

New Castle Presbyterian News

October 2016



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

October 2 The Lasting Value in A Gift Of Peace

During this Season of Peace, our thoughts turn to the meaning of peace and how, through Christ, we can nurture it inside ourselves and out in the world. Yet, to understand the value of peace, we must also understand the cost of conflict, and the many forms it can take. Conflict can be individual, collective, domestic, international, historical, and contemporary. To help address these diverse challenges, the Peace & Global Witness Offering on October 2 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. Please give generously at worship on World Communion Sunday, October 2. The 25% locally-designated portion of this offering will go to support the Delaware Clothing Bank.

You may also give by texting PEACE to 20222 to give \$10, or by clicking presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global.



Spirit of Christmas Fall Planning Meeting 7 pm Tuesday, October 4

We will meet at 7 pm in the CE Building to review plans for Spirit of Christmas (December 10). Anyone involved as a committee coordinator is urged to attend. Also, please come if you are eager to help but don't know exactly what is expected!

This will be the only evening meeting planned before the "big event," so don't miss out!

If you want to become involved but don't know what to do, you may contact any of us for information:

Pat Taylor, Miranda Matthews, Kelly Koczak McCurdy

CROPWALK 2016



Grab your hat and grab your shoes! CROPWALK is coming on October 9th. If you are considering walking this year, this information will help you register for the CROPWALK on-line. With this registration you can reach your friends on your address book and your Facebook.

Registration forms are posted on our bulletin board in the C.E. building. If you are new to this event, information will be in your church bulletin or you can always call: Susan O. Townsend, cell# 302-562-3647 and/or email sotownsend@yahoo.com Ray Snyder, #302-302-328-1662 and/or email oilworks32@verizon.net

Thank you for your continued support.
Susan Townsend

Come and Learn about Living Mindfully in Our Stressful World

"Be still and know that I am God" – Psalm 46

Have local controversies, family crises, and national politics stressed you out? We have the program for you! Join Cara Lee Palmer, LCSW in a program of Mindfulness, presented on **Sunday, October 16** after worship. Bring a pot-luck dish to share and experience a new way of being.

Ms. Palmer says: Mindfulness is an invitation to be more present for our lives and step out of autopilot, that busy/rushing/doing mode of living rather than being. By learning to pay attention to the present moment, and not get lost in the past, or worry about the future, we can begin to trust the inner wisdom each of us have. We can live more fully and begin to respond to life rather than react. This opens our choices. Learning to live mindfully can increase our ability to relax, manage anxiety, and improve our overall health and wellbeing. It can help manage physical pain, lower our heart rate, and improve the quality of our lives.

The stressful pace of our current world is just not sustainable for our minds, bodies, or relationships. Mindfulness is a means of waking up to the lives we have. It is grounded in learning to be still and to meditate mindfully, something attainable for each of us. Mindful living is a kinder and gentler way to be in the world, with more compassion and less judgment. Everyone is capable of learning to be more mindful.

Come and join us for a one-hour discussion on the learning to be mindful in a hectic world. To come, sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

BoxTops for Education



Please remember to bring in any BoxTops for cash. I will turn them in to a school on October 10th.

Each and every one counts! The schools get the cash twice a year, October and December.

- Patti Hansen

Starting Again in October...

Noon Circle

We resume monthly meetings on October 4.

Noon Circle is a women's Bible study and support group. It serves New Castle Presbyterian Church and provides support for various missions.

The Noon Circle meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, October through May at 12 o'clock noon, at the Christian Education Building.

Join us!

Wednesday Bible Study

We meet again beginning October 5 at 1:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

The course for this fall is:

The Geography of God

Explore the places that shaped the early church through the stories of the apostles in Acts and the letters of Paul. Consider how the places of your life have shaped your faith.

