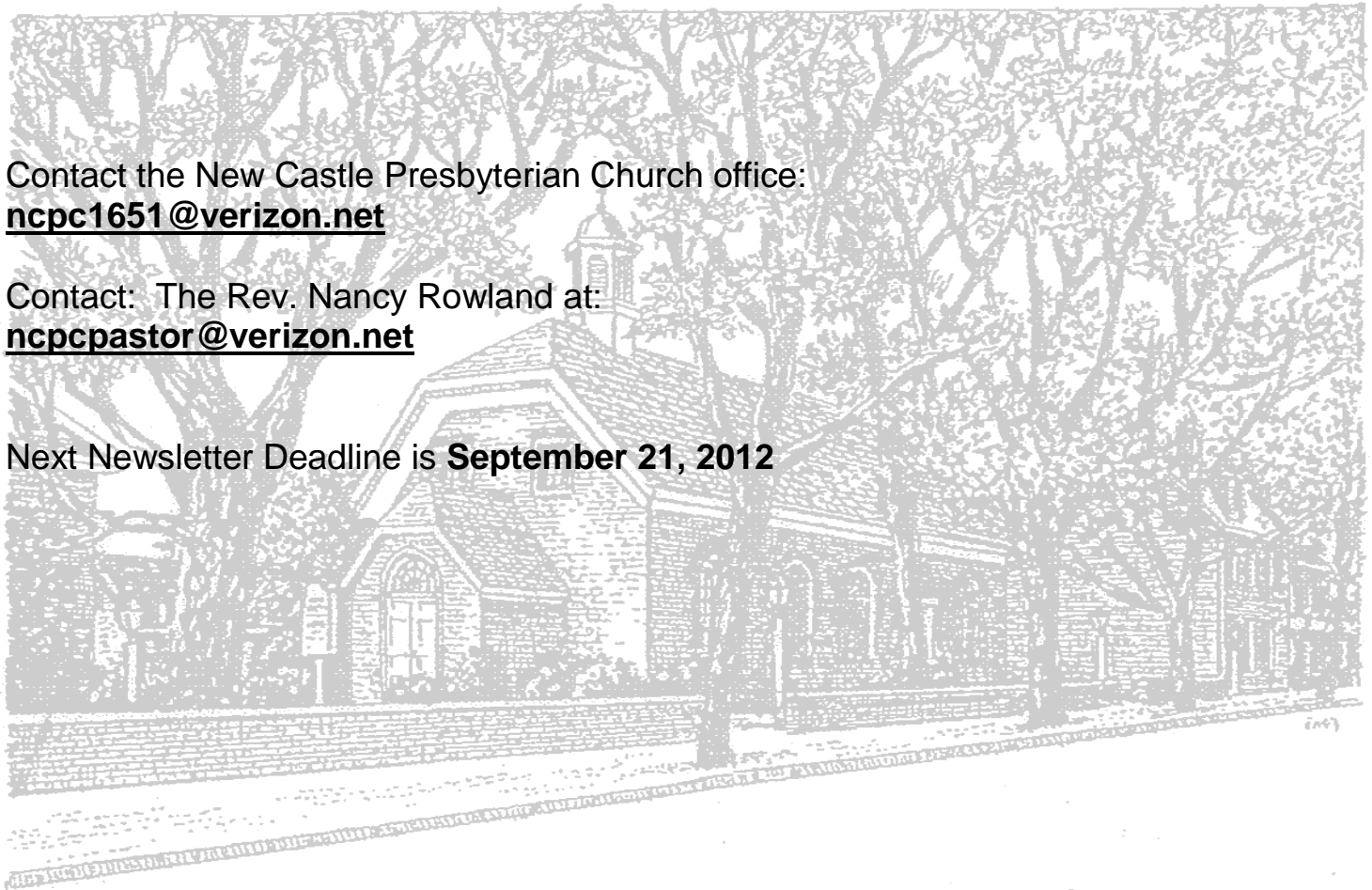


Address Change
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **September 21, 2012**



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