

New Castle Presbyterian News

August 2015



Mission and Outreach News

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank the boys, girls, and all the Vacation Bible School helpers for their generous donation to the Urban Promise Backpack Project. Each evening Pastor Nancy would introduce our lesson for the day and then sing some fun songs. At the end of this session, Pastor Nancy would select two helpers to take collection. At the end of each evening, there would be a chart showing the children how many backpacks and other school items had been purchased with the money collected. This was a big deal for our children and encouraged many to be very generous in their giving. On the last evening of VBS, a long table that was covered with a big cloth was on display in the Christian Education building. What a surprise to see 10 backpacks, packages of pencils, markers, crayons and pencil cases. The total amount of money collected was \$278.00, but the joy and excitement in our children's faces was priceless!

Besides running summer camps, Urban Promise also runs a school on Thatcher Street in Wilmington, DE. These backpacks will go to students who are in need of school supplies.



Vacation Bible School 2015

Many Thanks to all who helped and all who came!!
And special thanks to those who contributed food!

Adults:

Ellie Gerhart
Lyn Briggs
Kris Stone
Miranda Matthews
Amy Selheimer
Lisa Raker
Kaitlyn Raker
Minerva Lermond
Diana Reilly
Bruce Raker
Patti Isaacs-Hansen
Heather Raezer
Beverly Stoudt
Jennifer Kim
Janet Spring
Ray Snyder
Barbara Whisman
Conchita Showell
Laurie Powell
Julie Barry
Shirley Knox

Nursery:

Grace Kim
Eleanor Spivey

Youth Helpers

Zarina Stone
Kaya Pecou
Molly Esterling
George Spock
Alex Barry
Chris Raker

Students:

Lily Powell
Samuel Kim
Lucy Armstrong
Oliver Plant
James Plant
Jaxon Alpen
Nathan Alpen
Gwendolyn Spivey
Michael Armstrong
Thomas Plant
Mason Harding
Liam Szymanski
Billy Lattanzio
Luca Monzo
Shane Connor
Tyler Connor
Taylor Breeden
Adeline Lutes
Larry Foraker

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Patti Isaacs-Hansen, 8/1
George Spock, 8/4
Zoey Burnett, 8/6
Alex Barry, 8/7
Dylan Neel, 8/7
Rod Denison, 8/8
Leo Sotomayor, 8/10
Zoe Sotomayor, 8/10
Finn Duncan, 8/11
Megan Witt, 8/12
Bob Appleby, 8/14
Julie Barry, 8/15
Miranda Matthews, 8/16



Christine Collins, 8/18
Shirley Knox, 8/20
Arta Vitolo, 8/20
Ray Snyder, 8/23
Jeffrey Neel, 8/24
Gail Seitz, 8/24
Robert Swick, 8/26
Daniel Knox, 8/27
Michael Armstrong, 8/28
Sam Duncan, 8/28
Ron Studd, 8/28
Pat Adair, 8/30

Mark & Phyllis Stallard, 8/6
Ron & Susan Studd, 8/6
Kelly Koczak-McCurdy & Peter McCurdy, 8/6
Cynthia Robbins & Steve Martin, 8/7
Chris & Laura Dunham, 8/8

Pat & Dave Taylor, 8/9
Patti Isaacs-Hansen & Allen Hansen, 8/11
Carol & Gene Mayhew, 8/15
Phoebe & Robert Dill, 8/25



Christian Education News

Separation Day The Separation Day Parade was very successful. Again, the highlight of the parade was our wonderful VBS float created by the Raker Family! Many thanks go to Bruce, Lisa, Kaitlyn, Chris, Lyn Briggs, Mark Rappold, Ringo Keka, and many other helpful hands that made this float so striking. This is such a great way to introduce our VBS program to the community. Over 400 VBS reminders and church brochures were handed out during the parade, as well as an equal number of magic slates and/or tablets, to celebrate our VBS theme: "Message Received: Hearing God's Call." Thanks also to those who walked in the parade: the Rakers, Rod Denison, Bill Dukes, Bev Stoudt, and others. Thank you for all you do to bring God's love to the children we serve.

Are you retired, semi-retired or thinking about it??

I found adjustment to a retired life style very difficult....so much so, that I found another job. Periodically, I talk with others in the church who have been challenged with the same issues. What do I do with myself? I don't really have a hobby. How do I remain "useful - relevant" and not drive my partner crazy? For the last several years, I have thought about seeing if there are others in the church family who are experiencing some of these same transitions in life and who would be interested to meet to share ideas, experiences... or just talk. No agenda, no minutes, no officers and little structure. We could meet one time and never meet again or we could decide to meet periodically and just see where our interests take us. I volunteer to convene a gathering of interested individuals sometime in September. Let me know if you would like to be part of this experiment.

- Monty Gerhart, montyellie@aol.com, H-302-328-0908

Sympathy

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bill Quillen and the family and friends of Marcia Everhart Stirling Quillen, a member of this church since 1964, who died on July 19. Her services were held in our Meeting House July 29. Marcia was an ordained ruling elder in our congregation and will be deeply missed.

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

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who welcomed close to 400 guests at the Memorial Service and Reception for our dear Marcia Quillen. You set up, and supervised vendors, and ushered, and sang, and parked, and arranged flowers, and answered phones, and served food, and cleaned up, and showed the face of our risen Lord.

Thank you, all!

-Pastor Nancy

A Thank-You from the Quillen Family

Our family is deeply grateful to the pastor and the Congregation for Wednesday's memorial service and reception. It was a masterpiece in organization and execution and in style. Marcia's final months had many extraordinary happy family events and today's worship celebration of her life was a magnificent holy tribute to God in her memory by her church family. The vital participation of so many parishioners was heart-warming to our family, and to our visitors, and we thank all for your Christian faith and fellowship.

