

New Castle Presbyterian News

December 2012



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- December 2** **First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- December 8** **Spirit of Christmas (Saturday)**
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- December 9** **Second Sunday of Advent**
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else
Spirit of Christmas items available at fellowship
- December 16** **Third Sunday of Advent**
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else
Congregational Meeting after worship
- December 21** **Christmas Caroling**
7:00 p.m. Gather at church
8:00 p.m. Refreshments - Mayhews (17 E. 5th)
- December 23** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else
Lessons and Carols
- December 24** **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (Monday)**
5:30 p.m. Children's Service (Meeting House)
7:30 p.m. Traditional Service (Mtg House)
9:30 p.m. Traditional Service (Mtg House)
- December 30** **First Sunday after Christmas**
No Adult Sunday School
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else

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



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.

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 in the morning. 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.

White Gifts

Thanksgiving is over and we are still recovering from our huge meal. Every guest contributed a little of this and a little of that to the table. Our plates were overflowing with favorites. However, there are many who will be hungry in the days and weeks to come.

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.



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

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.

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

Seamen's Center "Christmas at Sea"

On Sunday, November 11, 2012, church members gathered in Fellowship Hall to assemble "Ditty Boxes" for this year's "Christmas at Sea" program. Thirty-five church members donated enough shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, etc. to fill approximately 30 boxes. In addition, we provided 18 fleece scarves (made from material donated by Christine Brooks-Corbett), 52 knitted scarves, and 14 knitted hats. Our contributions will help the Seamen Center reach their goal of providing gifts to every seafarer who arrives at the Port of Wilmington during the month of December.

This outreach program is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to be part of the "bigger world" by sharing our time and talents during the Christmas season. The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to this worthwhile endeavor.



- Barbara Whisman

2012 CROP WALK WINDUP

The total donations collected so far, from the October 14th New Castle CROP Hunger Walk, are \$12,020.35. This is the second highest total since 1986. A great big "THANK YOU" to all who walked and donated. Walkers were from Asbury U. Methodist Church, New Castle Presbyterian Church, New Castle United Methodist Church, and some town's people.

A special thanks go to our business sponsors: Ben G. Halko & Sons, Cecil Vault & Memorial Co., Dr. James Forshey, Dr. Soma Padmalingham, Gebhart Funeral Home, Porto Fino Pizza & Restaurant, Reynolds Window & Screen Repair, Southern Corrosion, Inc., and Willey Farm Market. Their contributions totaled \$745.00.

Totals from each of the churches were: Asbury - \$2,157.35; New Castle Presbyterian - \$2,312.00; New Castle U. Methodist and walk-ins - \$6,806.00. These amounts were collected by our total of 80 walkers.

Church World Service/CROP was on the scene when Hurricane Sandy struck last month. CWS provided more than 7,000 blankets in an emergency response to New Jersey residents, along with school kits, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, and baby kits. And CWS emergency response specialists are working with state, regional, and local officials to determine what aid and training is needed, and where. Supplies were also sent to Cuba, after Hurricane Sandy left a trail of destruction there as well.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 13th, 2013 - the date of our next CROP Walk.

- Sue Townsend

From the Deacons' Bench

We are so grateful for your contributions of brownie mixes! Whenever you see some at a good price, purchase and bring to the church kitchen. Place on the counter to the left of the refrigerators. **Don't put them away in the cabinet** – the mixes have to be very carefully filed by expiration date. Likewise, if you need yours **before** the distribution date, please ask Deacon Sarah McCann (or Bev Stoudt or Nancy Rowland) for access. Please help us keep our brownies current - we cannot distribute boxes with expired dates.

We are trying to keep a "green" kitchen. Therefore, we ask that no groups using the church kitchen bring or use plasticware or Styrofoam of any type. We have sufficient metal flatware and paper plates and cups for all our uses. If you have any questions, consult with Deacon Jenna Duncan (290-5884).



Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, December 16 following morning worship. This meeting is called for the purpose of receiving the church budget as information, and for approving changes in the pastor's terms of call for 2013. Also to be considered is a change in the pastor's terms of call for 2012, increasing her vacation from four weeks to five weeks, in keeping with new presbytery guidelines for ministers with more than twenty years of experience.

Pre-Planning

Pastor Nancy keeps a file for those who would like to make their wishes known for their funeral services. This is often a great comfort for the family when it comes time to create such a service. If you would like to meet with Nancy and create your own file of final wishes, please call the church office to make an appointment.

Pew Angel



We have a job for you! The Worship Committee needs a volunteer to stock the pews with the items necessary for worship: prayer request slips, envelopes, pencils, hymnbooks, Bibles, and welcome folders. This job can be done anytime during any day, at least twice a month. Please speak to Pastor Nancy if you are interested!



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Fries, 12/5
Conchita Showell, 12/6
Victor Clark, 12/8
Robert McCullough, 12/8
Daniel Barry, 12/9
Jennifer Kim, 12/9

Ruth Moore, 12/16
Pat Taylor, 12/16
Sharon Graybeal, 12/17
Lyn Briggs, 12/22
Charlotte Mitchell-McDowell, 12/30

Lisa & Bruce Raker, 12/14
Dot & Jason Campbell, 12/26
Connie & Don Reese, 12/28
Jim & Susan Flook, 12/30



Caroling in Old New Castle

Be sure to mark your calendar for a great evening of Christmas Caroling on Friday night December 21st ! We will meet at the church at 7:00pm and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling.

