

New Castle Presbyterian News

October 2015



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

What you've known as the Peacemaking Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This new Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday. However, you can help sustain the important PC(USA) ministries and programs that are supported by this important Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/PG999999/>.

HOW IS MY GIFT USED?

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

- Conflict can be individual: 1 in 4 U.S. students reports being bullied at school.
- Conflict can be collective: Up to 70% of women experience violence in their lifetimes.
- Conflict can be domestic: 1 in 3 women has been the victim of violence at the hands of an intimate partner. 1 in 4 children has been physically abused.
- Conflict can be international: Conflict and political violence are on the rise in 48 countries.
- Conflict can be historical: Structural racism creates long-term deficits of opportunity.
- Conflict can be contemporary: Human trafficking and forced labor affect 3 of every 1,000 people in the world today.

To help address these diverse challenges, the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports a range of ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation. This includes bearing witness in communities of conflict around the world, hosting education programs to raise awareness, driving local peacemaking efforts, offering catalyst support to our mission co-workers, and much more.

Imagine what a gift it is to those who have been hurt, in both their spirit and their community, to find a lasting peace and resolve conflict in its many forms.

In addition, individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries. **Our Session has devoted the locally designated portion of this offering to alleviate the hunger crisis in Malawi.**

Please give generously on October 4!

Food Crisis in Malawi

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is describing the unfolding food shortage in Malawi as critical, urging Presbyterians around the world to pray and support efforts to help people in need. In response to this crisis, the Session of New Castle Presbyterian Church has devoted the locally-designated portion of our Peace and Global Witness Offering (25%) to Malawi.

The situation is desperate. January 2015 the rain just kept coming and coming. The worst areas for flooding were in Blantyre and close to 200 people were killed and about 2000,000 were displaced.

Heavy rains and floods in the south have washed away many homes and crops. Drought throughout the country has reduced harvest yields, leaving the nation in a serious food crisis. Food prices are already 50% higher than their five-year average. A field that would normally produce 100 to 120 bags of maize has this year only produced nine bags.

Please give generously to the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering on October 4! Additional financial support can be provided through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance online, or by mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, designated to PDA Fund DR000158.

TOUCHING LIVES MINISTRY BRUNCH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

The Mission and Outreach Committee cordially invites all of our members and friends to a brunch on Sunday, October 18th. Our guest speaker will be Kathi Evans, director of the Touching Lives Ministry program that is establishing a medical clinic in Kenya. We became involved with this program last year when many of our seamstresses made over 75 dresses for the "Pillowcase Dress Project" supported by The Ten Thousand Villages store in Greenville, DE.

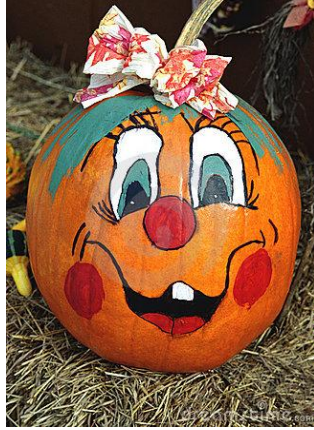
There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the CE building. Please let us know if you will be coming and what brunch food you will be bringing. You can also expect a reminder phone call from a deacon or elder if you want to attend but cannot be in church to sign-up in person. We look forward to seeing you there.

If any of you still have pillowcase dress kits at home, please try to complete them and bring them to the brunch. Also, I found it was cheaper to buy boys shorts at Goodwill rather than trying to make them so they will be brought to the brunch as well.

If anyone would like to help our committee with set up for the brunch, receiving dishes for the brunch, or cleaning up afterwards, please see Janet Spring or Ray Snyder.

Christian Education Committee Announces:

PUMPKIN NIGHT!!



Friday, October 9, 2015
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Families are invited to attend this evening
of fun and fellowship together
and enjoy some yummy desserts!

Be prepared to decorate pumpkins
for the fall season.
Please bring a dessert to share.



To attend, call 302-328-3279 or email office@newcastlepreschurch.org
by Wednesday, October 7.

Fellowship Coffee Hour Request for 1st Sundays

I am working on the schedule for the 11:30AM Fellowship coffee hour on first Sunday's of each month beginning on Oct 4, 2015 thru Sept 2016.

Please let me know if you are available to host or co-host a coffee hour. If so, which month.

Call Patti Isaacs-Hansen at (302) 377-2501 with any questions or concerns.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm:
Beginning October 7 in the Fellowship Hall.



