

New Castle Presbyterian News

November 2016



Stewardship 2017

*"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*

— II Corinthians 9:6-11

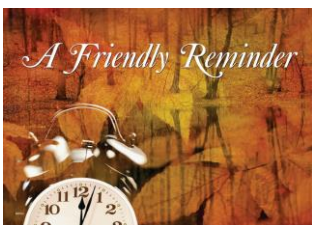
Dear Living Saints of New Castle Presbyterian Church,

How much should I pledge? It's a question we are often asked. Each year we prayerfully consider what to pledge to the church. We face a special challenge in 2017 and into 2018. Nancy will move on to another chapter in her life. Our congregation will also move on to another chapter in our rich spiritual history. In coming months, we will examine our mission and vision for the future as we seek an interim pastor, and eventually, a full-time pastor to lead us on that journey. While parting with Nancy will be difficult, the church will respond by becoming even more vibrant in our spiritual journey together. The coming year is not a time to reduce our stewardship commitment. The challenges will be greater and we need to respond in kind.

You are invited to fill out your pledge card and return to any member of the Resource Development Committee, Treasurer Dan Knox, or Recording Secretary Shirley Knox by **November 13**. You may also return your pledge during the **Stewardship Celebration Brunch** on **October 30** following worship. Sign up to come in the Fellowship Hall or call Kris at 302-328-3279.

Members of the Resource Development Committee:

Andrew Lundgren, Chair	Kay Fry
Monty Gerhart	Scott Matthews
Jane Fouracre	Peter McCurdy



**Daylight Savings begins
Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to "Fall Back"**

All Saints

We celebrate the saints that have gone before us on All Saints Sunday, November 6. 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).

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 20 at 7:00p.m. at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. There will be a reception afterwards.

You are asked to bring a monetary offering for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's ministries to the poor.



Thanksgiving Breakfast

We will gather together in the Christian Education Building for breakfast on Thanksgiving Day (November 24) 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 21st, please add your name to the list to be posted in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office ([302-328-3279](tel:302-328-3279)).

Mission and Outreach News

Friendship House Breakfast Program

Preparing the quiche: Saturday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m.

Serving the quiche: Sunday, November 13th at 7:00 a.m.

Food donations and volunteers are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the big bulletin board in the Christian Education building.

Breakfast is prepared and served at the Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew located at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington, Delaware.

Thank you for commitment to Friendship House's Ministry to the homeless.

Janet Spring

Mission and Outreach Committee

**Get in the Thanksgiving and Holiday Spirit for Our Spirit of Christmas
Community Mission for Friendship House, December 10, 2016**

October and November are the perfect times 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!

We encourage donations of Gift certificates/cards and event tickets worth more than \$20 for local and Wilmington business, restaurants and events.

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

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

We are accepting items up to and including December 4th, 2016. If you need somewhere to store items you have, please see Carol Mayhew, 328-5194 or Joanne Viola, 545-0794.

Miranda Matthews, Pat Taylor & Kelly Koczak McCurdy
2016 Spirit of Christmas Chairs

**Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016
Book Donations**

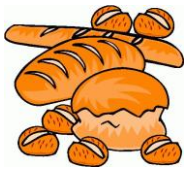


We are looking for book donations for Spirit of Christmas - last year books about New Castle, Delaware, coffee table and Christmas themed books were great sellers. Please drop off at the Continuing Ed Building any time after Thanksgiving. Contact Peter McCurdy at petermccurdy@yahoo.com with any questions.



**Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016
Cookies**

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, 12/9 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 10, 2016
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 available in the kitchen 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)



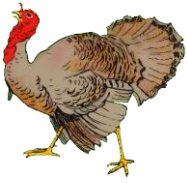
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Craft Table

Crafters, please keep up the good work on items to contribute to the Spirit of Christmas craft table! We 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 Miranda Matthews (302-838-2764) or Ellie Gerhart (302-328-0908) if you have questions.

Seat Cushions



Because of the historical integrity of the Meeting House and the preservation of its remarkable acoustics, we do not cushion all our pews. However, several excellent individual cushions are available for use. Simply ask an usher for a personal seat cushion of your choice.



