

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *November 2013*

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### A New Hymnal

*"O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!"*  
--Psalm 96

Our new hymnals are here!! This new hymnal, *Glory to God*, contains over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs. Approximately 50% are from the 1990 hymnal. The remaining pieces are 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.

We still need contributions to the finance 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 \$1,501.00 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!

If you would like to have your contribution included in our November 3 Hymnal Dedication service, make your donation today!

To celebrate and introduce our new hymnals, join us for a hymn festival on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

*"To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen."*  
--Phil.4:20



***Daylight Savings begins***  
***Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 a.m.***  
***Don't forget to "Fall Back"***



## **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!

### **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).



## **All Saints**

We celebrate the saints that have gone before us on All Saints Sunday, November 3. The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving during communion will include the names of those dear to us who have entered the Church Triumphant. Please be prepared to fill out a form with a beloved's name that day to include in the offering. If you cannot be present but would like the name of someone who has died to be remembered, please call the church office (302-328-3279).

## **Thanksgiving Worship**

Join your friends and neighbors in giving thanks to God for many blessings! This year's community worship service will be held at on Sunday November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. The preaching will be provided by our church. You are asked to bring a monetary offering for the poor of our area through Lutheran Community Services. Give thanks to God!



## **Thanksgiving Breakfast**

We will gather together in the Christian Education Building for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day (November 28) at 8 a.m. After breakfast, Pastor Nancy will lead a time of reflection and thanksgiving.

Please come and bring your loved ones to enjoy our annual Thanksgiving fellowship breakfast. You are particularly encouraged to invite a friend! Officers will be making reminder calls or emails in early November. If you have not been called by November 26th, please add your name to the list to be posted in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office (302-328-3279).

**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.

**Spirit of Christmas  
Saturday, December 14  
Look What \$20 Can Buy**

It's time to think about donations for the "Look What \$20 Can Buy". This is one of our most popular and revenue producing tables at Spirit of Christmas, and we have earned the reputation of having quality items. Visitors actually do their Christmas gift buying here, so let's make it a fun place to shop!

Gift certificates for restaurants or donations from your favorite retail store worth \$30 or more are very popular. We also need donations from individuals of new (or like new) items that have a \$30 value or more. Re-gifting is a great way to support our event.

Brochures of Friendship House are available in the church office for your use when soliciting a donation. Any questions about what to donate or arrangements for the storage of items until December 14, call Joan Appleby 328-4098.

-Joan Appleby

**BREAD AND SOUP MAKERS FOR SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**  
**December 14, 2013**

At the Spirit of Christmas celebration this year, we would like to offer not only your delicious homemade soups and bread for sale, but also your homemade pickles, jams, candy, and jellies. Labels, bread bags, and soup containers are available in the kitchen on November 17th.

Please bring the items in jars. You can deliver your soups and breads/cookies/sweets on Friday, December 13 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. at the C.E. building.

Bless you for sharing your gifts for our gifts for our Christmas Charities.



Susan Townsend 302-328-5533  
Ray Snyder, 302-328-1662  
Janet Reed, 302-328-6749

## **White Gifts**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. For most of us this is a day we celebrate with family and friends around a huge meal. Every guest contributes a little of this and a little of that to the table. Our plates are overflowing with favorites. Maybe it's Aunt Edna's green bean casserole or Uncle Fred's pumpkin pie but it's a day you most certainly won't go hungry. However, there are many who will go hungry on this day as well as the days before and after Thanksgiving.

So let's all contribute a little of this and a little of that to the White Gifts collection. Canned goods can be placed in the white collection box in the Meeting House. All of our food donations go to the St. Peters food closet in New Castle. White Gift envelopes will be available for monetary donations - these go to utility assistance for the needy. Contact Jenna Duncan (290-5884) for further information.



## **Yard Clean-up**

Please join us for our church/manse yard clean-up on Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please bring rakes and/or brooms. All are welcome!