The Letters of Paul We will study the similarities and differences of the various letters attributed to the Apostle Paul. The geographical, historical, and cultural context of each letter will be examined, that we might hear a fresh word for our day.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



Gwendolyn Truman, 10/1
Lily Powell, 10/4
Carol Mayhew, 10/8
Phoebe Dill, 10/10
Frances Handy, 10/14
Janet Swick, 10/16

Katherine Sechrist, 10/19
Luca Monzo, 10/22
Don Reese, 10/23
Mariah Graham, 10/24
Mason Reilly, 10/26
Rachel Handy, 10/29

Earl & Janet Reed, 10/3
Gary & Kathy Graham, 10/5
Daniel & Shirley Knox, 10/6
Miranda & Scott Matthews, 10/7



Laurie & Mark Powell, 10/8
Christine & Kevin Collins, 10/12
Carl & Susan Witt, 10/25
Annie & Leo Sotomayor, 10/28

Help Needed

I need some help in finding a type O kidney. My husband, Rob has stage 4 renal failure. We tried to have him do dialysis but he almost lost his arm from a very bad infection. The kidney transplant people said it would take him 7 years or more to get one. He doesn't have that long, but if he can do dialysis and find a kidney, his life would be spared.

I am asking for your help in finding a kidney for him. If you could spread the word we might just find one for him. We were told all expenses of the transplant would be paid. The person donating the kidney would be saving a life of a very sweet and gentle man. He has helped so many people during his life time, now I am asking for help for him.

Thank you for your time.
302-322-6729 home phone
Eveline Armstrong

Mission and Outreach News

Summertime kept the Mission and Outreach committee busy. Many of the members of our committee helped out with Vacation Bible School. The "Backpack" Project school supplies that were purchased with the children's nightly donations were then delivered to the school at Urban Promise. We also provided a meal for the Urban Promise Summer camp Interns and donated colored pencils for their art program and coolers to transport lunches for all the campers. We received two very nice notes from Urban Promise thanking us for our commitment to their ministry.

Sadly, we lost two of our long time mission supporters, Marcia Quillen and Debbie Harrington. Their lives and contributions were celebrated at memorial services at our church. The leftover food from Marcia's service was given to the summer interns at Urban Promise and the leftovers from Debbie's service were given to the Friendship House Breakfast Program. We would like to thank everyone who made food donations for these services and prepared the leftovers for delivery. This food was greatly appreciated by the individuals who received it.

In August, we served breakfast at the Friendship House Ministry to the Homeless location at the Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew. Thank you to Gene and Carol Mayhew, Ringo Keka and Mark Rappold, Joan Smith, Ray Snyder, and Connie Reese for getting up early and serving breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Our next opportunity to serve will be on December 5th (breakfast preparation) and December 6th (serving breakfast).

September brought the annual Clothing Drive for The Clothing Bank of Delaware.

October is CROP Walk month and sign up sheets are already posted in the Christian Education Building. Support your favorite walker!!

On October 29th, Urban Promise will have its annual fundraising banquet at the Chase Center on the Riverfront located at 915 Justison Street in Wilmington. The cost is \$50.00 per person. If you would like to attend or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please sign up on the Urban Promise information bulletin in the Christian Education Building. This opportunity will give participants a chance to meet with the staff and children who are involved in the day to day activities that Urban Promise provides for our inner city families. If you have any questions, please see Janet Spring.

November will bring the opportunity to create Christmas "ditty boxes" for the Port of Wilmington Seaman's Center. Ellie Gerhart will provide "post-it notes" letting you know what is needed. Everyone is invited to help fill the ditty boxes on Sunday, November 15.

As always, we encourage everyone's participation in the Spirit of Christmas. Friendship House will again be the recipient of our proceeds.

The need for mission and outreach is an ongoing reality. The news presents a grim picture of hunger and displacement for millions of people in our own country and especially worldwide. We are a small church, but we are mighty givers. God bless you and all that you do to share the love of Christ.

-Janet Spring, Mission and Outreach committee



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 October 12-16. 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 12

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 13

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 14

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 15

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 16

Susan & Jim
Flook

Monthly Report

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

Membership:

August	178
Addition by Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith:	
Amanda and James Anderson	+2
September	180

Income thru 09/02/15:

2015 Budget:	\$186,427.00
2015 Actual:	\$171,292.00

Expenses thru 09/02/15:

2015 Budget:	\$177,403.00
2015 Actual:	\$170,876.00



The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered September 27 to Griffon Ellis, infant son of Amanda and James Anderson. We also received into Active Membership Amanda Margaret Anderson by her Profession of Faith and James Richard Anderson by his Reaffirmation of Faith. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God! For that is what we are.

