

New Castle Presbyterian News

September 2014



September Clothing Drive

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to remind you of our clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September. Over 10 years ago, Friendship House developed the Clothing Bank of Delaware (CBD) to improve the free distribution of donated clothing by coordinating the efforts of businesses, churches, schools, and community organizations of New Castle County. Now, more than 275 human service agencies contact the Clothing Bank when their clients need clothing. CBD's community partners enable them to respond effectively and efficiently in times of individual need or in broader disaster relief needs. Additionally, CBD provides employment and training to women who are entering the workforce after periods of unemployment.

While all clothing items and bed linens are welcomed, children's, men's, and larger-sized, work appropriate women's clothing are especially needed, as well as new (unused) underwear for children and adults.

All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room 201 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) or after church on Sundays. **Deadline is Sunday, September 28th**. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply leave your donations on the first floor making sure that the bags do not interfere with normal traffic. Tax donation slips will be available should you need one.

If your closets have been emptied of unused clothing in previous clothing drives, tell your friends and neighbors that they too can participate. They'll be glad you did!

Mission/Ministry Fairs

The congregation and its friends will have an opportunity to learn more about the missions and ministries of New Castle Presbyterian Church during fellowship hour on the first two Sundays in September.

On September 7, displays will highlight the missions of Friendship House, Emmanuel Dining Room, Urban Promise, the Seamen's Center, and more. Additionally, the many opportunities for participating in Spirit of Christmas will be displayed.

On September 14, the ministries of Worship, Christian Education, Congregational Life and Membership, Deacons, Resource Development, and Trustees will be presented.

God is calling each of us to participate fully in the life of the church - this is your opportunity to say yes!



Pillowcase Dress Project

During the summer months, our creative seamstresses have created dresses using donated pillowcases from the Ten Thousand Villages shop in Greenville, DE. These dresses will go to the African nation of Kenya where Touching Lives Ministry is building a hospital clinic. Over 65 dresses have been made by our members for this cause. Also, two of our visiting musicians and Anne Gunn, our visiting pastor, took home patterns to make dresses as well. One of Nancy's sermons this summer was about planting seeds in fertile soil. I believe this is one of those projects. How wonderful to hear the words of scripture and put them into action. Thank you, Fran Ginger, for bringing this mission and outreach idea to our attention. And thank you to everyone who took the time to make a pillowcase into a beautiful dress.



Friendship House Ministry to the Homeless Breakfast Program

We will be serving breakfast at the church of St. Andrew and St. Michael located at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington on Sunday, September 7th. If you are able to help serve at 7:00 a.m. or donate food items, please sign up on the volunteer sheets located on the bulletin board in the Christian Education building. Bill Perkins, director of Friendship House, will also be preaching at our sanctuary that Sunday. We are very happy to welcome him and learn more about what Friendship House is doing to meet the needs of the homeless community and to learn about some the challenges that they are currently facing.

Christian Education

The Top Ten Reasons VBS is so much Fun

- 10) Kid friendly food--pizza, mac and cheese, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, and tacos. YUM!! Thank you to everyone who donated the food and to the "chefs" who prepared the meals and cleaned up every evening.
- 9) Eating "family style" with friends. So many children these days are "eating on the run" or in front of a T.V. or computer. It was so great to see children laughing and talking with their friends (old and new) and their teachers while having dinner together.
- 8) This year we had a nursery so Moms and Grandmoms could volunteer and know their younger children were well taken care of in the nursery. Thank you Jennifer and Janet.
- 7) VBS, like our Spirit of Christmas, is multigenerational. From our youngest, to our teens, to our senior citizens, everyone contributed their time, their talents and, most importantly, their love.
- 6) Through music, we "made a joyful noise unto the Lord." Minerva Lermond and Chris Raker had our children singing and playing instruments and the children even performed for us on the last night of VBS.
- 5) Games, games, games. No VBS is complete without outdoor and sometimes, indoor games. Fun ways to learn about cooperation, taking turns, and teamwork----not to mention using up some of that energy that all the adults wished they still had. Thank you Bruce, Ray and Diana.
- 4) Incredible art projects and lots of helpers to assist with their construction. Lisa and Kaitlyn Raker did a wonderful job creating and executing art projects that coordinated with the daily lessons the children were receiving in their classrooms.
- 3) VBS collection. Each evening our children donated money to be used by Read Aloud Delaware. At the close of each night, Pastor Nancy would add pictures of books to a bookshelf to show the children what their collection money was being used to purchase. By the end of the week, we had a very full bookshelf. Over \$200.00 was donated to this very worthwhile project that believes every child should have books in their lives.
- 2) Our classroom teachers and Pastor Nancy worked so hard to make Bible lessons come to life. They created welcoming classroom settings, helped our children learn about God's love and purpose for us, and provided a safe and happy environment where children could learn and have fun. Thank you, Heather, Patti, Danika, Karen, Zach, Beverly, and Sandy.
- 1) VBS gives our church an opportunity to show and tell children that God's love for us is limitless. They learn about stories from the Bible. Stories that are "ancient" but still relevant to our 21st century families. They learn so much and they go on to teach others. On the first night of VBS, two of our VBS students (who have come back year after year), showed Samuel Kim how to fold his hands in prayer. What a wonderful testament to the work we do here at New Castle Presbyterian Church.



