

New Castle Presbyterian News

January 2013



Chancellor Strine to Speak at the New Castle Seminar **January 20**

The next session of the New Castle Seminar will feature Leo E. Strine, Jr., Chancellor of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware. Chancellor Strine is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Delaware and a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He was a judicial law clerk in the federal system at both the District Court and Court of Appeals levels, a corporate litigator at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Counsel to Governor Thomas R. Carper (former member of our Church) and a Vice Chancellor of the Court of Chancery (1998-2011) before becoming Chancellor in June, 2011. As Delaware's Chancellor, he is a nationally known judge with a corporate law specialty and serves as the Special Judicial Consultant to the Corporate Laws Committee of the American Bar Association. He teaches at the Harvard, Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt law schools. Needless to say it is a privilege to have Chancellor Strine visit with us at the New Castle Presbyterian Church. He will discuss with us corporate ethics. Pot-luck brunch will begin at 11:30 am, with the presentation afterwards. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

White Gifts

Every season continues to bring people and their families hunger. Our White Gifts continue to help to put food on the tables of the needy. All of our food contributions are received by the St. Peter's food closet in New Castle.

There are boxes in the Meeting House and Christian Education Building which are waiting to receive your contributions. Look for the white envelopes in the pew racks each week.

Please purchase protein items like:

- Peanut butter
- Tuna fish
- Beef stew
- Canned meats of all kinds

Envelopes for monetary donations for utility assistance are also available in the pews. Contact Jenna Duncan (290-5884) for further information.

Alternatives for Paying Long-Term Care Costs

Please join us on Sunday, February 3 at 4:00 PM at the New Castle Presbyterian Church (CE building) for a seminar to learn about “Alternatives for Paying Long-Term Care Costs.” The program will be presented by James A. Whisman, Jr. CPA, CFP, CLU of the Colonial Financial & Tax Services. The cost of long-term care for America’s senior citizens continues to increase and, along with it, the need to determine a satisfactory method of paying for these expenses. The time to plan for long term care is before you or someone you love needs care.

Consider the following:

- Approximately 70% (7 out of every 10 people) will need some type of long-term care.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports individuals reaching 65 have approximately a 40% chance of entering a nursing home and requiring custodial care.
- The Alzheimer’s Association reports that approximately 14% of people 71 and older have Alzheimer’s disease.
- The cost for assisted living in a facility is in the \$75,000 per year range.

What is long-term care?

- Skilled care provided by professional health care providers such as nurses, therapists or aides under a doctor’s supervision.
- Intermediate care provided by professional health care providers, but less frequent than skilled care.
- Assisted living including custodial or personal care provided by family caregivers, nurses’ aides, or home health workers who provide assistance with what are called “activities of daily living” including:
 - Personal hygiene and grooming
 - Dressing and undressing
 - Self-feeding
 - Functional transfers (getting into and out of bed or wheelchair, getting on or off toilets, etc.)
 - Bowel and bladder management
- Ambulation (walking with or without use of assistive devices such as a walker, cane, or crutches) or using a wheelchair

Consider that if only 40% of individuals 65 and over will require custodial care, this means that the other 60% of seniors will never experience the need to expend funds for such care.

If you should need long-term care what are the alternatives for paying the bills?

- Self-Insurance – Avoids expense of LTC insurance premiums.
- Reverse Mortgages – Used by senior couples requiring income from home equity for LTC needs. Will require selling home when entering nursing home.
- Life Insurance Policy with Accelerated Death Benefits – Income may be tax free from policy benefits.
- Medicare – 100 days of coverage following hospitalization.
- Medicaid Planning – Provides for coverage of LTC expenses throughout lifetime. Must meet strict income and asset tests and comply with look-back rules.

Light refreshments will be provided at the seminar. Bring your questions. All in the community are welcome.



