

New Castle Presbyterian News

January 2014



Spirit of Christmas 2013 **Faith and Endurance**

The 13th annual Spirit of Christmas was almost snowed out! Despite the weathercasters' predictions to stay home, many brave and happy people filled our streets, our homes, and our fellowship hall and Meeting House to enjoy the season, to listen to beautiful music, and to support the homeless.

Many thanks go to our hard-working chairs of the event: Carol Mayhew, Pat Taylor, and Nanette Nichol. Many thanks also to the chairs of the individual activities: crafts (Ellie Gerhart & Barbara Whisman), books (Susan Flook & Miranda Matthews), soup & bread (Janet Reed, Ray Snyder, & Susan Townsend), Look What \$20 Will Buy (Joan Appleby & Sandy Walker), refreshments (Brenda Walters & Karen Dobson), publicity (Kelly Koczak McCurdy and Charlotte Mitchell-McDowell), signs (Lyn Briggs, Gene Mayhew, Corky Viola), volunteers (Julie Barry & Amy Selheimer), programs (Lyn Briggs), receptionist (Mary Cebenka), Shirley and Dan Knox, and more. Many thanks to our talented musicians. Many thanks to those who opened up their homes. Many thanks to you who contributed items for sale, baked bread, made soup, baked cookies, and served as clerks and hosts. You have spread the good news of Christ's accepting love and contributed to the sum of over \$8,000 that was sent to Friendship House ministries for older men and for women and children who are now given a home.

We are also grateful for the tireless efforts of New Castle City employees and officials and to the leadership and members of the New Castle Visitor's Bureau, especially Gene Dempsey. This is a job well done! God transformed the day through us into a blessing for all.

Ralph Johnson Memorial Sock Drive

In the CE building sits a box
and our calling is to fill it with socks.
Warm sox for down on the docks,
Brand new socks,
Not already worn by a fox.
We need grey socks and green socks,
Blue socks and brown socks.
More important we need more socks,
and more socks and even more socks.

- Ray Snyder

Thank you so much for the generous donation of socks for the Ralph Johnson Memorial Sock Drive. During the month of December, three large garbage bags loaded with warm socks were delivered to Bill Perkins at the Friendship House Breakfast Program. These socks will be distributed to the homeless at various locations throughout the city of Wilmington including churches that house Code Purple evenings, the men's and women's centers of Friendship House, and the Sunday Breakfast Program at the church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew.

Ralph Johnson was pastor of New Castle Presbyterian Church for 26 years and was dearly loved by his congregation. Upon his death, we decided to honor his memory and dedication to mission through a cookie donation to the participants of the Friendship House Breakfast Program. This year, it was decided that donating socks met a greater need. Your gift of socks will be a blessing of warmth to those who receive them. Thank you and God bless you.

Janet Spring
Member of Mission and Outreach Committee

P.S. A big thank you to all the cookie bakers for Spirit of Christmas as well. There were so many cookies leftover I was able to take three large trays of cookies to the Friendship House Breakfast Program on December 22nd.

Friendship House Breakfast Program--Sunday, January 11, 2014

We will be serving breakfast at the Friendship House Breakfast Program at the church of St. Andrew and St. Michael at 8th and Shipley Street on Sunday morning January 11th at 7:00 a.m. We will help prepare the breakfast quiches on Saturday, January 10th at 3:00 p.m. We will also need donations of food or cash (if you can't get out to shop). We will need 5 pounds of ham, 20 dozen eggs, 5 pounds of shredded cheese and 2 gallons of milk. Please deliver these items to the CE building refrigerator by Friday morning, January 9th. Sign up sheets for volunteering or donating food will be on the bulletin board in the CE building.

White Gifts

Every season continues to bring people and their families hunger. Our White Gifts continue to help to put food on the tables of the needy. All of our food contributions are received by the St. Peter's food closet in New Castle.

There are boxes in the Meeting House and Christian Education Building which are waiting to receive your contributions.

Please purchase protein items like:

- Peanut butter
- Tuna fish
- Beef stew
- Canned meats of all kinds

Envelopes for monetary donations for utility assistance are also available in the pews. Contact Jenna Duncan (290-5884) for further information.

Don't Just Clean Your Cupboards! Top 10 Items Food Pantries Want

If you're donating to a food pantry, heed the advice from donors, formerly homeless people and volunteers of what is often forgotten. Reddit.com recently posted the following list:

- Spices
- Baby formula
- Feminine Products
- Complete meals (soup, ravioli, chili, etc.)
- Treats (canned fruit other than pineapple, cookies, baking ingredients, etc.)
- Healthy versions of staple items (low sodium, whole wheat, etc.)
- Little luxuries like candy
- Meat products
- Socks
- Toiletries



New Castle Presbytery Leadership Development Unit Invites You to

A Training Event for Church Leaders

Sunday, February 9, 2014, 2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Please save this date and share it with others in your church

This Presbytery-wide training event will be held at:



Elkton Presbyterian Church 209 East Main Street, Elkton, Maryland



1:30 p.m. Refreshments, Fellowship and Registration (note this event is free)

2:00 p.m. Worship with Some Wonderful New Hymns (and Some Old Favorites) from *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (new hymnal) with keynote talk:

“Being the Church” by Rick Ufford-Chase

Ruling Elder – Moderator of 216th PCUSA General Assembly
Stony Point Conference Center Co-Director & Presby. Peace Fellowship Director

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Workshop Period One

Workshops Designed for New Church Officers and Experienced Leaders

Elder 101 and Deacon 101

Spiritual Practices for Church Leaders with Emily Schwenker

Presbyterian Marriage Study Paper & Practical Ideas for

Helping Support Marriages

New Ways for Groups to Make Plans That Work

4:10 pm to 5:10 pm Workshop Period Two

The second series of workshops will be organized around different session committees' work and deacons' work (sick/homebound/member care, ministries with the poor, etc). For each workshop, gifted leaders on these committees in their local churches will give a presentation and then encourage participants to share creative ideas of what their churches are doing.

