

New Castle Presbyterian News

September 2017



In the interim...

“What is your meatball?”

I am fairly certain that this question was not a part of any previous Church Officer Training events here at New Castle Presbyterian Church. And it is such a good question, such an important question, that it really shouldn't be asked only of your elders, deacons and trustees. So, New Castle Presbyterian Church folk,

“What is your meatball?”

The question grows out of a segment of the TV show Kitchen Nightmares, featuring Chef Gordon Ramsay. If you've seen the show, or know of Ramsay, you know he is not the kindest, gentlest food critic in the business. In Kitchen Nightmares, he is brought in to assess a struggling restaurant and direct some changes to turn it around. He came to Campania, in Fair Lawn, NJ – and found a menu with more things than the ill-equipped kitchen and staff could possibly produce well. Fast-forward through all the ranting, and Chef Ramsay gave them a gift. He taught them how to make the perfect meatball. He then got them to take that meatball out into the community, brand it as the best, and give it away on the streets. Back at the restaurant, he insisted they narrow the scope of their menu to make doing things well manageable. And their featured item, their special, would be the meatball, in various incarnations. Making people outside their walls aware of their meatball, helping them experience their meatball – brought them in for more of those meatballs. Doing one thing really well helped to organize the restaurant's identity, gave them a mission that was manageable, and brought them success. Kitchen Nightmare turned Dream Come True.

“What is your meatball?”

Out of the kitchen, and into the church, the question is still an important one. Churches with too much “on their menu” can become spread so thin that people in the church burn out, and people outside the church aren't clear on what the church is about. It happens everywhere, from good and faithful intentions, as well as reliance on the way things have always been done, and fear about letting anything go.

But if you were to think of doing one thing really well, one area of ministry for which you'd be known here in New Castle, what would it be? This Interim season is exactly the time to ask that question, and to wonder –

“What is our meatball?”

I look forward to the conversation – and to get cooking with you!

Jenny

JENNY WARREN ON VACATION SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 1

Jenny will be away September 20- October 1 on a belated 25th anniversary celebration. Plans are in place for worship leadership September 24 (Shannon Hanson) and October 1 (Rev. Edee Fenimore). Rev. Brad Martin will be on call for any pastoral care emergencies that arise.

NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY MEETS SEPTEMBER 19

New Castle Presbytery meets September 19, 4:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE. Elders Ray Snyder and Conchita Showell will attend as our commissioners.



September Clothing Drive

The Mission and Outreach Committee announces our annual clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September.

This year there is a special need for children's backpacks, underwear (new, unused please) for children and adults and 2x+ clothing for men and women. However, we welcome all clothing items and:

- Leather goods (belts, shoes, purses),
- Bedding (sheets, pillow s, blankets)
- Linens (towels and wash cloths)

All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room 204 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) or after church on Sundays. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply leave your donations on the first floor making sure that the bags do not interfere with normal traffic. Tax donation slips will be available should you need one.

The clothing drive ends Sunday, October 8th when the CBD van will be here to collect donated items. If your closets have been emptied of unused clothing in previous clothing drives, tell your friends and neighbors that they too can participate. They'll be glad you did!



Spirit of Christmas—December 9, 2017



We need the support of many people and many helping hands to make this year's Spirit of Christmas a success. In order to send a generous donation to Friendship House to help the homeless, we need to be willing to designate some of our own time to make life easier for our less fortunate neighbors.

Right now we are in need of people to coordinate our crafts table and the "Look What \$20 Will Buy" table. We already have a collection of items to sell, and will have more by the time December 9 arrives. If you can direct setup and selling on December 8 and 9 for either of these areas, please contact Miranda, Kelly, or Pat ASAP!

Please keep the "Look What \$20 Will Buy" table in mind as you enjoy your summer and fall travels. We still need new items worth \$30 or more to offer for sale.

Crafters, if you have patterns or instructions for projects that you could pass on to others, please get in touch with Miranda.

We will have our next planning meeting September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the CE Building. Everyone is invited to attend. We value your input and look forward to your participation!

Thank you!

Pat Taylor, Miranda Matthews, Kelly Koczak McCurdy



Baby Congratulations

Welcome to the world, Avery Elyce Shaw born August 1st. She is the daughter of Molly and Dave Shaw and sister to big brother Ryan and granddaughter of Candy & Dan Dunson.

