

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *December 2015*

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### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

- November 29      **First Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else
- December 6        **Second Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- December 12      **Spirit of Christmas (Saturday)**  
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- December 13      **Third Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else
- December 18      **Christmas Caroling**  
7:00 p.m. Gather at church  
8:00 p.m. Refreshments - Mayhews (17 E. 5<sup>th</sup>)
- December 20      **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else
- December 24      **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (Thursday)**  
5:30 p.m. Children's Service (Meeting House)  
7:30 p.m. Traditional Service (Meeting House)
- December 27      **First Sunday after Christmas**  
10:30 a.m. Worship and Someplace Else



## **Yard Clean-up**



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

- Trustees

## **Mission and Outreach News**

### **Seamen's Center**

A big thank you to the members and friends of NCPC for making it possible to assemble and deliver 42 ditty boxes and 71 hand knitted hats and scarves to the Seamen's Center of Wilmington. Our boxes will be part of over 1000 delivered to the ships arriving to the Port of Wilmington the month of December.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share our abundant blessings, and to share the Christmas Season and the birth of the Christ child with the larger world.

- Ellie Gerhart

### **Friendship House Breakfast Program: Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

We will be serving breakfast at the Friendship House Ministry to the Homeless Breakfast Program on Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 a.m. at their location at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew on 8th and Shipley Street. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available and posted on the display easel in the Christian Education Building. We need donations of food (eggs, ham, cheese and milk) and volunteers to serve the meal on Sunday morning. Please have all food donations at church by 12:30 on Friday, December 4th. Thank you for your continued dedication to this ministry.

### **Friendship House Memorial Sock Drive**

During the month of December we will be collecting socks for the Friendship House Ministry to the homeless. These socks will be distributed during the Friendship House Breakfast Program each Sunday and also on Code Purple Nights throughout the winter. We will need socks for both men and women in various sizes. White tube socks are the most requested, but any style of socks will be appreciated. A collection box will be located in the hallway of the CE building.

In years past, we have honored the memory of our former pastor, Ralph Johnson. This time we would like to honor the memory of those dedicated and devoted members of our church who went home to the Lord this year.

## **Touching Lives Ministry Shoe Drive**

In October we had the chance to meet with Kathi Evans, the chair of Touching Lives Ministry. During her talk about Touching Lives Ministries medical mission to Kenya we learned about a young man named Brian who has a debilitating leg injury. Through the help of an organization called Funds2Orgs, Touching Lives has been collecting shoes to help raise funds to bring Brian to the United States for corrective surgery on his leg. I am happy to report that Brian is currently in this country and receiving the medical treatment he needs. This is a very involved process. Initially, he must receive three surgeries to make sure all the infection is out of his body. When he is cleared, the reconstruction of his leg will begin. I had the opportunity to meet with Brian on Sunday, November 18th at the Touching Lives Gala. He is a wonderful young man. I also met with Hezron, a Kenyan medical student who studies are also being funded by Touching Lives Ministry who will stay with Brian for the first surgeries and act as interpreter when needed. Brian is currently living in South Carolina with Kathi Evans brother and his family. The surgeon is donating his time.

Your donation of used shoes has been overwhelming! Already I have made two trips to drop of large garbage bags of shoes. At the gala, a flat bed truck and two vans were loaded to the brim with shoes. Thank you for all you have done for this young man. There will be pictures of Brian and updates about his surgeries in the glass case located in the hallway of the Christian Education Building. If you want to learn more about the shoe drive, Google Funds2Orgs and go to their website.

The Shoe drive ended November 30th so we would have room for Spirit of Christmas items, but we may do another collection in the new year.

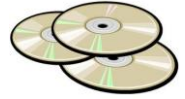
## **Children's Music**



During the Sundays of November 22 through December 13, there will be children's music from 11:30 until 11:50am. The children will share their singing and chiming on December 20 in worship. On December 20, the rehearsal will be at 9:45 am. Celebrate the Advent season by having your children participate in this important program sponsored by the Christian Education Committee and led by Minerva Lermond.



**Spirit of Christmas - December 12, 2015**  
**Book, Video Games, CDs and DVDs Sale**



We are now accepting donations of gently used books, video games, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games for our annual Spirit of Christmas book sale. If you are unable to bring the donations upstairs to room 201, please leave them out of the way in the CE building. They will be taken up for you. Any questions, please call Peter McCurdy at 202-441-6300.



**Cookies - Spirit of Christmas - December 12, 2015**

Calling all Cookies!!! It's that time again and, as you may know, the beverage/cookie table is always appreciated by Spirit of Christmas visitors. Please deliver your cookies (home-baked or purchased) to the church kitchen Friday, 12/11 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or early Saturday morning. Thank you, Brenda Walters & Conchita Showell.

**Spirit of Christmas - Saturday, December 12**  
**Craft Table**



Everyone is encouraged to start working at home on items you may want to contribute to Spirit of Christmas. We will welcome more pocketbooks, mittens, ornaments, scarves, etc., which many of you have already perfected, or surprise us with something entirely new! The church craft room upstairs is stocked with material, yarn, buttons, and zippers for your use.

Please call Diana Reilly 661-0865 or Ellie Gerhart 328-0908.



**Spirit of Christmas - December 12, 2015**  
**Soups, Breads, and homemade goodies!**



Now is the season to open your recipe book. Tis the season to think about your culinary contributions for Spirit of Christmas.

If you would like to offer not only your delicious homemade soup and bread for sale, but also your homemade jams, jellies and fudge (*hint hint*). Some of these have been donated in the past, and were a great hit with the patrons. If you are talented in that way, please share your gifts in jars as well.

There will be soup containers and bread bags plus labels a time closer to the date.

If you need further information please call:

Janet Reed (302-328-6749)

Ray Snyder (302-328-1662)

Susan Townsend (302-328-5533)



**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.

**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 5TH**

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



**Caroling in Old New Castle**

Be sure to mark your calendar for a great evening of Christmas Caroling on Friday night December 18<sup>th</sup>! We will meet at the church at 7:00pm and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling.

We will end up at Gene and Carol Mayhew's house (17 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in New Castle) for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30pm).

Please join us at the Mayhew's even if you are unable to walk around and carol.



## 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



## Meals on Wheels

**HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for the upcoming year. 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 is December 21-24. 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 21

Shirley Knox

### Tuesday 22

Lois Barth  
Joan Smith

### Wednesday 23

Carol & Gene  
Mayhew

### Thursday 24

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

### Friday 25

No Delivery

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Fries, 12/5

Conchita Showell, 12/6

Vic Clark, 12/8

Robert McCullough, 12/8

Daniel Barry, 12/9

Jennifer Kim, 12/9

James Anderson, 12/13



Ruth Moore, 12/16

Pat Taylor, 12/16

Kim Beebe, 12/17

Celia Viola, 12/19

Lyn Briggs, 12/22

Annabelle Kern, 12/22

Charlotte McDowell, 12/30

Bruce & Lisa Raker, 12/14

Connie & Don Reese, 12/28

Jim & Susan Flook, 12/30



# Flower Guild Annual Poinsettias



Donations are being taken for poinsettias. Please fill out the attached form and return to the office. The Sanctuary will be decorated for two weeks. Flowers may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. The deadline for orders will be December 13, 2015. The cost is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to NCPC.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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How many: \_\_\_\_\_





## Monthly Report

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

### Membership:

October.....	179
November .....	179

### Income thru //15:

2015 Budget: .....	\$227,767.00
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2015 Actual:.....	\$199,441.00
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### Expenses thru //15:

2015 Budget: .....	\$217,640.00
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2015 Actual:.....	\$207,682.00
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## Adult Bible Study

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall:

December 2 - 16 in the Fellowship Hall.

### **The End (and Beginning) of the World as We Know It**

We will study the many ideas about the cosmos in the scriptures and what the New Creation in Christ will look like. Wait and watch with us!

## White Gift Donations

During the season of Advent, we concentrate our efforts in replenishing our White Gift Fund. Monetary contributions provide utility assistance for others throughout the year. Non-perishable goods are distributed at the St. Peter the Apostle Food Closet.

Here is a list of items that St. Peter's suggests and doesn't suggest for their food closet. There is a large need for **feminine products, baby diapers and proteins such as tuna and peanut butter.**

### 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)	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)

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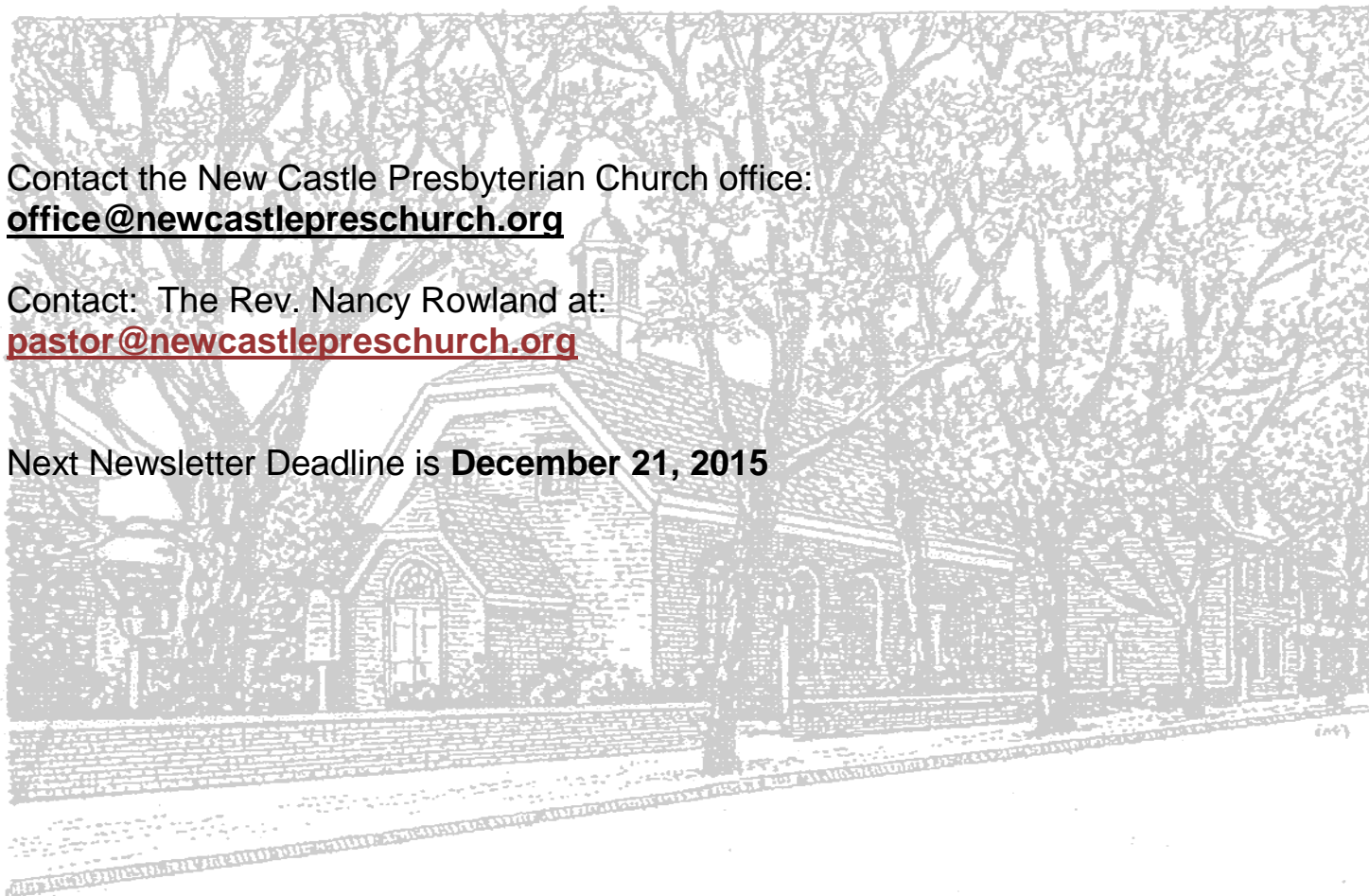


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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:  
[pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org)

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



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