

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *May 2017*

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### **WORDS OF FAREWELL**

The Pastor's Study is being prepared for our new Interim Pastor. The Manse is being emptied of the possessions of Nancy Rowland and Sarah McCann. But there is good news: the power and presence and consolation and comfort of the Holy Spirit will always remain active. God is doing a new thing at New Castle Presbyterian Church.

The 12-1/2 years we spent together have forever changed us all. Sunday worship, weddings and funerals, mission projects, and fellowship meals – God-with-us during each encounter. How blessed we are to have had something that makes saying goodbye so difficult. As Bob Cratchit (played by Kermit the Frog) says in *A Muppet Christmas Carol*, "It's all right, children. Life is made up of meetings and partings. That is the way of it." As Jesus says to his disciples, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

As of May 1, I will no longer conduct worship, preach, celebrate the sacraments, conduct weddings or funerals, or engage in any other form of pastoral care with you. You, likewise, will not request such services from me, as I would certainly decline any such requests. While friendship may certainly continue, this pastoral relationship we have shared will not, so that you will now make strong relationship with your new pastoral leadership. I will no longer be visiting you, advising you, or worshipping with you, but you will remain dear in my heart forever.

Thank you for all your kind words and expressions of care. You have been a far greater blessing to me than I have ever deserved. I will take your gracious example of ministry into the future as I seek to continue to serve God in Jesus Christ.

### **NANCY'S NEW ADDRESS**

After April 30, Nancy will be living at:  
2305 Merry Oaks Ct.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

She may be reached on email after April 30 at:  
[Rowlandnancy73@gmail.com](mailto:Rowlandnancy73@gmail.com)



## **Our New Interim Pastor begins June 1**

### **The Rev. Jenny Warren**

At its meeting on Tuesday, February 28, the Session approved the employ of the Rev. Jenny Warren to be our Interim Pastor beginning June 1. Our contract with her has now been signed by Jenny, Clerk Conchita Showell, and the presbytery Committee on Ministry.

Jenny is a resident of Wilmington and has previously served six congregations in our presbytery as Interim Pastor. Be watching for the June edition of this newsletter to learn more about Jenny and her ministry among us.

The Session's contract with Pastor Jenny is for the same compensation that Pastor Nancy received; however, because Pastor Nancy occupied the manse, her housing allowance could be in-kind. Since Pastor Jenny has her own home, she will need to receive her housing allowance in cash; to meet presbytery minimum salary requirements, her work schedule will need to be defined as three-quarters time (about 36 hours/week). The Session is confident that our officers will be able to assume such duties as needed to keep this body of Christ healthy and active during the interim period.

Many thanks to the Session's Interim Pastor Search Committee:  
Ruling Elders Andrew Lundgren, Conchita Showell, Ray Snyder, Janet Spring, and Ron Studd; and Deacons Jennifer Dunham and Miranda Matthews.

Together, we look forward to new ways of experiencing our common ministry!

### **Pastoral Care during May**

Pastoral care during the month of May will be provided by the Rev. Tom Euston. Tom served this church as a seminary student intern during 2011-12 and knows many of us well. He is now the pastor of Rock Presbyterian Church in Fair Hill, MD. He will conduct all funerals and make all hospital calls and supply any other pastoral needs. You may access him through Administrative Assistant Kris Krawczyk at 302-328-3279, or call him directly at 302-521-6277 (cell).

## **Preaching at NCPC during May**

During the month of May, we will be welcoming a series of guest preachers:

- May 7            Jim Moseley,  
Executive Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery
- May 14          Linda Bennett,  
Member of NCPC and an ordained United Methodist minister
- May 21          Nona Holy,  
Campus Pastor at the Lumos Campus Ministry at University of Delaware
- May 28          Edwin Estevez,  
Pastor at Church on the Riverfront and at Church of the Covenant

On June 4, we welcome our new Interim Pastor, Jenny Warren. Make plans to attend worship this spring and into summer!

