

New Castle Presbyterian News

August 2014



Did You Know?

Did you know that we serve a meal at the Emmanuel Dining Hall on the 8th of every month? Emmanuel Dining Hall serves a hot meal at noon every day for families and individuals in need at their two locations in Wilmington. Steve Martin and Cynthia Robbins have been coordinating this meal for many years. If you are new to our congregation and are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, this might be a good fit for you. Check out the church bulletins to see what day they are cooking (the cooking is done in our church kitchen) and volunteer. If you cannot help cook the meal, consider taking home and baking the brownie boxes that the deacons hand out two weeks before the meal is served. You can bake them ahead of time if necessary and put them in the freezer in the kitchen of the Christian Education building or bring to church before the 8th. Thank you Steve and Cynthia for your dedication to this mission!

Our "crafty" church members are at it again. Some are making pillowcase dresses for a hospital mission project in Kenya and some are sitting on Ellie Gerhart's back porch learning how to knit scarves for the Port of Wilmington's Seaman Center and creating items for sale at our Spirit of Christmas event in December. A special thanks goes to NCPC member Fran Gingher for discovering the pillowcase project and notifying Nancy. These projects are a very tangible reminder of how we can be "God's Hands in the World."

"She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands...She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy." Proverbs 31:13, 20 NIV

- Janet Spring

Upcoming events for Mission and Outreach

September Clothing Drive

CROP Walk on October 12 to raise funds for Church World Service

Ditty Box Gifts for the Port of Wilmington

Mission and Outreach Summer Project: Pillowcase Dresses

In cooperation with The Ten Thousand Villages Shop in Greenville, DE and Touching Lives Ministries, the Mission and Outreach committee would like to invite anyone with sewing skills to make "pillowcase" dresses for young girls in Sanjweru, Kenya.

Touching Lives Ministry is currently building a hospital in Sanjweru, Kenya and members of this organization will go to Kenya three or four times this year. They would love to have dresses to take with them each time they go.

Ten Thousand Villages has donated the pillowcases and the pattern. There are currently 15 pillowcases available but I can get more if needed. There will also be copies of the pattern, bias tape and elastic to complete the project. The dress pattern gives directions for small, medium, large and x-large dresses. I have also purchased some decorative buttons and rickrack to "jazz" up some of the plainer pillowcases. If you would like to add a pocket to the dress, that would also be fine. Each Sunday after worship please see me in the CE Building to get your supplies.

To find out more about Touching Lives Ministry, contact Kathi Evans at tlministries@verizon.net.



Please bring completed dresses to church whenever you finish them and I will take them to the shop for pick up. There will be a container for the dresses located in the CE Building. Please have all dresses in and completed by Sunday, August 31st.

Mission and Outreach News

Friendship House Breakfast Program

On September 7, 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 in Wilmington. Please consider volunteering to help serve on the 7th at 7:00 a.m. or donating food to be used in the quiches. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in the CE Building at the end of August. Thank you for your continued support of Friendship House's Ministry to the homeless.

At Fellowship Hour on September 7th there will be a Mission Fair in the Fellowship Hall highlighting the ministries of Spirit of Christmas and Mission and Outreach Committee. At 10:30 worship our preacher will be Bill Perkins, Executive Director of Friendship House.

Christian Education News from Janet Spring

Although June seems like just a memory, there were so many things happening at NCPC.

Separation Day The Separation Day Parade was very successful. Although I do not want to discount the historical significance of this day, I think the highlight of the parade was our wonderful VBS float created by the Raker Family! Many thanks go to Bruce, Lisa, Kaitlyn, Chris, and the many "helpful" hands that made this float so beautiful. This is such a great way to introduce our VBS program to the community. According to Bruce, 350 VBS reminders were handed out during the parade. Also, there were many new friends who signed up on to help run our VBS program in July. We welcome you and thank you for all you do to bring God's love to the children we serve.

Shore Day On June 28th, many of our NCPC members found a peaceful respite at the home of Corky and Jo Viola in Avalon, NJ. The sun was shining, the beach was welcoming, and, of course, the food and fellowship was fantastic. Thank you Corky and Jo for your continued hospitality!

Blue Rocks Baseball There was fun for all at the Blue Rocks Game on July 12th. There was a monkey rodeo, fireworks, and even a baseball game. And although the Blue Rocks were not victorious, everyone had a great time and Pastor Nancy was able to use some of the funny things about baseball in her sermon the next day. Thank you Amy Selheimer for coordinating this event for us every year.

Vacation Bible School Thank You!

Many Thanks to all who helped and all who came!



