

New Castle Presbyterian News

November 2014



All Saints

We celebrate the saints that have gone before us on All Saints Sunday, November 2. The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving during communion will include the names of those dear to us who have entered the Church Triumphant. Please be prepared to fill out a form with a beloved's name that day to include in the offering. If you cannot be present but would like the name of someone who has died to be remembered, please call the church office (302-328-3279).

Being a Good Steward

Fall is the time when our thoughts go to using what we have with thankfulness, although any time of year is a good time to consider giving joyfully. Our budget for 2014 is \$257,278. This supports all the worship, education, care, mission, and outreach that make New Castle Presbyterian Church good news to our community. We currently have 185 members. That means that **each individual member** needs to give \$1390 for the budget to be covered. However, **that just does not work!** At least 35 of our active members do not have income to give! Others' income is severely limited. Each then gives as they are able - joyfully, not under coercion or regret, but knowing that the God who provides will multiply our harvest. Currently, we have 68 pledging units (most couples give as a unit) versus 143 envelopes. The median between our highest and lowest pledging units is about \$1000. The lowest 43 envelopes for 2014 were \$0. If you are able, **give** - even a small gift honors God. For those who have much - give for yourself and then give for those who have little. That is how the Body of Christ is glorified.

Currently we are projecting a \$14,000 deficit for 2014. Please help us bridge the gap and fulfill our intended budget! Thank you for your willing gifts!

Pledge Sunday is November 9. Plan to offer your prayerful 2015 pledge by that date.



***Daylight Savings begins
Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to "Fall Back"***

Seamen's Center Christmas At Sea

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to remind everyone that we will again be supporting the Seamen's Center Christmas at Sea program this December. As in past years, we hope to provide 30 to 40 "ditty boxes" which include various items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, etc., as well as hand knitted scarves and hats. Over 1,300 "ditty boxes" are given each year to the seamen who arrive at our port by ship during the month of December. This is our opportunity as a church and as individuals to be a part of the "bigger world" as we share our resources and our gratitude with those who work hard all year long to provide us with essential goods. For those wishing to participate, please see the poster in Fellowship Hall. Items should be delivered to church by **November 9, 2014**. The boxes will be assembled early that afternoon. Come and help us make Christmas come for those brave Seamen!

Anyone with questions about the program should contact Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234).



Ruby's Rescue Run

In Memory of Jenna and Sam Duncan's dog, Ruby, a collection of donated items are being accepted for the Paws to the Rescue (Marion SC Animal Shelter).

When: Now thru November 9th

Where: Box drop in the NCPC CE Building

Please contact Patti Isaacs-Hansen with any questions or comments.

www.pawstotherescue.org

The shelter needs items including:

-CAT FOOD -- wet and dry!	-Dewormer
-Cat litter (non clumping)	Capstar
-DOG FOOD -- wet and dry	-Fly tape
-e-collars	-Crates of all
-Costco or Walmart gift cards	sizes
-laundry detergent	-Paper towels
-disposable gloves	-syringes
-Towels	-meds
-Blankets	-bleach
-Small and Medium size dog collars	-Nutri-Cal for puppies and kittens
-Flea/tick medication (such as Frontline)	-Donations towards pledgies, we cannot continue daily operations without filling pledgies
-Litter boxes	

Tailgate Party



The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a NCPC Day at the Delaware/Villanova Football game on Saturday, Nov. 22. Our plan is to have a group tailgate prior to the game, and then everyone can go to the game afterwards.

There is a sign-up sheet in the CE building – so please sign up if you are coming and if you need tickets. Ticket prices will be \$20.00 each, if needed.

Thanksgiving Worship

Join your friends and neighbors in giving thanks to God for many blessings! This year's community worship service will be held at on Sunday November 23 at 7:00p.m. at our church - New Castle Presbyterian. The preaching will be offered by the Rev. Susan Czarnecki of New Castle United Methodist Church.

You are asked to bring a non-perishable food item and a monetary offering for the needy families of our area through the Food Closet at Carrie Downie Elementary School. Donated items that the food closet currently needs are canned /jarred fruit, cold & hot cereal, jelly, canned meats, tomato and/or pasta sauce, frozen foods, macaroni & cheese, beverages, dish detergent, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, bath soap, sanitary/hygiene products, and toothpaste. They are also in need of either plastic or brown paper bags that the families can use while they are shopping. Also, plastic bins to keep clothes in would be helpful as well.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring cookies for the reception after the worship service. Let us together give thanks to God!

Thanksgiving Breakfast

We will gather together in the Christian Education Building for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day (November 27) at 8 a.m. A home-cooked breakfast will be served: Smoked Salmon Egg Casserole, Sausage Egg Casserole, Canadian Bacon Egg Casserole, French Toast Casserole, bacon, spiral ham, bagels, fruit, juice, and coffee. Yum! After breakfast, Pastor Nancy will lead a time of reflection and thanksgiving. You are particularly encouraged to invite your friends and loved ones!

