

New Castle Presbyterian News

December 2014



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30 **First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else

December 7 **Second Sunday of Advent**
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 13 **Spirit of Christmas (Saturday)**
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

December 14 **Third Sunday of Advent**
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else

December 21 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting



Christmas Caroling
7:00 p.m. Gather at church
8:00 p.m. Refreshments - Mayhews (17 E. 5th)

December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (Wednesday)**
5:30 p.m. Children's Service (Meeting House)
7:30 p.m. Traditional Service (Meeting House)
9:30 p.m. Traditional Service (Meeting House)

December 28 **First Sunday after Christmas**
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else

Yard Clean-up

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

- Trustees



Ruby's Rescue Run

The Paws to the Rescue Group volunteers picked up the donated supplies on Saturday, Nov 15th. They appreciated all the donations. The food donations came at the perfect time as the shelter is in dire need of food. Thank you to everyone that donated items in memory of Sam and Jenna Duncan's dog Ruby. In addition to dog food and treats, dog crates, cleaning supplies, and many warm blankets and other linen.

God bless each of you.

-Patti Isaacs-Hansen



The Church Photo Album

Contact Patti Isaacs-Hansen or Sandy Wilson to get your picture taken for the photo album or an updated photo.

Seamen's Center

Thank-you to everyone who participated in the "Ditty Box" collection for the Seamen's Center. This year we were able to send 43 plus boxes and 70 hand knitted and crocheted articles wrapped and ready to distribute. Our contribution will be part of over 1000 boxes given out during the month of December. Once again our congregation has been able to support this ongoing mission opportunity. On behalf of the Mission and Outreach committee and the Seamen's Center we thank you.

P.S. We welcome hand-knitted or crocheted articles all year long. New knitters are always needed.

- Ellie Gerhart

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 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.

The soup containers and bread bags plus labels are available in the CE kitchen.

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.



Help Promote Spirit of Christmas - Get Social!

We have exciting things that we are looking forward to sharing on Facebook in the coming weeks to promote Spirit of Christmas. We are trying to increase the number of "Likes" our page has, and we need your help to do it! We know many NCPC members have Facebook pages, so we are asking that you visit <http://www.facebook.com/spiritofchristmas2014>. When you get to the page, please click the 'Like' button and like the page. You will then receive updates from Spirit of Christmas in your news feed. Then, if you 'Like' updates in your news feed, your Facebook friends will also see those posts, enabling us to extend our reach and visibility through the community. Encourage friends, family and neighbors to do the same! If you want to go a step further, you can even post a note to the page, sharing a message about why Spirit of Christmas is so special and what you like most about the event. It's a small (and free) way of promoting our event. So help us out, and show everyone that you like us, you really like us! Thank you! - Kelly Koczak McCurdy

Christmas Tableau



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!

Ralph Johnson Memorial Sock Drive



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 December 7th in the Waiting Room

Future Facing God We will explore Old Testament passages which anticipate what God has yet to do and experience in them the Son of God.

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm:

Beginning December 3rd in the Fellowship Hall.

First and Second: The Coming of Christ We will examine scriptures which look forward to the coming of the infant Jesus and the Returning Christ.

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



A Bounty of God's Goodness!

Grace overflowed at the Ecumenical Community Worship Service on the evening of Sunday, November 23. Our offering for Carrie Downie Food Closet included canned hams and fish, chili, beans, rice, macaroni, vegetables, pasta, paper products, toiletries, detergent, and much more. Over 80 non-perishable items were contributed, as well as over \$500 in funds, which were used to buy even more items. Let us give thanks, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!



Caroling in Old New Castle

Be sure to mark your calendar for a great evening of Christmas Caroling on Sunday night December 21st! We will meet at the church at 7:00pm and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling.

We will end up at Gene and Carol Mayhew's house (17 E. 5th Street in New Castle) for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30pm).

Please join us at the Mayhew's even if you are unable to walk around and carol.

Give Thanks for Faithful Workers

New Castle Presbyterian Church is blessed with many members of tremendous talent. One of these is Brenda Walters, who arranges our flowers each week. Her skillful work blesses us all with the beauty of God's good creation. Thank you, Brenda, for enabling us each week to praise God through the witness of nature!

"As the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the peoples." - Isaiah 61:11

CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) What would YOU do?

Many of you have had some training in CPR. Here are some questions to refresh you about helping in case someone is not responding and appears to be ill with a potential Cardiac Arrest. Please note: "mouth to mouth" resuscitation is no longer a requirement. Answers can be found on the next page.

1. What should you do first, if you are alone with the Victim?
2. If you are not alone, what should you do first?
3. Where is church's the AED (Automated External Defibrillator)?
4. How long do you continue CPR?
5. Are you interested in CRP/AED training in the future?



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 is 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

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Fries, 12/5
Conchita Showell, 12/6
Vic Clark, 12/8
Robert McCullough, 12/8
Daniel Barry, 12/9
Jennifer Kim, 12/9

Ruth Moore, 12/16
Pat Taylor, 12/16
Kim Beebe, 12/17
Sharon Graybeal, 12/17
Lyn Briggs, 12/22
Charlotte McDowell, 12/30

Bruce & Lisa Raker, 12/14
Connie & Don Reese, 12/28
Jim & Susan Flook, 12/30

Answers (CPR What would YOU do?):

1. **If alone** and victim is not breathing or is gasping, Start CPR.
 - a. Make sure person is on his back on firm surface, yell for help
 - b. Using both hands to push down on chest hard and fast.
 - c. Try to push chest down 2 inches at least 100 pushes per minute.
 - d. Then if no help arrives, THEN call 911 and get the AED.
2. **If not alone:** start the chest compressions, and ask someone to call 911 and have someone bring the AED.
3. The AED is in the CE building in the Kitchen on Left behind the kitchen door.
 - a. Open case and turn on device
 - b. Follow prompts you hear and see on the AED device
4. If the victim remains unresponsive, continue until help arrives.
5. Contact the Church office.