**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

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
 Robert Spring, 1/11
 Caroline Monzo, 11/13
 Michael 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
 Judy Hentkowski, 11/23
 Sarah Werkheiser, 11/24
 Griffon Anderson, 11/27

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 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
Shirley Knox

Tuesday 1
Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 2
Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 3
Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 4
Susan & Jim
Flook

Monthly Report

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

Membership:

September	171
Addition by Letter of Transfer – Melissa Boris	+1
Addition by Profession of Faith – Megan Graham	+1
October	173



Income thru 10/01/16:

2016 Budget:	\$205,283.00
2016 Actual:	\$187,635.00

Expenses thru 10/01/16:

2016 Budget:	\$197,195.00
2016 Actual:	\$187,059.00

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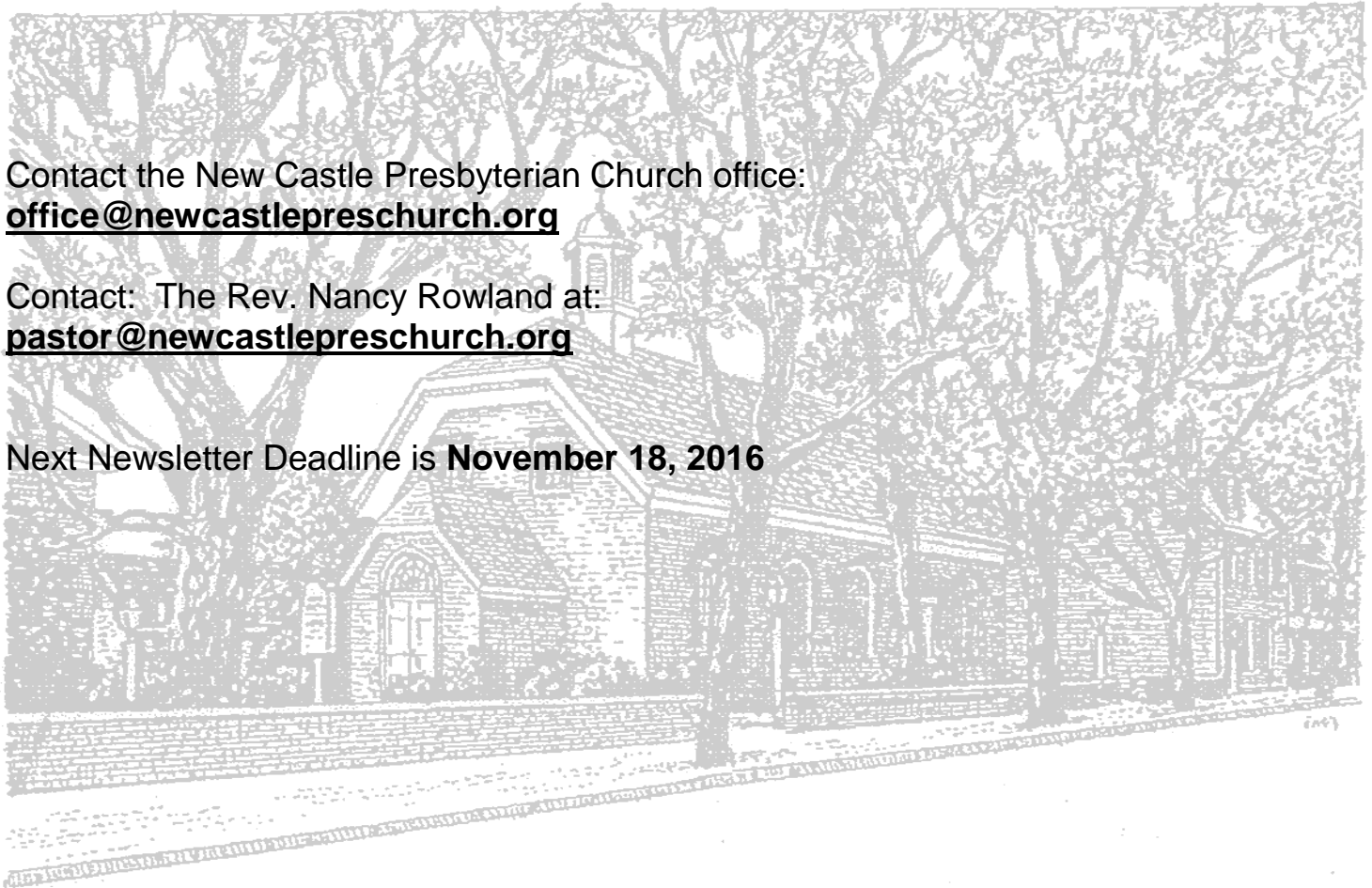


Address Change
Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **November 18, 2016**



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