Peace,

Bill



Young Adult Volunteer Mission Program of the PC(USA)

The Young Adult Volunteer program is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God's calling in their lives.

Volunteers are placed in community agencies or local churches, with jobs depending on the needs of partners and the skills of the Young Adult Volunteer. YAVs are exposed to some of the hardest problems in the world – poverty, violence and reconciliation, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ – while living and reflecting with other volunteers on the meaning and motivation of their Christian faith.

This coming year, a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexander Sprague, is serving as a Young Adult Volunteer. Many of us at New Castle Presbyterian remember Alex for accompanying our youth group to Montreat Youth Conference some years ago.

Alex is looking for funding for his year. He writes:

I am spending a year in Chinook Mt with the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program with the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is a program where we spend a year in a community volunteering our time with that community. I need to fundraise \$1500 by July 1st 2015 and then \$3,000 by January 1st 2016. Any amount that you can donate will help me reach my goal! Thanks!

You may fund this worthy effort by accessing: <http://www.gofundme.com/twjedb3>. Thank you for considering this worthy effort.



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 August 3-7. 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 3

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 4

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 5

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 6

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 7

Susan & Jim
Flook

Monthly Report

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



Membership:

June.....	177
Additions: Chad & Celia Viola by Reaffirmation of Faith.....	+2
Addition to Baptized Roll: Olivia Viola	
Loss to Death, Marcia Quillen	-1
July	178

Income thru 07/05/15:

2015 Budget:.....	\$149,779 .00
2015 Actual:	\$139,332.00

Expenses thru 07/05/15:

2015 Budget:.....	\$136,593.00
2015 Actual:	\$133,417.00

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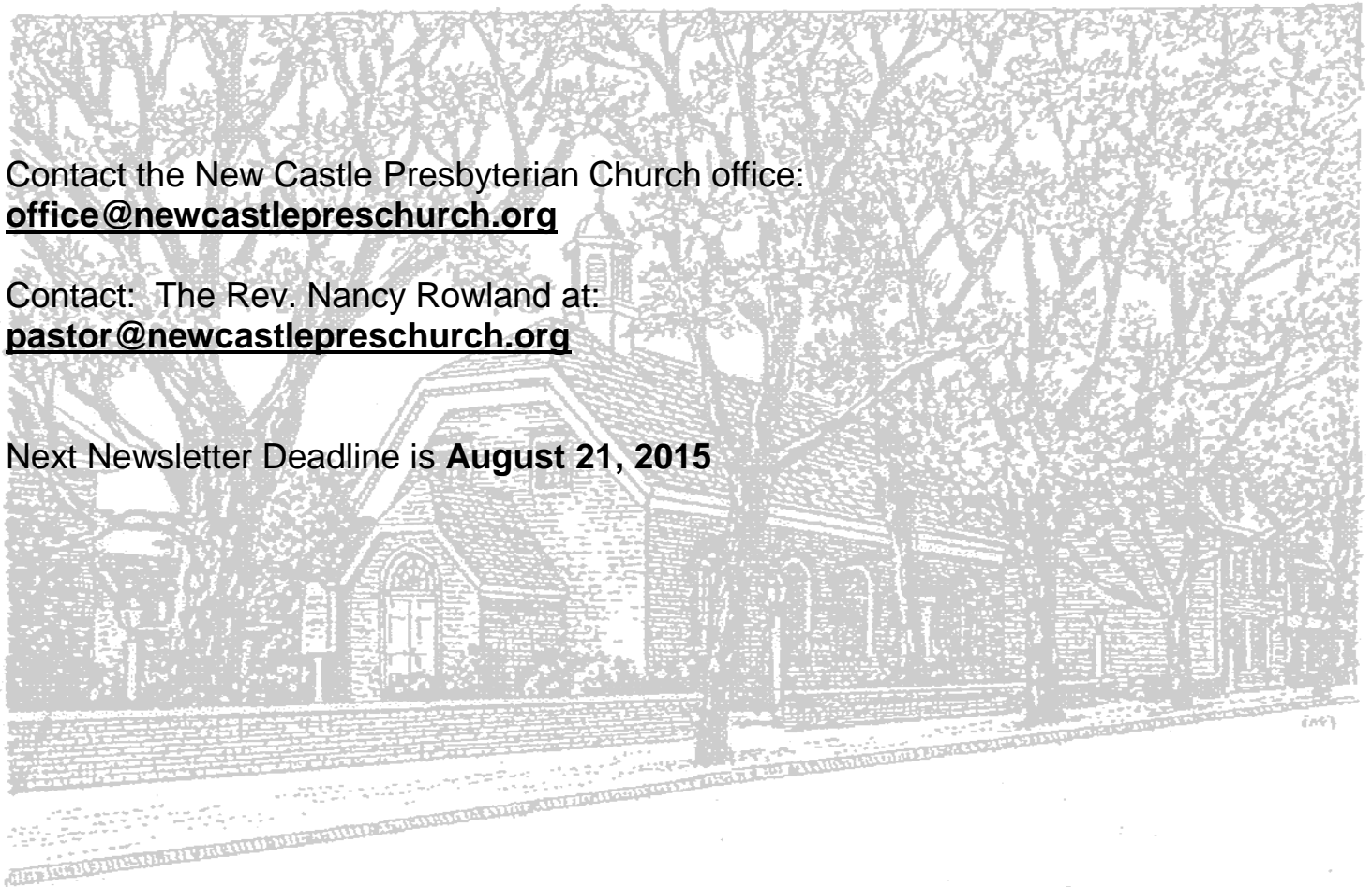


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Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **August 21, 2015**



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