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lynn MacEwen, 1/1
Tom McDowell, 1/1
Mark Stallard, 1/2
Rachel Briggs, 1/2
Kris Stone, 1/6
Linda Twyford, 1/10
Matthew Kim, 1/11
Bill Quillen, 1/15

Daniel Dunson, 1/16
Arlene Bromwell, 1/17
Jim Whisman, 1/17
Herb Pratt, 1/19
Louise Thornton, 1/22
Mildred McGraw, 1/25
Charles Potter, 1/27
Julia Spock, 1/27

Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25
Bob & Janet Swick, 1/26





Spirit of Christmas 2012 **Twelve Years of Christmas Blessing**

The 12th annual Spirit of Christmas blessed people far and wide with an amazing generosity of gifts! Happy people filled our streets, our homes, and our fellowship hall and Meeting House to enjoy the season, to listen to beautiful music, and to support the homeless.

Many thanks go to our hard-working chairs of the event: Carol Mayhew, Pat Taylor, and Nanette Nichol. Many thanks also to the chairs of the individual activities: crafts (Ellie Gerhart & Barbara Whisman), books (Susan Flook & Miranda Matthews), soup & bread (Janet Reed, Ray Snyder, & Susan Townsend), Look What \$20 Will Buy (Joan Appleby & Sandy Walker), refreshments (Brenda Walters & Karen Dobson), publicity (Charlotte Mitchell-McDowell), signs (Lyn Briggs, Gene Mayhew, Corky Viola), volunteers (Laurie Powell & Amy Selheimer), programs (Lyn Briggs), receptionist (Mary Cebenka) and more. Many thanks to our talented musicians. Many thanks to those who opened up their homes. Many thanks to you who contributed items for sale, baked bread, made soup, baked cookies, and served as clerks and hosts. You have spread the good news of Christ's accepting love and contributed to the sum of over \$11,000 that was sent to Friendship House ministries for older men and for women and children who are now given a home.

We are also grateful for the tireless efforts of New Castle City employees and officials and to the leadership and members of the New Castle Visitor's Bureau, especially Gene Dempsey. This is a job well done! Look what can happen when we share our varied gifts and God transforms them into good news!

Congratulations to Amy Selheimer

Congratulations to Amy Selheimer, who has been appointed Assistant Principal at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School on Barrett Run Road in Newark. This is where Amy has until recently been teaching fifth grade. We are so glad that Amy's evident gifts for leadership will strengthen our community's children in a whole new way!

The Abolitionists

American Experience will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation in 2012 with the broadcast premiere of *The Abolitionists* on PBS. This three-part docudrama tells the story of how Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison and their abolitionist allies Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Brown and Angelina Grimké turned a despised fringe movement against chattel slavery into a force that literally changed the nation. Old New Castle was among the sites for filming this program, including the 1707 Meeting House and grounds of New Castle Presbyterian Church. The program will be aired 9:00-10:00 p.m. on WHYY January 8, 15, and 22.



Remember our Bears!

The basket is full of Bears, who sit with us each Sunday, hear the sermon, and carry the message that New Castle Presbyterian Church is thinking of those friends and family whom we know are under the weather, need a special hug or a reminder that they are remembered. Please sign the book and take a bear to a friend or family member. This is our way of giving hugs of encouragement.

- Linda Twyford

Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mary Ellen Wample and all the family of Sarah Reeves, who entered the Church Triumphant on December 20th. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ!



