

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *February 2013*

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### Ecumenical Lenten Suppers

Join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent with a series of ecumenical suppers. We will gather February 20 through March 20 for Wednesday evening fellowship suppers at 6:00 pm, followed by a presentation on "How My Faith Has Changed – A Lenten Reflection to Prepare Us for Easter". Participants are free to go by 7:30. The schedule for the suppers is:

*Wed., Feb. 20, 6:00 pm – New Castle Presbyterian*

*Wed., Feb. 27, 6:00 pm – New Castle United Methodist*

*Wed., Mar. 6, 6:00 pm – Immanuel Episcopal*

*Wed., Mar. 13, 6:00 pm – Hope Lutheran*

*Wed., Mar. 20, 6:00 pm – St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic*

### Workshop For Lay Worship Leaders

Explore the possibility of participating in worship in a leading way. On February 10, 2013, our Pastor Nancy will moderate a workshop for former, future, and potential lay worship leaders. We will meet in the Meeting House toward the end of Coffee Hour with coffee and cookies in hand. You will have a chance to hear about the reasons for lay worship leadership, to try your voice at the microphone, to ask questions, and to learn hints of do's and don'ts from experienced lay leaders as well as from our Pastor. A new Lay Worship Leaders sign-up sheet is posted in the CE building. Everyone, including our young people, is welcome to this workshop. Questions? call Marcia Quillen (302) 656-5799.

### Long Term Care Seminar

#### **Who needs it? What is it? How do you pay for it?**

Learn from a financial expert with 40 years experience advising families about how to prepare for the needs of aging: **James A. Whisman Jr.**, CPA, CFP, CLU, AEP, Colonial Financial & Tax Services. Join us on: **Sunday, February 3, 2013, 4:00 PM** (before the big game) in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served.

## Mission and Outreach News



### Thank you for the cookies!

On Wednesday evening, December 19th over 200 bags of cookies were filled and then taken to the Friendship House Breakfast location at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew on Sunday, December 23rd. Everyone who came to the breakfast that morning was treated to a bag of Christmas cookies. Because we filled so many bags, Bill Perkins was also able to take the remainder of the cookies to the Men's Center on Christmas morning and to the Women's Center on the day after Christmas. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

### December 30th Friendship House Breakfast

We served breakfast to about 150 men and women at the Friendship House breakfast. The end of the month and holidays can be a very stressful time for individuals who are struggling with homelessness. We ask that you continue to pray for these individuals as they struggle with the many anxieties that are associated with their situation. Please know that this breakfast nourishes them in so many ways. We are thankful for the financial donations that enabled us to provide food and the volunteers who got up early and served.



### "Souper Bowl" Sunday Soup Drive

During the month of January and ending on February 10th, we will be collecting cans of soup to be used for Code Purple evenings in the city of Wilmington. Code Purple is when the weather is extremely cold, the wind chill factor is high, or there is a snowstorm predicted and homeless individuals are encouraged to get off the street. Since most shelters do not open until 9:30 p.m., many city of Wilmington churches will open their doors early and provide a soup and sandwich meal for those who are waiting for shelters to open. Although many churches provide their own soup for these evenings, there are occasions when volunteers cannot make it into the city or the crowds are larger than anticipated and having canned soup on hand will enable everyone to have a warm meal. Any soup that is not used will be placed in the churches' food closet for distribution to the needy.

- Janet Spring

## 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.

*To My Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Thank you for being a part of my journey, however brief. I have enjoyed getting to know you and have appreciated your many prayers and kindnesses. In this time of healing grace, I'm glad that you have witnessed firsthand, God's many miracles in my life. Perhaps you have been inspired.*

*I am headed for Pennsylvania where God has promoted me to a new level of independence. I look forward to walking to church and work, and taking care of many other necessities that were sometimes difficult to provide in NJ. I would love to hear from you in between visits.*

*My new address is: 33 Garnet Lane  
Annville, PA 17003*

*Fondly,  
Linda Bennett*

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Dot Campbell, 2/1  
Nanette Nichol, 2/1  
Gary Graham, 2/5  
Beverly Denison, 2/11  
Dana Monzo, 2/14  
Phyllis Stallard, 2/20  
Eileen Dunham, 2/21  
Cynthia Robbins, 2/25  
Zarina Stone, 2/25  
Joan Smith, 2/27

Ray & Lynn Snyder, 2/7  
Amy & Scott Selheimer, 2/14  
Judy & Bill Hentkowski, 2/15  
Kathryn & Charles Potter, 2/17  
Joan & Bob Appleby, 2/23



### 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

## **SMILE-A-WHILE**

Don't miss our fellowship event on March 3! The Smile-a-While singing group will be leading us in an afternoon of fun! The one-hour concert will begin at 4:00 pm in the Meeting House, and will be followed by a pot-luck dinner in our fellowship hall. Drive the late-winter blues away!

Smile-A-While began performing in February 2005 with a mission to bring joy, happiness, and a little "sparkle" to Delaware-area senior citizens using a variety of vocal music accompanied by piano.

**Allison Brokaw, Soprano** – has been singing most of her life, but began studying voice professionally after college while living in New York City. She has performed in musicals, operas and operettas with various community theaters in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Allison and her husband, Rob are parents of two college-age singing sons.

**Robert Brokaw III, Baritone** – sang in high school in Delaware and continued in a cappella group in college in Connecticut. While pursuing his investment banking career, Rob performed in church choirs in New Jersey and New York and in a Gilbert & Sullivan troupe, where he met Allison. In addition to his consulting practice, Rob serves on the boards of several arts and historical organizations.

**Carol Nile, Pianist** – began playing the piano when she was seven years old. A former middle school music teacher and Activities Director at the Methodist Country House, Carol ably serves as the organist for New Castle Presbyterian Church. She also sings and accompanies on the piano and organ for other churches and musical groups in the area. She is an opera aficionado and has traveled extensively to hear numerous opera companies perform.

COME CATCH A SMILE WITH "SMILE-A-WHILE"!

## **Sympathy**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Kris Krawczyk and her family upon the death of her grandmother, Myrtle Chason, on January 25. Kris was her caretaker during the last months of her life. Services will be held at the church of St. John the Beloved on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

The sympathy of the congregation is also extended to the family and friends of Maryellen Wample, a member of our congregation, who died January 27. Maryellen faithfully cared for her mother Sarah Reeves, who died last month at the age of 102. Services will be held at New Castle Presbyterian church on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.



## 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 February 25-March 1. 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 25

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 26

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 27

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 28

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 1

Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore



## Monthly Report

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

### Membership:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| December .....                                 | 177 |
| Loss by death, Maryellen Wample, 1/27/13 ..... | -1  |
| January .....                                  | 176 |

### Income thru 1/01/13:

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|--------------------|--------------|
| 2013 Budget: ..... | \$245,966.00 |
| 2013 Actual:.....  | \$258,151.00 |

### Expenses thru 1/01/13:

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|--------------------|--------------|
| 2013 Budget: ..... | \$245,966.00 |
| 2013 Actual:.....  | \$239,080.00 |

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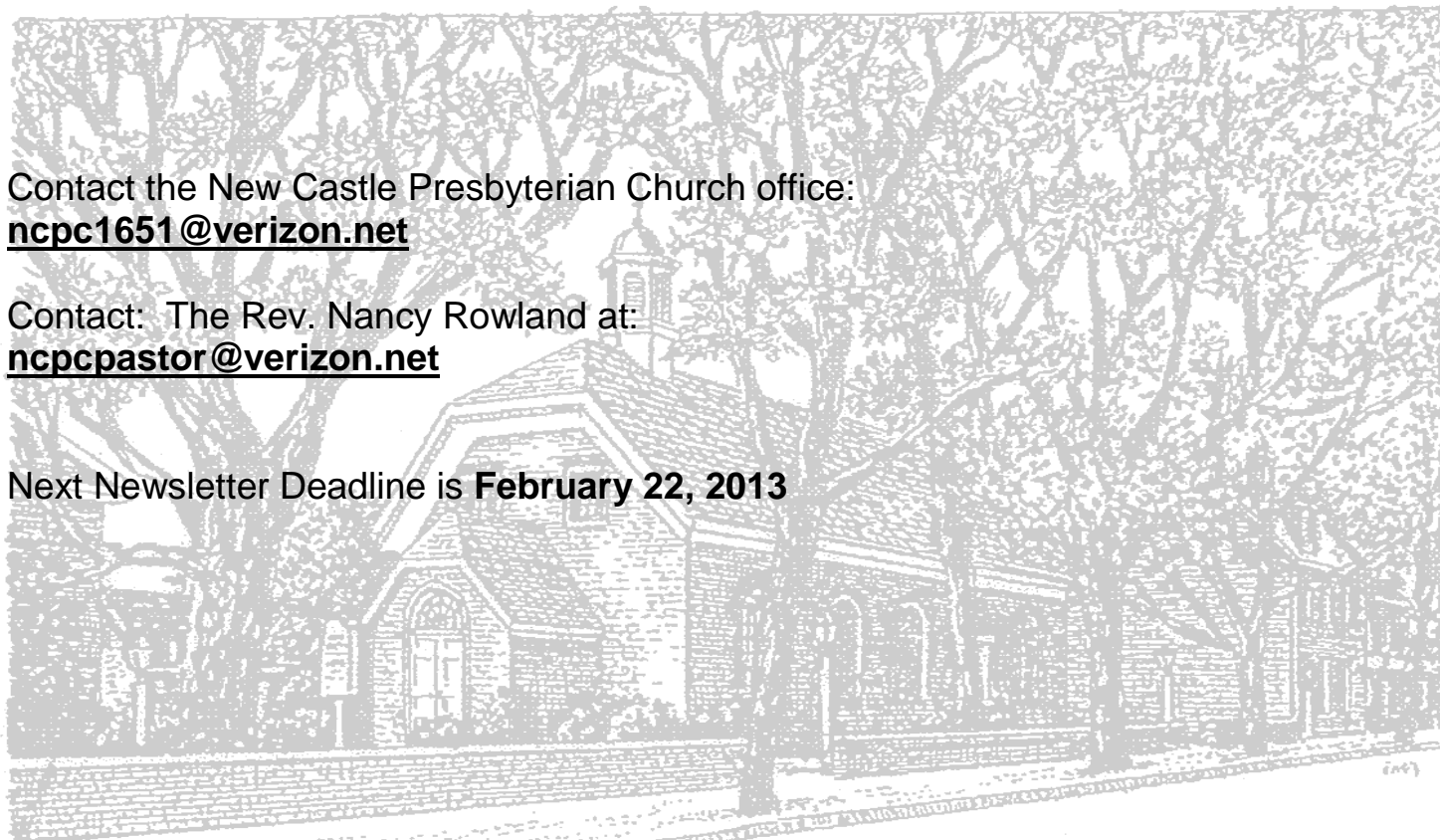


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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:  
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **February 22, 2013**



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