# New Castle Presbyterian News January 2015

#### **Spirit of Christmas 2014**

The 14th annual Spirit of Christmas drew our largest crowds ever! Happy people filled our streets, our homes, and our fellowship hall and Meeting House to enjoy the season, to listen to beautiful music, and to support the homeless.

Many thanks go to our hard-working chairs of the event: Carol Mayhew, Pat Taylor, and Nanette Nichol. Many thanks also to the chairs of the individual activities: crafts (Ellie Gerhart & Barbara Whisman), books (Susan Flook & Miranda Matthews), soup & bread (Janet Reed, Ray Snyder, & Susan Townsend), Look What \$20 Will Buy (Joan Appleby, Joanne Hopkins & Sandy Walker), refreshments (Brenda Walters & Karen Dobson), publicity (Kelly Koczak McCurdy), signs (Lyn Briggs, Gene Mayhew, Corky Viola), volunteers (Conchita Showell & Sandy Wilson), programs (Lyn Briggs), receptionist (Mary Cebenka), Nativity (Kay Fry, Patti Isaacs-Hansen, Michael and Lucy Armstrong, Billy Lattanzio, and Lily Powell), Treasurers Shirley and Dan Knox, and more. Many thanks to our talented musicians. Many thanks to those who opened up their homes. Many thanks to you who contributed items for sale, baked bread, made soup, baked cookies, and served as clerks and hosts. You have spread the good news of Christ's accepting love and contributed to the sum of over \$8,000 that was sent to Friendship House ministries for older men and for women and children who are now given a home.

We are also grateful for the tireless efforts of New Castle City employees and officials, to the New Castle Historical Society for A Dickens Experience, and to the leadership and members of the New Castle Visitor's Bureau, especially Gene Dempsey. This is a job well done! The spirit of the new-born King was surely everywhere!

### Ralph Johnson - Sock Drive

I want to thank everyone for your generous donations of socks this year. I have already taken two very large bags of socks to Bill Perkins, the Director of Friendship House Ministry to the Homeless and will deliver another bag after Christmas. The sock drive will continue until the first Sunday in January.

May your new year be filled with blessings and joy!

Janet Spring

#### **January Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Lynn MacEwen, 1/1
Mark Stallard, 1/2
Rachel Briggs, 1/2
Kris Stone, 1/6
Linda Twyford, 1/10
Sonya Lattanzio, 1/10
Matthew Kim, 1/11
Bill Quillen, 1/15

Daniel Dunson, 1/16 Arlene Bromwell, 1/17 Jim Whisman, 1/17 Louise Thornton, 1/22 Mildred McGraw, 1/25 Charles Potter, 1/27 Julia Spock, 1/27

Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25 Bob & Janet Swick, 1/26



#### **Meals on Wheels**

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2015. There is an immediate need for Tuesdays. Please 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 January 5-9. 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 5 Ray Snyder Tuesday 6
Lois Barth
Joan Smith

2014 Actual:

Wednesday 7
Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 8
Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 9
Susan & Jim
Flook

\$231.501.00

## **Monthly Report**

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

# Membership:

November	184
Loss to Inactive Roll	4
December	
Income thru 11/30/14:	
2014 Budget:	\$239,334.00
2014 Actual:	\$219,177.00
Expenses thru 11/30/14:	
2014 Budget:	\$236,290.00

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