- Trustees

## **CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) for Family & Friends**



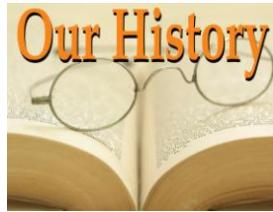
**Sunday, November 17th**

**2:00 to 4:00 PM**

**In Fellowship Hall**

**(Class size is limited / Please Sign-up by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013)**

Sponsored by Congregational Life and Membership Committee



### **History Committee News**

Ted Corbett has served since 2009 as chair of our church's History Committee. Now he and his wife Christine will be moving to Seaford, DE. The committee gives great thanks for Ted's diligent and exemplary work on behalf of the committee and the Congregation! Because of Ted's departure, we are looking for new members and new leadership. If you would like to serve our church and community in this way, please speak to Pastor Nancy, Ruling Elder Andrew Lundgren, or Trustee Scott Matthews.

The University of Delaware is conducting an analysis of their findings from the recent archaeological digs on our property. The next excavation will take place in the spring. Currently, the committee is planning a seminar in cooperation with the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia. All nearby Presbyterian congregations would be invited to attend. This will be scheduled sometime early in 2014.

Historical tours of the 1707 Meeting House will be conducted during the morning of Spirit of Christmas. If you would like to volunteer to give one of these tours, please speak to Andrew Lundgren or Pastor Nancy.

## Donate a Frozen Turkey

If you earn credit for a free turkey this fall please consider donating that free turkey to a Christmas Food Basket project being organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Beverly Stoudt is co-chairperson of this large undertaking. Approximately 375 families and senior citizens will receive a week's worth of non-perishable food on Saturday December 21. Each basket also will be accompanied by a **10–15 lb. frozen turkey** for Christmas dinner.

Many grocery stores are offering bargain prices and offers of free turkeys before Thanksgiving. And, some companies give their employees a free turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. If you have accumulated credit or expect a gift of a turkey and do not want it, please consider giving it to our Christmas Food Basket project.

We will need your donated turkey **any time** before **Sat. Dec. 21**. If you plan to donate please call Beverly Stoudt, as soon as you get the turkey, at 368-9354 to arrange for pick up and storage. We have a facility that will store as many turkeys as we can get. If you would like to bring your donated turkey to any Sunday church service that would be wonderful and hopefully easy for your family. Put it in the kitchen freezer and tell Beverly it is there.

If you want to purchase a turkey and donate it we will be very grateful. **Remember the prices are much better before Thanksgiving than after.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ We will pledge a turkey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We will bring our donated turkey to church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We do not have space to store a turkey and will need to have our donated turkey picked up.

Please call our family at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for considering this loving project and taking the time to secure a frozen turkey.

Beverly Stoudt (368-9354)  
Newark Area Welfare Committee  
P.O. Box 951, Newark, DE 19715







## 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



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kelly Koczak McCurdy, 11/5  
Thomas Truman, 11/5  
Jean Swanson, 11/6  
Dean MacEwen, 11/10  
Samuel Kim, 11/11  
Brenda Walters, 11/14  
Patricia Bird, 11/15  
Mary Pratt, 11/16

Elsie Clark, 11/17  
William Wilson, 11/19  
Susan Flook, 11/20  
Grace Kim, 11/22  
Judy Hentkowski, 11/23  
Sarah Werkheiser, 11/24  
Bob Briggs, 11/30

Debbie & Joe Harrington, 11/27







## **Monthly Report**

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

### Membership:

September .....	183
October .....	182

### Income thru 10/05/13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$199,536.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$189,615.00

### Expenses thru 10/05/13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$194,866.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$192,927.00

## **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

## **We Welcome a New Member**

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

We celebrated the following addition to our number on October 20<sup>th</sup> in worship:

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New Castle, DE 19720  
email: patti.isaacs-hansen@clinchain.com  
(302)326-1342 home  
(302)377-2501 cell



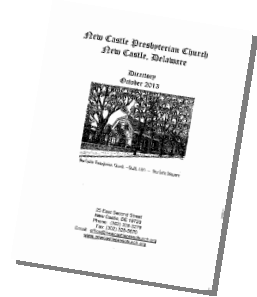
## **Adult Bible Study Opportunities**

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Waiting Room:

**Great Themes of the Bible** We will examine the sweep of Biblical Interpretation and Biblical Theology with the themes of God, Covenant, Humanity, Sin, Law, and more. Learn and discuss these overarching teachings of Holy Scripture.

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall:

**Who Is Jesus: Son of God, Son of Man** We will explore the implications of the different names for Christ in the Old and New Testaments, and share insights from *The Zealot* by Reza Aslan.



## **Recycle Those Old Directories!**

New directories are available in the entryway to the Christian Education Building.