Retired? Semi-Retired? Thinking About It?

Approximately ten of our members have expressed interest in meeting. The first meeting will be held Sunday, October 4th at 12:00pm in the second floor meeting room of the CE building.

It is not too late to express interest!

- Monty Gerhart

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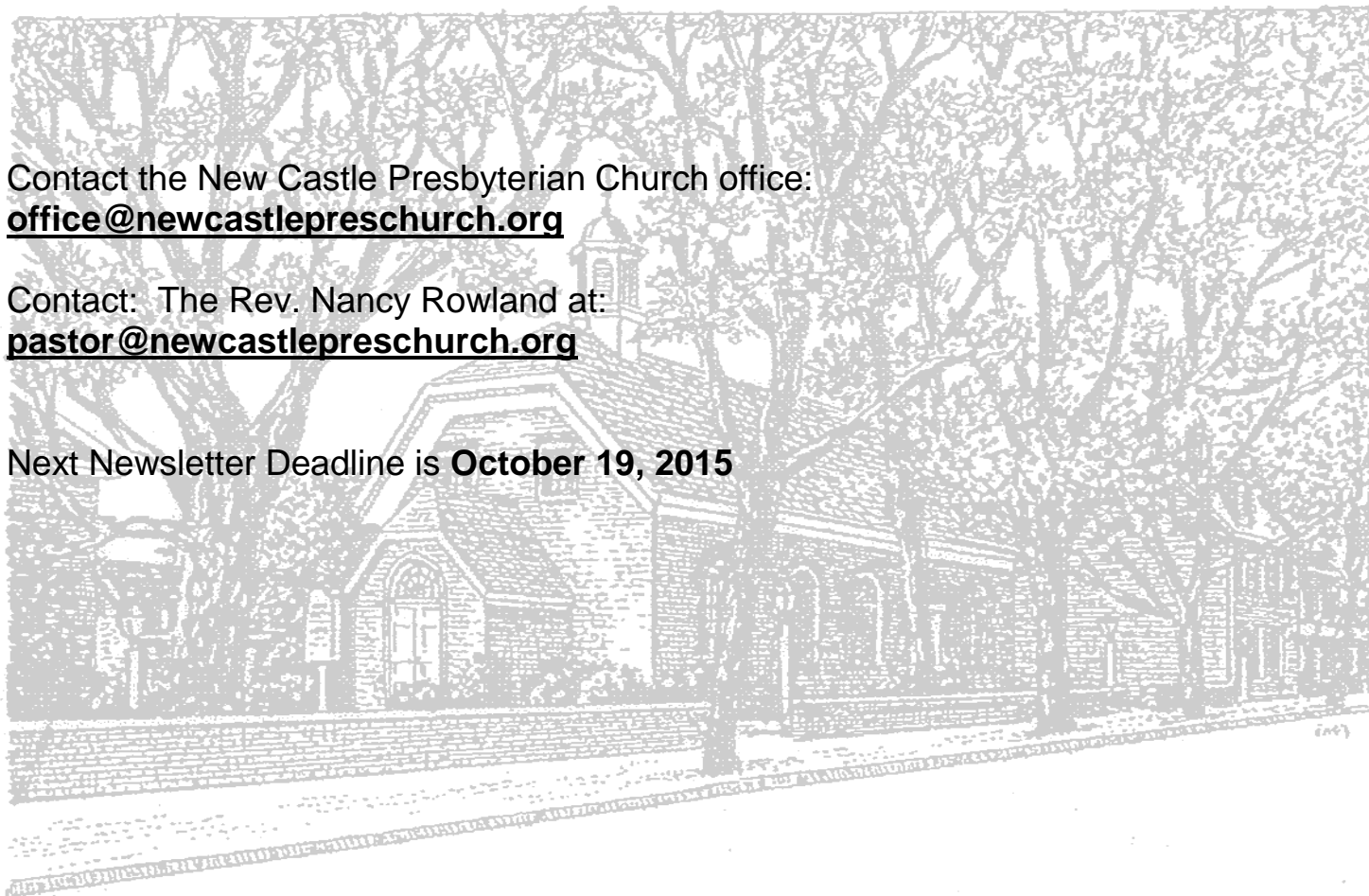


Address Change
Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **October 19, 2015**



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