Directory Update

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The Watermark at Logan Square
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Church Directory

The Church Directory is being updated for print. Please review your information and if there is anything that has changed, etc., new email, new phone numbers please contact the office at office@newcastlepreschurch.org or phone 302-328-3279. Thanks!
The new directory will be available in mid-October.

Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Daniel & Shirley Knox, and all the family and friends of Robert Knox, brother of Dan, who entered the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, September 16th. His services were held on Wednesday, September 21st.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Ruth E. Moore, who entered the Church Triumphant on September 20th. A service was held on Friday, September 23 at Spicer-Mullikin funeral home. She was interred at All Saints Cemetery.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Next Steps

By now, all members should have received my letter announcing my retirement as of April 30, 2017. These years together have been golden; now I move on to devote myself to my family full-time. At this transition, it is good to know that Presbyterian order will still continue!! Here are some of the steps that this congregation and its Session will take in the next two years:

- This fall, the Session will create a budget for 2017 that reflects the costs of employing an interim pastor beginning May 1. Depending upon that person's needs, vacancy dues to the Board of Pensions may also have to be factored.
- We will find ways of saying farewell to one another.
- The Session will proceed in January to secure the employment of an interim pastor, hopefully to begin May 1.
- The Interim Pastor and the Committee on Ministry of New Castle Presbytery will encourage and lead the congregation in the All-Congregation Mission Study. Every member's voice will be heard in creating the priorities for future ministry in this place.
- When the mission study is complete, the congregation will elect its Pastor Nominating Committee, hopefully as soon as sometime in the fall of 2017. This committee will create a ministry information form based on the findings of the congregational mission study. The committee will be assisted by representatives of the presbytery's Committee on Ministry.
- Once our church's ministry information form is approved by the Committee on Ministry, it can be entered into the denominational website to be seen by potential candidates for the position of Pastor, who will then send their personal information forms to the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee will eventually interview candidates, hear them preach, and make its final selection to be presented to the congregation for approval. The Presbytery of New Castle will also have interviewed this person and approved them prior to the congregational meeting.
- If all goes without a hitch, it is possible that the new pastor can be installed and begin serving toward the end of 2018.

As Executive Presbyter Jim Moseley told the Session, this is a three-way process: the future pastor, the congregation, and the presbytery. These three together will be used to great purpose by God. This congregation will listen and learn and grow in the months to come into the new being created by God in Jesus Christ.

God's blessings be upon you all,
- Pastor Nancy



**Never too early to
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 17. 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 **Sun. Dec. 11**. 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

It's the Season of Generosity!

Join with others at our annual Stewardship Brunch on October 30th 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.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Gwendolyn Truman, 10/1
 Lily Powell, 10/4
 Carol Mayhew, 10/8
 Phoebe Dill, 10/10
 Janet Swick, 10/16
 Katherine Sechrist, 10/19



Luca Monzo, 10/22
 Barbara Beaumont, 10/23
 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

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 October 31-November 4. 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 31
 Cynthia Robbins
 Nanette Nichol

Tuesday 1
 Lois Barth
 Joan Smith

Wednesday 2
 Shirley Knox

Thursday 3
 Carol & Gene
 Mayhew

Friday 4
 Susan & Jim
 Flook

Monthly Report

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

Membership:

August	172
Loss from death: Ruth Moore 9/20/16.....	-1
September	171

Income thru 09/04/16:

2016 Budget:	\$187,363.00
2016 Actual:	\$171,040.00

Expenses thru 09/04/16:

2016 Budget:	\$178,299.00
2016 Actual:	\$169,664.00



THANK YOU!

The days have become weeks, and we are still reaching out to express our gratitude for all the love and support we have received during this difficult time. Thank you so much for the lovely Memorial Service and reception to honor Chuck's life. The outpouring of love, cards, time, kind acts, generosity, and ongoing support is greatly appreciated, and has brought us comfort. Our church family is part of us and we are stronger for it.

- The Smith Family

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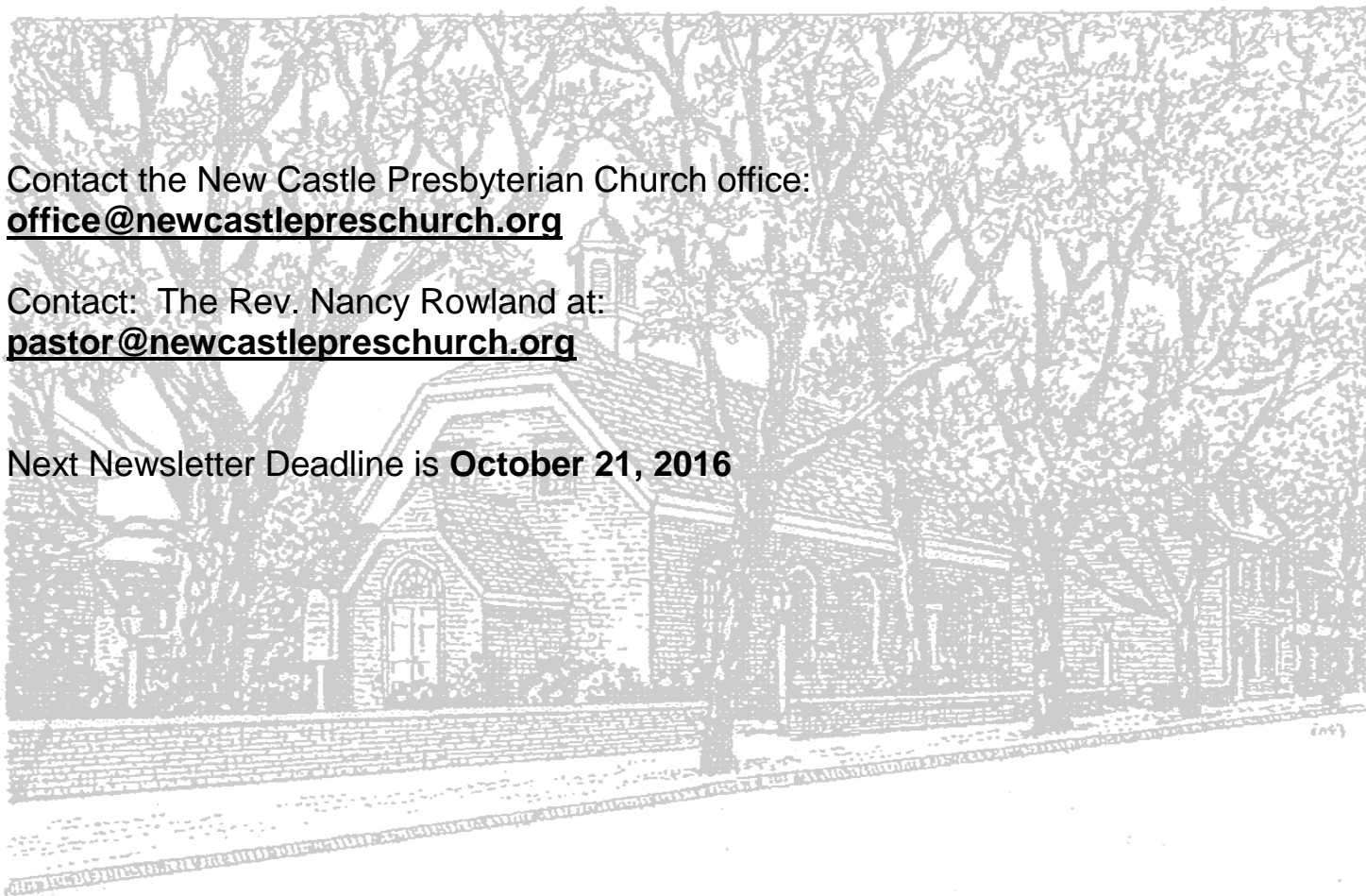


Address Change
Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **October 21, 2016**



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