

New Castle Presbyterian News

May 2013



Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm
The Delaware Women's Chorus
Potluck to follow



Welcome the month of May with a special concert by the Delaware Women's Chorus, under the direction of Joanne Ward. Joanne is a dear friend of our church who plays in our Celebration Ringers hand bell choir and donates her talents as part of our summer special music.

The Delaware Women's Chorus is a diverse group of women coming together for two hours once a week for the sole purpose of improving their own vocal technique and creating something beautiful.

The concert at 4:00 pm at our Meeting House will be followed by a pot-luck supper in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by May 3 in the Fellowship Hall and indicate what dish you hope to bring! Bring or send lots of food! We need to provide enough extra for 60 singers/families. And as always, bring a friend along!



Creation Care

In response to the recent seminar on Climate Change and What We Can Do to Help, the Congregational Life and Membership Committee has purchased a "**Kill A Watt Electricity Usage Monitor.**" These are its features:

- Electricity usage monitor connects to appliances and assesses efficiency
- Large LCD display counts consumption by the kilowatt-hour
- Calculates electricity expenses by the day, week, month, or year
- Displays volts, amps, and wattage within 0.2 percent accuracy
- Compatible with inverters; designed for use with AC 115-volt appliances

Any member is welcome to borrow this handy device, so that you can lower your electricity use and care for our planet.

Friendship House Breakfast--Sunday, May 5th

The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew is undergoing renovations of their kitchen. Because no cooking can be done onsite, Bill Perkins is asking all participating churches to provide hard boiled eggs and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the individuals who come on Sunday for the breakfast program.

We are scheduled to serve on Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 A.M. We will still need some volunteers to hand out eggs and sandwiches on this day. It will not be the formal setting we are used to, but everyone will receive something to eat.

The University of Delaware is providing the eggs and we will be making 240 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. On Saturday, May 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, our youth confirmation class will be making the sandwiches and hard boiling the eggs. We encourage anyone who is free that morning to come to the Christian Education Building and help our youth make sandwiches. All ingredients will be provided. This is a great opportunity to "meet and greet" our future members and share your thoughts about what being a church member has meant to you.

Sign-Up sheets for volunteering on either Saturday and/or Sunday will be available on the bulletin board in the CE Building.

Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ginny Appleby, Bob and Joan Appleby, and all the family and friends of Richard M. "Dick" Appleby, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 18. Dick was a faithful Ruling Elder and Trustee of this congregation, a Trustee of the Common, and a gifted man who served his community well. Funeral services will be announced at a later date. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Christian Education

Easter Fair

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the Easter Fair a big success. We had a good crowd and the children and their parents/grandparents all had a wonderful time. There were plenty of eggs to find, lots of good food to share and wonderful crafts. How lucky we are to be able to share the message of God's Love in this fun way!!

Upcoming Events

Separation Day Parade---Saturday, June 8th. NCPC will have a float in the parade to promote Vacation Bible School. The Rakers will be heading up the float decorations--we will be posting dates for helping them with this.

Beach Day at the Viola's home in beautiful Avalon, NJ----Saturday, June 22nd. If you have never done this before, please consider signing up. It is a real treat!

Vacation Bible School---- July 7th -11th. We will need lots of help!

Blue Rocks Game---- Friday, August 9th. No help required---just show up and have fun! Purchase tickets from Amy Selheimer by July 7, \$9.00 each.

Stewards of Children--Darkness to Light Seminar---- Sunday, September 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This program provides vital information about identifying and reporting sexual abuse of children. Our Presbytery is very committed to this topic.



Yard Clean-up

Please join us for our church/manse yard clean-up on Saturday, May 11 at 9:00am until noon. Please bring rakes and/or brooms. All are welcome!

- Trustees



Graduates

If you have a graduating student in your family, please contact the church office with their name, school, degree, and future plans. We would like to honor them in June.

A New Hymnal

"O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!"

--Psalm 96

The Session of New Castle Presbyterian Church has recently authorized the purchase of a new hymnal for use in worship. The new hymnal was authorized by the 2004 General Assembly of our denomination and is the result of five years of preparation. Named *Glory to God*, the hymnal will be shipped this fall. The new hymnal contains over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs. Approximately 50% will be from the 1990 hymnal we are currently using. The remaining pieces will come from former Presbyterian hymnals, other denominational songbooks, and individual authors and composers. At New Castle Presbyterian, we have been using selections from *Glory to God* for the past two years in worship.

You are invited to contribute to the financing of this project. Beginning in May, envelopes will be available in the pews to make a donation. The price of each hymnal will be \$18.00. You may dedicate your contribution in honor or in memory of a loved one, and this will be acknowledged on a nameplate in the front of the hymnal.

The Worship Committee thanks you for your support of this new venture!

"To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen."

--Phil.4:20

Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 19 following morning worship. The Nominating Committee will present their report and officers will be elected. This report will be available by May 12. Other business may also be considered at this meeting. All active members are encouraged to be present.

Church Picnic - June 9



Our annual Church Picnic will take place on June 9 immediately following the 10:30am worship service. Please join us to enjoy the food and fellowship!

Church officers will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. Everyone else, please contribute a picnic salad, dessert, or side dish to share. There will be activities for children. Elders and Deacons will be calling for a count of who will attend, or you may sign up on the list in the C. E. building.

Hope to see you there!



Adult Education

Adult Education classes continue through May. Join us to explore our shared story!

Sundays, May 5 - May 12:

What Does the Bible Say about Capital Punishment?

This course will introduce the basic questions of this important issue and then follow up with insights gained from the New Castle Seminar and Brunch offered on this topic April 21.

Wednesdays, May 1 - May 15:

Creation Care

The scriptures are filled with the mandate to care for all that God has created. We will examine that Word and explore how we can respond.

Wednesday, May 22

The Trinity

A special one-session discussion of the doctrine of the Trinity and its Biblical foundations.

Welcome New Member!

We welcome Kim Beebe into the active membership of our congregation today by Reaffirmation of Faith. Kim lives at:

420 Garland Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

kbeebe141@aim.com

302-379-3246

Welcome Kim!



Welcome, Children of the Covenant!

Welcome to Benjamin Patrick Cooney, born on Monday, April 1. Congratulations to parents Molly and Matt and grandmother Jane Fouracre.

Also welcome to Liam David Powell, born on Saturday, April 20. Congratulations to parents Mark and Laurie and big sister Lily! See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, for that is what we are!

Friendship House **Annual Mother's Day Garden**

Mother's Day is a special time to celebrate and remember those women who gave us life and taught us love. This is our Twenty-sixth year at Friendship House, and we have offered the members of our community an alternative Mother's Day gift in keeping with their mothers' own spirit of generosity and sacrifice. People may choose to make a donation to one of our many programs for women and children in their mother's name. With a portion of these donations, Mother's Day Memorial Gardens have been planted by Friendship House at its four houses for homeless women and children (Epiphany House, Jane Ashford House, Patterson House and the Palmer Houses). This year we will be planting a garden at our fifth house, Elizabeth House.

Please join us in continuing this tradition of supporting our families in their need and creating a living tribute to the strength, gentleness and beauty of the women in our lives. Upon receipt of your contribution, Friendship House will send a beautiful card to the person being honored or the family of the person being memorialized. No gift amount is mentioned in the card. We will also send you an acknowledgement that the gift has been received. What a fitting way to honor the life or memory of someone you care so much about.

Send your Mother's Day gift today to PO Box 1517, Wilmington, DE 19899 or you can go online to www.friendship-house.org and submit your donation online. Enter Mother's Day Garden in the Optional Information box.



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monty Gerhart, 5/1
Kaitlyn Raker, 5/2
Christopher Raker, 5/5
Chad Atherton, 5/7
Kathryn Potter, 5/8
Mickey Singleton, 5/8
Rob Barry, 5/9
Brad Werkheiser, 5/11
Bruce Raker, 5/14
Kay Gordon, 5/15
Lindy Ballance, 5/17

Karen Dobson, 5/18
Steve Martin, 5/20
Corky Viola, 5/23
Megan Graham, 5/23
Ellie Gerhart, 5/24
Barbara Whisman, 5/25
Bruce Gordon, 5/26
Joan Appleby, 5/27
Earl Reed, 5/29
Dylan Reilly, 5/31

Jennifer & Matt Kim, 5/27
Dean & Lynn MacEwen, 5/29





New Castle Presbyterian Church

Vacation Bible School

July 7-11

5:45-8:15 pm

Supper Included!

Classes for Children ages 4-10

\$5.00 per child / \$10.00 per family

Sign up at www.newcastlepreschurch.org OR

Call 302-328-3279

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

July 7-11, 2013, 5:45-8:15 pm

New Castle Presbyterian Church

\$5.00 per child / \$10.00 per family

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Other: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Name of friend your child might like to be with: _____

The Christian Education Committee Announces...

A Day at the "Shore" in Avalon, NJ

Courtesy of Jo and Corky Viola



For: Everybody (young and old!)

Date: Saturday, June 22

Time: come as early as you can and stay as long as you like. You might want to come early to avoid traffic from the renters that check out/in every Saturday. The day will be pretty unstructured but Jo and Cork's house will serve as "home base". Hang out there to read, visit or nap in the hammock, go to the beach or explore Avalon. We'll have dinner together at the house in the mid to late afternoon.

Place: The Viola's House at 148 31st St. in Avalon, NJ

What to bring: your own beach needs, lunch will be on your own, and a dessert or salad to share for dinner.

**Corky, Jo and the CE Committee are providing dinner -
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and drinks.**

There will also be an outside shower and a place to change clothes, if needed.

Please sign up on the CE Building Bulletin Board by Sunday, June 16.

Questions? See or call Cork, Jo or ??.



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 May 20-24. 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 20

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 21

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 22

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 23

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 24

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

March.....	176
Reaffirmation of Faith, Kim Beebe	+1
Death of Member, Richard M. Appleby, Jr.	-1
April	176

Income thru 4/06/13:

2013 Budget:	\$87,412.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$77,534.00

Expenses thru 4/06/13:

2013 Budget:	\$73,986.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$78,732.00

New Castle Presbyterian Church
25 E. 2nd Street
New Castle, DE 19720
Phone: (302) 328-3279
Fax: (302) 328-5670
E-Mail: ncpc1651@verizon.net
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

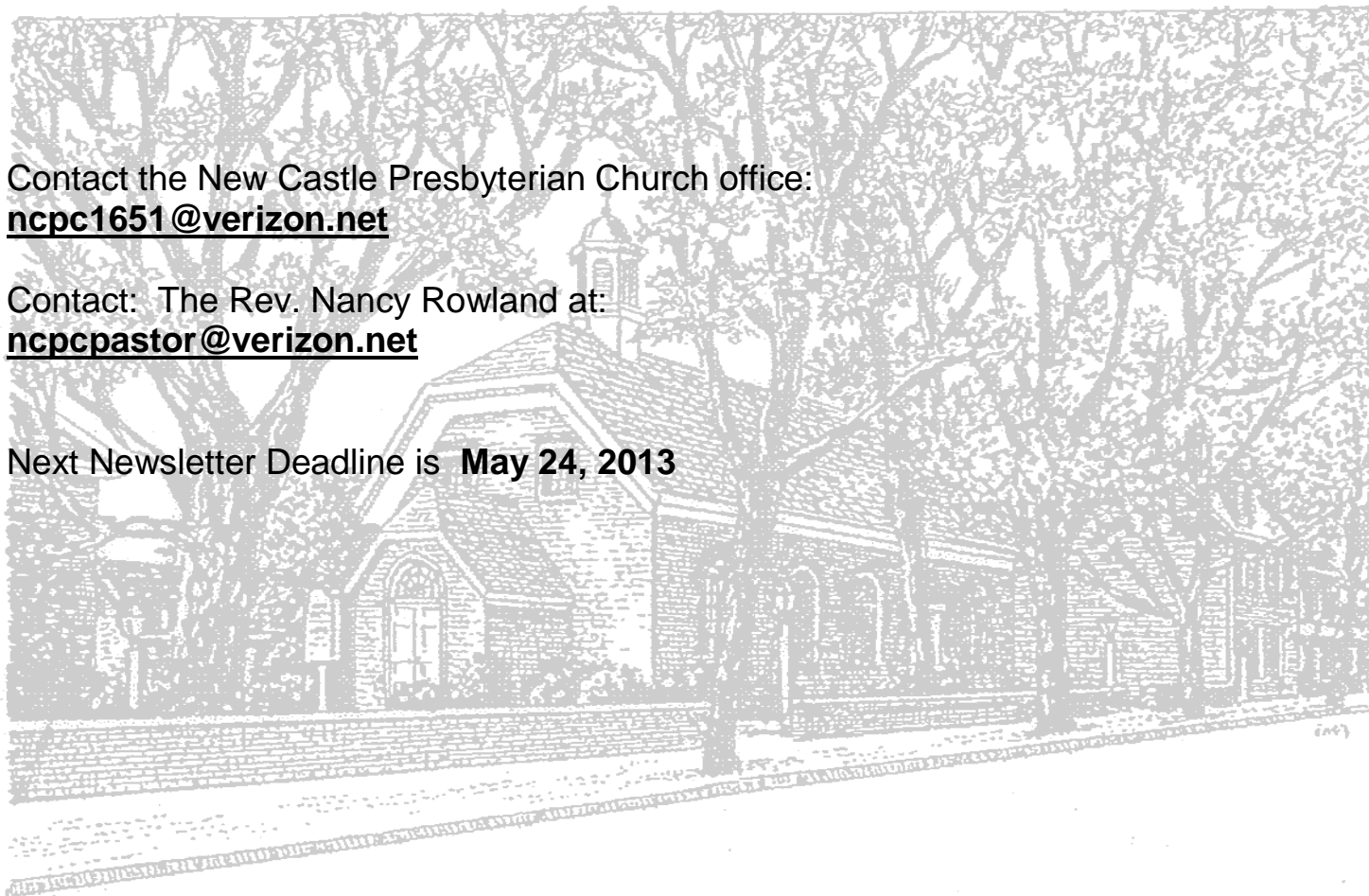


Address Change
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
ncpc1651@verizon.net

Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
ncpcpastor@verizon.net

Next Newsletter Deadline is **May 24, 2013**



New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware