

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *November 2015*

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### **Stewardship for the Year 2016**

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity,  
which will produce thanksgiving to God"*

*— II Corinthians 9:17*

At New Castle Presbyterian Church, God has blessed us with:

- a nurturing and supportive environment
- a living invitation to join in worship, prayer, and fellowship
- a community of understanding, compassion, and acceptance
- a servant church in outreach to the local community and world

Each of us has many opportunities to invest in the future, that our money might continue to do good for us and for others. Consider the good your investment in this congregation's ministries continue to have in our lives, the lives of our families, and the community and world that surround us. Invest in this portion of the Kingdom of God, and all other things will be added.

Join with others at our Celebration Brunch on **November 1**, as we give thanks to the God who has blessed us! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to participate, or make a reservation with your officer when you are called. You may also call the church office at 302-328-3279.

God is great and has showered us with blessings! Let us dare to give a proportion of what we have to the God who gives so much!

### **All Saints**

We celebrate the saints that have gone before us on All Saints Sunday, November 1. The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving during communion will include the names of those dear to us who have entered the Church Triumphant. Please be prepared to fill out a form with a beloved's name that day to include in the offering. If you cannot be present but would like the name of someone who has died to be remembered, please call the church office (302-328-3279).



***Daylight Savings begins  
Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m.  
Don't forget to "Fall Back"***



### **A New Sign**

Many thanks to Bruce Gordon for re-building our church wall sign board recently. This sign board was originally constructed by former pastor Ralph Johnson, was repeatedly repaired by Gene Mayhew, and has now taken on a new life through Bruce's skills. The communion of the saints keeps getting the word out!

Bruce continues to quietly make all sorts of improvements on our buildings, often assisted by Gene Mayhew, our consummate volunteer maintenance man. Most recent was a new window well cover at the manse. Thanks for your constant help, Bruce!



### **Yard Clean-up**

Please join us for our church/manse yard clean-up on Saturday, December 5 at 9:00am until noon. Please bring rakes and/or brooms. All are welcome!

- Trustees

### **Adult Bible Study**



Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm 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.

# FOOD CLOSET

## White Gift Food Donations

As summer disappears and fall arrives the need for the food closet is ever increasing.

Here is a list of items that St. Peter's suggests and doesn't suggest for their food closet.

### Recommended Food

Apple Sauce	Jelly
Box Potatoes	Juices (Apple, Cranberry, etc)
Campbell Soup (Tomato & Chicken)	Mac & Cheese
Campbell Chunky Soups	Microwave cups
Canned Fruits (Peaches & Pears)	Maruchan and Ramon Dehydrated soups
Canned Meats (Spam & Ham)	Peanut Butter
Canned Vegetables (String Beans, Peas, Corn, Potatoes, Chili, Cannelli Beans)	Prepared Tomato Sauce (Ragu, Prego, Rinaldi)
Capri Drinks	Progresso Soups (Traditional)
Cereal	Rice
Cranberry Sauce (in season)	Spaghetti
Canned Turkey & Chicken	Spaghettios (Chef Boyardee)
Dinty Moore cans & bowls	Stove Top Stuffing (in season)
Fruit Cups (Dole & Mott)	Tuna
Healthy Choice, Marie Callender prepared meals	Toiletries
	Yams (in season)

### Not Recommended Food

Baked Goods (cake mixes, cookies, jello, flour, baby foods)	Pasta (rigatoni, ziti, shells, bows, fusilli, lasagna)
Canned Vegetables (mix vegetables, carrots, beets, pumpkin, lima beans, sauerkraut, pineapple)	Canned Tomato products (Tutto Russo - diced tomatoes, puree, paste)
Canned Soups (lentils, onion, vegetarian, cream of mushroom/celery)	Miscellaneous (sodas, gravies, broth, cooking oil, ketchup, mustard, cooking wine, syrups, candies)

# Family Fun Night

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM

At the home of Connie & Don Reese



All families are invited for a night of fun in the Reese's backyard - complete with a bonfire!

The CE Committee will supply the hot dogs and all the ingredients for S'Mores!

Bring a snack to share and a 2-liter bottle of soda.

**Sign up in the CE Building!**

**Get in the Spirit this Fall for Our Spirit of Christmas Community Mission  
for Friendship House, December 12, 2015**

October is the perfect time to donate items for the **Look What \$20 Will Buy** table. The \$20 table consistently drives a large percentage of the funds we donate to Friendship House.

We are asking **everyone** to gather and shop for items valued at more than \$20. If you have interesting pieces in your home to donate, or happened upon things during your summer travels - even clearance items found at summer sales - we are ready to receive them!

Small appliances, housewares, Vera Bradley bags and accessories, jewelry, holiday and Delaware-themed items are always perennial favorites. Also, small items can be often be paired with other items to make a larger grouping.

Gift certificates and event tickets worth more than \$20 for local and Wilmington restaurants and events are also helpful.

Think about making it a family challenge to see who can find the best value for the \$20 table this year!

If you need somewhere to store items you have, please see Carol Mayhew or Joanne Viola.

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

**Friendship House Memorial Sock Drive Honoring  
Marcia Quillen and Debbie and Joe Harrington**



Starting Sunday, November 29, the Mission and Outreach committee will be collecting warm socks to be given to the homeless at the Friendship House Breakfast program and also during Code Purple nights throughout the winter. In years past, we have honored the memory of our Pastor Emeritus, Ralph Johnson. During his 26 years of pastoring our church, Ralph championed the needs and rights of those less fortunate.

This year, we would like to honor the memory of our dear friends, Marcia Quillen and Debbie and Joe Harrington. Their commitment to Mission and Outreach enabled our committee to serve others in a meaningful way.

There will be a box for your sock donations in the hallway of the Christian Education building. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.



## **Thanksgiving Breakfast**

We will gather together in the Christian Education Building for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day (November 26) at 8 a.m. A home-cooked breakfast will be served. After breakfast, Pastor Nancy will lead a time of reflection and thanksgiving. You are particularly encouraged to invite your friends and loved ones!

Officers will be making reminder calls or emails in early November. If you have not been called by November 23<sup>rd</sup>, please add your name to the list to be posted in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office (302-328-3279).

## **Thanksgiving Worship**

Join your friends and neighbors in giving thanks to God for many blessings! This year's community worship service will be held at on Sunday November 22 at 7:00p.m. at New Castle United Methodist Church. The preaching will be offered by Deacon Tom Halko of St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. There will be a reception afterwards.

You are asked to bring a monetary offering for the needy families of our area through the New Castle Area CROP Hunger Walk.



## **Homemade Pie Crusts: Saturday November 14th at 10:00AM**

If you are interested in learning how to make pie crust and pies please RSVP via email to Patti Hansen at [patti.isaacs-hansen@clinchain.com](mailto:patti.isaacs-hansen@clinchain.com)

## **Compost It!**

There is now a compost container in the church kitchen for coffee grounds, and plant materials (fruits, vegetable, and flowers). Any questions or concerns contact Patti Hansen.



## **Touching Lives Ministry Brunch and Used Shoe Drive**

Thank you all for attending the presentation by Kathi Evans of Touching Lives Ministry on October 18th. This ministry has been at work in the country of Kenya establishing medical clinics, digging a well with a water processing system, and sending out the word of Jesus Christ to the men, women and children of the village of Sanjweru. Over the past year, our congregation has been making pillowcase dresses for the young girls of the village.

Kathi gave a heartwarming message about all the work that has been done and will continue to do in this tiny village. The major plan for this ministry is to build a hospital and to also dig another new well with a water processing system in the village of Sanjweru. They are also trying to bring a young Kenyan named Brian to the United States to have surgery on a leg that has been damaged for 15 years. To help with this project, the mission and outreach committee will be holding a "used shoe" drive during the month of November. A small ministry in Florida takes shoe donations from all over the country. They "dismantle" the shoes and then give the shoe products to third world nations to create "cottage industries" for individuals and families to make belts, jewelry, key rings, etc. for sale in their own countries and in stores like Ten Thousand Villages. Touching Lives Ministry gets a donation from this Florida ministry for every 25 pounds of shoes contributed. This donation helps provide the funding needed to get Brian to the U.S. for the surgery he needs to survive.

If you would like to donate your unwanted shoes, please put them in the container marked "Shoes for Brian" located in the CE building.

If you would like to make a donation to Touching Lives Ministry you can send your check to:

Touching Lives Ministry  
P.O. Box 1021  
Brookhaven PA 19015

Or you can go to their website: [www.touchinglivesmissions.org](http://www.touchinglivesmissions.org) and click on the "donate" link to make a credit card or PayPal donation.



## Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation and corporation of New Castle Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, November 15** following morning worship. The Nominating Committee will present a report for a new trustee of the congregation to fill an unexpired term. Additionally, the corporation will meet to fill an unexpired term on the trustees of the corporation. Nominations will also be received from the floor. To be placed in nomination by the committee will be:

### Trustee of the Congregation, Class of 2016

(filling an unexpired term vacated by Matt Kim): **Jim Whisman** is self-employed, providing tax and financial services through Colonial Financial and Tax Services, LLC. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP®). Also, he has professional accreditations as an Accredited Estate Planner (AEP) and a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU®). He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Society of Financial Service Professionals, and several other professional organizations.