News from the Choir

All interested singers are invited to be a part of our Adult Choir. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30pm followed by a delicious ice cream social.

Come and be a part of this great group and be actively involved in our beautiful worship services. We hope to see you there!

- Eileen Larkin, Music Director



Handbell Choir

A reminder for Handbell ringers: first rehearsal for Celebration Ringers will be Thursday, September 4th at 7:30pm and for Colonial Chimers we will meet on Sunday, September 7th at 12pm. See you then!

- Minerva Lermond



The Newly Baptized

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered on August 17th to Jamie Duggan Kern and Annabelle Madeline Kern, son and daughter of Heather Raezer.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered on August 24th to Michael Clifford Armstrong and Lucy Paige Armstrong, son and daughter of Amy Armstrong and grandchildren of Patti Isaacs-Hansen.

"See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, for that is what we are!"

Church Directory



The Church Directory is being updated. Please review your information and if there is anything that has changed, etc., new email, new phone numbers please contact the office at office@newcastlepreschurch.org or phone 302-328-3279. Thanks!

**Christian Education Committee
Announces:**

PIZZA, SUBS and a MOVIE!
"Turbo"

Friday, September 19, 2014
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Families are invited to attend this evening
of fun and fellowship as we view a movie together
and enjoy some good food!

Please bring a dessert to share.
The CE Committee will supply the pizza and subs!
Monetary donations welcome.



Please RSVP by
Wednesday, September 17



Spirit of Christmas

The date is December 13, 2014. Mark your calendar and be thinking about how you can take part. We need your homemade craft contributions, your used books, your homemade soups, breads, pickles, jams and jellies, your contributions for the "Look what \$20 will buy table" and we need lots of volunteers to do many tasks. A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, September 30th, at 7 pm in the CE Building.

- Carol, Nan, and Pat



Spirit of Christmas Book Sale

We are now accepting donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs for our annual spirit of Christmas book sale. If you are unable to bring the donations upstairs to room 201, please leave them out of the way in the CE building. They will be taken up for you. Any questions, please call Susan Flook 328-7346 or Miranda Matthews 838-2764.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday mornings at 9:30 am:

Beginning September 7 in the Waiting Room

Cry Out! A look at four passages of the Bible which cry out for justice in the midst of human life: Genesis 4:1-16; Amos 5:18-24; Isaiah 40; and Matthew 3:1-12.

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm:

Beginning October 1 in the Fellowship Hall.

The Ancient Texts of the Bible We will study how the earliest texts of biblical books were handed on and preserved. We will struggle with the challenges of translation, when various texts disagree, by looking at particular passages for present-day wisdom and direction.



New Castle CROP Hunger Walk – Sunday, October 12, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

New Castle has been involved with this Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk for 30 years. Every year we have strived to have more walkers than the year before and to have additional churches join us in this international mission. Last year our goal was \$13,000 and we actually received almost \$15,000. What an amazing answer to our prayers.

CROP Walks are neighbors and friends walking together to help alleviate hunger in our world. All ages, faiths and backgrounds walk together to raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. 25% of the money raised by CROP Hunger Walks benefit the communities where they take place, by supporting local food banks, pantries, community gardens and other hunger-fighting initiatives. In our case, the money goes to Immanuel Dining Room and Food Bank of Delaware. This year each organization received a check for \$1,866.50 as a result of our 2013 walk.