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 January 14-18. 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 14

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 15

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 16

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 17

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 18

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

November	180
Loss by transfer to Inactive Roll: Mark & Kelly Chandler	-2
Loss by death: Sarah Reeves, 12/20/12	-1
December	177

Income thru 12/01/12:

2012 Budget:	\$225,472.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$229,641.00

Expenses thru 12/01/12:

2012 Budget:	\$226,290.00
2012 Actual:.....	\$217,311.00

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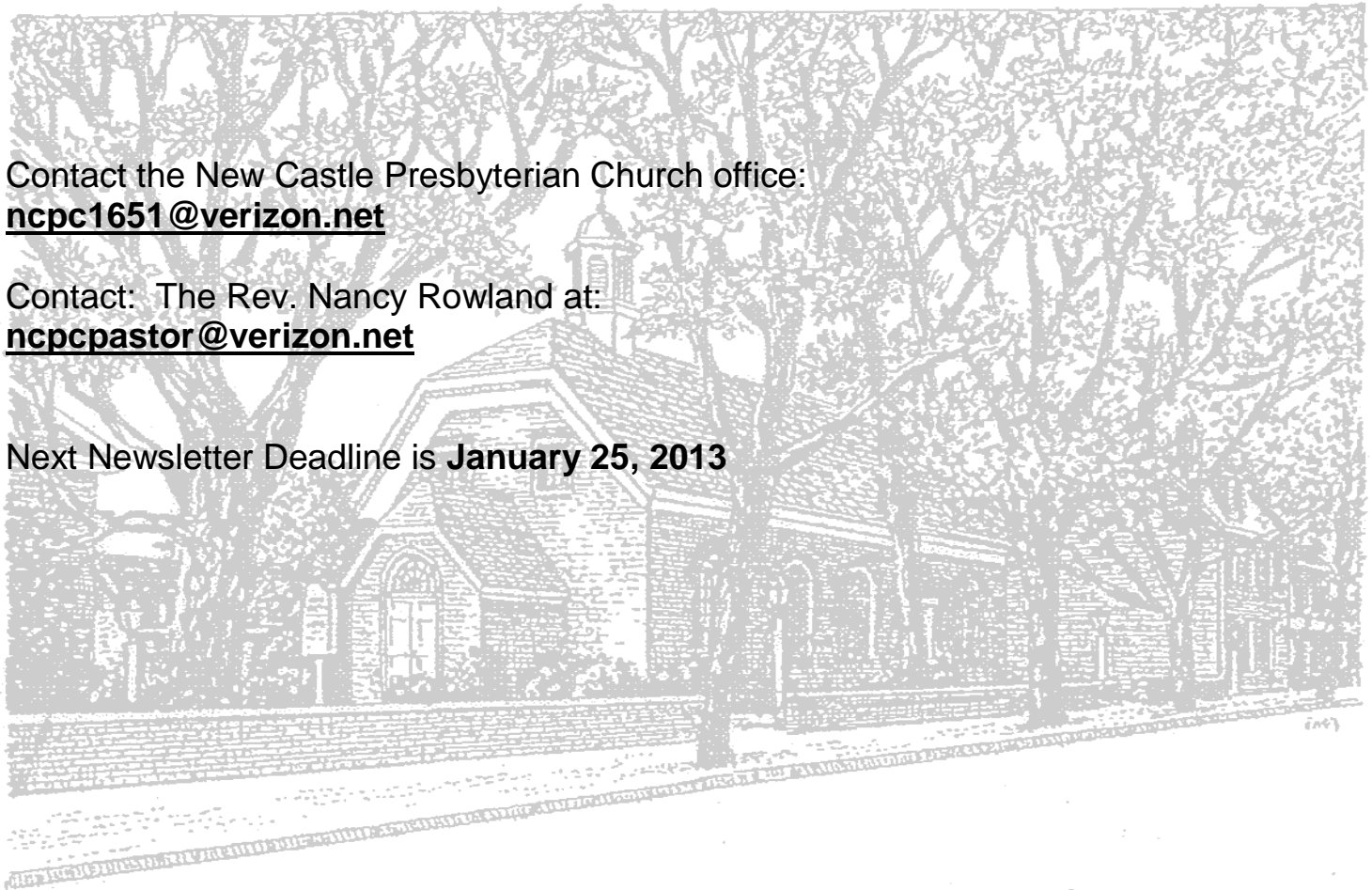


Address Change
Requested

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 **January 25, 2013**



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