

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *March 2013*

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### 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 Fellowship Hall, and will be followed by a pot-luck dinner. 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.

**Roberts 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"!



**Daylight Savings begins  
Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m.  
Don't forget to "Spring Forward"!**

**Ecumenical Lenten Suppers**

Join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent with a series of ecumenical suppers. We will continue to gather 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., 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*

**Lenten Concert**

A collaborative Lenten concert combining the choirs of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, St. James Episcopal Church, New Castle Presbyterian Church and singers from St. Helena's RCC. The concert will be held on **Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m.** at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2800 Duncan Rd., Wilmington, DE. The program will consist of:

Ave Verum Corpus

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

The Lenten Sketches

A 40 minute cantata accompanied by orchestra.

W. A. Mozart

Michael Larkin

Joseph Martin

This ecumenical concert of beautiful Lenten music will most certainly be a moving and spiritual experience for both performers and audience. A love offering will be accepted with monies collected after concert expenses donated to Episcopal Relief and Development for relief of victims of Hurricane Sandy. A reception will follow the concert.

Rehearsals for this event will be held 9:30-11:30 am on March 9 and 16 at St. Barnabas.

**Christian Education Committee  
Announces  
Game Night!**

Friday, March 1st  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Families and individuals are invited to attend this evening of fun and fellowship as we play some favorite board games and enjoy some good food!

Please bring your favorite table, card or board game ~ plus an ice cream sundae topping to share.

The CE Committee will supply pizza and the ice cream!



# **THE EASTER FAIR IS COMING!!**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**Games, Crafts, Refreshments,  
and a Celebration of the  
Life Christ Brings!**

**Help us welcome our Community!**



- We Need:**
- Eager Participants
  - Cookie Bakers
  - Craft Volunteers
  - Game Leaders
  - Egg Hiders

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY IN THE CE BUILDING  
TAKE SOME EMPTY EGGS HOME TO FILL AND RETURN**

# *Easter* Flower Donations

In the spirit of the season of Easter, the Flower Guild will be decorating the sanctuary with spring flowers. If you would like to donate a flower in memory of a Loved One, or honor of someone, please fill out this form and return it with your check in the amount of \$13.00. This year we must pre-order our flowers. Please order as early as possible.

*Deadline to order is March 24, 2013 (Palm Sunday).*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(check one) IN MEMORY\_\_\_/HONOR\_\_\_ OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to:  
Flower Guild  
New Castle Presbyterian Church  
25 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720**

**Thanks again for your support!**

**The Flower Guild**





## **Holy Week at New Castle Presbyterian**

**Palm Sunday, 3/24 10:15 a.m.** Gather at New Castle Town Hall (weather permitting) to process into our Meeting House with palms and hand bells. The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering for the world's suffering ones will be received.

**Maundy Thurs, 3/28 6:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Supper, Worship, & Communion in the Fellowship Hall. The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

**Easter Fair, 3/30 10:00 a.m.** - Come with children 4-10 to learn more of this holy season, make crafts, find eggs (11:00 am), and enjoy treats.

**Easter Sunday, 3/31 6:30 a.m.** Sunrise Service at the Wharf

**10:30 a.m.** Resurrection Worship in the Meeting House with hand bells and full choir. The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

### **Being a Good Steward**

Although the Fall is the time when our thoughts go to using what we have with thankfulness, any time of year (even tax season!) is a good time to consider giving joyfully. Our budget for 2013 is \$196,254. This supports all the worship, education, care, mission, and outreach that make New Castle Presbyterian Church good news to our community. We currently have 176 members. That means that **each individual member** needs to give \$1,115 for the budget to be covered. However, **that just does not work!** At least 35 of our active members do not have income to give! Others' income is severely limited. Each then gives as they are able - joyfully, not under coercion or regret, but knowing that the God who provides will multiply our harvest. Currently, we have 142 pledging units (most couples give as a unit). The median between our highest and lowest pledging units is \$1,060. The lowest 43 pledges for 2013 were \$0. If you are able, **give** - even a small gift honors God. For those who have much - give for yourself and then give for those who have little. That is how the Body of Christ is glorified.