We will end up at Gene and Carol Mayhew's house (17 E. 5th Street in New Castle) for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30pm).

Please join us at the Mayhew's even if you are unable to walk around and carol.

A Christmas Thanksgiving

At this time of year, we are particularly grateful for the unsung heroes of our congregation, the leaders and participants, the volunteer and paid staff, who so willingly give of themselves on a daily basis that God may be glorified and Christ may be served in the world. Thank you for your faithfulness and for the witness of your lives. The Holy Spirit is alive in this church!

Flower Guild Annual Poinsettias



Donations are being taken for poinsettias. Please fill out the attached form and return to the office. Due to the date of the Spirit of Christmas the Sanctuary will be decorated for two weeks. Please do not remove flowers before Christmas Eve. The deadline for orders will be December 16, 2012. The cost is \$12.00. Please make checks payable to the NCPC Flower Guild.

NAME: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

How many: _____



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 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:

October.....180
November.....180

Income thru 11/04/12:

2012 Budget: \$209,046.00
2012 Actual: \$215,456.00

Expenses thru 11/04/12:

2012 Budget: \$206,248.00
2012 Actual: \$199,207.00

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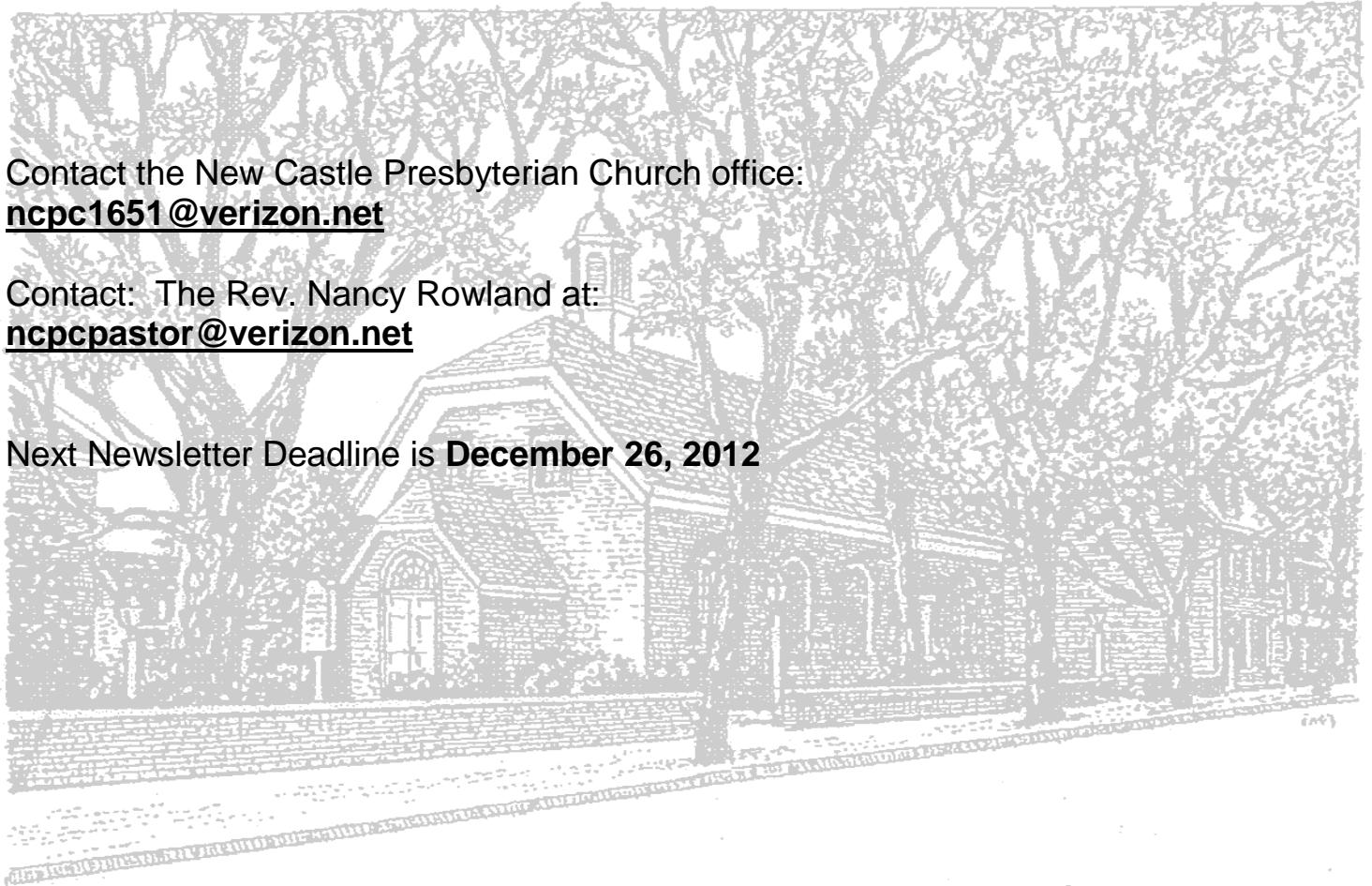


Address Change
Requested

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 **December 26, 2012**



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