Christian Education, Evangelism, Missions,

Property, Personnel, Stewardship

Ministry with the Poor, Hungry, Homeless and More

Ministry with the Sick in Hospitals and Homes



Graduation

Congratulations to Beth Hentkowski, who graduated December 14 from Bloomsburg University, with a BS in Business Administration. She majored in Marketing and is now interviewing for positions. Beth is the daughter of Judy and Bill Hentkowski. We're so proud of you, Beth!



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lynn MacEwen, 1/1
Mark Stallard, 1/2
Rachel Briggs, 1/2
Kris Stone, 1/6
Linda Twyford, 1/10
Sonya Lattanzio, 1/10
Matthew Kim, 1/11
Bill Quillen, 1/15

Daniel Dunson, 1/16
Arlene Bromwell, 1/17
Jim Whisman, 1/17
Herb Pratt, 1/19
Louise Thornton, 1/22
Mildred McGraw, 1/25
Charles Potter, 1/27
Julia Spock, 1/27

Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25
Bob & Janet Swick, 1/26





Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2014. 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 January 20-24. 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 20

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 21

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 22

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 23

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 24

Susan & Jim
Flook



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

November	182
Loss to Inactive Roll.....	-1
December	181

Income thru 12/01/13:

2013 Budget:	\$234,008.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$216,176.00

Expenses thru 12/01/13:

2013 Budget:	\$234,759.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$230,361.00

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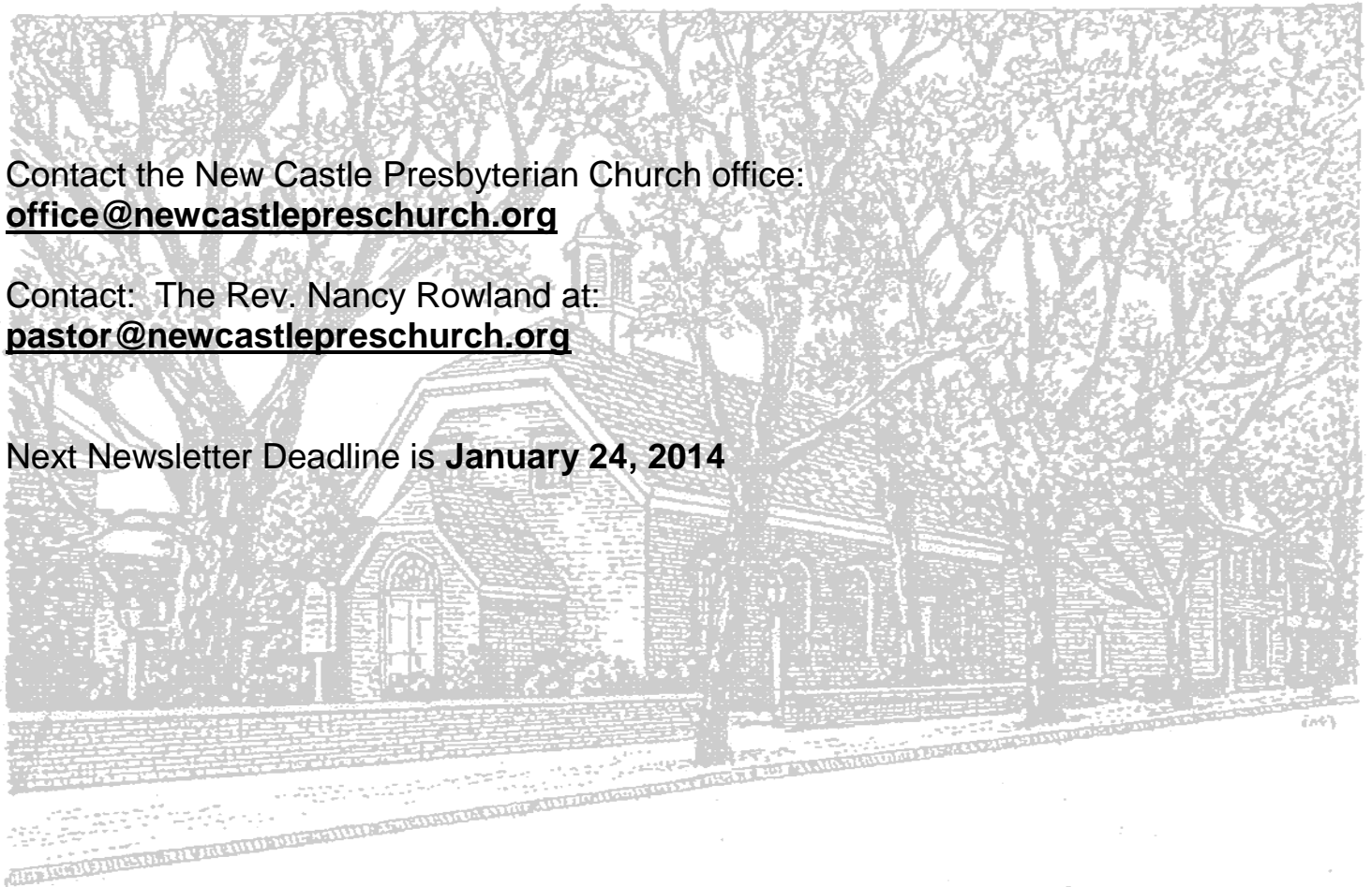


Address Change
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
office@newcastlepreschurch.org

Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org

Next Newsletter Deadline is **January 24, 2014**



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