

New Castle Presbyterian News

October 2012



2012 Peacemaking Offering **Received on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2012**

Every time our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper there is the opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. But we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. It is a day to celebrate of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences. On World Communion Sunday we receive the bread and cup, we bring our gifts of self, service, and money to be put to work for Christ's peace in the world.

The Peacemaking Offering encourages all parts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work for peace. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. This year, the locally designated 25% of the offering has been approved by the Session of New Castle Presbyterian Church for the Human Trafficking program of the Presbyterian General Assembly, since much of the human trafficking trade occurs on the I-95 corridor. Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights, liberty, dignity, and the right not to be held in slavery or involuntary servitude. Violations of human rights are both a cause and a consequence of trafficking. Traffickers prey on the poor, the under- or unemployed, and those who face discrimination. According to the U.S. Department of State (2008), there are an estimated 12.3 million people, including children, in some type of forced labor and sexual servitude at any given time.

Another 25 percent will go to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (formerly the General Assembly Mission Council) for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 7 as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Please come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.



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

Don't forget to sign up today to walk or to sponsor someone who is walking. If you can't walk on Sunday, Oct. 14th, you can walk anytime before then. Give your sponsor envelope to Susan before Oct. 28th. The short walk is 1-1/2 miles and the longer one is 3 miles. Everyone who walks will receive a map. Please make your checks out to **CWS/CROP. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.**

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.

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.



ONE SHOT SERVICE SUNDAY **Sunday, October 21**

“Lord, when did we see you naked...” Matthew 25:38

For the fourth 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 thirteen congregations will work in one place to fight hunger. We will be working together with Delaware Clothing Bank (a ministry of Friendship House) to STOP NAKED NOW!!!

Here's the low-down:

* Date: Sunday October 21st

* 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.

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

We will not stamp out poverty 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 for our participation. If you would like to contribute further to the cause, please see Pastor Nancy. All youth Grades 6-12 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!



Stewardship 2013

*“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.”*

— *Psalm 24:1-2*

It has been said, “Stewardship is everything you do after you say I believe.” At the very least stewardship is our grateful response to God’s grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can be good caretakers of the created world and of how we can best serve God as disciples of Christ. We hope this is a place where we can share resources which help us individually and corporately to make the choices that make us the best stewards we can be.

New Castle Presbyterian Church is about to begin a new year of God’s grace. We who are among the most long-lived congregations of our denomination, have demonstrated the faith that God has been with us in the past and will be with us into the future. God long ago established this congregation on the river that we might be a beacon to God’s faithfulness throughout all generations.

In the coming weeks, you will hear testimonies from members as to how God has made a difference in their lives and how this church has been a part of that. Consider the goodness of God in this place, and consider the opportunity to support this Body of Christ into the future.

Make plans to attend our annual Stewardship Brunch on October 28 after worship to hear more about what God is doing in our midst!



Adult Education

Adult Education classes have begun! Join us to explore our shared story!

Sundays at 9:15 am, Waiting Room:

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.

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall:

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?

(No class on October 17)

LYRA Schola Choir of St. Petersburg

LYRA, a Russian Orthodox choir schola from St. Petersburg, will be in Wilmington on Friday, October 5th. Their performance, at 7pm in St. Helena's Church, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Bellefonte, of classic Orthodox sacred song and Russian folk music is open to the public. There is no admission fee. A free-will offering will be taken up. (St. Helena's is located at the junction of the Washington Street Extension and the Philadelphia Pike, near the Marsh Road exit 9 off Route I-95.)



Communion Workshop – October 7th

The Worship Committee 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 7. Meet in the kitchen – coffee and cookie in hand. Everyone is welcome. The Communion Server Schedule is posted on the CE Building bulletin board.

Save the Date!

An ushering workshop will be held November 4 and again on November 18 following morning worship. Come and learn how you can serve as an usher.

Family Fun Night

Friday, October 12th

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!



Spirit of Christmas

Planning for our 12th Spirit of Christmas on December 8 is well under way. We need everyone to be thinking about how they can contribute. Consider the following: what books, DVDs and CDs can I donate, what kind of soup and/or breads can I make to be sold, what favorite cookie can I make/buy to contribute to the cookie/beverage table, do I have a special craft that I make to contribute, and, is there a very nice item that I have, or have access to, to contribute to the “Look what \$20 will buy” table (these items should be given to Joan Appleby).

Know that there are many ways to be part of this important event and do consider all of the above. Questions, comments, please be in touch with us. Plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Carol Mayhew, Nanette Nichol, Pat Taylor

Church Tiles for Sale

The Congregational Life and Membership Committee has developed tile trivets that depict our 1707 Meeting House. The image is that of an oil portrait of the building by the late Rev. Ralph C. Johnson. Many thanks to Anita Johnson for giving us permission to use this image!

These tiles make terrific birthday and Christmas gifts, or purchase one for your own use. They are backed with cork, have a hanger, and are packed in cardboard sleeves. Each tile comes with a card describing the church and the painting of it. They will be on sale beginning September 30 for \$10.00. Be looking for the sale table during coffee fellowship!



