

New Castle Presbyterian News

February 2015



Invitation to Brunch at the Manse

We are so grateful for our visitors and new members!
We invite you to join with others who are also new to our Church so that we might better get to know one another. This gathering will be held:

**Sunday, February 8, 11:45 a.m. at
The Presbyterian Manse at 20 The Strand**
(follow the brick pathway past the Christian Education building, then right at the fork.
Enter through the screened-in porch)

We hope you will be able to come and join us for brunch! Other members of our congregation and I will share more about the life of faith, Presbyterianism, and membership in this particular congregation of believers. This informal gathering will last no more than 45 minutes.

Please R.S.V.P. to the Church office to let us know if you are able to attend (302-328-3279 or to office@newcastlepreschurch.org).

We are so thankful for your presence in this place!

Pennies for Lent



Every first Tuesday, the members of the Noon Circle collect their "least coin" - pennies and sometimes nickels. By the end of each year, this collection has become great and is devoted to mission.

During Lent this year, the Worship Committee encourages everyone - toddlers, children, youth, adults - to bring their least coins to worship each Sunday. There will be a large receptacle at 10:30 am Worship and at Fellowship Hour for your coins. We will examine the collection each week to see how great the least can become! At the end of Lent, the pennies will be contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing. Be prepared to bring your pennies to worship beginning February 22.

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you." - Matthew 17:20

ONE SHOT MISSION PROJECT

On Friday evening, January 16, Chris Raker, George and Aaron Spock joined the youth from Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, Concord Presbyterian Church and Calvary Presbyterian Church met at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington, Delaware. Ray Snyder and Janet Spring served as chaperones. Our purpose was to give our youth a better understanding of what it means to be homeless and also to provide an opportunity to work as a group to help meet the needs of the homeless community.

John Molina-Moore, associate pastor of Red Clay Creek and Calvary Presbyterian Church and Laura Coony, youth director at Red Clay provided leadership for this program. Kim B., a Friendship House volunteer, was also there to give an overview of what Friendship House does for the homeless. We began the evening with introductions and games to get to know one another a little bit better. Since that Friday had been a Code Purple night in Wilmington, the youth also had a chance to meet some of the homeless community and assisted in cleaning up the room that was used that evening.

After games, we set up an assembly line to create snack and health "go" bags. Each bag contained protein snacks, fruit cups, napkins, spoons, chapstick, toothpaste and tooth brushes. These would be handed out at the hospitality center at First and Central.

We then had a service in small chapel with music and a short sermon from John based on Matthew 25: 34-40 ("The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.') It was lights out at 10:30 p.m. The boys went with John to a small room off the chapel and the girls stayed in the community hall with Janet, Laura, Gail and Susan (adult chaperones from participating churches). We all slept on the floor with our sleeping bags and the room was very cold (much like what the homeless community would experience on a regular basis in a shelter).

John woke everyone up at 5:30 a.m. (Yes, that is correct!!!) Kim brought everyone bagels, cream cheese, fruit, juice and coffee for the adults (what a blessing!) at 6:00 a.m. After eating and cleaning up our rooms, we divided into two groups. One group walked to the hospitality center at First and Central Presbyterian Church and the other walked to the community center at the former West Presbyterian Church. By this time, it was about 6:30 a.m., still very dark, and about 21 degrees.

The group at First and Central served bagels and muffins and coffee/tea to the individuals who were already gathered there. Bill Perkins had also set up chess sets and organized a chess tournament for everyone. Our own Aaron Spock played a few games with some of the men who were participating. What a great opportunity for a one on one experience with homeless individuals. Ray Snyder spent the morning listening to Howard tell him all about TV programs from the 60's and 70's.

At West Church, the other group was responsible for serving a pancake breakfast. Janet Spring spent her time in the kitchen flipping pancakes. George Spock helped plate the pancakes, sausage and butter and Chris Raker served coffee. Clean up was done by some of the men who had spent the night at the Salvation Army shelter. One of the men explained to me that is was their way of "giving back".

We gathered back at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew and discussed what we had done. The youth agreed that it had been a worthwhile experience and I was very impressed by the maturity shown by each and every one of them. They worked well together and even in uncomfortable and difficult circumstances, they were upbeat and positive.

Janet Spring
Mission and Outreach Committee

Pillow Case Project Revival

Are snowy days getting you down? Have the winter doldrums set in as you can't always leave your home because of icy roads and wind chill factors? Have we got a project for you!

Last spring and summer, we became involved with the Pillow Case Dress project that evolved from the Ten Thousand Villages Shop in Greenville, Delaware. They provided the pillowcases and pattern, and we made them into dresses to be sent to a clinic in Kenya. I called the store recently and they told me this was an "ongoing" mission and outreach for the store. I still have some pillowcase kits left and will bring them to church on the first Sunday in February. If you are interested, please take a kit and return to church when completed. (I have updated the pattern directions and made them more "user friendly".) A box will be provided in the CE building for the completed dresses. I will be responsible for taking them to the store.

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Fellowship Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed for the spring and summer fellowship coffee hour for the first Sunday of each month. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Patti Isaacs-Hansen with any questions.

Church Photo Album



Please contact Patti Isaacs-Hansen (302 377-2501) or Sandy Wilson(302 544-6578) if you need your picture taken for the church photo album. If you have a photo that you would like to use, please email it to Patti (patti.isaacs-hansen@clinchain.com) or place a paper copy in the office mailbox.

Thank You from All Over

The ministries of New Castle Presbyterian Church have been a blessing to many in our community! We have recently received thank you letters from:

- Arasapha Garden Club for our hospitality during their annual Wreath workshops.
- The Newark Area Welfare Committee for our donations of turkeys.
- A literacy tutoring client and the literacy council for use of our building.
- Seamen's Center of Wilmington for donations of ditty boxes, scarves, hats, and other clothing.
- Friendship House homeless ministries for \$10,200 in proceeds from our Spirit of Christmas.
- New Castle Elementary School Food Closet for our contributions as part of the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service on November 23.
- Grateful recipients of funds from White Gifts and Pastor's Discretionary.
- NCPC Staff members for the generous Christmas gifts from the congregation.

Thank you for your time and energy and financial contributions. You are a blessing to many!

Library Friends' Chocolate Friend-zy!

Join the Friends of the New Castle Library for their February fundraiser! February 13, 2015 // 6:30-8:30 pm. // at the Library on 424 Delaware St.

Buy your tickets at the door: Members - \$20; Non-members - \$25.

Ellie's chocolate fountain will be making an appearance!



Christian Education Committee Announces:

**BUILD A SNOWMAN!
MAKE A VALENTINE!**



Friday, February 13, 2015
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Families are invited to attend this evening
of fun and fellowship together
and enjoy some good food!

Be prepared to build an indoor "snow"man
and craft valentines for our family and friends.

Please bring a dessert to share.

The CE Committee will supply the pizza!

Monetary donations welcome.



To attend, call 302-328-3279 or email office@newcastlepreschurch.org by
Wednesday, February 11.

Adult Education

Sundays: 9:30 am

God Made Manifest: January 25 - February 15

The Star, the Baptism, the Wine from Water, the Transfiguration

Wednesdays: 1:00 pm

The Holy Presence, Divine Splendor, and Glory: January 28 - February 11

Burning Bush, Holy Temple, Singing Angels, Shining Jesus



Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2015. 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 February 9-13. 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 9

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 10

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 11

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 12

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 13

Susan & Jim
Flook

Monthly Report



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

Membership:

December	180
Loss to Death, Joseph Harrington 12/26/15	-1
January	179

Income thru 01/05/15:

2015 Budget:	\$257,278.00
2015 Actual:.....	\$252,850.00

Expenses thru 01/05/15:

2015 Budget:	\$257,278.00
2015 Actual:.....	\$253,587.00



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dot Campbell, 2/1
 Nanette Nichol, 2/1
 Gary Graham, 2/5
 Beverly Denison, 2/11
 Laura Gearheart-Esham, 2/11
 Heather Raezer, 2/12

Dana Monzo, 2/14
 Phyllis Stallard, 2/20
 Eileen Larkin, 2/21
 Cynthia Robbins, 2/25
 Zarina Stone, 2/25
 Joan Smith, 2/27

Ray & Lynn Snyder, 2/7
 Amy & Scott Selheimer, 2/14
 Judy & Bill Hentkowski, 2/15
 Kathryn & Charles Potter, 2/17
 Joan & Bob Appleby, 2/23



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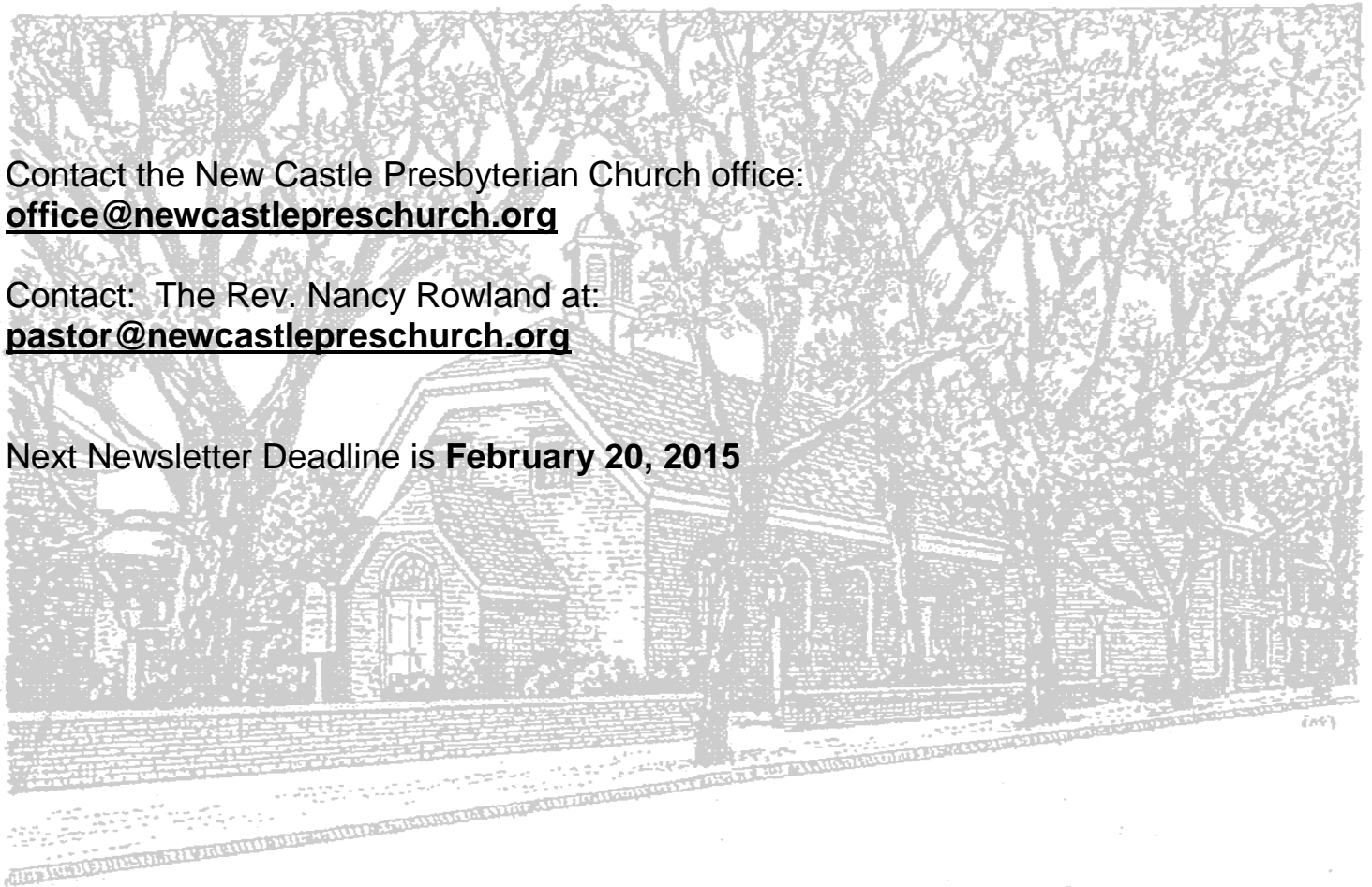


Address Change
Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **February 20, 2015**



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