Officers will be making reminder calls or emails in early November. If you have not been called by November 24th, please add your name to the list to be posted in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office (302-328-3279).

Yard Clean-up

Please join us for our church/manse yard clean-up on Saturday, December 6 at 9:00am until noon. Please bring rakes and/or brooms. All are welcome!

- Trustees



**Spirit of Christmas
Saturday, December 13
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 join us after worship on November 16th** to work on some craft projects.

Please call Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234) if you have any questions.

Spirit of Christmas - December 13 - Suggestions for the \$20 Table

It's time to be thinking about what you might give to the \$20 table. It should be gift quality - something you would buy for yourself or for someone else. Re-gifting is a perfect way to "pass it on" for a good cause. Maybe you have a friend outside of our Church family who would be interested in donating an item or gift certificate. Below is a list of popular items from previous years that might inspire you.

1. Restaurant Gift Certificate (at least \$25 value)
2. Jewelry
3. Small appliances (new)
4. Decorative ceramics
5. Cookware (new)
6. Baskets of related items (food, bath, pet, gardening)
7. Small antiques (pewter, brass, wood)
8. Vera Bradley totes and bags (new)
9. Delaware related books or postcards
10. Decorative home accessories (silver rimmed coaster, brass candle snuffer, stemmed glasses, pillows)

Carol Mayhew will store any donations until December 13th. To donate, call Joan Appleby at 302-328-4098.



**Spirit of Christmas - December 13, 2014
Book, Video Games, CDs and DVDs Sale**



We are now accepting donations of gently used books, video games, 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.



Spirit of Christmas
December 13, 2014
Soups, Breads, and homemade goodies!



Now is the season to open your recipe book. 'Tis the season to think about your culinary contributions for Spirit of Christmas.

If you would like to offer not only your delicious homemade soup and bread for sale, but also your homemade jams, and jellies (fudge *hint hint*.) Some of these have been donated in the past, and were a great hit with the patrons. If you are talented in that way, please share your gifts in jars as well.

There will be soup containers and bread bags plus labels a time closer to the date.

If you need further information please call:
Susan Townsend (302-328-5533)
Janet Reed (302-328-6749)
Ray Snyder (302-328-1662)



Spirit of Christmas - Volunteer Request

Come join in the Spirit of Christmas by volunteering to help out at one of the stations (soups and breads, crafts, refreshments, etc.). We need lots of hands to make light work and to meet and serve our many supporters.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Fellowship Hall in early November or you can contact Patti Isaacs-Hansen (302-326-1342 / patti.isaacs-hansen@clinchain.com) or Conchita Showell (302-832-9226 / showellca@verizon.net) to let them know that you'll help. We are planning 2.5 hour shifts from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm but we can be flexible to accommodate your schedule.

Many thanks to those who have already pledged their time and talents.

Christmas Tableaux



The Christian Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help produce a Living Nativity for the Spirit of Christmas. We need children to portray the Holy Family, Shepherds and Wise Men, and adults to help sew costumes and make props. If you would like to be a part of this project please contact Kay Fry at kmgargoyle@gmail.com or call 302-750-4325 and leave a voicemail or sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

White Gifts

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. For most of us this is a day we celebrate with family and friends around a huge meal. Every guest contributes a little of this and a little of that to the table. Our plates are overflowing with favorites. Maybe it's Aunt Edna's green bean casserole or Uncle Fred's pumpkin pie but it's a day you most certainly won't go hungry. However, there are many who will go hungry on this day as well as the days before and after Thanksgiving.

So let's all contribute a little of this and a little of that to the White Gifts collection. Canned goods can be placed in the white collection box in the Meeting House. All of our food donations go to the St. Peters food closet in New Castle. White Gift envelopes will be available for monetary donations - these go to utility assistance for the needy. Contact Kim Beebe (302-379-3246, kbeebe@aim.com) for further information.



Ralph Johnson Memorial Sock Drive

Starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the Mission and Outreach Committee will be collecting socks (both men's and women's) for Friendship House's Ministry to the homeless. As you know, last winter was brutal and there were 32 Cold Purple nights where churches in Wilmington opened their doors to provide a warm sanctuary for the homeless until the shelters opened. Soup and sandwiches and hot coffee and tea were served. Our warm socks were also given out to anyone who needed dry socks.

Please consider donating a package of socks this winter season. A collection box for the socks will be available in the hallway of our Christian Education building. Thank you for your continued support of Friendship House and its ministry to the homeless.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday mornings at 9:30 am:
Beginning October 26 in the Waiting Room

A Celebration of Abundance We will look at references in the scriptures to the amazing generosity of God, and explore God's economic practice.

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.