T-Shirts for Sale

The Congregational Life and Membership Committee has also developed new T-shirts promoting our church. They bear the same image as the last lot, but this time are sport gray with brick red printing. Be sure to get yours and wear it proudly! They will be on sale beginning October 7 for \$10.00.



Thanksgiving Breakfast

We will gather together in the Christian Education Building for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day (November 22) 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.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



Christopher Dunham, 10/2

Carol Mayhew, 10/8

Phoebe Dill, 10/10

Frances Handy, 10/14

Maryellen Wample, 10/16

Martin Burnett, 10/22

Don Reese, 10/23

Rachel Handy, 10/29

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



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 15. Each basket also will be accompanied by a 10—15 lb. 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. 15**. 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



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 October 22-26. 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 22

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 23

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 24

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 25

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 26

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

August	179
Added by Profession of Faith: Susan Bishop	+1
September	180

Income thru 09/02/12:

2012 Budget:	\$172,126.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$177,337.00

Expenses thru 09/02/12:

2012 Budget:	\$169,319.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$161,773.00

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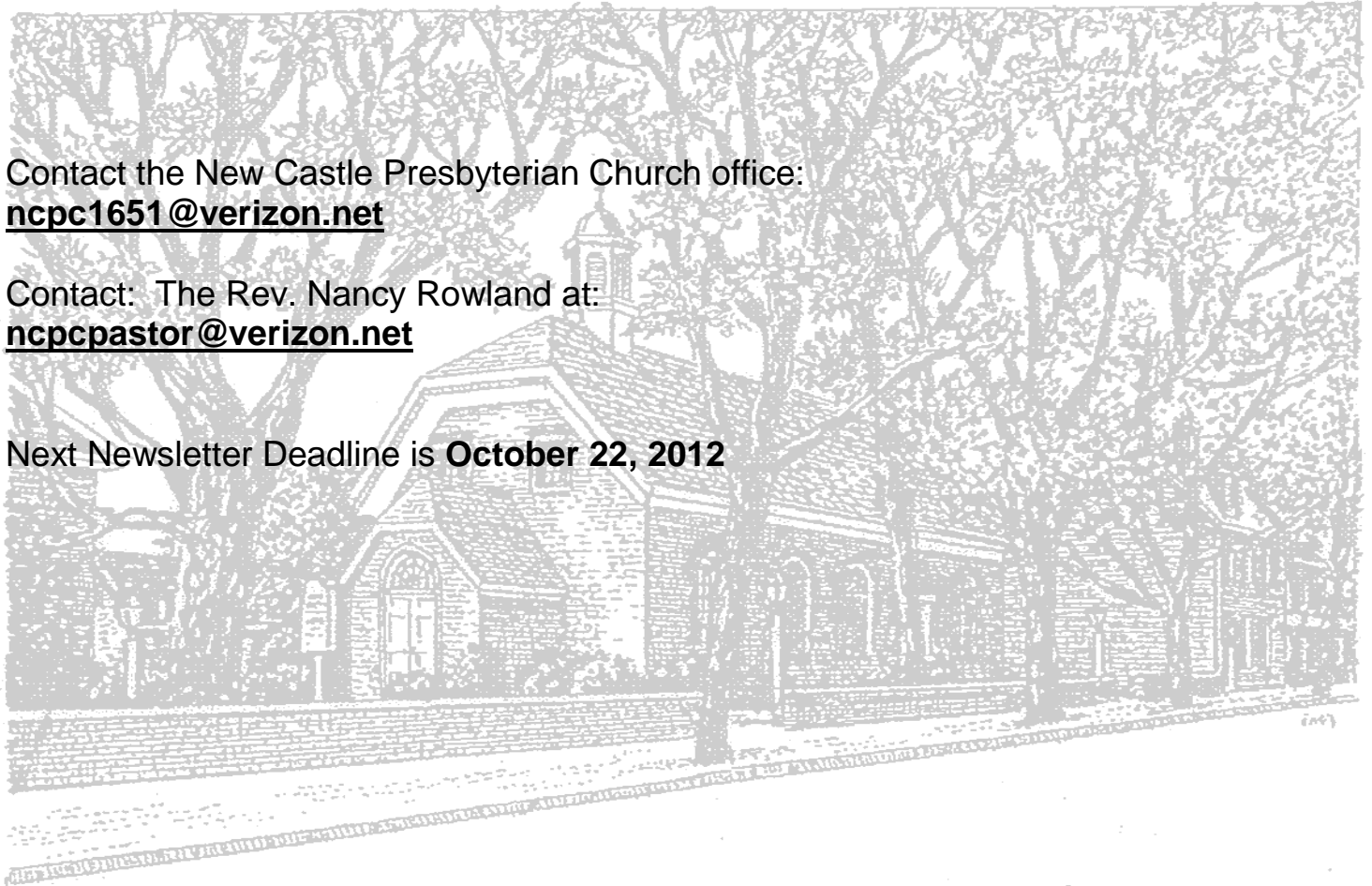


Address Change
Requested

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 **October 22, 2012**



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