

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *March 2014*

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# *Welcome*

### **Brunch for Recent Visitors and New Members**

There will be an opportunity for recent visitors and new members to gather with others who are also new to this place on Sunday, March 2 at 11:45 a.m. at the Manse at 20 The Strand. Follow the brick pathway past the Christian Education building, then bear right at the fork. Enter through the screened-in porch. A tasty brunch will be served.

We will have a time to share more about the life of faith, Presbyterianism, and membership in this particular congregation of believers. The gathering will last no more than 45 minutes. There will be activities for children.



***Daylight Savings begins  
Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 a.m.  
Don't forget to "Spring Forward"!***



## **Ecumenical Lenten Suppers**

Make plans now to join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent. We will gather March 12 through April 9 for Wednesday evening fellowship suppers at 6:00 pm, followed by a presentation on the sacramental experience of the five senses. Participants are free to go by 7:30. The schedule for the suppers is:

*Wed., March 12, 6:00 pm – New Castle Presbyterian - Hearing*

*Wed., March 19, 6:00 pm – Hope Lutheran - Touch*

*Wed., March 26, 6:00 pm – St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic - Smell*

*Wed., April 2, 6:00 pm – Immanuel Episcopal - Sight*

*Wed., April 9, 6:00 pm – New Castle United Methodist - Taste*

## **Human Trafficking Seminar and Brunch - March 23**



Some issues seem too terrible to even acknowledge, but as part of our Lenten disciplines, we will gather for a 11:45 am brunch on March 23 after worship to consider the world-wide problem of human trafficking and its possible solutions. We will be led by Amanda Grant, of the Samaritan Women, a ministry for people caught in the web of human trafficking. She will:

- Define the issue and its scope,
- Explain what it looks like in our area,
- Profile Traffickers, Buyers, and Victims, and
- Explain The Samaritan Women and what they do to combat this issue and care for survivors

There will be materials available about our own denomination's involvement in this ministry, as well as plenty of time for questions and answers.

The Seminar will be preceded by a pot-luck brunch at 11:45 am. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall by March 21 to indicate your attendance and what you'll be bringing.

## Human Trafficking = Modern-Day Slavery



Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining by any means any person for forced labor, slavery or servitude in any industry or site such as agriculture, construction, prostitution, manufacturing, begging, domestic service or marriage.

### Statistics:

An estimated 800,000 people, of which approximately 80 percent are women and up to 50 percent are minors, are trafficked across national borders. This number does not include the millions of people who are trafficked within their countries of origin. (Trafficking in Persons Report, U.S. Department of State, 2008).

Some 2.5 million people throughout the world are at any given time recruited, entrapped, transported and exploited — a process called human trafficking (U.N. Office on Crime and Drugs, cited in U.N. Human Trafficking Rapporteur's report of March 2009)

The International Labor Organization (ILO) — the United Nations agency charged with addressing labor standards, employment and social protection issues — estimates that there are 12.3 million people in forced labor, bonded labor, forced child labor and sexual servitude at any given time; other estimates range from 4 million to 27 million. (Trafficking in Persons Report, U.S. Department of State, 2008).

### Response:

Affirming that Jesus Christ came that “they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10b), the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has convened a roundtable from among its ministries to address human trafficking together with synods, presbyteries and local congregations. The roundtable includes representatives from Child Advocacy, Immigration, World Mission, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Mission Responsibility through Investment, Presbyterian Women, Jinishian Memorial Program and Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare.

Our denomination has also developed **A Toolkit for Action: Modern Slavery** - a 40-page packet which explores modern-day slavery and suggests how we can help. Copies are available from Pastor Nancy.

## Lenten Concert

A collaborative Lenten concert combining the choirs of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, St. James Episcopal Church, New Castle Presbyterian Church and singers from Immanuel Episcopal Church. The concert will be held on **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2800 Duncan Rd., Wilmington, DE. The program will consist of:

Calvary	arr. Michael Larkin
Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs	Michael Larkin
The Lenten Sketches	Joseph Martin
A 40 minute cantata accompanied by orchestra.	

This ecumenical concert of beautiful Lenten music will most certainly be a moving and spiritual experience for both performers and audience. A love offering will be accepted with monies collected after concert expenses donated to St. James Episcopal Church's homeless ministry, Family Promise and starting a fund to help finance future collaborative Lenten season concerts. A reception will follow the concert.

Rehearsals for this event will be held Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10am-Noon and Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 10am with orchestra at St. Barnabas.



## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phillip Walters, 3/2	Jennifer Dunham, 3/12
Rolfe Scofield, 3/3	John Handy, 3/16
Ruth Lindfors, 3/4	Katherine Martin 3/16
Howard Sowden, 3/5	Brendan Walters 3/16
Charles Smith, 3/6	Jane Fouracre 3/19
Amy Selheimer, 3/10	Gene Mayhew 3/20
Brian Werkheiser, 3/10	Nancy Rowland 3/25
Carl Witt, Jr., 3/10	Sandra Wilson, 3/30
Michael Taylor, 3/11	Barbara Toccafondi 3/31

Jeffrey & Felicia Neel, 3/5  
Dana & Eric Monzo 3/24





## 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 March 31-April 4. 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 31

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 1

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 2

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 3

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 4

Susan & Jim  
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## Monthly Report

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

### Membership:

January..... 180  
February ..... 180

### Income thru 02/02/14:

2014 Budget: ..... \$60,869.00  
2014 Actual:..... \$58,482.00

### Expenses thru 02/02/14:

2014 Budget: ..... \$30,455.00  
2014 Actual:..... \$26,643.00

# **THE EASTER FAIR IS COMING!!**

**Saturday, April 19  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**At New Castle Presbyterian Church  
25 East Second Street  
New Castle, DE 19720**

**Games, Crafts, Face-Painting, Refreshments, and a  
Celebration of the Life Christ Brings!**

**Egg Hunt Begins at 11:00 a.m.  
Ages 0-10**



**The Entire New Castle Community Is Invited!**

***Sign up to help beginning March 16  
in the Fellowship Hall!***

***Also - take empty eggs home,  
fill them and return by April 18***

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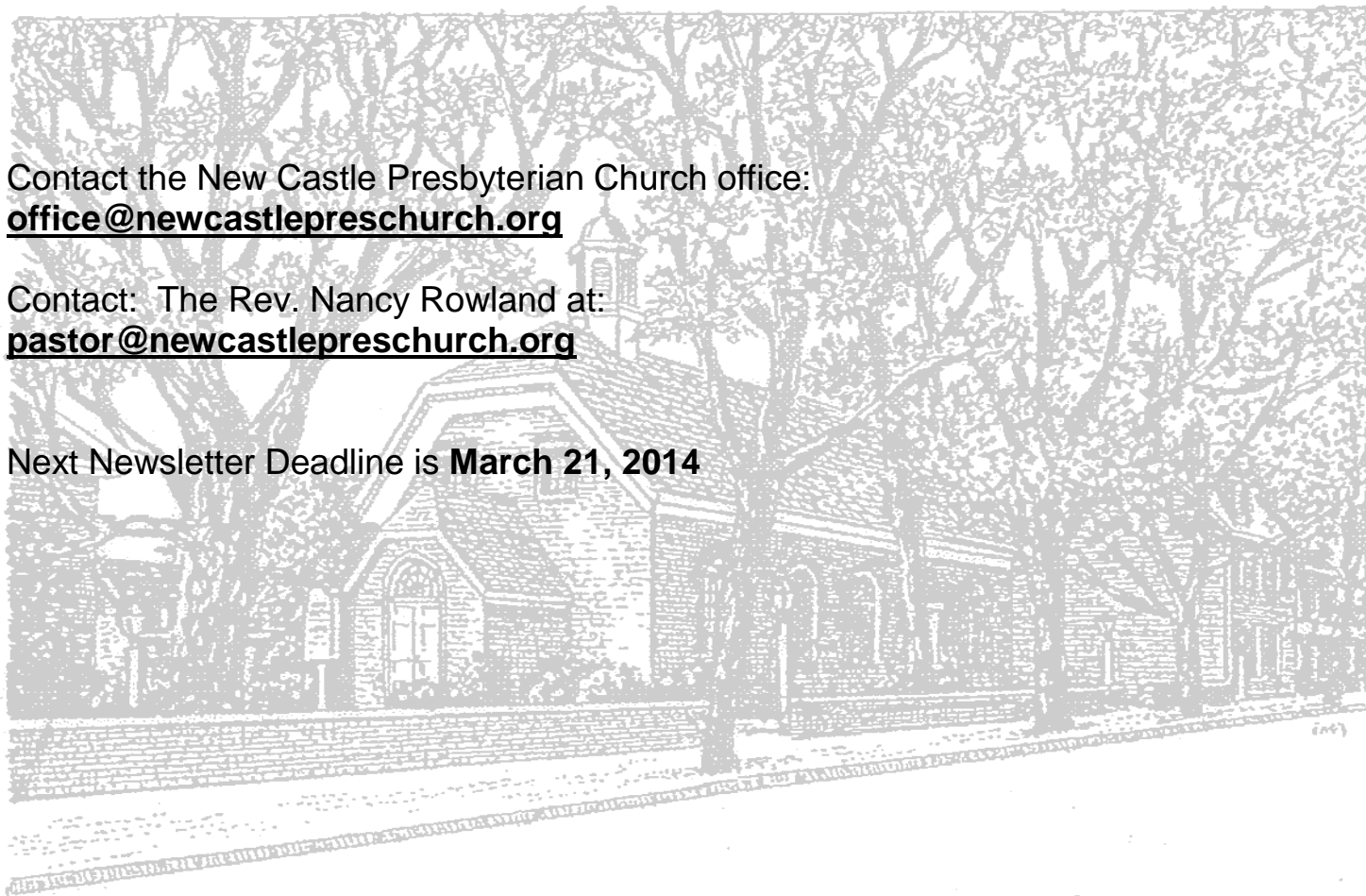


Address Change  
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Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:  
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **March 21, 2014**



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