

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *July 2015*

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New Castle Presbyterian Church  
**Vacation Bible School**

July 12-16                      5:45-8:15 pm

Supper Included!

Classes for Children ages 4-10

\$5.00 per child / \$10.00 per family

Worship!  
Bible Stories!  
Games!  
Crafts!  
Music!  
Fun!

Sign up at [www.newcastlepreschurch.org](http://www.newcastlepreschurch.org) OR  
Call 302-328-3279

Also: Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to Volunteer!!!

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of friend your child might like to be with: \_\_\_\_\_

# Let Freedom Ring!!!

## National Bell-Ringing Ceremony



# July 4, 2015

## 1:30 p.m.

### Historic New Castle, Delaware

Bells across the Nation Will Ring at 2:00 pm

Keynote Address: "Delaware's Greatest Soldier"

Superintendent

Russ Smith, retired

1st State National Monument

Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green

Please be seated no later than 1:25 p.m.

For More Information, please contact: [DelRev225th@aol.com](mailto:DelRev225th@aol.com) or Noel kuhrt (302) 655-2096

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-Miranda Matthews, Pat Taylor & Kelly Koczak McCurdy  
2015 Spirit of Christmas Chairs



## **Crafts at Ellies**

Starting on June 10 I want to invite anyone interested to join me at my house (and gazebo porch) and to bring a project with them to work on or learn a new craft while enjoying an evening together. We can teach knitting, crocheting and sewing projects.

Hopefully we will be able to include new items to sell at the Spirit of Christmas. This was successful last summer and hopefully will be this year. No RSVP needed but to be sure I am home please call and let me know you might come. My cell phone number is 302-753-9632. Everyone is welcomed and no specific skills required. Let me know what you would like to learn and also what you can "teach me". I love to learn something new.

- Ellie Gerhart

# Seven Things Church Members Should Say to Guests in a Worship Service

By Thom Rainer May 20, 2015

1. **“Thank you for being here.”** It’s just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told “thank you.”
2. **“Let me help you with that.”** If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.
3. **“Please take my seat.”** I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.
4. **“Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way.”** Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.
5. **“Can I show you where you need to go?”** Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.
6. **“Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_.”** The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff, and other members of the church.
7. **“Would you join us for lunch?”** I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I have seen this approach have the highest guest return rate of any one factor. What if you sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.

## Mission and Outreach News

### **Pillowcase Dresses**

Thank you to all of our seamstresses who continue to create beautiful dresses to be sent to Kenya with Touching Lives Ministry. Don't worry if the pillowcase dress kit is still at your home in the bag. This is an ongoing ministry and whenever you finish the dress, bring it in and put it in the "Pillowcase Dress Box" in the foyer of the Christian Education Building. I also hope to create some kits for making shorts for the boys. Be on the lookout for them later this summer.

### **Urban Promise Art Supply Donations and Intern Dinner**

Earlier this month, I was able to deliver 90 boxes of colored pencils and two coolers to Urban Promise. These items will be used in the 6 summer camp programs they have set up in various locations in the city of Wilmington.

On Monday evening, June 22nd, our church hosted a new intern dinner for the Urban Promise Counselors. We entertained and fed 30+ young and energetic adults who will be leading and teaching all the various camp activities. What a blessing to have these young people in our midst and to celebrate the many gifts they will bring the Urban Promise camps. There was a lot of love in that room Monday night!! What a blessing for the 400+ children who will participate in the camps.

Special thanks go to Carol Mayhew, Conchita Showell, Barbara Whisman, Beverly Stoudt, Nanette Nichol, Joan Smith, Lynn Briggs, Ray Snyder and Pastor Nancy for providing the delicious food that was completely consumed by very hungry young adults.

My kitchen crew was the best! Joan Smith, Barbara and Jim Whisman, Conchita Showell, Ray Snyder and Mary Cebenka helped get food in and out of the oven and refrigerator, tossed salads, carved watermelon, arranged desserts, and refilled water pitchers and bread baskets. And when they were done all that, they went back into the kitchen and cleaned up. You all were the smiling face of our church and I cherish each and every one of you!

As the young adults were leaving, we were able to give them leftovers, two more coolers provided by Patti Isaac-Hansen and Mary Cebenka, and a teddy bear reminding them that "love bears all things" and that we will be praying for them this summer.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi 13th Century

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Spring  
Mission and Outreach committee



## Graduates

George Spock, son of Julia and George graduates from Brandywine High School, May 31st. He will be attending University of Delaware's Associate in Arts program next fall.

Caitlin Lohrenz, granddaughter of Bill & Marcia Quillen graduated May 10<sup>th</sup> from University of North Carolina.

Jimmy Carney, grandson of Bill & Marcia Quillen graduates from Wilmington Friends School on May 30<sup>th</sup> and will be attending Tufts in the fall.

Zane Robert Kerr graduated June 6 from Raleigh Charter School, Raleigh, NC. He will be attending New York University in the fall. Zane is the grandson of Joan Smith and Chuck Smith.

John Robert Szczecinski graduated June 12 from Delaware Military Academy. He will be attending SUNY Maritime in New York in the fall. John is the grandson of Joan Smith and Chuck Smith.



## July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Marcia Quillen, 7/3  
Susan Studd, 7/4  
Luke Duncan, 7/5  
George Spock, 7/8  
Jim Stoudt, 7/10  
Bess Coleman, 7/11  
Jim Werkheiser, 7/13  
Carl Witt, 7/15  
Susan Werkheiser, 7/16  
Billy Lattanzio, 7/18

Jenna Duncan, 7/19  
Grace Hayford, 7/19  
Karyn Fry, 7/20  
Lauren Werkheiser, 7/23  
Jeffrey Reed, 7/24  
Susan Townsend, 7/25  
Beverly Stoudt, 7/29  
Andrew Lundgren, 7/30  
Janet Spring, 7/31

Jim & Beverly Stoudt, 7/12  
Steve & Dana Handy, 7/12  
Candy & Dan Duncan, 7/14  
Robert & Ruth Lindfors, 7/22



# An Evening of Family Fun!

## Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game!

It's Cowboy-Monkey Rodeo Night!



*Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 6:35 game time*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_

(tickets are \$10.00 each - cash or checks made  
out to Amy Selheimer)

**\*\*Money due to Amy Selheimer by *July 12th*\*\***



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## **Sympathy**

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The Family and friends of Arlene Bromwell, a member of this church since 1959, who died on June 15 at the age of 93. Her services were held on June 22.

The Family and friends of G. Rolfe Scofield, a member of this church since 1983, who died on June 12 at the age of 98. His ashes will be interred in our Memorial Garden at a later date.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ!

## **Nominating Committee Members-at-Large**

At the Congregational Meeting held on June 7, the following persons were elected to the Nominating Committee as members-at-large:

**Bob Briggs**

**Monty Gerhart**

**Amy Selheimer**



## 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 June 29-July 3. 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 29

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 30

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 1

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 2

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 3

4<sup>th</sup> of July  
No deliveries



## Monthly Report

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

### Membership:

May .....	178
Loss to death: Arlene Bromwell .....	-1
June.....	177

### Income thru 05/31/15:

2015 Budget: .....	\$132,013.00
2015 Actual:.....	\$121,801.00

### Expenses thru 05/31/15:

2015 Budget: .....	\$117,262.00
2015 Actual:.....	\$115,119.00

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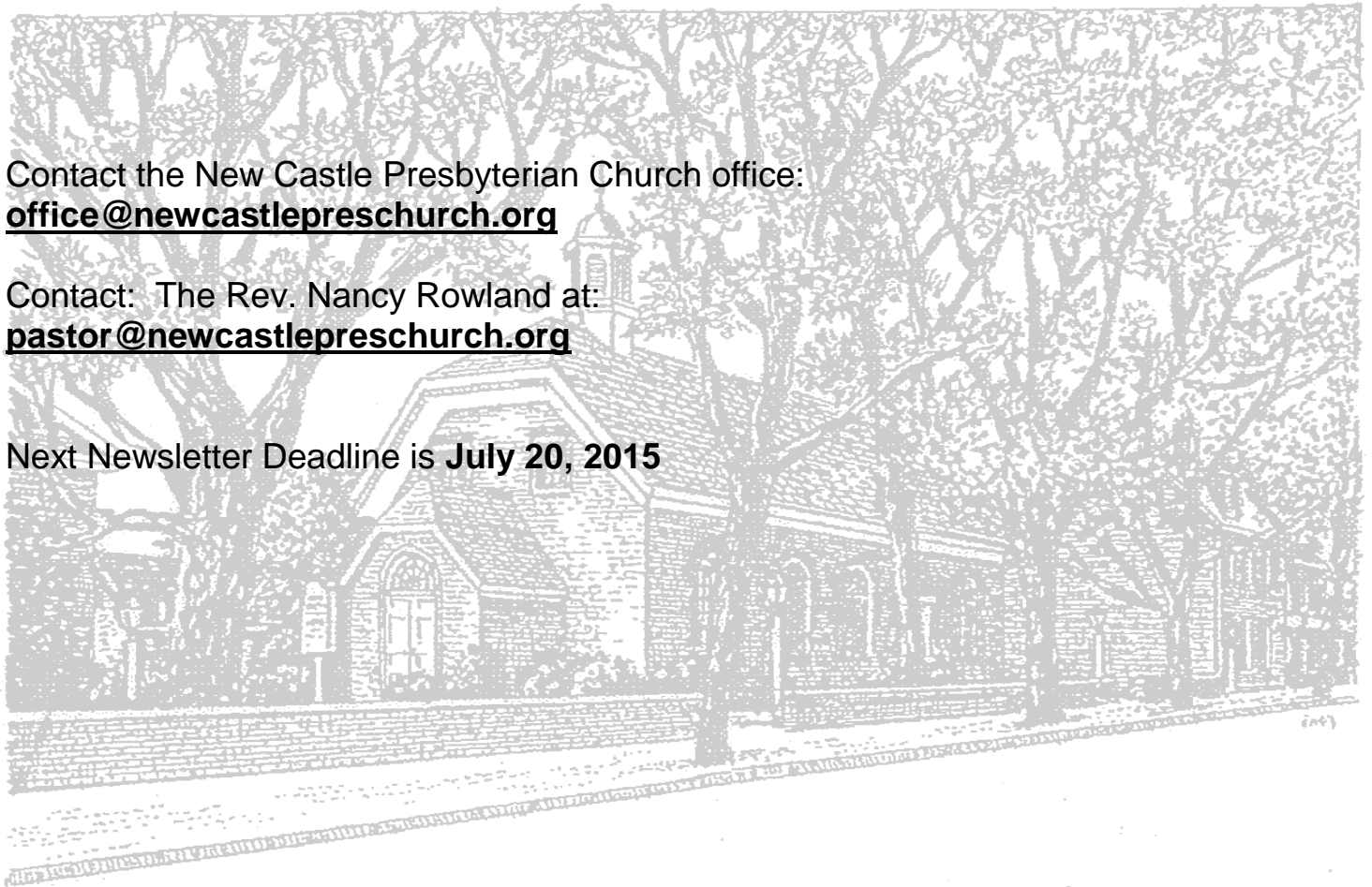


Address Change  
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:  
[office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org)

Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:  
[pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org)

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



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