

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *September 2013*

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### **Stewards of Children-Darkness to Light Seminar**

Sunday, September 22

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

This program is designed to inform individuals about how to recognize and report sexual abuse of children. The fundamentals about healthy boundaries will be taught. Dr. Ruth Kirk, rector at Christ Episcopal Church will lead the discussion. The cost will be \$15.

This seminar is part of our church's efforts to provide a safe environment for children. The Session has recently approved a Sexual Misconduct Policy, which our most recent Book of Order requires all congregations to have. Part of that policy is a promise from all our ordained officers and workers with youth and children to abide by its terms, to pass a criminal background check and to attend training. This seminar is the first opportunity the Session is offering for such training.

Other members of the congregation and community are strongly urged to attend this important event. All of us need to know how to make a safe place for our children.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Church Directory**



The Church Directory is being updated. Please review your information and if there is anything that has changed, etc., new email, new phone numbers please contact the office at [office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org) or phone 302-328-3279. Thanks!



## September Clothing Drive

The Mission and Outreach Committee reminds you of our clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September. Over 10 years ago, Friendship House developed the Clothing Bank of Delaware (CBD) to improve the free distribution of donated clothing by coordinating the efforts of businesses, churches, schools, and community organizations of New Castle County. Now, more than 275 human service agencies contact the Clothing Bank when their clients need clothing. CBD's community partners enable them to respond effectively and efficiently in times of individual need or in broader disaster relief needs. Additionally, CBD provides employment and training to women who are entering the workforce after periods of unemployment.

While all clothing items and bed linens are welcomed, children's, men's, and larger-sized, work appropriate women's clothing are especially needed, as well as new (unused) underwear for children and adults.

All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room 201 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) or after church on Sundays. **Deadline is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply leave your donations on the first floor making sure that the bags do not interfere with normal traffic. Tax donation slips will be available should you need one.

If your closets have been emptied of unused clothing in previous clothing drives, tell your friends and neighbors that they too can participate. They'll be glad you did!

## A New Hymnal

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

--Psalm 96

Our new hymnals should arrive by the end of September! This new hymnal, *Glory to God*, 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. Envelopes are available in the pews to make a donation. The price of each hymnal is \$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. We currently have received \$1,069.00 to offset the \$3798 spent from Special Gifts to pre-order our 200 copies.

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



## News from the Choir

All interested singers are invited to be a part of our Adult Choir. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. followed by a delicious ice cream social.

Come and be a part of this great group and be actively involved in our beautiful worship services. We hope to see you there!

- Eileen Dunham, Music Director

## Handbell Choir



A reminder for Handbell ringers: first rehearsal for Celebration Ringers will be Thursday, September 5 at 7:30pm and for Colonial Chimers we will meet on Sunday, September 8 at 12pm. See you then!

- Minerva Lermond



**It's CROP WALK** time again!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 13th**, to be part of this exciting international outreach. Church World Service/CROP tells us this is the 29th year we have walked to help the hungry and homeless, and New Castle's walk has raised over \$174,130. 25% of funds come back to help locally through the Delaware Food Bank and Emmanuel Dining Room. Last year we raised \$12,020! This year our goal is \$13,000.00. So we're going to need a lot of participation.

Why do we walk? Church World Service is one of the first responders whenever there is a disaster in the U.S. or anywhere else in the world. This has been going on since the end of World War II, when life-saving shipments of food and supplies were sent to war-torn Europe. Worldwide, our tax-deductible gifts help CWS to: provide emergency food, clean water, shelter and blankets; cover the cost of vocational training; provide grants to start small businesses; and help cover initial living expenses for a refugee family. CWS works through agencies in the area where the disasters occur around the world. The scope of their work is tremendous! With 2,000 CROP Walks occurring each year in the U.S., we are putting our shoulder to the wheel to keep this mission going year after year.

**The New Castle CROP Walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** from New Castle U. Methodist Church. There will be two routes to choose from, allowing us to walk through the city of New Castle and Battery Park. The longer route is about 3 miles (hopefully construction along this route will be finished by then), and the shorter route is 1-1/2 miles. We need everyone to help. Walk, sponsor someone, or be a member of the support group at church by registering the walkers. We will be signing up people to walk beginning Sunday, Sept. 15th. Consider being part of a 'walk team'. Get people together that you work with, or see frequently, and become a team for CROP. For example, The Swanwyck Garden Club is getting a team together! It'll be a lot of fun, and we need the walkers to reach our goal. Our challenge is to raise \$13,000, and have at least 100 walkers. Are we up to it?

## **Your Special Gifts Fund at Work**



The Session maintains a Special Gifts fund of the monetary gifts given to the church in memory of persons who have died, or conditioned or unconditioned gifts accepted by the Session for this account. Undesignated bequests under \$5000 are also added to this account.

When gifts are made in memory or honor of someone, that name is added to our Memorial Book, and that notation is also added to the Sunday bulletin in turn.

The Session allocates the Special Gifts Fund upon recommendation of the Resource Development Committee of the Session. Here are some of the wonderful resources made possible in 2012-13 through gifts to the Special Gifts Fund:

- Conservation and framing of the 1906 Laussat Rogers painting of the 1854 Brownstone Gothic sanctuary
- Two fire-proof filing cabinets for our archives room
- A new Meeting House sound system
- Two adjustable 2'x4' tables for the Christian Education Building
- Re-upholstering six dining room chairs in the Manse
- 200 new Presbyterian Hymnals
- A video system for the front door of the Christian Education Building
- A new Fellowship Hall sound system
- Restoration of a sterling silver communion tray dedicated to James Eliason
- Two new cement benches for the Memorial Garden
- Historic markers for the church yard
- Wooden venetian blinds for the Fellowship Hall

Many thanks for all the generous gifts to this fund, that have created such enrichment of our ministry!



## 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 till September 23-27. 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 23

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 24

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 25

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 26

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 27

Susan Flook  
Jim Flook

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mary Cottrell, 9/2  
Candace Dunson, 9/3  
Elizabeth Carpenter, 9/5  
Christine Fagles, 9/5  
Deborah Harrington, 9/10  
Nancy Coning, 9/11  
Scott Matthews, 9/12  
Robert Truman, 9/13  
C. J. Seitz, 9/14

Connie Reese, 9/17  
Aaron Spock, 9/17  
Danika Dobson, 9/18  
Mark Powell, 9/23  
Mary Lynne Truman, 9/26  
Susan Witt, 9/27  
Zachary Dobson, 9/29  
Anita Johnson, 9/29

Corky & Jo Viola, 9/11  
Mary Lynne & Thomas Truman, 9/13  
Julia & George Spock, 9/21  
Linda & Douglas Twyford, 9/24





## Monthly Report

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

### Membership:

June.....	179
August .....	179

### Income thru 08/03/13:

2013 Budget: ..... \$160,710.00

2013 Actual:..... \$152,465.00

### Expenses thru 08/03/13:

2013 Budget: ..... \$155,440.00

2013 Actual:..... \$158,041.00



## Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered August 18<sup>th</sup> to Liam David, infant son of Laurie and Mark Powell, and younger brother to Lily. See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, for that is what we are!



## Know Your Bible

### A reflection by Quinn G. Caldwell

*"Peter said,... 'But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken...' - Acts 2:22-36*

The Holy Spirit has just swooped into that upper room in Jerusalem and shaken everybody up. They all look at one another and ask, "What does this mean?" Some have an answer ready: everybody's drunk. Peter stands up and sets them straight by quoting Scripture.

If God busted into your house today and did something cool, would you know enough Scripture to tell the people around you what it means? If God came into your life and worked a miracle of healing, or service, or generosity, or peace, would you know enough Scripture to tell yourself what it means?

Part of the Christian life is being able to recognize God at work in the world, and to do that, you need to know the writings the ancestors left for you.

Whenever God enters the world, there is always someone right there ready with the prosaic "They're drunk" explanation. And most people will believe them—unless there's someone around who knows enough to stand up and tell them the truth.

### Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am: Beginning September 8

**Biblical Interpretation 101** We will examine the challenges of faithful interpretation, learn the three major periods of Biblical interpretation and how it has changed over the centuries, and why people interpret the Bible differently.

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm: Beginning September 11

**Four Gospels, One Story** We will look at how each gospel has a different perspective of who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.



## Session Assignments 2013-2014

### **Resource Development: Co-Chairs Bob Briggs & Andrew Lundgren**

Personnel, Stewardship, Endowments, Leadership Development, History, Link to Trustees

### **Worship Committee: Chair Lindy Ballance, Rod Denison**

Pulpit Supply, Music Program, Communion Dates/coverage, Flower Guild, Nursery Schedule, Ushers

### **Christian Education: Chair Karyn Fry, Janet Spring, Ron Studd**

Children's and Youth Programs, Adult Education, Vacation Bible School, Easter Fair

### **Mission and Outreach: Co-Chairs Charlotte Mitchell-McDowell & Ray Snyder; Janet Spring, Conchita Showell**

Outreach into community, Social Concerns, Hands-on Mission projects, Ecumenical Relations

### **Congregational Life\Membership: Chair Gail Seitz, Kelly Koczak McCurdy**

Congregational Life/Fellowship, Membership Rolls, New Members/New Residents, Communications, Spirit of Christmas, Calling List, Links to Deacons

### **Clerk of Session: Conchita Showell**

Session-Special & Called meeting minutes, Church Registers, Correspondence, Agenda Planning with moderator, Commissioners to Presbytery

## Trustee Assignments 2013-2014

**President:** Bruce Raker

**Secretary:** Scott Selheimer

**CE Building:** Sam Duncan and Matt Kim

**Church/Cemetery Grounds:** Rob Barry

**Manse:** Steve Martin

**Memorial Garden:** Susan Townsend

**Cemetery Administration:** C.J. Seitz

**Sanctuary:** Scott Matthews

**Budget Committee:** Scott Matthews

**Nominating Committee:** Scott Selheimer

# *Choral Vespers*

## *Immanuel Bach Consort*

Immanuel Church on the Green  
Sunday, September 8, 2013  
4:00 p.m.



### *Immanuel Bach Consort*

Dawn Murphy Proctor, soprano  
Jacqueline Taylor, alto  
Robert Davis, tenor  
David Hearn, bass  
Gary Harney, organ

The *Immanuel Bach Consort* will sing Choral Vespers according to the order used in Leipzig, Germany during Bach's time.

Included in the service will be Bach's cantata *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt* (S. 68), the motet *Te Deum patrem* by Andrea Gabrieli, and organ music by Bach.

The church is located at 50 Market St., on the Green in Old New Castle. Admission is free.

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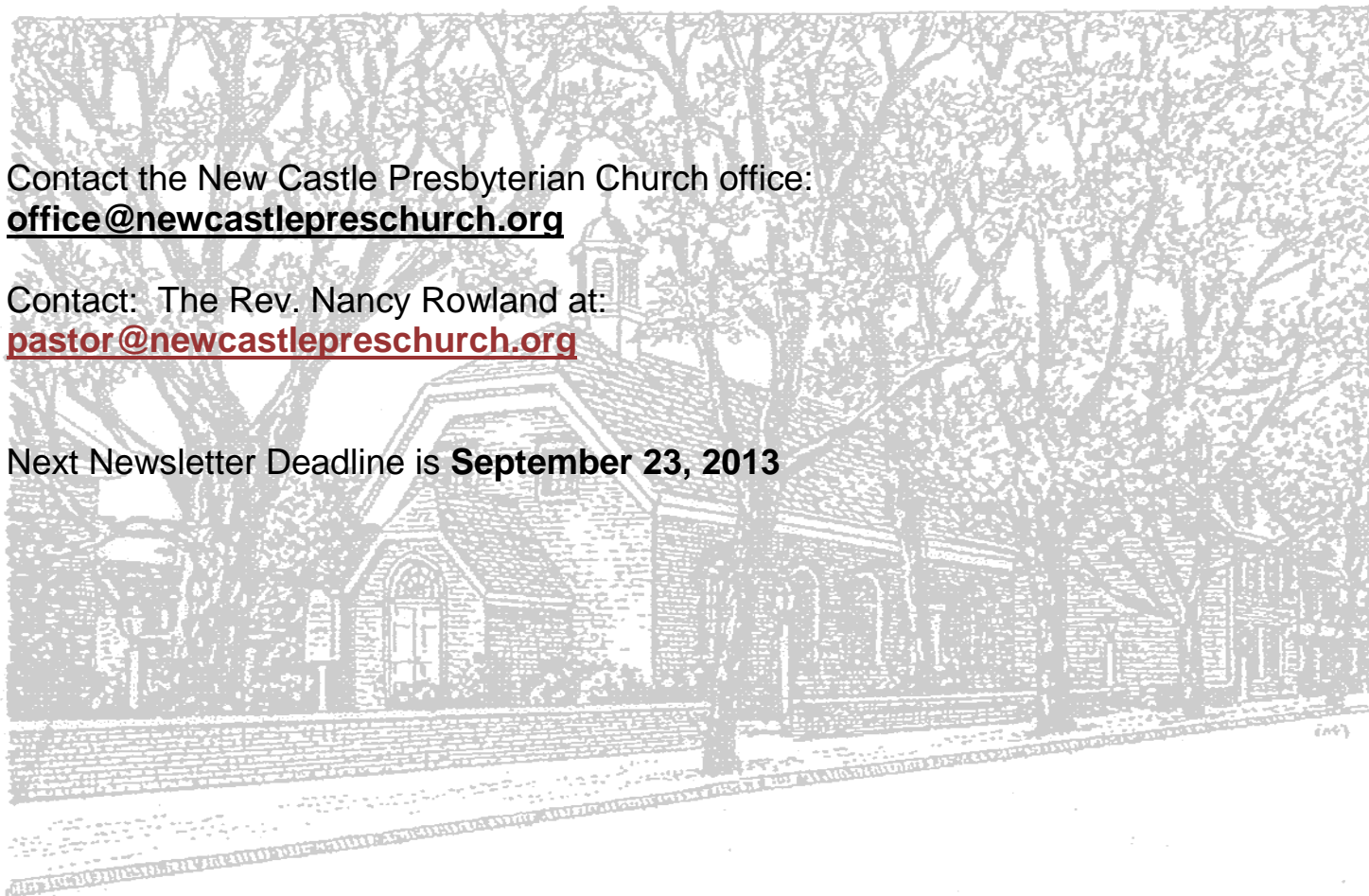


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Next Newsletter Deadline is **September 23, 2013**



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