-Pastor Nancy for the Resource Development Committee

## 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 New Castle Presbyterian Family,*

*Thank you for all of the kind words, cards and prayers during the recent loss of my grandmother, Myrtle Chason.*

*I am truly blessed to have the love and support of such a wonderful community!*

*Kris Krawczyk*



## March Birthdays and Anniversaries



Phillip Walters, 3/2  
Rolfe Scofield, 3/3  
Ruth Lindfors, 3/4  
Howard Sowden, 3/5  
Charles Smith, 3/6  
Amy Selheimer, 3/10  
Brian Werkheiser, 3/10  
Carl Witt, Jr., 3/10

Michael Taylor, 3/11  
Jennifer Dunham, 3/12  
Katherine Martin 3/16  
Brendan Walters 3/16  
Jane Fouracre 3/19  
Gene Mayhew 3/20  
Nancy Rowland 3/25  
Barbara Toccafondi 3/31

Jeffrey & Felicia Neel, 3/5  
Dana & Eric Monzo 3/24



### 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

### We Want Your Ideas!

Our Session committees work hard to create events that reach out to the community and bring new friends into our church. Some of these recent and upcoming events are:

- New Castle Seminar on Delaware Desegregation
- Emergency Preparedness Workshop
- New Castle Seminar with Chancellor Leo Strine
- Long-Term Care Planning Seminar
- Smile-a-While Concert and Potluck
- Climate Change Workshop

We are always looking for the next idea of how to share the wealth of our good news here in this place. If you have an idea of how to reach out to our community, equip them for ministry, and welcome them in, please contact Elders Jim Flook or Gail Seitz.



## **Nominations Now Being Received**

The Nominating Committee of New Castle Presbyterian Church will soon begin its work in developing a slate of officers for the Class of 2016 of the Session, Deacons, and Trustees, as well as members at large to the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee. The committee is composed of Ruling Elders Bob Briggs (Chair) and Ray Snyder; Deacon Bev Stoudt; Trustee Susan Townsend; Music Program representative Ellie Gerhart; Sunday School representative Amy Selheimer; and members-at-large Jo Viola, Jane Fouracre, and Steve Martin.

The committee would like your suggestions for all these offices! Please speak to one of the members of the committee or leave a message in the church office for Bob Briggs. Thank you for your help in discerning the call of Christ!



## **Climate Change: How we can help**

Please save the date of Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm in the CE Building for a discussion of how each of us can contribute to caring for our earth to ensure a livable planet for future generations. This will be a practical approach, providing ideas for everyday changes and energy-saving tips.

The presentation and discussion will be led by Bruce Gillette. Bruce and his wife Carolyn have been the co-pastors of the Limestone Presbyterian Church since 2004 and previously served together for ten years at the First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ (this community was once the number one EPA Superfund Cleanup Site in the USA). The Gillettes put solar panels on their home in 2007. The Limestone congregation put 180 solar panels on their sanctuary roof in July 2008 becoming the first faith community in the First State to go solar. Bruce worked for the approval of the wind project off the Delaware coast. He is the vice-president of Delaware Interfaith Power and Light, president of the Interfaith Resource Center and a board member for Delaware Pacem in Terris.



