

New Castle Presbyterian News

May 2016



May Market **Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7**

The Arasapha Garden Club's Annual May Market is the perfect place to find plants, herbs, and flowers for your garden. Behind the Old Town Hall on East 2nd Street. There will be a white elephant and book sales in our Fellowship Hall. Proceeds support the Arasapha Garden Club's work in the historic gardens of the Amstel House & Dutch House. For more information, visit www.arasapha.org.

Ties



Looking to get rid of those unwanted neck ties? Miranda Matthews and Mark Rappold are collecting them for a craft project. There will be a collection box in the CE building entrance way.



Cell Phones

Wondering what to do with those outdated cell phones? Ray Snyder is collecting old cell phones for Child, Inc. They will be erased and refurbished to dial 911 only, and given to domestic violence victims. Please leave in the church office.

Shoe Drive



Thank you all for the generous donation of shoes. I am in contact with Kathi Evans of Touching Lives Ministry and she is very appreciative of our continuing support for Brian and the many surgeries he will undergo to fix his leg. So far, everything is going extremely well. Shoe drive will end on May 1st.

Adult Bible Study

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



How Do We Read the Bible? We will study the art of Biblical Interpretation, using the case study of the ministry of women, in the scriptures and in the church today. How does God's timeless truth get reborn into every age, place, and time?

Classes will be every other week: May 4 & May 18

Box Tops for Education

The Wilbur Elementary School PTA thanks the congregation for the donation of a total of approximately \$56 dollars' worth of Box Tops for the current school year. They have raised enough money from them to send the 3rd grade class on a field trip. Please continue collecting them for next year!

Some Place Else

We are looking for a few donations of religious themed jigsaw puzzles.

The younger class thanks Susan Townsend for her donation of several board books.

Friendship House Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special time to celebrate and remember those women who gave us life and taught us love. For the past several years, Friendship House has offered the members of our community an alternate Mother's Day gift in keeping with their mothers' own spirit of generosity and sacrifice. People may choose to make a donation to one of our many programs for women and children in their mother's name. With a portion of these donations, Mother's Day Memorial Gardens have been planted by Friendship House at the transitional housing houses for women: Epiphany House, Elizabeth House Jane Ashford House, Patterson House and Palmer House.

How It Works

We welcome you to join this tradition of supporting families in need and creating a living tribute to the strength, gentleness and beauty of the women in our lives. Upon receipt of your contribution, Friendship House will send a beautiful card to the person being honored or to the family of the person being memorialized. No gift amount is mentioned in the card. We will send you an acknowledgement that the gift has been received. Go to the following website to make a donation:
<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/mothersdaygarden>





Graduates

If you have a graduating student in your family, please contact the church office with their name, school, degree, and future plans. We would like to honor them in June.



The Delaware Women's Chorus – "Our Time, Our Story"
Joanne Ward, Conductor & Carol Nile, Piano
Sunday May 22, 2016 at 4:00 PM

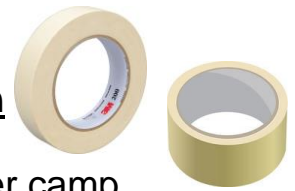
The Delaware Women's Chorus is excited and honored to once again be sharing our music with the good people of New Castle Presbyterian Church. As our musical horizons broaden and our numbers grow, it is always our goal to share the music we love with others. We have always found the audience at NCPC to be one of our most appreciative and supportive.

This year, the overall theme of our program revolves around the many facets of womanhood. Often we are pigeon holed as a wife, or a mother, or a business woman, or into some other finite category. But, like all of us, every woman is a gem waiting to be cut and polished so that every different facet of her being may be seen to make up the person she is. Through the music of some wonderful composers, we hope to show you those many parts of a strong and beautiful whole.

"Our Time, Our Story" is divided into four sections: *Love, Or Not; Motherhood; Intelligence; and Empowerment*. We will touch on the lives of some very famous women in history as well as those who lead unsung, everyday lives. Our hope is that this program will make you laugh, think, weep a little, hum along, relate, and most of all, appreciate the role every woman plays, whether large or small, in shaping the world we live in. Although the majority of our program is written by contemporary female composers such as Joan Szymko, Eleanor Daley, and Gwyneth Walker, we are honored to be performing a piece by our dear friend and mentor, Michael Larkin.

We are very excited about this program and are anxious to share it with our friends at New Castle Presbyterian Church. We hope you will invite your friends to hear "Our Time, Our Story" on May 22, 2016 at 4:00.

Urban Promise Summer Camp Program Donation



Our friends at Urban Promise will again be running their 6 free summer camp programs throughout the city of Wilmington. Over the years, our congregation has generously donated a variety of supplies that enable inner city youth and children to enjoy a camp experience that includes arts and crafts, music, sports and games, and interactive Bible lessons.

This year we have been asked to donate 60 rolls of 1 inch masking tape. A collection box will be placed in the Christian Education building. Please consider donating to this worthwhile program that enriches the lives of children and teaches them about God's love for them.

We will also be serving a pot luck supper to the summer interns who donate their time to work at the camps. A date for this event has not be determined yet. We will need donations of food and also help with setting up and cleaning up. A volunteer sign up sheet will be available when the date for the dinner becomes available.**Mission and Outreach News**

Friendship House Breakfast Program

On April 10th, our congregation served between 80-90 individuals at the Friendship House Breakfast Program held at the Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew. This ministry to the homeless has provided a breakfast to the homeless in Wilmington for more than 20 years and we are proud to support their efforts. Many thanks to everyone who contributed the food and also to our diligent and faithful servants who rise early on Sunday morning to drive to Wilmington and bring a nourishing breakfast to those who are hungry. Our next opportunities to serve will be July 24th and November 13th.

Friendship House Board Member Needed

My term on the Friendship House Board has expired. To continue participating in this valuable ministry to the homeless, a replacement is needed. Your duties include attending board meetings (usually 2 to 3 a year) and serving on one of Friendship House's committees. I served on the Finance Committee. I will continue to serve until a replacement is found, but Board Policy dictates that we honor term limits. If you would like to serve, please contact Janet Spring via email rasjem@gmail.com. Thank you.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monty Gerhart, 5/1
Mark Rappold, 5/1
Kaitlyn Raker, 5/2
Ringo Keka, 5/2
Christopher Raker, 5/5
Chad Atherton, 5/7
Mickey Singleton, 5/8
Rob Barry, 5/9
Brad Werkheiser, 5/11
Karen Spring, 5/12
Bruce Raker, 5/14
Kay Gordon, 5/15
Lindy Ballance, 5/17



Karen Dobson, 5/18
Steve Martin, 5/20
Corky Viola, 5/23
Megan Graham, 5/23
Harper Zarker, 5/23
Ellie Gerhart, 5/24
Barbara Whisman, 5/25
Bruce Gordon, 5/26
Joan Appleby, 5/27
Earl Reed, 5/29
Liam Collins, 5/31
Dylan Reilly, 5/31

Jennifer & Matt Kim, 5/27
Dean & Lynn MacEwen, 5/29



Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2016. 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 May 9-13. 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 9

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 10

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 11

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 12

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 13

Susan & Jim
Flook

Nominations Now Being Received

The Nominating Committee of New Castle Presbyterian Church will begin its work May 1 in developing a slate of officers for the Class of 2019 of the Session, Deacons, and Trustees, as well as members at large to the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee.

The current committee is composed of Ruling Elders Ron Studd (Chair) and Gail Seitz; Deacon Jennifer Dunham; Trustee C.J. Seitz; Music Program representative Jo Viola; Sunday School representative Bev Stoudt; and members-at-large Monty Gerhart, Amy Selheimer, and Bob Briggs.

The committee would like your suggestions for all these offices! Please speak to one of the members of the committee or leave a message in the church office for Ron Studd. Thank you for your help in discerning the call of Christ!

Monthly Report



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

Membership:

March.....	179
Loss to transfer of Church Letter.....	-4
Christine Brooks-Corbett & Ted Corbett to Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton, MD	
Jennifer Kim & Matthew Kim to Oglethorpe Presbyterian, Atlanta, GA	
April.....	175

Income thru 04/02/16:

2016 Budget:	\$95,827.00
2016 Actual:.....	\$88,199.00

Expenses thru 04/02/16:

2016 Budget:	\$75,475.00
2016 Actual:.....	\$72,560.00

Bill and Gayle Johnson's Mission to France Brunch

On Sunday, April 17th, we enjoyed brunch with Bill and Gayle Johnson. (Son and daughter-in-law of our former pastor, Ralph Johnson and his wife, Anita) They discussed their future mission work in France and also in the African country of Senegal where their daughter is currently doing mission work. Considering our kitchen was in the midst of renovation, the paint smell was a little strong, and we weren't quite sure which boxes contained the supplies we needed, the brunch was a huge success. God's blessings abound!! A big thank you to everyone who brought something delicious to share, helped with set up and clean up, and made the Johnson's feel very welcome in our midst.

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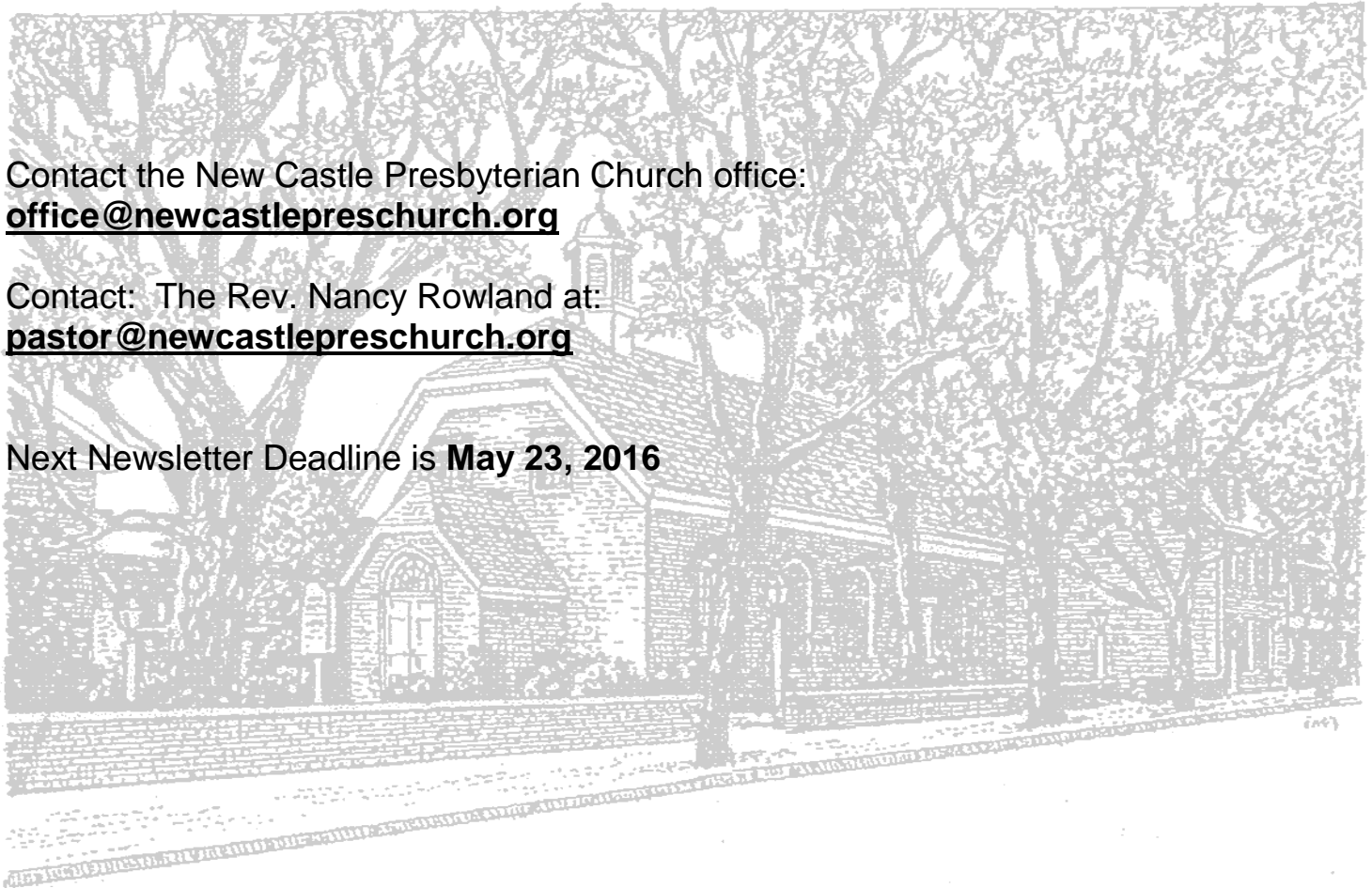


Address Change
Requested

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

Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **May 23, 2016**



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