

New Castle Presbyterian News

November 2012



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, please prayerfully consider your response how God has made a difference in your life 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. **Pledge Sunday is November 18.**



**Daylight Savings begins
Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to "Fall Back"!**



All Saints

We celebrate the saints that have gone before us on All Saints Sunday, November 4. 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 Immanuel Episcopal on **Sunday**, November 18 at 6:00p.m. The preaching will be provided by Hope Lutheran Church.

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 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 16th, 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.

Usher Workshop

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

Emergency Preparedness

The Congregational Life and Membership Committee is following up on its September seminar on Emergency Preparedness. In order to be able to effectively support our church family, in the event of a community emergency, an inventory of gifts and resources, as well as specific individual needs will be compiled.

Please complete this form below and return to the church office:

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

I would be willing to share these resources:

___ Generator

___ Handicapped equipment (name what kind) _____

___ Medical equipment (name what kind) _____

___ Van/Truck/4-Wheeler

___ Emergency Training Experience

___ Housing

___ Pet care

___ Food

In an emergency, I would be in need of this help:

___ Housing

___ Food

___ Visits/Calls

___ Pet care

___ Rides

___ Equipment (name what kind) _____



Spirit of Christmas - December 8 - Books/CDs/DVDs



We will start collecting gently used books/cds/dvds after Thanksgiving to December 7th. If you have any questions, contact Susan Flook 302-328-7346 or Miranda Matthews 302-838-2764.

Spirit of Christmas – December 8 - Cookies



Since our cookies are so delicious and our # of visitors continues to grow, we are hoping to collect MANY MORE COOKIES this year! Please consider sending in a batch of your favorite cookies. If you do not bake or have a very full schedule, we will cheerfully accept any store-bought donations. Please deliver to CE building by Friday, December 7th.

Thank you in advance!!!

- Brenda Walters/Karen Dobson

Spirit of Christmas - December 8 - Suggestions for the \$20 Table

It's time to be thinking about what you might give to the \$20 table. It should be gift quality - something you would buy for yourself or for someone else. Regifting is a perfect way to "pass it on" for a good cause. Maybe you have a friend outside of our Church family who would be interested in donating an item or gift certificate. Below is a list of popular items from last year that might inspire you.

1. Restaurant Gift Certificate (at least \$25 value)
2. Jewelry
3. Small appliances (new)
4. Decorative ceramics
5. Cookware (new)
6. Baskets of related items (food, bath, pet, gardening)
7. Small antiques (pewter, brass, wood)
8. Vera Bradley totes and bags (new)
9. Delaware related books or postcards
10. Decorative home accessories (silver rimmed coaster, brass candle snuffer, stemmed glasses, pillows)

I will be happy to store any donations until December 8th. Just give me a call at 328-4098.

- Joan Appleby



BREAD AND SOUP MAKERS FOR SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



At the Spirit of Christmas celebration this year, we would like to offer not only your delicious homemade soups and breads for sale, but also your homemade pickles, jams, candy and jellies. Labels, bread bags, and soup containers are available in the kitchen on November 4th.

Please bring the items in jars. You can deliver your soups and breads/cookies/sweets on Friday, Dec. 7th between 9:00 through 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 through 6:30 at the C.E. building.

Bless you for sharing your gifts for our Christmas Charities.

Contact is: Susan Townsend, 302-328-5533
Janet Reed, 302-328-6749
Ray Snyder, 302-328-1662

Church Tiles for Sale

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

White Gifts

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. For most of us this is a day we celebrate with family and friends around a huge meal. Every guest contributes a little of this and a little of that to the table. Our plates are overflowing with favorites. Maybe it's Aunt Edna's green bean casserole or Uncle Fred's pumpkin pie but it's a day you most certainly won't go hungry. However, there are many who will go hungry on this day as well as the days before and after Thanksgiving.

So let's all contribute a little of this and a little of that to the White Gifts collection. Canned goods can be placed in the white collection box in the Meeting House. White Gift envelopes will be available for monetary donations. All of our food donations go to the St. Peters food closet in New Castle.

Contact Jenna Duncan (290-5884) for further information.



Clothing Bank Drive

I would like to thank all the members who donated clothing and other items during the month of September and October. Our upstairs room was filled to capacity! Over 250 agencies in the state of Delaware use the services of the Clothing Bank of Delaware to meet the clothing needs of men, women and children. The Clothing Bank also offers employment opportunities for the women who are currently living in the Women's Housing Program of Friendship House. I would also like to thank the Spock family and their friend, the Barry Family, and the Raker family for transporting all the clothing to Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church for the "One Shot" service program. Two large pickup trucks were needed to move all the donations. Thank you again for your generous support.

- Janet Spring

Friendship House Breakfast Program

We will be serving breakfast at the Friendship House Breakfast Program at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington on Sunday, December 30th at 7:00 am. If you would like to volunteer to serve please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the CE building. We will also need donations of food (or cash to purchase what we need). We need 20 dozen eggs, 5 pounds of cheese, 2 gallons of milk, and 5 pounds of chopped ham. There will be a sign up sheet for donations of food as well. See Janet Spring if you would like to make a financial donation. For over 23 years Friendship House has been ministering to the homeless. They have never missed a Sunday serving breakfast. They usually see between 100 to 125 individuals every Sunday and for many of these displaced people, our faces may be the only ones who smile at them all day. Please consider being a volunteer. If you are new to this ministry, we will be happy to train you!

The Annual Ralph Johnson Cookie Bake



This year we will be delivering bagged Christmas cookies to the Friendship House Breakfast Program on Sunday, December 23rd. This has become a wonderful tradition for our church to honor the memory of our Pastor Emeritus, Ralph Johnson, who served our congregation for 26 years. We will be making up about 125 cookie bags on Wednesday evening, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. (Choir members can come early to help out if they can). Please consider a donation of either homemade or store purchased cookies for this outreach project. All cookies are due in the CE building kitchen by Wednesday, December 19th. All are welcome to participate. As we enter this very busy time in the year, please consider taking a little time to reach out to those who may be alone or feel unloved or unwanted. Your gift of love will be greatly appreciated.

Farewell to Jay Williams



Our long-time organist Jay Williams will be retiring from this position as of November 18th. Come and thank him that day in worship for his faithful service!



Yard Clean-up

Please join us for our church/manse yard clean-up on Saturday, December 1 at 9:00am until noon. Please bring rakes and/or brooms. All are welcome!

- Trustees

Quilts Before the Civil War

The Third Annual Historic Village Quilts & Antiques exhibit will be held in historic New Castle's Old Library, 40 E. 3rd St., October 11-December 30, 2012, Thursday-Sunday, 1-4 pm. The exhibit features quilts from before 1860, including rare early quilts are very fragile. In addition, a variety of quilts will be hung from the second floor, creating a dazzling show of quilts.

These earliest quilts were not economical, practical or warm, but they were a status symbol. Fabric was purchased to make a quilt because they used large blocks of fabric, rather than collecting odd pieces of old fabric, which became popular later. Fabrics and designs included: Chintz, Stripped and Turkey Red fabric, and Mariner's Compass and White work designs.

Featured historical character in the exhibit is John Hewson, a printer of cotton fabrics, experienced at an English textile works, who immigrated to Philadelphia in 1774 and opened the first calico printing factory. He printed Chintz using wood blocks. He was a rebel in the Revolutionary War. Also explained will be the Quilting Frolic.

Featured quilter, contributing to both floors of the exhibit, is prize-winning quilter, Susan Winfield of Washington State. She offers reproductions of Mariners Compass, Feathered Star, Birds in Flight, Ohio Star, and Shoofly. Early quilts from the Historic Odessa Foundation and Delaware Historical Society have been loaned for the exhibit, a cooperative project of the New Castle Historical Society and Historic Village Quilts and Antiques.

For further information contact Ted Corbett:

302-322-4200, corbett113@comcast.net



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
Susan Flook, 11/20
Judy Hentkowski, 11/23
Sarah Werkheiser, 11/24
Bob Briggs, 11/30

Debbie & Joe Harrington, 11/27



Kit Schooley Moving

The Rev. Kit Schooley, our church's Parish Associate this past year, is moving with his wife Terry to North Carolina. Kit, who is a retired Presbyterian Minister, was our interim pastor in 1998 and 1999 during the construction project for our educational building.

During his active ministry, Kit served 11 other churches as interim pastor and two as installed pastor. Kit is married to the Honorable Teresa Schooley, who has recently retired as Representative in the Delaware House. They have two married daughters, one in Durham, NC and one in Atlanta, GA, as well as two grandchildren aged 8 and 6. This move will permit them to spend more time with family.

The Schooleys may be reached at:
3601 Gramercy Road
Greensboro, NC 27410
(call office for new phone number)

Many thanks to Kit for his gracious presence in our midst! God be with you, dear friends!



Dear NCPC,

I would like to thank all of those that sent cards, food & prayers during my recuperation after surgery.

God is good!

Mary Cebenka



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

2012 CROP/NEW CASTLE

Our New Castle CROP New Castle Presbyterian walkers have raised \$2,000 thus far. Congratulations to walkers Chris Fagles, Scott Matthews, Ray Snyder, Lisa, Bruce, Katie, and Chris Raker, Zarina Stone, Joan Smith, Susan and James Flook, Cynthia Robbins, Katie and Steve Martin, Susan Townsend, and our "spirit walker" Charlotte McDowell, we have raised \$2000 thus far. This is NCPC's new record for our pledges and our walkers. Thanks to our combined efforts of the New Castle 80 walkers, we have raised nearly \$12,000 thus far.

The money will contribute to New Castle's food bank and to CROP WALK. Each penny raised will help people in need.

- Susan Townsend



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 December 3-7. 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 3
Shirley Knox

Tuesday 4
Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 5
Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 6
Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 7
Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

September	180
Removal by death, Ruth McCullough.....	-1
Removal by death, John Hopkins	-1
Addition by Reaffirmation of Faith, Kelly & Peter McCurdy.....	+2
October.....	180

Income thru 10/06/12:

2012 Budget:	\$192,619.00
2012 Actual:	\$200,213.00

Expenses thru 10/06/12:

2012 Budget:	\$187,920.00
2012 Actual:	\$181,055.00

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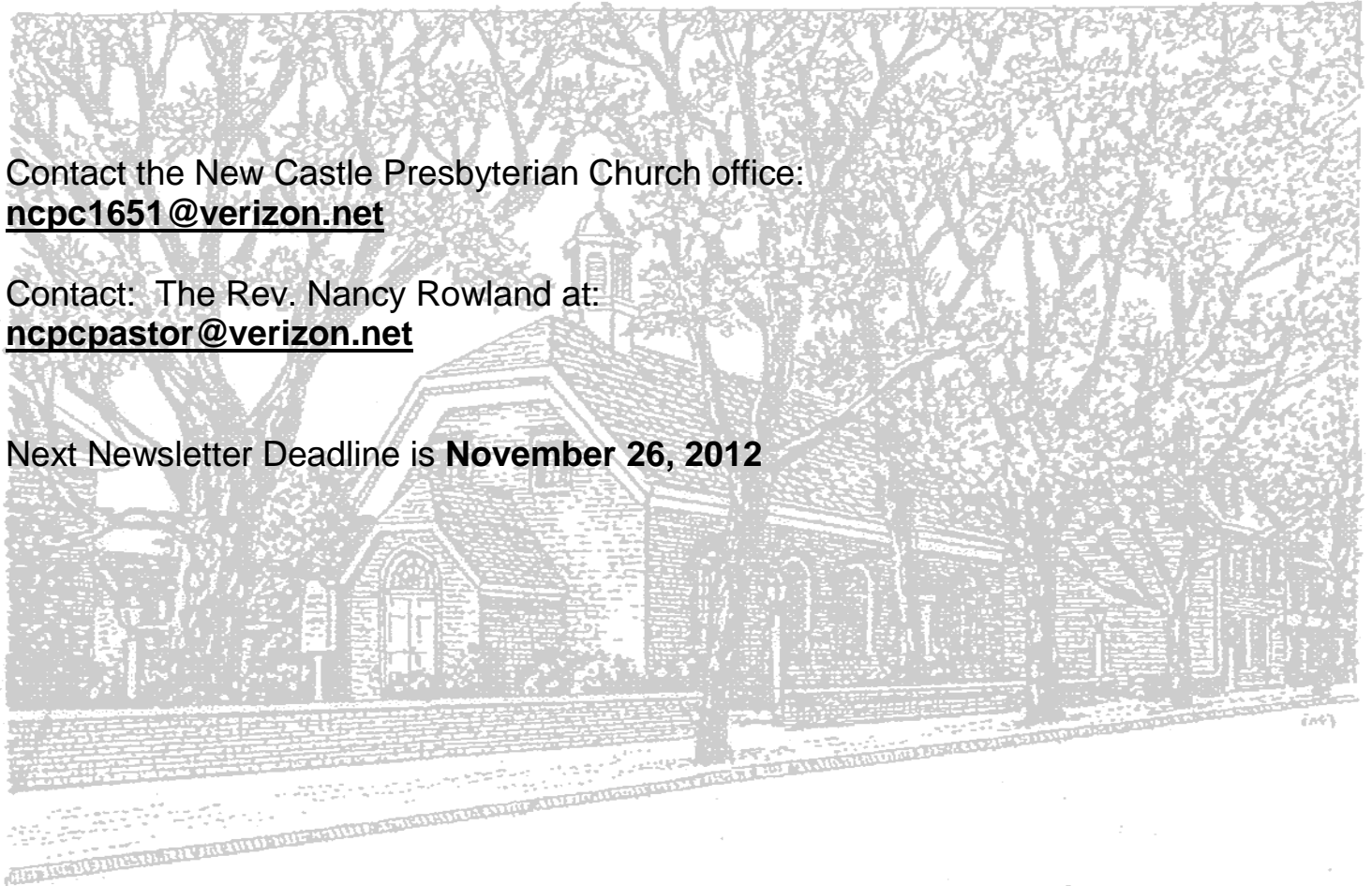


Address Change
Requested

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 **November 26, 2012**



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