

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *December 2013*

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### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

- December 1**      **First Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- December 8**      **Second Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else
- December 14**      **Spirit of Christmas (Saturday)**  
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- December 15**      **Third Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else
- December 20**      **Christmas Caroling**  
(note date change)      7:00 p.m. Gather at church  
8:00 p.m. Refreshments - Mayhews (17 E. 5<sup>th</sup>)
- December 22**      **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else
- December 24**      **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (Tuesday)**  
5:30 p.m. Children's Service (Meeting House)  
7:30 p.m. Traditional Service (Meeting House)  
9:30 p.m. Traditional Service (Meeting House)
- December 29**      **First Sunday after Christmas**  
10:30 Worship and Someplace Else





### **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

### **White Gifts**

It's the season of giving thanks. Remembering those who have not is a great way to do this. We have both a non-perishable food drive (baskets are in the church and the C.E. building) and envelopes in the pews for monetary donations. The food goes to Saint Peter's Food Pantry and the money helps those having trouble paying utility bills. Please give generously as none of us are far ever from needing a helping hand.

Questions? Please call Miranda Matthews at 302-838-2764.



### **Caroling in Old New Castle (please note date change)**

Be sure to mark your calendar for a great evening of Christmas Caroling on ~~Sunday~~ Friday night ~~December 22<sup>nd</sup>~~ December 20<sup>th</sup>! We will meet at the church at 7:00pm and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling.

We will end up at Gene and Carol Mayhew's house (17 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in New Castle) for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30pm).

Please join us at the Mayhew's even if you are unable to walk around and carol.

**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



## **Cookies - Spirit of Christmas - December 14, 2013**

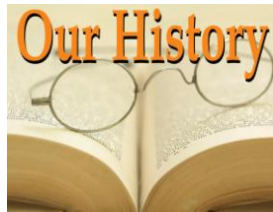
Calling all Cookies!!! It's that time again and, as you may know, the beverage/cookie table is always appreciated by Spirit of Christmas visitors. Please deliver your cookies (home-baked or purchased) to the church kitchen Friday, 12/13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or early Saturday morning. Thank you so much, Karen Dobson & Brenda Walters.



## **Books, CD's & DVD's Spirit of Christmas December 14, 2013**



It's almost time to donate your gently used books, dvd's and cd's to Spirit of Christmas. We are accepting them starting Thanksgiving morning in the CE building. Any questions, please call Miranda Matthews 302-838-2764 or Susan Flook 302-328-7346.



## **History Committee News**

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.

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



# Flower Guild Annual Poinsettias



Donations are being taken for poinsettias. Please fill out the attached form and return to the office. Due to the date of the Spirit of Christmas the Sanctuary will be decorated for two weeks. Please do not remove flowers before Christmas Eve. The deadline for orders will be December 15, 2013. The cost is \$12.00. Please make checks payable to the NCPC Flower Guild.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many: \_\_\_\_\_





## 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 December 16-20. 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 16

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 17

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 18

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 19

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 20

Susan & Jim  
Flook



## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Fries, 12/5

Conchita Showell, 12/6

Vic Clark, 12/8

Robert McCullough, 12/8

Daniel Barry, 12/9

Jennifer Kim, 12/9

Ruth Moore, 12/16

Pat Taylor, 12/16

Kim Beebe, 12/17

Sharon Graybeal, 12/17

Lyn Briggs, 12/22

Charlotte McDowell, 12/30

Bruce & Lisa Raker, 12/14

Dot & Jason Campbell, 12/26

Connie & Don Reese, 12/28

Jim & Susan Flook, 12/30





## **Monthly Report**

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

### Membership:

October.....	182
November.....	182

### Income thru 11/03/13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$216,772.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$203,138.00

### Expenses thru 11/ /13:

2013 Budget: .....	\$215,270.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$210,443.00

## **2013 Pledge Payment Reminders**

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

## **2013 New Castle CROP Walk**

Our New Castle CROP walk made a grand total of \$14,932. This is a new record for the community. New Castle Presbyterian Church contributed \$2,492 which is also a new record from our church family.

Zarina Stone was our largest money maker with a total of \$675. We are also thankful for walkers Scott and Miranda Matthews, Charlotte McDowell, Diana Reilly, Joan Smith, Patti Isaacs & Michael, Kelly Kozak-McCurdy, Susan Townsend, Mark Rappold, Ringo Keka, Chris Fagles, Martin & Robins family and Ray Snyder. We all continue to support the elimination of hunger including Asbury Methodist, New Castle United Methodist, Rivercross Fellowship, Summit Bridge Evangelical, Swanwyck Garden Club, WSFS and various Corporate Sponsors. The \$14,932 go to Church World Service and to our local St. Peter's food bank.

- Susan Townsend





## **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:

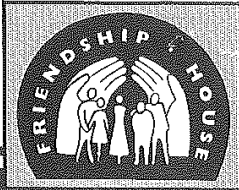
**Who Is Jesus: Son of God, Son of Man** We will explore the implications of the different names for Christ in the Old and New Testaments, and share insights from *The Zealot* by Reza Aslan.



## **Ralph Johnson Memorial Sock Drive**

In past years the NCPC held a cookie bake in the name of Ralph Johnson. This year due to a great need, the Mission and Outreach committee has decided to hold a sock collection in Ralph Johnson's name. When the homeless are called in off the streets, as the temperature dips too low for their safety, the most asked-for and needed item is socks. Men's socks (which are really unisex) in larger sizes or one size fits all. Heavy socks to ward off the cold. The collection will be held immediately after Thanksgiving and will continue through December. A container will be placed in the CE Building for your convenience. Please help fill the container over and over as the need is great. We will distribute your good will to the various shelters that are in need.