Flower Guild Annual Poinsettias



Donations are being taken for poinsettias. Please fill out the attached form and return to the office. Due to the date of the Spirit of Christmas the Sanctuary will be decorated for two weeks. Please do not remove flowers before Christmas Eve. The deadline for orders will be December 14, 2014. The cost is \$12.00. Please make checks payable to the NCPC Flower Guild.

NAME: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

How many: _____



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

October	185
Loss by death - Denis Beaumont	- 1
November	184

Income thru 11/01/14:

2014 Budget:	\$225,815.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$205,980.00

Expenses thru 11/01/14:

2014 Budget:	\$216,652.00
2014 Actual:.....	\$210,065.00

Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Barbara Beaumont, her daughters Sarah and Caroline, and all the friends and family of Denis Beaumont. A service of worship will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m. in our Meeting House, concluding with interment in the Memorial Garden. A reception will follow. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ!

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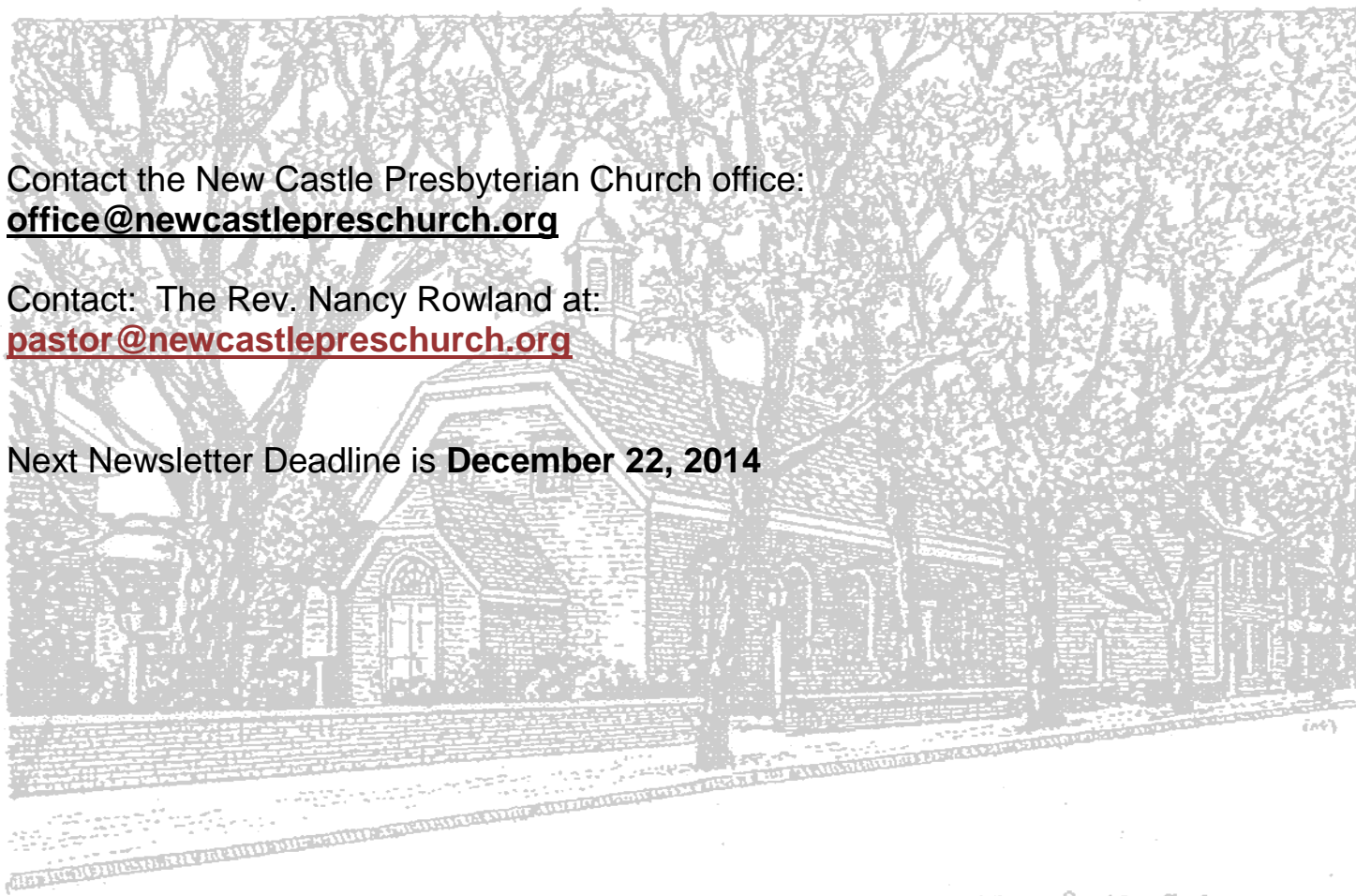


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Requested

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 **December 22, 2014**



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