## 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 not be until April 8-12. 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 8

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 9

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 10

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 11

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 12

Susan Flook  
Ruth Moore



## Monthly Report

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

### Membership:

January .....	176
February .....	176

### Income thru 2/02/13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$48,585.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$51,462.00

### Expenses thru 2/02/13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$30,277.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$33,637.00

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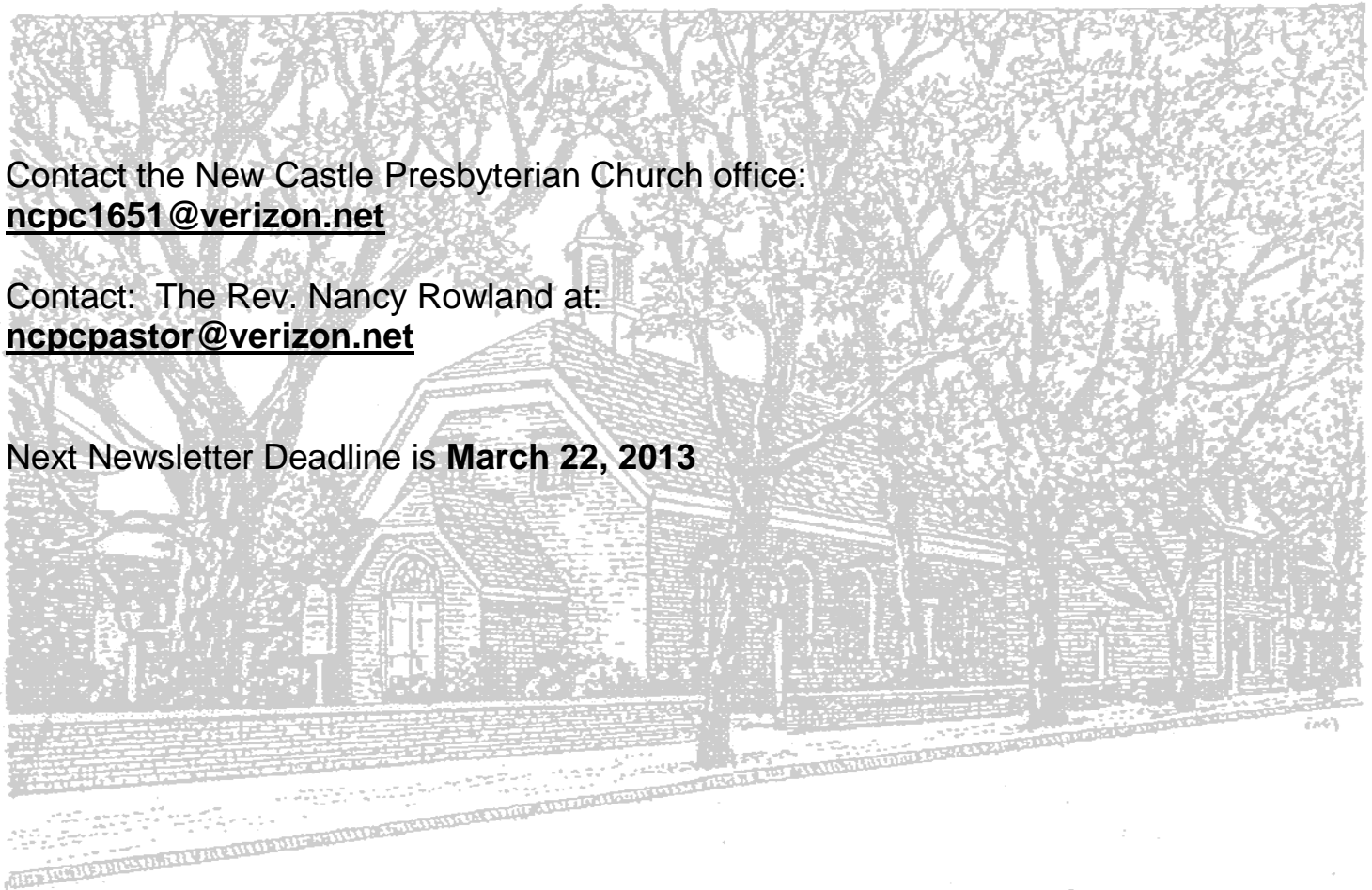


Address Change  
Requested

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 **March 22, 2013**



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