Also, Jim is an Independent Investment Advisor with Cetera Advisors Networks LLC providing a range of services related to investment needs and goals, such as selecting a diversified portfolio and monitoring its performance.

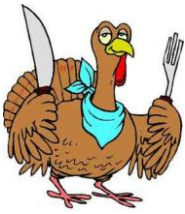
Over the course of his career, he has been involved with numerous professional, community, and civic organizations as a volunteer. He and his wife Barbara live in New Castle, Delaware, where he is active in historical reenactment programs for the Historical New Castle Court House Museum and as a board member of New Castle Historical Society. Jim has served this congregation as a ruling elder, an usher, a member of the Resource Development Committee, and the Spirit of Christmas Committee.

### Trustee of the Corporation, Class of 2016

(filling an unexpired term vacated by Matt Kim): **Carol Mayhew** Carol and her husband Gene joined the New Castle Presbyterian Church in December of 1964. Carol has, over the years, served on the Session, on the Board of Trustees, as Sunday School and Bible School Superintendent, President of the Women's Association and on various other committees of the church and of the Presbytery. She was chair of the 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee and co-chair of the Spirit of Christmas for 8 years. She has served four terms on the Board of Trustees, many of those years as President.

Carol is retired, after working in public education for over 35 years, almost 30 of which were with the State Department of Education in Dover. Gene and Carol's only child Stacy, lives in Swarthmore, PA with her husband J.W. and their four children, Logan, 23, Hart, 21, Luke, 18, and Hunter, 15. Now that Carol has retired she and Gene, who is also retired, are free to spend many happy hours watching their grandchildren participate in their numerous and varied activities. They also enjoy travelling and reading. Both Carol and Gene are graduates of the University of Delaware and enjoy going to Delaware football games both at home and away.





## Donate a Frozen Turkey

If you earn credit for a free turkey this fall please consider donating that free turkey to a Christmas Food Basket project being organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Beverly Stoudt is co-chairperson of this large undertaking. Approximately 375 families and senior citizens will receive a week's worth of non-perishable food on Saturday December 19. Each basket also will be accompanied by a **10—15 lb. frozen turkey** for Christmas dinner.

Many grocery stores are offering bargain prices and offers of free turkeys before Thanksgiving. And, some companies give their employees a free turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. If you have accumulated credit or expect a gift of a turkey and do not want it, please consider giving it to our Christmas Food Basket project.

We will need your donated turkey **any time** before **Sat. Dec. 19**. If you plan to donate please call Beverly Stoudt, as soon as you get the turkey, at 368-9354 to arrange for pick up and storage. We have a facility that will store as many turkeys as we can get. If you would like to bring your donated turkey to any Sunday church service that would be wonderful and hopefully easy for your family. Put it in the kitchen freezer and tell Beverly it is there.

If you want to purchase a turkey and donate it we will be very grateful.

**Remember the prices are much better before Thanksgiving than after.**

\_\_\_\_\_ We will pledge a turkey.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will bring our donated turkey to church.

\_\_\_\_\_ We do not have space to store a turkey and will need to have our donated turkey picked up.

Please call our family at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for considering this loving project and taking the time to secure a frozen turkey!

-Beverly Stoudt (368-9354), Newark Area Welfare Committee, P.O. Box 951, Newark, DE 19715

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Kelly Koczak McCurdy, 11/5  
 Thomas Truman, 11/5  
 Jean Swanson, 11/6  
 Amanda Anderson, 11/7  
 Dean MacEwen, 11/10  
 Samuel Kim, 11/11  
 Robert Spring, 1/11  
 Caroline Monzo, 11/13  
 Brenda Walters, 11/14  
 Patricia Bird, 11/15

Mary Pratt, 11/16  
 Jonathan Flook, 11/16  
 David Taylor, 11/18  
 William Wilson, 11/19  
 Susan Flook, 11/20  
 Grace Kim, 11/22  
 Judy Hentkowski, 11/23  
 Sarah Werkheiser, 11/24  
 Griffon Anderson, 11/27  
 Bob Briggs, 11/30

Doug Esham & Laura Gearheart-Esham, 11/2  
 Gail & C.J. Seitz, 11/19



### 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 November 16-20. 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 16**  
 Shirley Knox

**Tuesday 17**  
 Lois Barth  
 Joan Smith

**Wednesday 18**  
 Carol & Gene  
 Mayhew

**Thursday 19**  
 Cynthia Robbins  
 Nanette Nichol

**Friday 20**  
 Susan & Jim  
 Flook

### Monthly Report

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

**Membership:**

September ..... 179  
 October ..... 179

**Income thru 10/03/15:**

2015 Budget: ..... \$204,193.00  
 2015 Actual: ..... \$186,209.00

**Expenses thru 10/03/15:**

2015 Budget: ..... \$196,833.00  
 2015 Actual: ..... \$188,699.00

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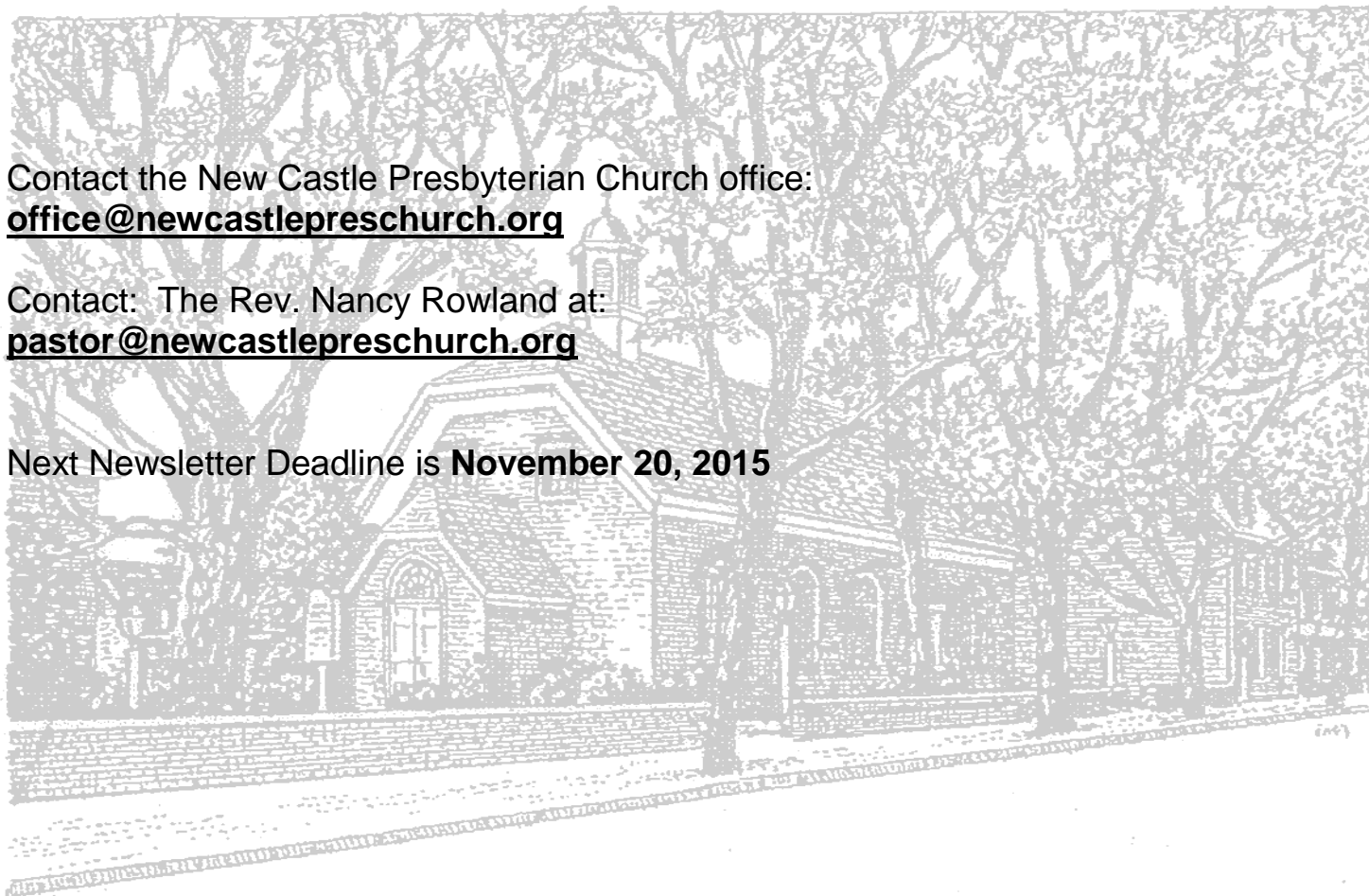


Address Change  
Requested

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 **November 20, 2015**



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