## **Service of Ordination and Installation** **Community Presbyterian Church**

The congregation of Community Presbyterian Church on 519 Rogers Road in New Castle, proudly invites you to share in the joy of the ordination and installation of the Reverend Frederick A. Hanna as Pastor, Teaching Elder and Minister of Word and Sacrament. They are excited about the future ministry of their church and this new leadership! A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

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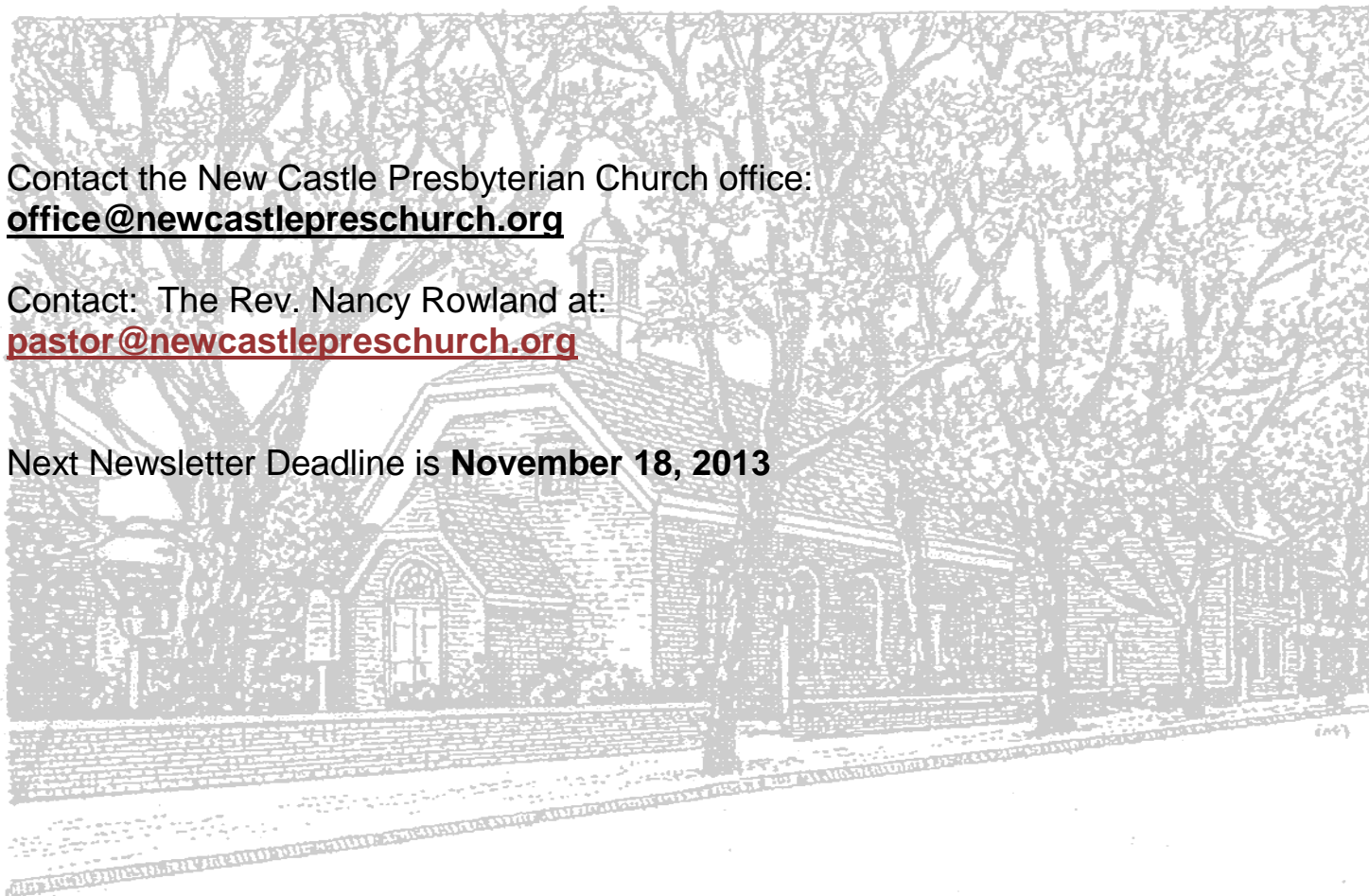


Address Change  
Requested

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 **November 18, 2013**



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