

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *January 2016*

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### **Spirit of Christmas - 2015**

Thanks to all who helped make our 2015 Spirit of Christmas celebration a great success! Because of your sharing of talent and time, this year we will be sending Friendship House at least \$9,000.

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, we will review Spirit of Christmas 2015 at a meeting in the CE Building. We urge all SOC committee chairpersons, plus anyone else with ideas to share, to attend. If you are not able to join us at the meeting but have suggestions for future Spirit of Christmas celebrations, please contact Kelly Koczak-McCurdy, Miranda Matthews, or Pat Taylor.

Kelly, Miranda, and Pat

### **Memorial Sock Drive**

I want to thank everyone for your generous donations of socks this year. I have already taken several very large bags of socks to Bill Perkins, the Director of Friendship House Ministry to the Homeless and will deliver another bag after Christmas. The sock drive will continue until the first Sunday in January. May your new year be filled with blessings and joy!

-Janet Spring



### **Successful CROP WALK**

Our successful 2015 CROP walk included: Scott and Miranda Matthews, Michael and Lucy Armstrong and Patti Isaacs-Hansen, Mark Rappold, Ringo Keka, Joan Smith, Janet Spring, Winnie Mellenger, Susan Townsend, and Janet Spring. Our church family and larger community of friends contributed for the total of \$2010.00. Online pledges were an additional contribution to our success.

It is with gratitude that we will continue to lift each other up to eliminate hunger here in Delaware, the United States and through out the world. Thanks to every one for your continuing support with the 2015 CROP WALK.

## NPC Directory



The latest copy of the New Castle Presbyterian Church Directory has been available since October in the entry to the Christian Education building. It is also available on our website and there it will be updated monthly.

### Welcome

On December 27 we welcomed Tony Reilly into the active membership of our congregation by Reaffirmation of Faith. Tony is the husband of Ruling Elder Diana Reilly and father to baptized members Mason and Dylan. Welcome, Tony!

Please add to your directory:

Tony Reilly  
47 N. Glen Ave.  
New Castle, DE 19720  
302-290-9207 cell; 302-661-0865 home  
wolfnoir88@comcast.net

### Five Wishes – January 31

The New Castle Presbyterian Church Congregational Life Committee would like to share the gift of Five Wishes. This is a resource program for helping each of us express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself.

Five Wishes was developed by Aging with Dignity, a national non-profit organization with a mission to affirm and safeguard the human dignity of individuals as they age and to promote better care for those near the end of life.

All are welcome to participate in a program led by:

Christa Winter

Delaware Ecumenical Council Faith and Action Director

On: Sunday, January 31, 2016 after worship; bring a brunch dish to share

At: the Christian Education Building 25 East 2nd Street, New Castle

You will learn:

- How to discuss this topic with your family, and receive materials which you can use.
- How to develop a document which is accepted as a legal advanced directive in Delaware.
- How to choose a power of attorney for healthcare

Please join us for this important event. For additional information see:

<http://www.deccf.org/next-steps> or [www.agingwithdignity.org](http://www.agingwithdignity.org). Register at 302-328-3279, or sign up in the fellowship hall.

## Art Classes

Rekha Bharwani, an accomplished local artist, will be offering art classes in our building (Room 208) beginning in mid-January. She is looking for someone to be the extra adult in the room during classes with children. No experience is required. Please contact her at 302-525-8056 if you are interested. Classes are offered on weekday afternoons and Saturdays. Minimum wage.

## **coloursinbear**

### **Creativity Matters**

*“Creativity can solve almost any problem.*

*The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything.” —  
George Lois*

**Coloursinbear** is offering Art Classes for all ages. Classes are small in size, which allow the lessons to be customized to our interest and artistic goals. There are special weekend classes also to fit your schedule.

Flexible Schedule - So if you have to miss a session you will be allowed to make it up!

### **Art for Kids ... Ages 4-10 years**

We will work with kids to their ability and interest. We will help the child develop their creative interests and teach proper technique in various arts medium.

Four Weeks Session .... 40 - 50 Minutes Class

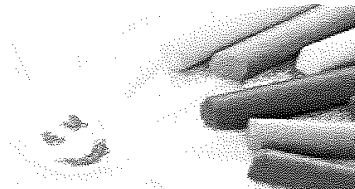
Curriculum: Color Pencils, Pastels, Crayons, and Water Colors,  
appropriate for age group

### **Senior Classes**

In this class we will explore drawing and painting from still life to horticulture landscape in various media.

You will have a chance to explore pencil, charcoal, ink, watercolors and pastels and understand appropriate techniques to use with each. One-on-one instruction will follow a brief discussion so you will have a chance to develop your style and explore your personal interest.

**coloursinbear.com    302 525 8056**



*All classes are held at New Castle Presbyterian Church.*

*Call 302-525-8056 for schedule.*

Christian Education Committee Announces:



**BUILD A SNOWMAN!**

Friday, January 22, 2016  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

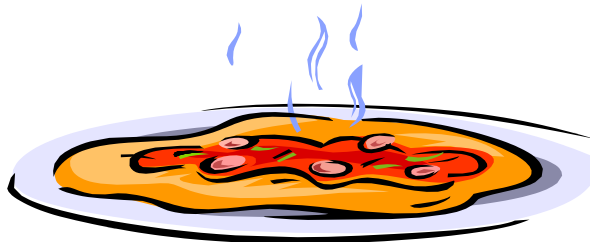
Families are invited to attend this evening  
of fun and fellowship together  
and enjoy some good food!

Be prepared to build an indoor "snow"man  
and enjoy other activities.

Please bring a dessert to share.

The CE Committee will supply the pizza!

Monetary donations welcome.



To attend, call 302-328-3279 or email [office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org)  
by Wednesday, January 20.

## WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better teaching and ruling elders. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church fostering full participation in decision making. It is how Presbyterians support our core structure that keeps us together as a church. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

### WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO??

Glad you asked! It supports the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in the following areas:

- Leadership Development
- Communications
- Vocations
- Resources
- Preservation of History
- Ecumenical Relations
- Committees and Commissions
- Meetings

Per capita supports your Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly staff whose work and witness enhance the work of congregations!

In other words paying per capita is similar to:

- Contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- Paying to be connected to the Internet
- Paying for the benefit of utilities, like electricity, water, and telephone
- Pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline for a road trip!

### Per Capita

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic	\$ .80
General Assembly	\$7.12
New Castle Presbytery	<u>\$23.73</u>
TOTAL 2016 Per Capita	\$31.65

You can help out New Castle Presbyterian Church by making a contribution equal to your per capita expense. Make a check out to the church for \$31.65 and mark in the memo "per capita." Thank you!

**January Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Cynthia Beam, 1/1  
 Mary Duncan, 1/1  
 Lynn MacEwen, 1/1  
 Sandra Walker, 1/1  
 Mark Stallard, 1/2  
 Rachel Briggs, 1/2  
 Kris Stone, 1/6  
 Olivia Viola, 1/6  
 Mariellen Boyle, 1/8  
 Linda Twyford, 1/10



Sonya Lattanzio, 1/10  
 Matthew Kim, 1/11  
 Wren Esham, 1/14  
 Bill Quillen, 1/15  
 Daniel Dunson, 1/16  
 Jim Whisman, 1/17  
 Mary Cebenka, 1/20  
 Louise Thornton, 1/22  
 Mildred McGraw, 1/25  
 Julia Spock, 1/27

Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25  
 Bob & Janet Swick, 1/26



**Meals on Wheels**

**HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2016. Please 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 January 25-29. If anyone is interested in delivering meals to shut-in Seniors in the New Castle area, please contact the office at 302-328-3279.

<b><u>Monday 25</u></b> Shirley Knox	<b><u>Tuesday 26</u></b> Lois Barth Joan Smith	<b><u>Wednesday 27</u></b> Carol & Gene Mayhew	<b><u>Thursday 28</u></b> Cynthia Robbins Nanette Nichol	<b><u>Friday 29</u></b> Susan & Jim Flook
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**Monthly Report**



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

Membership:

November.....	179
Addition by Reaffirmation of Faith: Tony Reilly .....	+1
Removal by Letter of Transfer: Charles & Kathryn Potter, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Newark .....	-2
December.....	178

Income thru 12/05/15:

2015 Budget:.....	\$240,842.00
2015 Actual: .....	\$224,591.00

Expenses thru 12/05/15:

2015 Budget:.....	\$237,446.00
2015 Actual: .....	\$225,675.00

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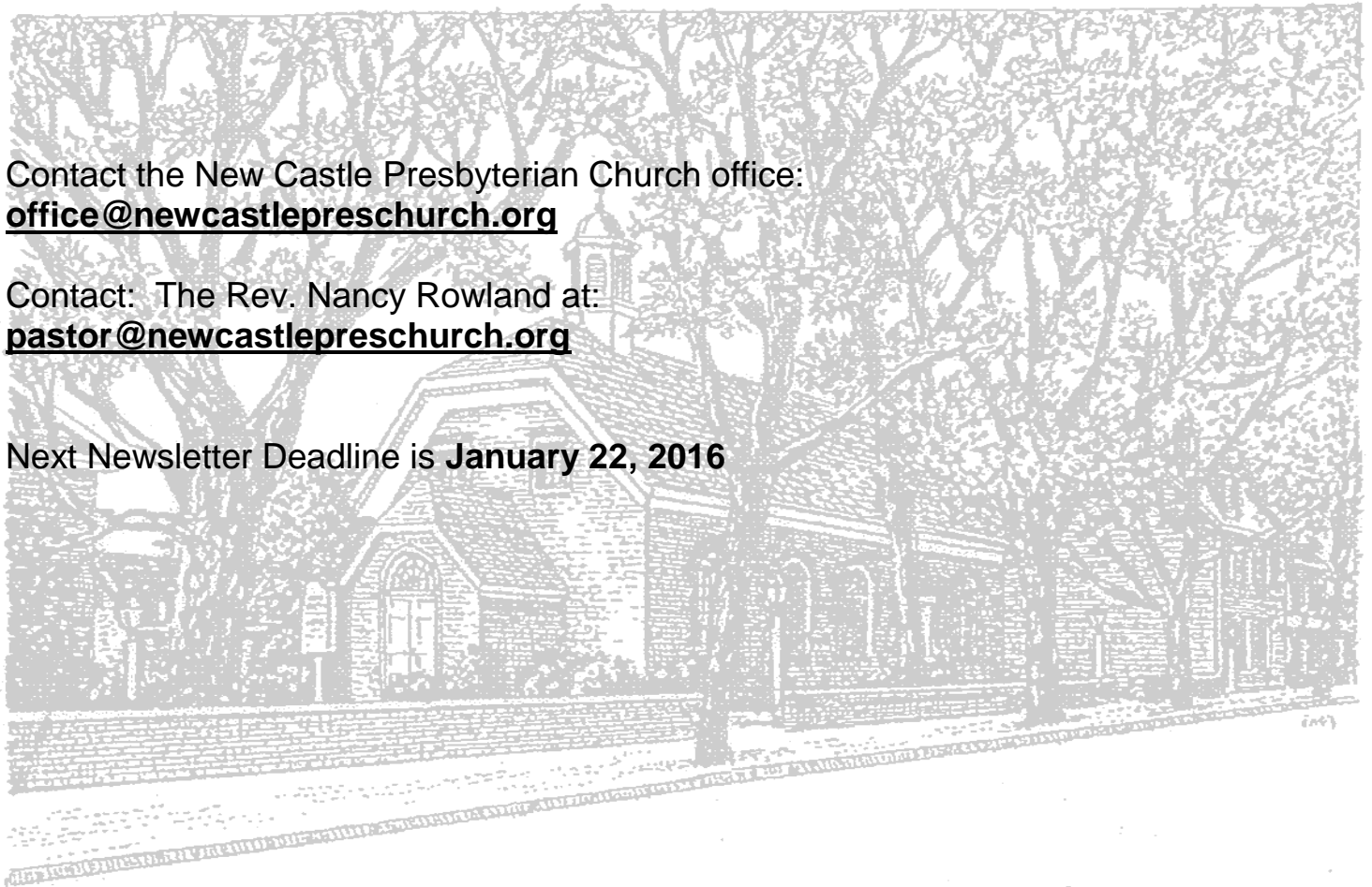


Address Change  
Requested

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 **January 22, 2016**



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