- Ray Snyder



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE, INC.  
THE CLOTHING BANK OF DELAWARE  
P.O. BOX 1517  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19899  
(302) 654-1390 [www.friendship-house.org](http://www.friendship-house.org)

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

November 6, 2013

New Castle Presbyterian Church  
Conchita Showell  
25 East Second Street  
New Castle, De 19720

Dear Conchita and the New Castle Presbyterian Family,

On behalf of Friendship House Clothing Bank of Delaware, thank you for organizing your October clothing drive. The New Castle Presbyterian Family donated approximately **600 pounds** of clothing for us to process and distribute in the community. Fantastic!

Please let people know that their donations may go to:

- A Senior Citizen living in public housing,
- A mother and child who have recently escaped to a shelter,
- A homeless man making it as a day laborer,
- A welfare mother who needs a coat for an interview so she can get a job.
- A grandmother whose grown children are struggling with addiction leaving her with another generation to raise,
- A family who lost everything in recent fire or flood.

As you all know there is a great need in the community for donated clothing for men, women and especially children. It is through the efforts of caring individuals and organizations like yours that these needs can be met. Wearing clean, good quality clothing improves an individual's self-image, which in turn, improves their quality of life and enables them take the next step forward.

Again, we appreciate your time and effort in organizing the clothing drive. Please tell everyone who participated, thank you.

Best Regards,

Kathy Graham  
Business Manager  
Friendship House Clothing Bank of Delaware

New Castle Presbyterian Church  
25 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720  
Phone: (302) 328-3279  
Fax: (302) 328-5670  
E-Mail: [office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org)  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

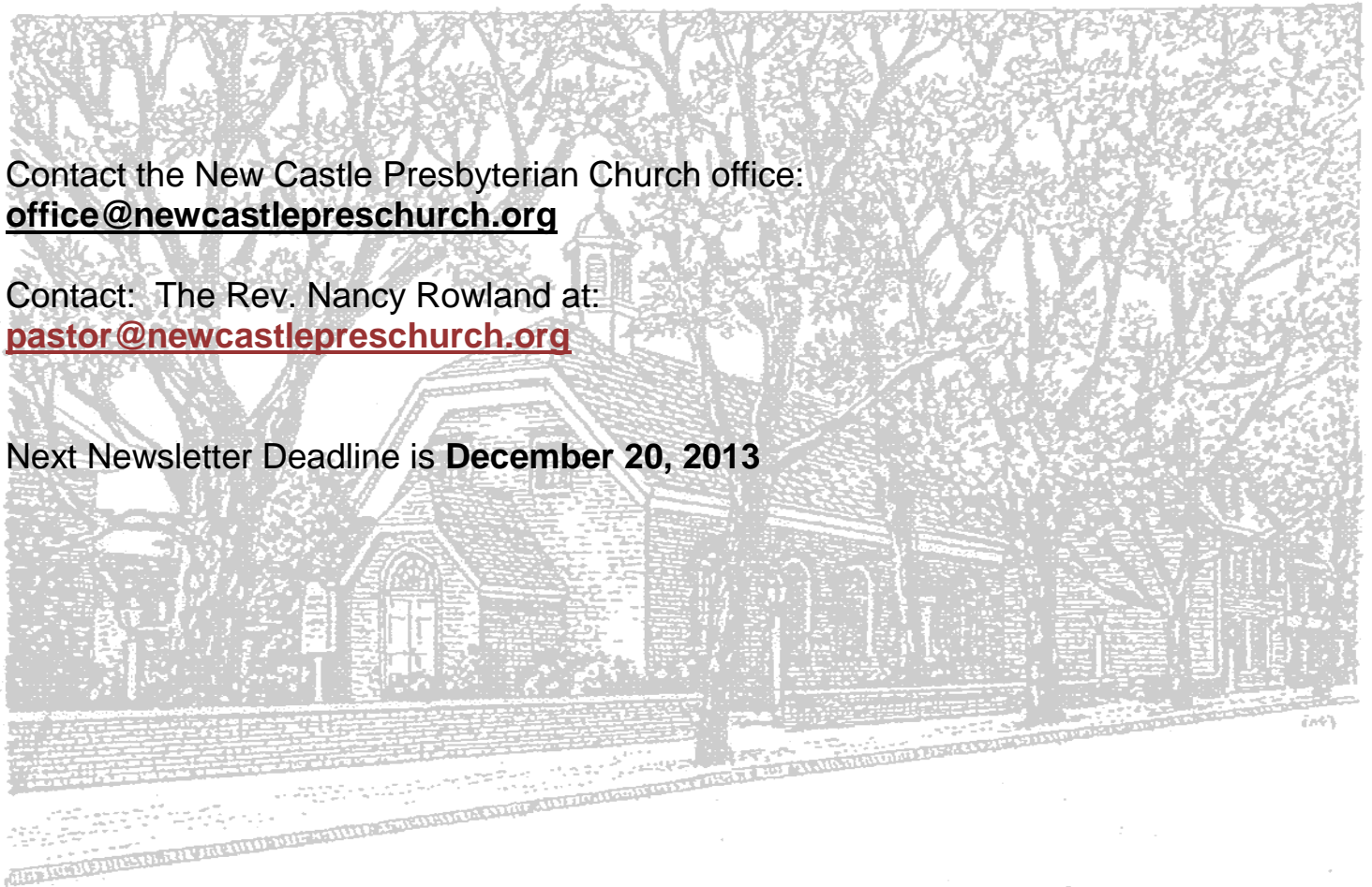


Address Change  
Requested

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 **December 20, 2013**



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