

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *October 2013*

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**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?

## **ONE SHOT SERVICE SUNDAY** **Sunday, October 13**



For the fifth time, our youth fellowship will be participating in One Shot Service Sunday, a Presbyterian youth event in the Wilmington area. This year all hundred-some youth from over ten congregations will work in one place to fight hunger. We will again be working together with STOP HUNGER NOW ([www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)) to assemble.....(wait for it).....10,000 meals --- 10,000 MEALS - to be shipped to schools and orphanages in countries that are experiencing serious food shortages. Here's the story:

- \* Date: Sunday October 13th
- \* Place: Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church
- \* Time: Registration starts at 3 pm. Dinner at 6ish. Done no later than 7.
- \* Purpose: HELP TO FEED THE WORLD!

We will not stamp out hunger in one day, but we will be making a connection. Our participation does make the needs of the poor and the response of the faithful real. And it does get kids -- all of us -- drawn out of ourselves, with our eyes, and our hearts, a bit more open. Our budget will be sending \$50 plus \$10 for each participant. If you would like to contribute further to the cause, please see Pastor Nancy. All youth are encouraged to sign up for this special event. Thank you for helping us serve those who need our help and for helping our youth make a connection with the wider community!

### **Friendship House Breakfast Program**

On September 1st, members of our congregation served breakfast at the Friendship House Breakfast location at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew in Wilmington, De. We were the first church to use their newly renovated kitchen. I would like to thank everyone in our congregation for their continued support. You are all very generous with your time and your donations of food and money.

Many of our volunteers have met John Owens, a Friendship House employee who runs the breakfast program and supervises the men's housing at St. Andrew and St. Michael's. During the month of August, John became very ill and was hospitalized for almost a month. I am happy to report that John has left the hospital and will be able to return to work this week (on a very limited basis until he gets a clean bill of health from the doctors). Please continue to pray for John and his complete recovery.



**2013 Peacemaking Offering**  
**Received on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2013**

Every time our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper there is the opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. But we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. It is a day to celebrate of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences. On World Communion Sunday we receive the bread and cup, we bring our gifts of self, service, and money to be put to work for Christ's peace in the world.

The Peacemaking Offering encourages all parts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work for peace. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. This year, the locally designated 25% of the offering has been approved by the Session of New Castle Presbyterian Church for Child, Inc. programs which address domestic violence.

Another 25 percent will go to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 6 as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Please come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

**Communion Workshop – October 6<sup>th</sup>**



The Worship Committee will lead a brief information and question-answering workshop for all those scheduled to serve communion in the coming year immediately following worship on October 6. Meet in the kitchen – coffee and cookie in hand. Everyone is welcome. The Communion Server Schedule is posted on the CE Building bulletin board.

## **Seamen's Center Christmas At Sea**

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to remind everyone that we will again be supporting the Seamen's Center Christmas at Sea program this December. As in past years, we hope to provide 30 to 40 "ditty boxes" which include various items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, etc., as well as hand knitted scarves and hats. Over 1,300 "ditty boxes" are given each year to the seamen who arrive at our port by ship during the month of December. This is our opportunity as a church and as individuals to be a part of the "bigger world" as we share our resources and our gratitude with those who work hard all year long to provide us with essential goods. For those wishing to participate, please see the poster in Fellowship Hall. Items should be delivered to church by November 3, 2013.

Anyone with questions about the program should contact Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234).

## **Spirit of Christmas Saturday, December 14 Craft Table**



Everyone is encouraged to start working at home on items you may want to contribute to Spirit of Christmas. We will welcome more pocketbooks, mittens, ornaments, scarves, etc. which many of you have already perfected, or surprise us with something entirely new! The church craft room upstairs is stocked with material, yarn, buttons, and zippers for your use.

Please call Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234) if you have any questions.



## **Stewards of Children Lecture: A Prevention and Response Program for Adults**

On Sunday evening, September 22nd, we hosted a seminar about learning how to recognize and report signs of sexual abuse in children. Our leader was Dr. Ruth Kirk, rector of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, a trained Stewards of Children presenter. This lecture included a pre and post test, a video presentation, and an interactive workbook that detailed 4 "tools" that adults need to create a healthy and safe environment for our children and the 7 steps we need to follow to protect our children. Dr. Kirk also provided a list of Delaware Community Resources.