Adults: Ellie Gerhart, Lyn Briggs, Bill Wilson, Esther Lindell, Kris Stone, Miranda Matthews, Susan Townsend, Amy Selheimer, Kelly Koczak, Lisa Raker, Sonya Lattanzio, Kaitlyn Raker, Minerva Lermond, Chris Raker, Diana Reilly, Bruce Raker, Patti Hansen, Danika Dobson, Karen Dobson, Zach Dobson, Heather Raezer, Beverly Stoudt, Sandy Wilson, Jennifer Kim, Janet Spring, Sarah McCann, Ray Snyder, Mark Rappold, Ringo Keka, Barbara Whisman, Carol Mayhew, Nan Nichol, Gail Seitz, Dot Campbell, and Robert Bruce;

Students: Lilly Powell, Samuel Kim, Lucy Armstrong, Oliver Plant, William Atherton, James Plant, Jackson Alpen, Nathan Alpen, Gage Hasson, Gwendolyn Spivey, Michael Armstrong, Lily Logan, Jamie Kern, Keira Oppenheimer, Jarrod Oppenheimer, Thomas Plant, Mason Harding, Liam Szymanski, Mason Reilly, Dylan Reilly, Billy Lattanzio, Zarina Stone, Annabelle Kern, Grace Kim, and Eleanor Spivey.

Game Night - Includes Dinner!

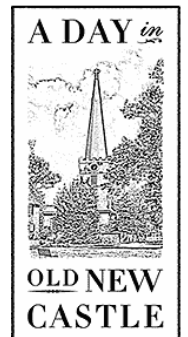
Friday, August 22nd, 6:00 - 8:00 pm



Families and individuals are invited to attend an evening of fun and fellowship as we play some favorite board games and enjoy some good food! Please bring your favorite table, card or board game ~ plus an ice cream sundae topping to share. The CE Committee will supply pizza and the ice cream! Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 20 by signing up in the Christian Education Building.

A Day in Old New Castle

"A Day in Old New Castle" has been a much loved tradition for ninety years. The event was started as a fundraiser by Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green. On the 3rd Sunday of each May, visitors have been invited to enjoy a day of entertainment and hospitality as New Castle opens the doors and gates to some of its best known homes and gardens.



After recent discussions with church leadership, Immanuel has decided that they will not take the lead role in 2015, but will enter into a transitional partnership with the Historic New Castle Alliance (HNCA) to help promote community-wide participation.

"A Day in Old New Castle" is a signature event for the town and the business community, and as such you are invited to join with us to form a planning committee for the 2015 "A Day in Old New Castle".

The first meeting will take place on August 4, 2014 at the New Castle Court House, West Wing, 9 a.m. In order to facilitate initial questions regarding the transition, separate from actual event planning, please forward your questions to me. It is my goal to have a "Q & A" fact sheet available prior to the meeting. Father Chris Keene, Rector of Immanuel, will be in attendance as well. Together we look forward to a highly successful 2015 ADIONC!! - Valarie Windle, President - HNCA, 302-540-5887

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

George Spock, 8/4
Zoey Burnett, 8/6
Alex Barry, 8/7
Dylan Neel, 8/7
Rod Denison, 8/8
Leo Sotomayor, 8/10
Zoe Sotomayor, 8/10
Finn Duncan, 8/11
Megan Witt, 8/12
Bob Appleby, 8/14
Julie Barry, 8/15
Miranda Matthews, 8/16

Christine Collins, 8/18
Shirley Knox, 8/20
Arta Vitolo, 8/20
Ray Snyder, 8/23
Jeffrey Neel, 8/24
Gail Seitz, 8/24
Robert Swick, 8/26
Daniel Knox, 8/27
Sam Duncan, 8/28
Ron Studd, 8/28
Pat Adair, 8/30



Mark & Phyllis Stallard, 8/6
Ron & Susan Studd, 8/6
Kelly Koczak-McCurdy & Peter McCurdy, 8/6
Cynthia Robbins & Steve Martin, 8/7
Chris & Laura Dunham, 8/8
Pat & Dave Taylor, 8/9
Patti Isaacs-Hansen & Allen Hansen, 8/11
Carol & Gene Mayhew, 8/15
Phoebe & Robert Dill, 8/25



Bike Trip to End Parkinson's Disease In Honor of Tom McDowell



On August 24, Beth Friedman, Tom McDowell's daughter, will dip the back wheel of her bicycle in the Pacific Ocean near Portland, OR and pedal 3600 miles to Portland, ME where on October 6 she will dip her front wheel into the Atlantic Ocean. All of this is in honor of her father Tom McDowell in his fight with Parkinson's Disease. All proceeds sponsoring Beth will go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation to find a cure.

She says, "My hero is my father. Throughout his 9 year battle with Parkinson's disease, he has been a shining example of strength and bravery to everyone around him. As a Korean War Marine veteran, Dad has faced each challenge with a resolute 'Semper Fi' in his fight against this chronic degenerative neurological disorder for which there is no known cure." To sponsor Beth, use the form on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or call her at 302-530-4009.



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

June.....	181
July	181

Income thru 07/03/14:

2014 Budget:	\$147,314.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$136,492.00

Expenses thru 07/03/14:

2014 Budget:	\$135,430.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$134,486.00



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 August 18-22. 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 18

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 19

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 20

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 21

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 22

Susan & Jim
Flook



Learn How to Knit!

If anyone is interested in learning to knit I would love to teach you. Summer is a great time to learn a new craft or hobby. Just give me a call and we can get started. Who knows maybe we will add to the pile of hand knitted scarves and hats that we donate to the Seamen's Center every year. Ellie Gerhart 302-328-0908.

Thank You



I would like to give a special thank you to all of you that sent a card or said a prayer for my recovery. I am very thankful for your friendship.

Lynn MacEwen

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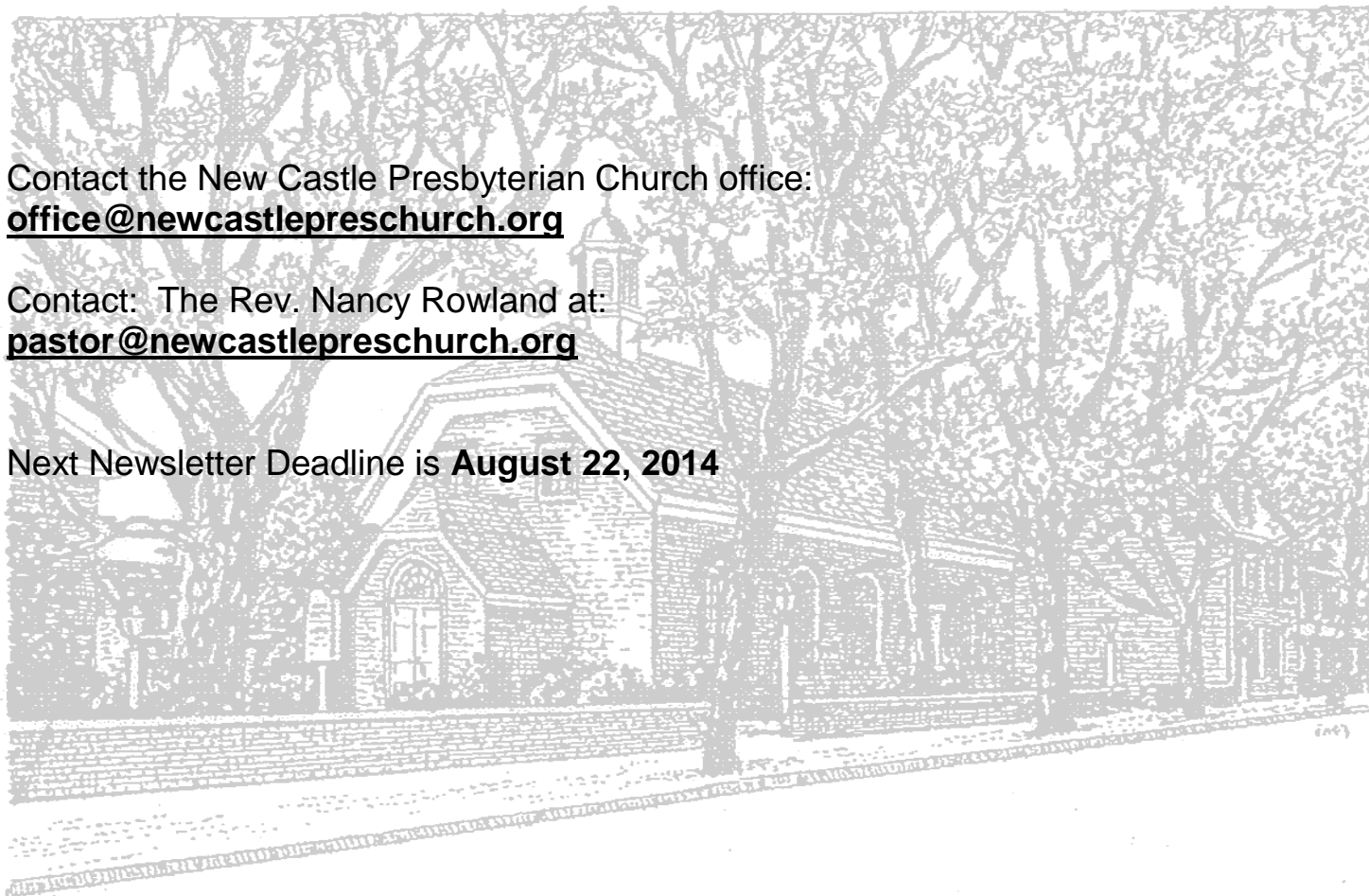


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Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **August 22, 2014**



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