Thank You from the Clothing Bank of Delaware

Dear Conchita and New Castle Presbyterian Church Family,

Congratulations! The New Castle Presbyterian Church Family has had their best clothing drive ever!

Oh behalf of Friendship House Clothing Bank of Delaware, thank you for organizing your autumn clothing drive. The New Castle Presbyterian Family donated approximately 3000 pounds of clothing for us to process and distribute in the community. Fantastic! Awesome!

Your 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 me, 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 and individual's self-image, which in turn, improves their quality of life and enables them to take the next step forward.

Again, we appreciate your time and effort in organizing the clothing drive. We are so grateful for the support that you give so generously to all of the Friendship House programs. Thank You All!

Peace and Blessing,

Kathy Graham, Director, Friendship House, Inc. Clothing Bank of Delaware

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 20. 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. 20**. 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





October 12th - A Beautiful CROP Walk Sunday

An enthusiastic group of about 128 people came together to walk for those less fortunate than ourselves. Brother Miguel, from Emmanuel Dining Room, walked with us this year. Randy and Carol Kusel (members of New-Ark Fife & Drum Corp.) once again led us down Delaware St. for a couple of blocks with a fellow band member. It rained on Saturday, was a perfect day for walking on Sunday, and rained again on Monday!

Special thanks go to the following business sponsors who supported the walk: Ron's Tree Service, Dr. James Forshey, Porto Fino Pizza & Restaurant, Southern Corrosion, Inc., G.B. Halko & Sons, The Dentists at Brinton Lake, Dr.Soma Padmalingam, and Reynolds Window & Screen Repair.

Churches and groups walking in the 30th New Castle CROP Hunger Walk were: Asbury U. Methodist, New Castle Presbyterian, Summit Bridge Free Evangelical Church, River Cross Fellowship, New Castle U. Methodist, W.S.F.S., Swanwyck Garden Club, and a number of local people who registered and joined us. So far, we have sent in over \$10,000.00 to Church World Service CROP.

Volunteers who helped with the CROP Walk in addition to the walkers and sponsors were: **Coordinators - Asbury U. Meth.** (Merle Ciesielski), **N.C. Presbyterian** (Susan Townsend), **Summit Bridge Free Evangelical** (Kim Swarthout), **River Cross Fellowship** (Sue Engler), **N.C. U. Meth.** (Joan Skilton), **W.S.F.S** (Nancy Pinero), **Swanwyck Garden Club** (Joan Skilton). **Treasurer** - Sharon Kimmel; **Registrars** - Sharon Kimmel, Faythe Waterloo, Phyllis Nitze, and Pastor Sue: **Support table at the tennis courts** -Wayne and Ruby Blackburn; **Support table at Rte. 273 and Washington St.** - Sandy Jablonski, Church secretary from Asbury U.M.C., Sandy: **Pick-up person along the route** - Gary Burgmuller; **Posting footsteps along the route** - Patsy and Rick Schiller; **Publicity** - Kim Burgmuller **Photographers** - Don Engler, Harry Skilton; **Hanging Banner** - Mike Bellafore; **Refreshment table** - Jeanette and Ken Henretty, Evelyn Ward, Dolores Gary, Debbie & Mike Bellafore; **Bakers, etc.** - thanks to all those who did. Thank you all!!!

Joan Skilton, Coordinator

Friday Night Bonfire at the Reese's

"Marshmallows roasting o'er an open fire,
Fall breezes nipping at our nose,
Baked beans and hot dogs and yummy s'mores,
And bonfire smoke lingering on our clothes...."

Thanks go to Connie and Don Reese for hosting a very fun Friday night bonfire. There was good food, good conversation and lots of laughter.

As winter approaches, how blessed we were to enjoy an outdoor fellowship with friends.



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 not be till December 1-5. 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 1

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 2

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 3

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 4

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 5

Susan & Jim
Flook

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Kelly Koczak McCurdy, 11/5

Thomas Truman, 11/5

Jean Swanson, 11/6

Dean MacEwen, 11/10

Samuel Kim, 11/11

Robert Spring, 1/11

Brenda Walters, 11/14

Patricia Bird, 11/15

Mary Pratt, 11/16

Jonathan Flook, 11/16

Elsie Clark, 11/17

David Taylor, 11/18

William Wilson, 11/19

Susan Flook, 11/20

Grace Kim, 11/22

Judy Hentkowski, 11/23

Sarah Werkheiser, 11/24

Bob Briggs, 11/30

Doug Esham & Laura Gearheart-Esham, 11/2

Gail & C.J. Seitz, 11/19

Debbie & Joe Harrington, 11/27





Monthly Report

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

Membership:

September	183
October	185

Income thru 10/05/14:

2014 Budget:	\$202,296.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$185,312.00

Expenses thru 10/05/14:

2014 Budget:	\$196,014.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$190,485.00

We Welcome New Members

"And day by day the Lord added to their number..." - Acts 2:47

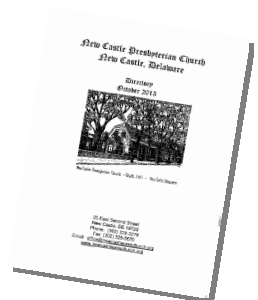
We welcomed the following new members to our number on October 5th in worship:

Cynthia Beam
 751 Gateway Road
 Hockessin DE 19707
 (302) 235-7240

Mariellen Boyle
 235 Woodlawn Avenue
 Wilmington DE 19805
 (859) 550-3263

Recycle Those Old Directories!