Our Presbytery is very clear about the importance of these kinds of seminars and our responsibility to not only the children of our congregation, but to children everywhere. Raising awareness and providing us with much needed factual information is the first step. If you could not attend this seminar, please contact Pastor Nancy or Kay Fry, Chair of the Christian Education committee, for the next opportunity to take this training required of all ordained officers and persons in ministries to children.

Please note: All adults in the State of Delaware are mandated reporters of a child's account of sexual abuse.

Websites for more information on sexual abuse and/or trauma:

[www.pcadelaware.org](http://www.pcadelaware.org)  
[www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org)  
[www.stopitnow.com](http://www.stopitnow.com)

[www.cacofde.org](http://www.cacofde.org)  
[www.trauma-pages.com](http://www.trauma-pages.com)  
[www.stewardsofchildrendelaware.org](http://www.stewardsofchildrendelaware.org)

## **Hayride at Hagley Museum, Saturday, October 12th at 11:00 a.m.**

During the month of October, Hagley Museum will have hayrides along the Brandywine River to experience the beautiful fall foliage in the Powder Yard. The first hayride begins at 11:00 a.m. After the hayride, you and your family can also see a gunpowder explosion, see the roll mill in action, and working 19th century machinery. There are also many beautiful walkways to explore. There are picnic tables if you wish to bring along a lunch and there is also The Belin House Organic Café if you wish to purchase lunch.

### **Admission prices:**

Adults: \$14.00

Students and Senior Citizens: \$10.00

Children ages 6-14: \$5.00

Children under 6: Free



The hayrides are ongoing from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We decided on the earliest time so families with young children can get home for naps. We hope you can join us. Rain date will be October 26th at the same time. You will need to go to the Main Office to purchase your tickets (probably a sticker for your coat) and they will direct you to the hayride site. If you get to Hagley by 10:30 a.m., that should give you and your family plenty of time.

We hope you can join us. You do not need to "sign-up" for this. Just arrive at Hagley for some Autumn fun and to enjoy the beauty of God's nature as the season changes.

## **Stewardship 2014**

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. - I Peter 4:10*

*For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. - II Corinthians 8:12*

New Castle Presbyterian Church is about to begin a new year of God's grace. Each of us has an opportunity to demonstrate the faith that God has given us, with whatever gift God has given us. In the coming weeks, you will hear testimonies from members as to how God has made a difference in their lives and how this church has been a part of that. Consider the goodness of God in this place, and consider the opportunity to support this Body of Christ into the future.

Make plans to attend our annual Stewardship Brunch on November 3 after worship to hear more about what God is doing in our midst!

## 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

### Gail's Bicycling Trip Across America

In Pictures and Stories

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00

NCPC Education Building



Gail recently completed a 50-day bicycle journey from Astoria, Oregon to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She covered 3700 miles and saw our great country as few others have seen it. She will share the story of her journey through pictures and stories. This event is open to all so feel free to spread the word to anyone you think may be interested.



## 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 November 4-8. 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 4

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 5

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 6

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 7

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 8

Susan & Jim  
Flook



## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Gwendolyn Truman, 10/1  
Christopher Dunham, 10/2  
Lily Powell, 10/4  
Carol Mayhew, 10/8  
Phoebe Dill, 10/10

Frances Handy, 10/14  
Martin Burnett, 10/22  
Don Reese, 10/23  
Mason Reilly, 10/26  
Rachel Handy, 10/29

Earl & Janet Reed, 10/3  
Gary & Kathy Graham, 10/5  
Daniel & Shirley Knox, 10/6  
Miranda & Scott Matthews, 10/7  
Laurie & Mark Powell, 10/8  
Carl & Susan Witt, 10/25  
Annie & Leo Sotomayor, 10/28







## **Monthly Report**

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

### Membership:

August .....	179
September .....	183

### Income thru 09/02/13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$177,946.00
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2013 Actual:.....	\$164,566.00
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### Expenses thru 09/02/13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$175,403.00
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2013 Actual:.....	\$175,516.00
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## **2013 Pledge Payment Reminders**

Through your generosity, many of you made three-year pledges to the Capital Campaign for air-conditioning and major trustee projects. Others of you have graciously pledged to support the 2013 General Budget. The end of 2013 is coming soon, so fulfill your promises and enjoy a tax deduction for 2013.

Thank you for your faithfulness!

- Members of Session

## Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Waiting Room:

**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 in the Fellowship Hall:

**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.

## We Welcome New Members

*"And day by day the Lord added to their number..." - Acts 2:47*

We will welcome the following new members to our number on October 20 in worship:

Bill and Sandy Wilson  
53 W. 5th St.  
New Castle, DE 19720  
Email: [heymrwilson53@comcast.net](mailto:heymrwilson53@comcast.net)  
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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

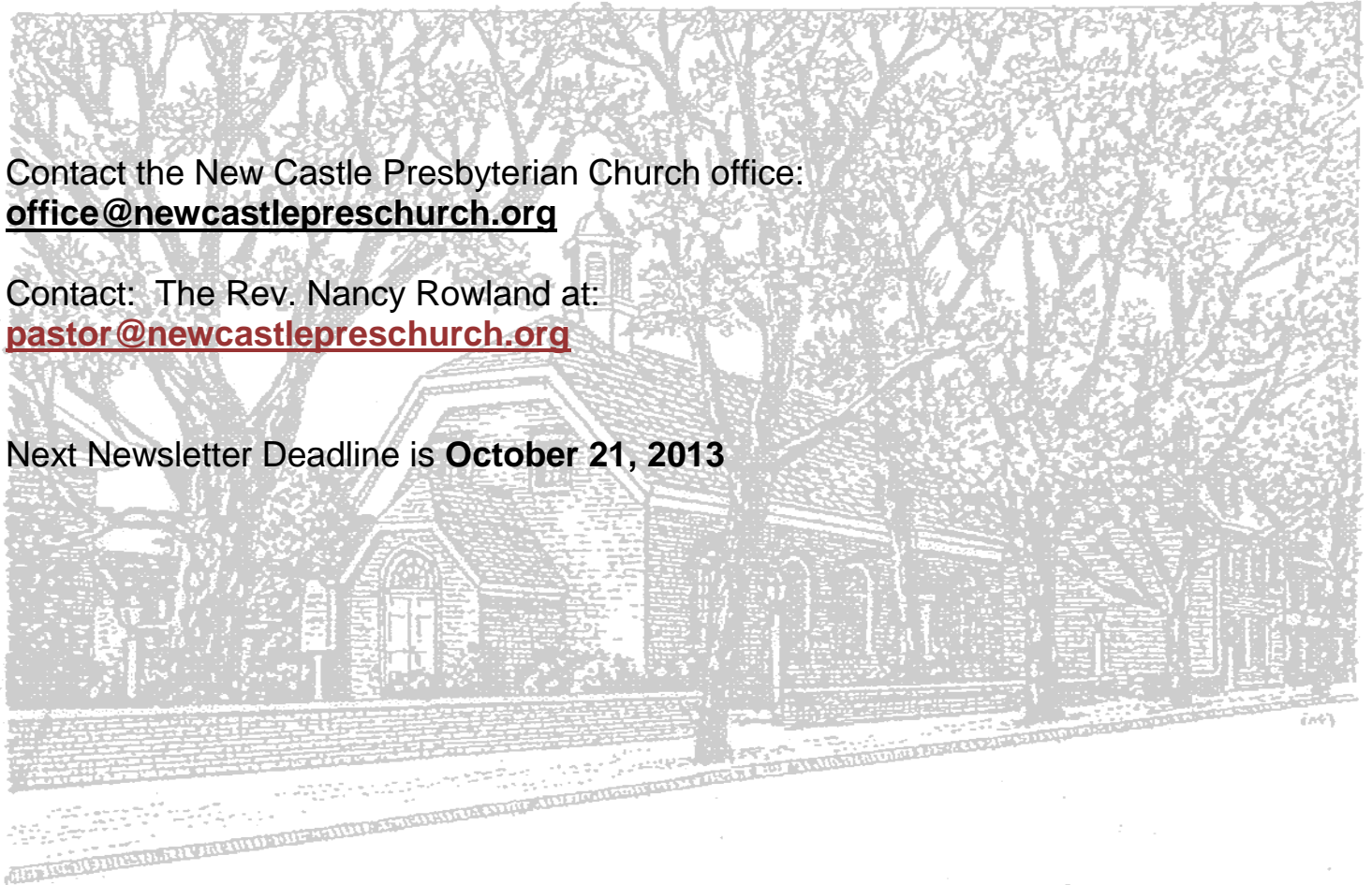


Address Change  
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:  
[office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org)

Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:  
[pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org)

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



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