CWS CROP Walks were the first faith based walks in this country, starting after the Second World War. Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as many as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel, and to take their products to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. Please join us this year in our annual CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty). You'll be glad you did! The walk begins and ends at New Castle U. Methodist Church.



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 September 22-26. 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 22
Shirley Knox

Tuesday 23
Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 24
Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 25
Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 26
Susan & Jim
Flook

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mary Cottrell, 9/2
 Candace Dunson, 9/3
 Elizabeth Carpenter, 9/5
 Christine Fagles, 9/5
 Deborah Harrington, 9/10
 Scott Matthews, 9/12
 Robert Truman, 9/13
 C. J. Seitz, 9/14

Connie Reese, 9/17
 Aaron Spock, 9/17
 Danika Dobson, 9/18
 Mark Powell, 9/23
 Mary Lynne Truman, 9/26
 Susan Witt, 9/27
 Zachary Dobson, 9/29
 Anita Johnson, 9/29

Sandy & Bill Wilson, 9/2
 Corky & Jo Viola, 9/11
 Mary Lynne & Thomas Truman, 9/13
 Julia & George Spock, 9/21
 Linda & Douglas Twyford, 9/24



Monthly Report



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

Membership:

July	181
August	181

Income thru 08/02/14:

2014 Budget:	\$170,833.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$147,520.00

Expenses thru 08/02/14:

2014 Budget:	\$156,540.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$152,805.00



Save the Date

Salmon Chanted Evening on October 5th, 6:00pm. A delicious salmon dinner and an opportunity to learn about ministries in Alaska!



URBANPROMISE

*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

Janet Spring and
New Castle Presbyterian Church
411 Delaware St.
New Castle, DE 19720

August 14, 2014



Dear Janet and our Friends at New Castle Presbyterian Church,

Thank you SO MUCH for your donation of fruit snacks and index card. What a wonderful gift! The kids enjoyed the fruit snacks on opening day while learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. We had enough index cards for our craft teachers and our school teachers!! Please know how much we appreciate your generosity and love.

I thought that you might enjoy hearing a little bit about our camps. Our curriculum theme was based on the Fruit of the Spirit. What POWERFUL lessons on Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. Wow! Good thing we had 6 weeks!!

This year we experienced growth in every area of our ministry. We had over 400 children, filling our 7 camps with lots of laughter, some discipline challenges ☺ and much love. Children genuinely grasped the simple truths that Christ teaches us about the Fruit of His Spirit living in us. Scripture verses were memorized each week set to music, and our closing program revealed that EVERY CAMPER had those 6 verses written on their hearts!

God provided us with 24 awesome college interns from across the country (more than ever before) who brought us energy and enthusiasm, and who took home a fresh perspective of inner city ministry and God's goodness and grace.

We hired a total of 45 high school students from the city (another UrbanPromise record), allowing us to staff our newest camp as well as our new Sports Ministry. These teens were the hands and feet of Christ to our children, allowing camps to run smoothly and learning new and powerful life lessons as many stepped into leadership roles for the first time.

We hosted 9 Work Groups from as far away as Selma, AL and Leo, IN for a record-breaking total of 175 summer volunteers!

THANK YOU for playing an important role in the success of these camps, and for sharing our vision of being a Community in Christ here in the city. We love you!



In His Name,

Lori McClain

lori@urbanpromise.org

In the Midst of Them: Shaping Sacred Spaces

September 20, 2014 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Old Pine Presbyterian Church



A minister holds a Sunday school class outdoors. (Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of National Missions, ca. 1950s)

The Presbyterian Historical Society invites you to "In the Midst of Them: Shaping Sacred Spaces," a special event to be held Saturday, September 20, at 1:30PM at Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church. Beginning with a Jazz worship service featuring a live musical performance by Warren Cooper, this open-door event will include a panel discussion featuring Bruce Reyes-Chow, Larissa Kwong Abazia, and Andy Greenhow. Panelists will share first-hand accounts of non-traditional ministries they are leading in their churches and communities. Following the panel discussion, all guests will be invited next door to the Presbyterian Historical Society for fellowship and the opportunity to see our new in-house exhibit, "*Sacred Spaces: Building Communities of Faith*." The Presbyterian Church, as this exhibit demonstrates, has a long tradition of worshipping in unique and unexpected ways.