## **Confirmation and Profession of Faith**

On April 30, our Confirmation Class members renewed their baptisms by confirming the promises once made by their parents with their own professions of faith.

Confirmed were:



Dylan Reilly  
Mason Reilly  
Zarina Stone

These three are now active members of New Castle Presbyterian Church. Thanks be to God for the grace that upholds us throughout all of life!



## **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.

## **Someplace Else**

Someplace Else activities for children will continue through June 11. During the summer, families are encouraged to worship together. Children age five and above will remain in worship with their families. The nursery will accommodate children ages 0-4. Someplace Else will resume September 10. Additional resources are provided for use by children in the pews. Ask an usher for a Children's Worship Bag!

## **Congregational Meeting**

The annual meeting of the congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, June 11 following morning worship. The Nominating Committee will present their report and officers will be elected. This report will be available by June 4. Other business may also be considered at this meeting. All active members are encouraged to be present.

## **Tickets on Sale Now for the 57th Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast**

Delawareans statewide are invited to join Governor Carney's first Governor's Prayer Breakfast, with this year's theme being "Working Together, Praying Together." The theme concurs with the Governor's focus on collaboration since taking office in January.

As part of the National Day of Prayer activities on May 4, Carney will join Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long, elected officials and members of the community, to reflect on how to personally serve the state in the upcoming year. Attendees will gather to share a renewed commitment to their individual faith, with a goal of making Delaware a better place.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Carol Quillen, 18th President of Davidson College near Charlotte, North Carolina. Quillen, a New Castle native, is a graduate of the University of Chicago and earned her doctorate at Princeton University.

Students from St. Mark's High School, Carney's alma mater, will provide musical entertainment.

This will be the 57th year for the Delaware Governor's Prayer Breakfast, a tradition initiated by then-Governor J. Caleb Boggs as he ended his second term.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at [www.DEGPB17.eventbrite.com](http://www.DEGPB17.eventbrite.com). Attendees may purchase individual tickets for \$20 or reserve a table of 10 for \$200. Sponsorship, which includes two tickets and recognition, is available for \$90. The event will be held at the Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE 19904.

## **May Market** **Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6**



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](http://www.arasapha.org).

## **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>

## **REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Beginning on May 1st, following Nancy's retirement we all need to step up our responsibilities in the oversight of our buildings and our property.

It will be important that we are all aware of the following: Please remember to do the following:

- Unlock the CE Building and the Meeting House Doors before all events and turn on lights.
- Lock the CE Building and the Meeting House Doors after all events and turn off all lights.
- Collect lost items and place any items in the office.
- Return everything to the same place where you found it following a meeting or event.
- Clean up the space that you used if you are responsible for an event or meeting.
- Supervise the building users for which you are responsible.
- Schedule all meetings of any kind with the church office so they will not interfere with other activities at the church.
- Schedule all vendors/contractors work of any kind with the church office so it will not interfere with other activities at the church.

**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, 5/30  
 Dylan Reilly, 5/31

Megan Graham & Will Turnbull, 5/26  
 Dean & Lynn MacEwen, 5/29



**Meals on Wheels**

**HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2017. 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 30-June 2. 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 29**  
 No service  
 Memorial Day

**Tuesday 30**  
 Jo Viola  
 Joan Smith

**Wednesday 31**  
 Carol & Gene  
 Mayhew

**Thursday 1**  
 Cynthia Robbins  
 Nanette Nichol

**Friday 2**  
 Susan & Jim  
 Flook

**Monthly Report**

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

Membership:

March..... 172  
 Additions by Profession of Faith – April 30  
     Dylan Cy Reilly, Mason Cy Reilly and Zarina Eugenia Stone ... +3  
 April ..... 175



Income thru 04/02/17:

2017 Budget: ..... \$90,399.00  
 2017 Actual:..... \$87,921.00

Expenses thru 04/02/17:

2017 Budget: ..... \$73,672.00  
 2017 Actual:..... \$71,355.00

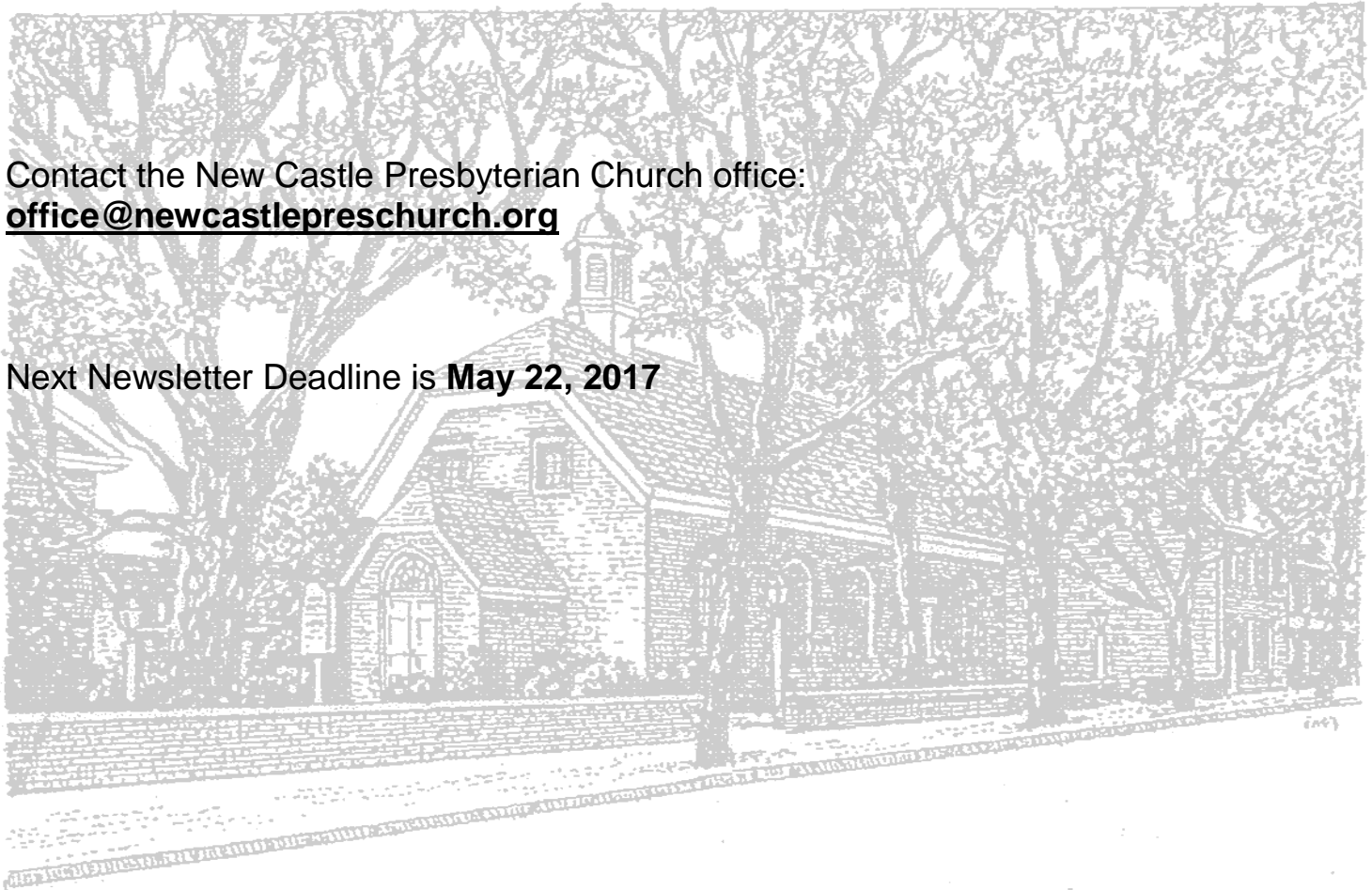
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Address Change  
Requested

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Next Newsletter Deadline is **May 22, 2017**



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