New directories are available in the entryway to the Christian Education Building. The directory will be updated on a monthly basis online on our website



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25 E. 2nd Street
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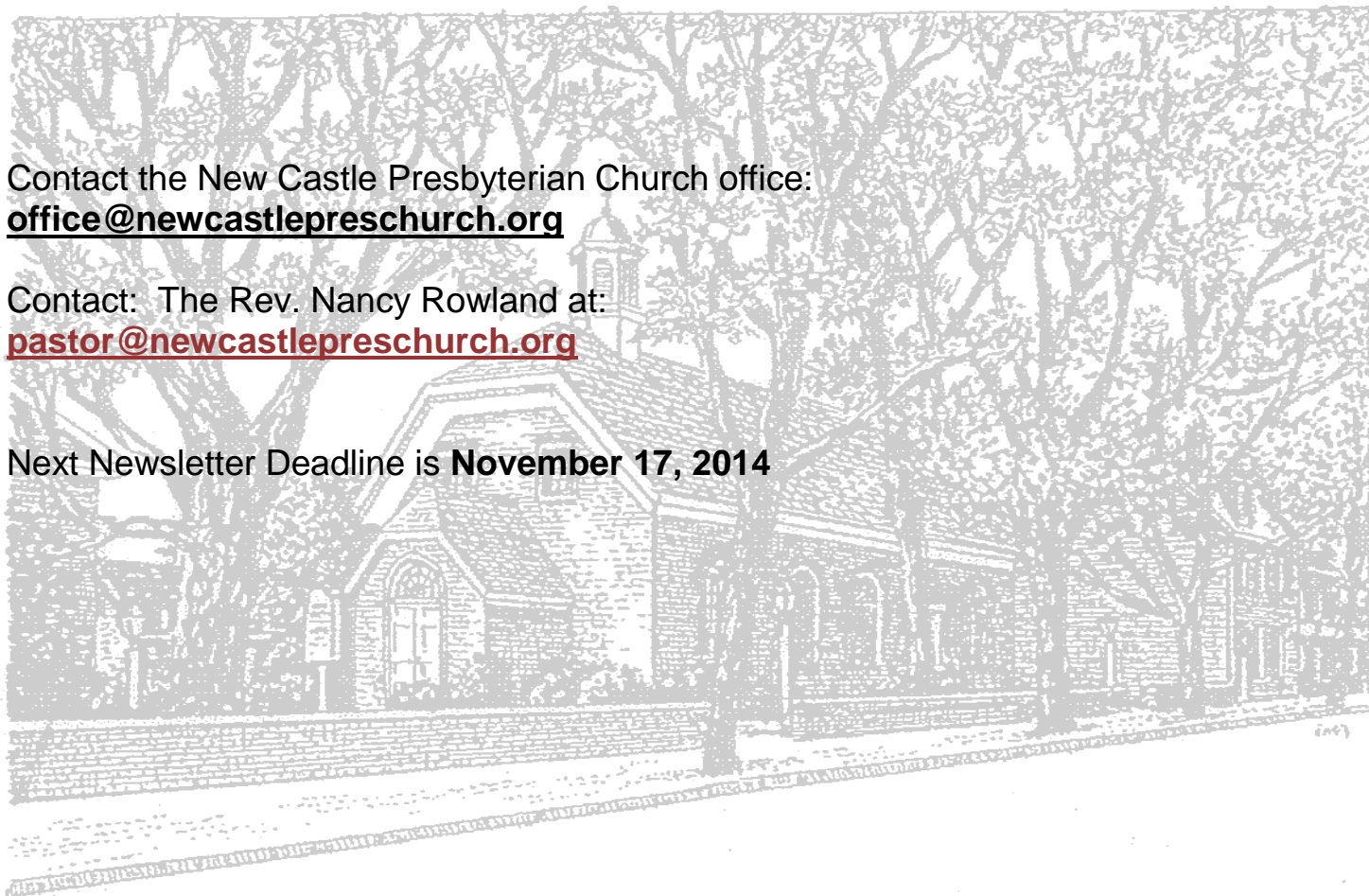


Address Change
Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **November 17, 2014**



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