Through the event, guests will take away useful and inspiring information that will help churches and their members enhance their lives together. This will be a time for us to gather, share, and grow.

- See more at: <http://www.history.pcusa.org/join-support/events/midst-them-shaping-sacred-spaces#sthash.5wdcZRR5.dpuf>

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

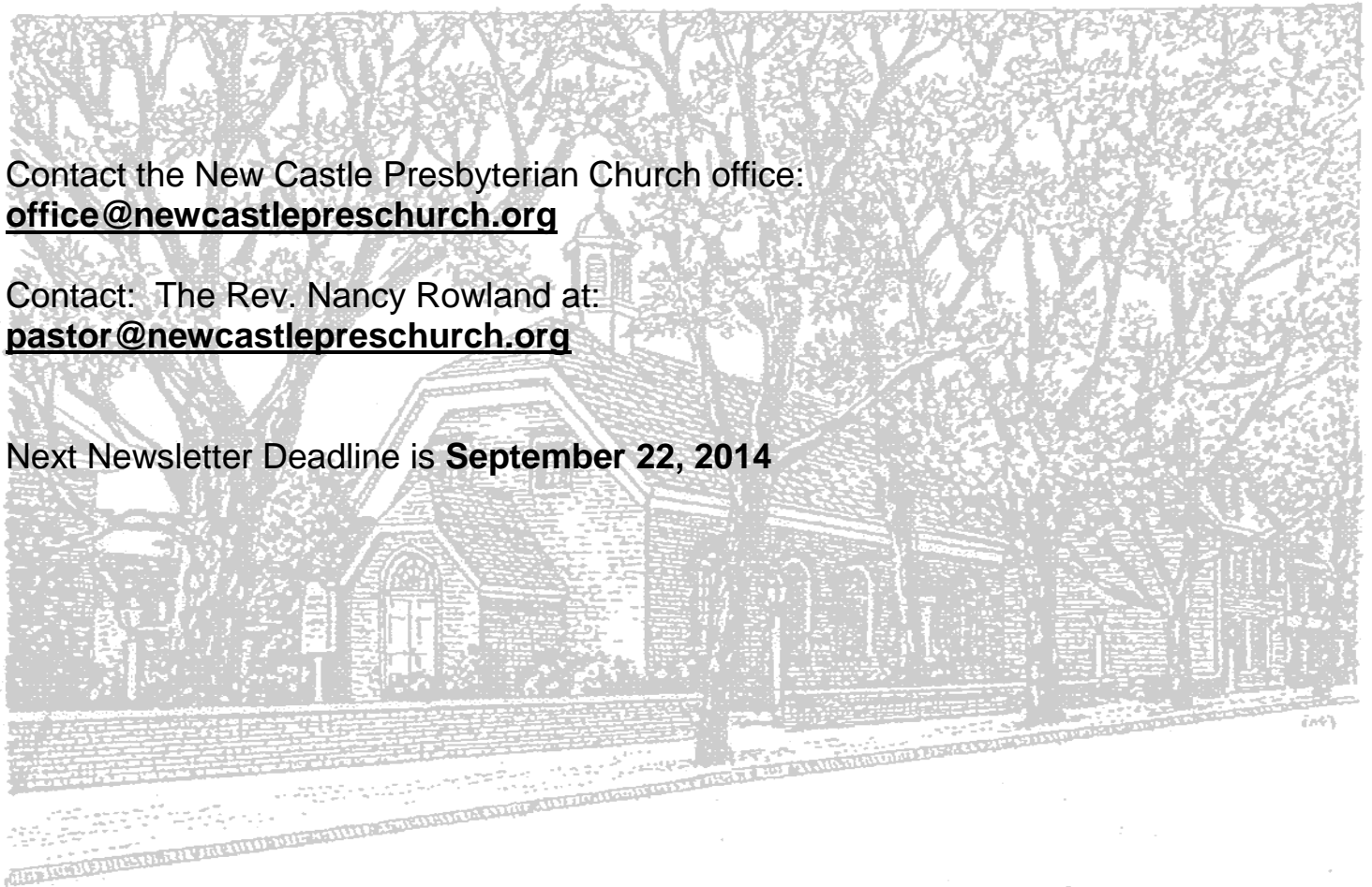


Address Change
Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **September 22, 2014**



New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware