

New Castle Presbyterian News

June 2013



Confirmation and Profession of Faith

On Sunday, June 2, our Confirmation Class members will renew their baptisms by confirming the promises once made by their parents with their own professions of faith. Being confirmed will be:

Alex Barry
Chris Raker
Gwendolyn Truman

Thanks be to God for the grace that upholds us throughout all of life!

God Gives Life!

What: Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

When: Sunday, June 2nd at 11:45 a.m.

Where: Upstairs, in the former Adult Sunday School Room



The Christian Education Committee will be having a planning meeting for our Vacation Bible School program, Breathe It In--God Gives Life, scheduled for July 7th through 11th starting at 5:45 p.m. Our church has provided a VBS program for our community for many years. It is one way our church has to share God's love with our community and the children who come have a wonderful time. There are many ways our congregation can get involved. We need classroom teachers, arts and crafts helpers, game leaders, and music helpers. Because our VBS Program is held in the evening, we provide a dinner. We also need help providing food and cooking the food. We have many "veterans" on board already, so if you are "new" to the VBS fun, there will be plenty of individuals who can help smooth the way for you. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please come to the meeting and find out which part of the program is perfect for you.



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!

Christian Education

Upcoming Events

Separation Day Parade---Saturday, June 8th. NCPC will have a float in the parade to promote Vacation Bible School.

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.

Graduates



Sam Carney, grandson of Bill and Marcia Quillen is graduating from Wilmington Friends School and will attend Clemson University.

Brad Werkheiser, son of Susan and Jim Werkheiser, and grandson of Earl and Janet Reed, is graduating from Delaware Military Academy and will attend Delaware Technical Community College.

Molly Dunson Shaw has graduated from Rutgers University with a J.D. She will be taking the Delaware bar examination in July.

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. Make checks out to New Castle Presbyterian Church with HYMNAL in the memo line. Please place in a pink envelope supplied in each pew.

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

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Minerva Lermond, 6/6
Kyle Selheimer, 6/8
Douglas Twyford, 6/8
William Atherton, 6/9
Alex Lundgren, 6/9
Diana Reilly, 6/12
Molly Shaw, 6/13
Nancy Kersey, 6/13
Janet Reed, 6/16
Steve Handy, 6/19

Jason Campbell, 6/20
Danielle Knox, 6/21
Robert Lindfors, 6/22
Annie Sotomayor, 6/22
Jim Flook, 6/23
Gisele Vonrhein, 6/25
Christine Brooks-Corbett, 6/26
Ted Corbett, 6/26
Sarah McCann, 6/26
Corey Fagles, 6/28

Janet & Bob Spring, 6/5
Ted Corbett & Christine Brooks-Corbett, 6/13
Bob & Lyn Briggs, 6/16
Ellie & Monty Gerhart, 6/18
Lindy & Sandy Ballance, 6/19
Brenda & William Walters, 6/21
Julie & Rob Barry, 6/25
Marcia & Bill Quillen, 6/27
Susan & Jim Werkheiser, 6/28
Bruce & Kay Gordon, 6/30
Molly & Matt Cooney, 6/30



New Officers

The congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church met May 19 for its annual meeting and elected officers for the coming 2013-14 program year. Elected were:

SESSION Class of 2016:

Kay Fry: A Bergen County, New Jersey native, Karyn (Kay) Fry, is a graduate of The College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art. She moved to New York City where she worked as a production manager for a financial publishing house and also worked in Off-Broadway theater productions as a stage manager. Kay moved to Delaware in the summer of 2002. She taught fifth grade Religious Education at her parish church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Bear, for six years. It was during this time, she realized that many of the beliefs held by the Catholic faith were not hers. As a result she converted to the Presbyterian faith, joining New Castle Presbyterian Church in March of 2012. Since joining our community she has participated in Vacation Bible School, Someplace Else, the Christian Education Committee, and will be rejoining the choir this fall. Kay has experience as a graphic designer and writer with numerous publications and is currently the Health Information Analyst with Delaware Hospice, Inc. Her hobbies include studying world religions, art, playing video games, community theater, canoeing, horseback riding, photography and camping.

Kelly Koczak McCurdy: Kelly Koczak McCurdy was born and raised in New Castle. He father was the mailman in town for nearly 35 years. Kelly currently serves as the Vice President of Marketing for the Newark, DE-based Produce Marketing Association, an international trade organization for the fresh produce industry. She possesses undergraduate degrees in Political Science and French from Gettysburg College, received an MBA in marketing from the University of Delaware and is currently pursuing a second Master's degree in Communications and Public Affairs at The Johns Hopkins University. She became a member of New Castle Presbyterian Church in November of 2012. She currently resides on Delaware Street with her husband, Peter (Nancy married us!) and loves calling New Castle home: walking at Battery Park, enjoying town activities, and happily sharing its charm with family and friends who visit.

Charlotte Mitchell-McDowell: Charlotte Esther Mitchell-McDowell was born on December 30, 1950, in Wilmington, Delaware, and graduated from Goldey-Beacom College in 1970 with an Associate's degree in Secretarial Sciences. In 1971, she was married in the Red Lion United Methodist Church, and her 23-year old daughter was born in 1986. Charlotte's career started at Hercules Incorporated where she worked her way over the next 15 years from a clerk typist to a management aide. Other work activities, which she experienced, were in a law firm, an insurance agency, a roofing company, an essential oil distribution company, a nail salon, retail sales positions, estate administration, and as a caregiver. Her work experience in the Christian environment included development coordinator and teacher of Apple computer programs at the Red Lion Christian Academy, as well as the home schooling of her daughter from first through 12th grades.

She has been a member of the New Castle Presbyterian Church since December, 2009. Currently, she is serving as a member of Session, a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee, a publicity coordinator for Spirit of Christmas, and a helper periodically with Someplace Else at the New Castle Presbyterian Church.

She believes with all her heart that God is present in every situation of our lives. At this time in her life, Charlotte is trying very hard to let God be in complete control of her past, present, and future in order to surrender all time to Him and to "...have faith as a mustard seed..." Matthew 17:20.

Ron Studd: Ron Studd Jr. has been a member of New Castle Presbyterian since August of 2010. Ron and his wife Susan were married in August of 2011 by pastor Nancy, and they have since been blessed with their daughter, Evangeline. Ron works at Connolly Healthcare in Conshohocken, PA where he is an Associate Business Systems Analyst. Previously, Ron worked locally for JPMorgan and spent a year working abroad in Singapore. Ron has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Misericordia University. Ron is an avid tea fan and enjoys home brewing beer and working on computers.

DEACONS Class of 2014:

Kaitlyn Raker has been a part of the New Castle Presbyterian Church since she was 2 years old, when she was baptized by Reverend David Joynt. She has been an active member since 2005. Kaitlyn has served two previous one-year terms on the Board of Deacons and has been active in both the Choir and the Colonial Chimers. She participates in the Easter Fair, Spirit of Christmas, One Shot Service Sunday, Separation Day Parade, and Vacation Bible School. She has been a member of the youth group and has attended the Montreat Youth Conference numerous times. Kaity is a junior at the University of Delaware, studying Art Conservation. Kaitlyn's parents Lisa and Bruce and her brother Chris are also part of our church family.

DEACONS Class of 2016:

Kim Beebe: Kim is a South Jersey native who moved to Delaware in 7th grade. She is a graduate of William Penn High School and attended Lebanon Valley College, where she attained a Bachelor's of Science in Health Science. Since graduating in 2006, Kim has dedicated her professional career to children of all ages and abilities. From the beaches of Lewes, DE at The Children's Beach House as a Camp Counselor, to the suburbs of Wilmington, DE at Seton Villa Pre-Adolescent Group Home as a Child Care Counselor, Kim has found great joy in helping youth to find their potential and reach their goals. Kim currently works as a Community Living Specialist for AdvoServ at St. George's Academy. To bring balance to her unpredictable, and sometimes chaotic work at AdvoServ, Kim also assists a family in West Chester with their 2-1/2 year old daughter and 2-month old son. Kim has been a part of our church family since 2005 and just recently became an active member. She is a member of the Celebration Ringers Hand Bell Choir.

Beverly Denison: Beverly was born and raised in Salem County, N.J. She graduated from Pennsville Memorial High School then attended Radford University in Radford, Va. where she received her BA degree in Spanish. Later, she attended Rowan College in Glassboro, N.J. where she earned her certification in Elementary Education and Special Education. Beverly has 2 children (Carolyn & Jeffrey) and 2 grandchildren (Rene & Aaron). In 2007 she moved to Newark, De. April 16, 2011, she married her Junior and Senior prom date, Rod Denison. She now has a bonus family of 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and 2 step grandsons. On April 15, 2012 she became a member of NCPC. Beverly enjoys babysitting her 4 year old grandson, attending events of the community in which she & Rod live, and especially attending the functions in which Rod is involved.

TRUSTEES Class of 2016:

Matthew Kim: Matt has been a member at New Castle Presbyterian Church since 2010. Matt has served three years as a trustee and also serves as a Nursery volunteer. Matt lives in Middletown with his wife, Jennifer, and is the proud father of Samuel, 3, and Grace, six months. Matt works at Chesapeake Utilities Corporation in Dover, where he is the Controller. A graduate of Georgetown University with a degree in Accounting, Matt worked in the accounting and finance areas of various multi-national accounting and investment firms in Washington, DC prior to moving to Delaware.

Steve Martin: With his wife, Cynthia Robbins and daughter Katie Martin, began attending in 1999. They lived in New Castle from 1988 to 2007, before moving to Newark to be closer to work. He has ties to Presbyterian traditions going back further. Steve grew up in a small town in Massachusetts. He was raised a Congregationalist, which is sort of a New England equivalent to a Presbyterian. Steve is a Senior Research Scientist at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies at the University of Delaware. Steve's research interests are in substance abuse—causes, prevention, and treatment. He is one of the people who started the CREST drug treatment program in the Delaware correctional system, and he directs the surveys of substance abuse and other risk factors that are conducted yearly in Delaware schools. At NCPC, Steve has previously served as an elder and as trustee. He and Cynthia head up the Emmanuel Dining Room program.

Scott Matthews: Scott Matthews is originally from Springfield, Virginia, in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. He grew up in the Presbyterian Church, attending Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield, and graduated from The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia. He first came to Delaware to attend the University of Delaware as an undergraduate, studying political science, English and French, with travels during his time at Delaware to study at McGill University in Montreal and the University of London. After returning to Virginia to work for a non-profit educational organization, Scott returned to school and received a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law and a MA in English literature from the University of Virginia. Scott and his wife Miranda moved to Delaware in 2000 so Scott could begin work as an associate with the Wilmington law firm of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., where he practiced corporate and commercial transactional law until 2009. He is currently looking for a new practice. After many years of searching for the right church and attending numerous churches of different Christian denominations, mostly closer to their home in Bear, Scott and Miranda joined the Church in 2009 and feel blessed to have found such a welcoming and community-oriented congregation. Scott has served one three-year term on the Trustees as well as cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room, attending Bible Study, and serving on the Resource Development and History Committees. In his spare time Scott enjoys, among other things, travel, reading (primarily literature, history and baseball), and watching college, minor league and major league baseball. He is an avid follower and supporter of the University of Virginia baseball, soccer and lacrosse teams, the University of Delaware baseball and basketball teams, the Wilmington Blue Rocks and the Washington Nationals.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, 2013-14**

1. **Carol Mayhew** Carol and her husband Gene joined the New Castle Presbyterian Church in December of 1964. Carol has, over the years, served on the Session, as Sunday School and Bible School Superintendent, President of the Women's Association and on various other committees of the church and of the Presbytery. She was chair of the 350th Anniversary Committee and has served the past three years on the Board of Trustees, two of them as President.
2. **Lyn Briggs** is a resident of Old New Castle. Married to Bob Briggs, they have a daughter Rachel. She is employed at Delmarva Power, where she works in the Drafting and Design Department. She participates in the hand-bell choir and enjoys helping out with Vacation Bible School. Lyn has previous experience as a deacon.
3. **Susan Townsend** joined the NCPC with her family and attended Sunday school and was a member of the youth group. She was employed as a Speech/Language Pathologist for 35 years in the Brandywine School District. She is currently serving as a Trustee and is involved with the Mission and Outreach Committee and activities with youth and children.



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 July 1-5. 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 1

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 2

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 3

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 4

NO DELIVERY

Friday 5

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

April	176
Profession of Faith: Alex Barry, Chris Raker, Gwendolyn Truman ...	+3
May.....	179

Income thru 5/02/13:

2013 Budget:	\$104,648.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$100,590.00

Expenses thru 5/02/13:

2013 Budget:	\$94,709.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$98,794.00

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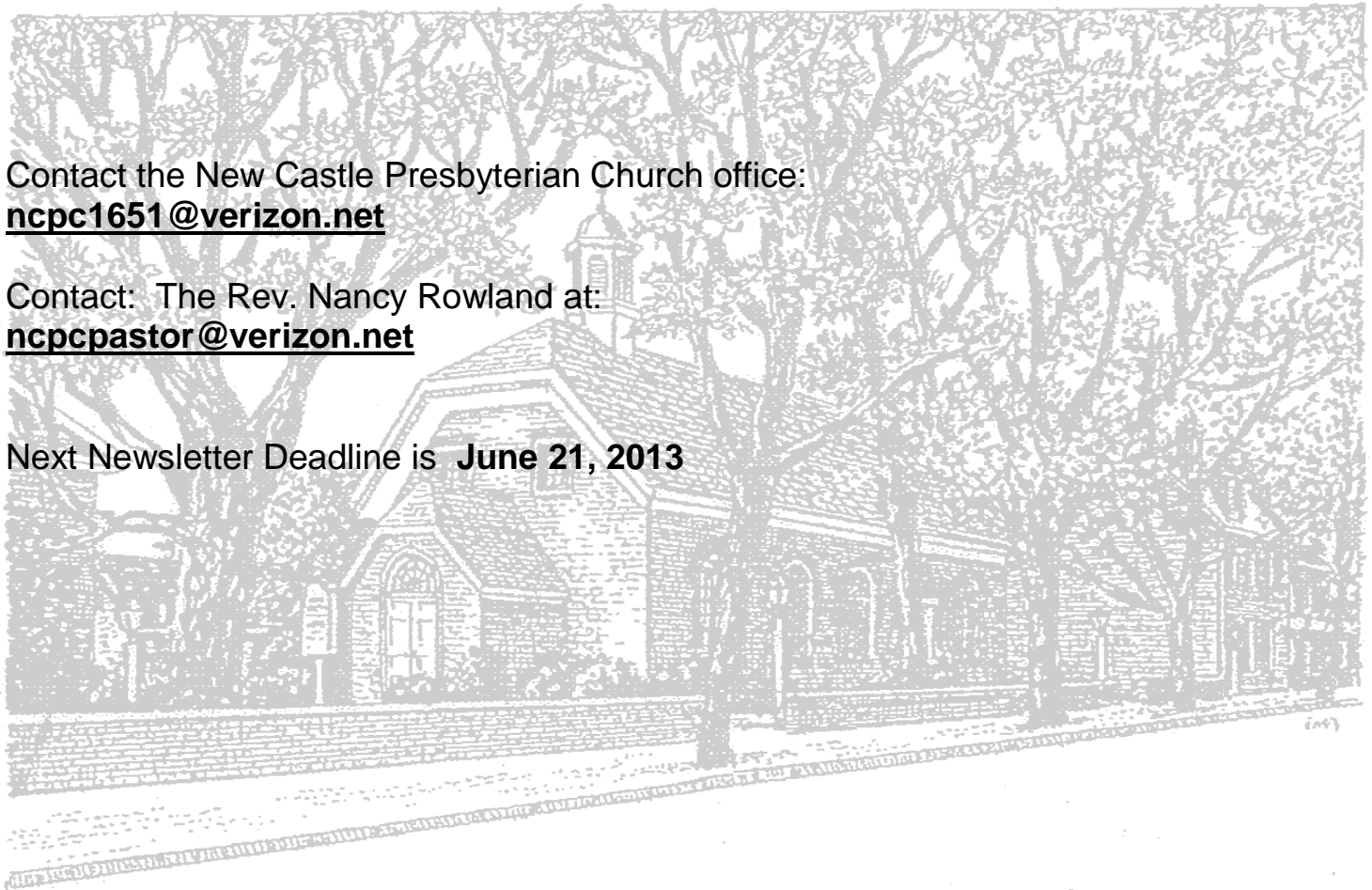


Address Change
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
ncpcpastor@verizon.net

Next Newsletter Deadline is **June 21, 2013**



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