Welcome to the world, Mae Angeline Anderson! Born Friday August 18th, Mae joins parents Jamie and Amanda Anderson, and big brother Griffon.

Blessings on this new beginning!

News from the Choir



All interested singers are invited to be a part of our Adult Choir. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30pm followed by a delicious ice cream social.

Come and be a part of this great group and be actively involved in our beautiful worship services. We hope to see you there!

- Eileen Larkin, Music Director



Handbell Choir

A reminder for Handbell ringers: first rehearsal for Celebration Ringers will be Thursday, September 7th at 7:30pm and for Colonial Chimers we will meet on Sunday, September 10th at 12pm. See you then!

- Minerva Lermond



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. I will be printing the copies for distribution in October. Thanks!

- Kris Krawczyk

BoxTops for Education

It is time to bring in any BoxTops for Education. I will turn them in to the school on October 6th.

Each and every one counts! The schools collect them for cash twice a year.

- Patti Hansen

Worship Leaders Needed!

The sign up sheet for Worship Leaders for September and October is posted in Fellowship Hall.

Please fill in a blank --- first timers always welcome (and guidance given)!

CropWalk

Joan Skilton of New Castle United Methodist has stepped down as leader of the CropWalk. No one has filled this position. As of now we are not aware of any plans to coordinate the CropWalk in New Castle for 2017.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly known as the Peacemaking Offering) is received by PC(USA) congregations throughout the country on World Communion Sunday, October 1.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils (presbyteries and synods) retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

The Session has designated that our 25% of the Peace & Global Witness Offering will be split between the following two missions, working to bring peace into people's lives:

Doctors Without Borders <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Harvey Response
<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/tropical-storm-harvey/>

Please give generously so we can make a difference in the lives of those who need help desperately.

Parlez-vous another language? World Communion Sunday, October 1

Sunday October 1 is World Communion Sunday, and the Worship Committee is hoping to find folks willing (and moderately able) to read John 3:16 in a variety of languages. Jenny will provide the texts. So dust off that high school Spanish, or pull out that Berlitz book from your travels, or even use GoogleTranslate -whatever!

If you are willing to give it a try, please let Jenny know (jpwarren@newcastlepreschurch.org). Gracias! Merci! Danke! Tak!

PEACE WEEK 2017 COMES TO NEW CASTLE

PEACE WEEK DELAWARE is our state's response to the commemoration of International Peace Day (Sept 21) and the efforts of the United Nations to achieve international harmony.

Through a series of events and actions across the state, Peace Week Delaware seeks to raise both awareness and hope for peace in our communities, nation and world.

The response from Delaware communities for 2017 has been overwhelming, with a 25% increase in events and number of communities participating. More than 50 events are scheduled throughout the state September 17-24. The complete schedule can be found here:

<http://www.peaceweekdelaware.org/schedule/>

Until now, the New Castle community has not participated or offered events. The New Castle Ministerium has organized an event that changes that!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 4:00 p.m. at Immanuel on the Green Episcopal Church

“It Takes a Village”- a Concert for Peace featuring the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware.

The Choir School of Delaware provides professional musical training, leadership and language skills, academic support, and college bound mentoring for youth 7-17 in the greater Wilmington area, the majority of whom are considered at risk. They celebrate a 100% high school graduation rate. And their music is a true inspiration and gift to all who hear them.

In addition to the Choir School, our area church choirs will also offer musical selections -- including our own New Castle Presbyterian Church choir.

Please plan to attend this PEACE WEEK DELAWARE event -- and bring others along!

In days like these, we need to stand for peace, speak for peace – and sing for peace!

WE ARE FALLING BACK INTO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION! **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We hope you are all enjoying your summer! We certainly have missed you all, and cannot wait for the start of a brand new year of **Sunday School!** We are so excited to tell you about all of the changes that will be coming up! This year we will enjoy learning together with more *games*, more *crafts*, more *songs*, and more Lego-days!

Starting **SEPTEMBER 10th**, we welcome all of our friends back to **Sunday School**, and even encourage you to bring a friend who might want to join us!

The younger team of worshippers are the **Pathfinders!** Together, we will discover new ways to travel through God's word!

Our older team are the **Explorers!** We are all on this adventure together, to navigate through the Bible and uncover all of the wonderful things that God has in store for us! We will explore the many adventures in the Bible together through monthly scriptures, games, songs and fun!

We will continue caring for our friends in the need through our monthly gift program! Last year, we brought in **11** boxes of Capri Sun, **24** cans of Dinty Moore Beef Stew, **32** cans of fruit, **33** servings of tuna, and **12** boxes of cereal! These are going to feed many of our neighbors, all thanks to you!

The next gift item that we will be collecting for **September** is:
peanut butter and jelly!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Each week will bring something new and exciting to explore and discover together!
We can't wait for the adventure to begin!

Nursery and Sunday School Scheduling Time!

It's that time of year, when we gratefully schedule church members in the rotation to tend our church nursery (0-3 yrs) and our younger Sunday School Class (Pres-K-1st grade).

Materials to use with each group are sent out each week, so you are equipped with age appropriate plans. It would be great if we could add a few more people to the rotation for both groups. If you are willing to take a turn and try it out, please let Diana Reilly (dckr0680@gmail) or Jenny Warren (jpwarren@newcastlepreschurch.org) know ASAP. It all starts again September 10!

ADULT EDUCATION

Jenny will be offering a mid-week Bible Study beginning in October. Stay tuned for details, and plan to join us as we seek to grow our faith in good company!

PC(USA) Response to Hurricane Harvey

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- *Focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities.
- *Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
- *Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith based responders.
- *Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food *Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.

In response to Hurricane Harvey, PDA continues to be in touch with presbytery leadership in New Covenant, Mission, and South Louisiana Presbyteries. National Response Teams have been deployed into the affected regions, including New Castle Presbytery's Disaster Recovery Co-ordinator Elder Pam Ruarke, who has been deployed to Houston.

HOW TO HELP

What is needed is money to support the relief and recovery efforts. To give through PDA, go to <http://pda.pcusa.org/>

or send a check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mary Cottrell, 9/2
 Candace Dunson, 9/3
 Elizabeth Carpenter, 9/5
 Christine Fagles, 9/5
 Scott Matthews, 9/12
 Robert Truman, 9/13
 C. J. Seitz, 9/14
 Connie Reese, 9/17



Aaron Spock, 9/17
 Danika Teller, 9/18
 Mark Powell, 9/23
 Mary Lynne Truman, 9/26
 Madeline Cooney, 9/26
 Susan Witt, 9/27
 Zachary Dobson, 9/29
 Anita Johnson, 9/29

Sandy & Bill Wilson, 9/2
 Corky & Jo Viola, 9/11
 Mary Lynne & Thomas Truman, 9/13
 Julia & George Spock, 9/21
 Linda & Douglas Twyford, 9/24



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 September 11-15. 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 11

Jude Morrow
 Jo Viola

Tuesday 12

Joan Smith
 Miranda Matthews

Wednesday 13

Carol & Gene
 Mayhew

Thursday 14

Cynthia Robbins
 Nanette Nichol

Friday 15

Susan & Jim
 Flook

Monthly Report

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

Membership:

July 175
 August 175



Income thru 08/05/17:

2017 Budget: \$169,349.00
 2017 Actual:..... \$159,105.00

Expenses thru 08/05/17:

2017 Budget: \$157,085.00
 2017 Actual:..... \$145,932.00

THANKS FOR SERVING IN SEPTEMBER!

COMMUNION

September 10 – Lindy Ballance, Lyn Briggs, Sarah McCann
and Miranda & Scott Matthews

USHERS

September 3 – Lindy Ballance & Kay Fry
September 10 – Lindy Ballance & Kay Fry
September 17 – Mark Rappold & Ringo Keka
September 24 – Mark Rappold & Ringo Keka

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

September 3 – Susan Townsend & Sandy Wilson
September 10 – Janet Spring
September 17 – Susan Townsend & Miranda Matthews
September 24 –

WORSHIP LEADERS

September 3 – Conchita Showell
September 10 – Heather Reazer
September 17 –
September 24 –

NURSERY

September 3 – Lyn Briggs & Susan Townsend
September 10 – Molly Cooney & Jane Fouracre
September 17 – Andrew Lundgren & Bev Stoudt
September 24 – Melissa Boris & Heather Raezer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 10 – Bruce Raker
September 17 – Bruce Raker
September 24 – Ron/Susan Studd

COUNTERS

September 3 – Bruce Raker/Jane Fouracre
September 10 –
September 17 – Carol Mayhew/Jane Fouracre
September 24 – Carol Mayhew/

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Steve Martin
Cynthia Robbins
Miranda Matthews

FLOWERS

Brenda Walters

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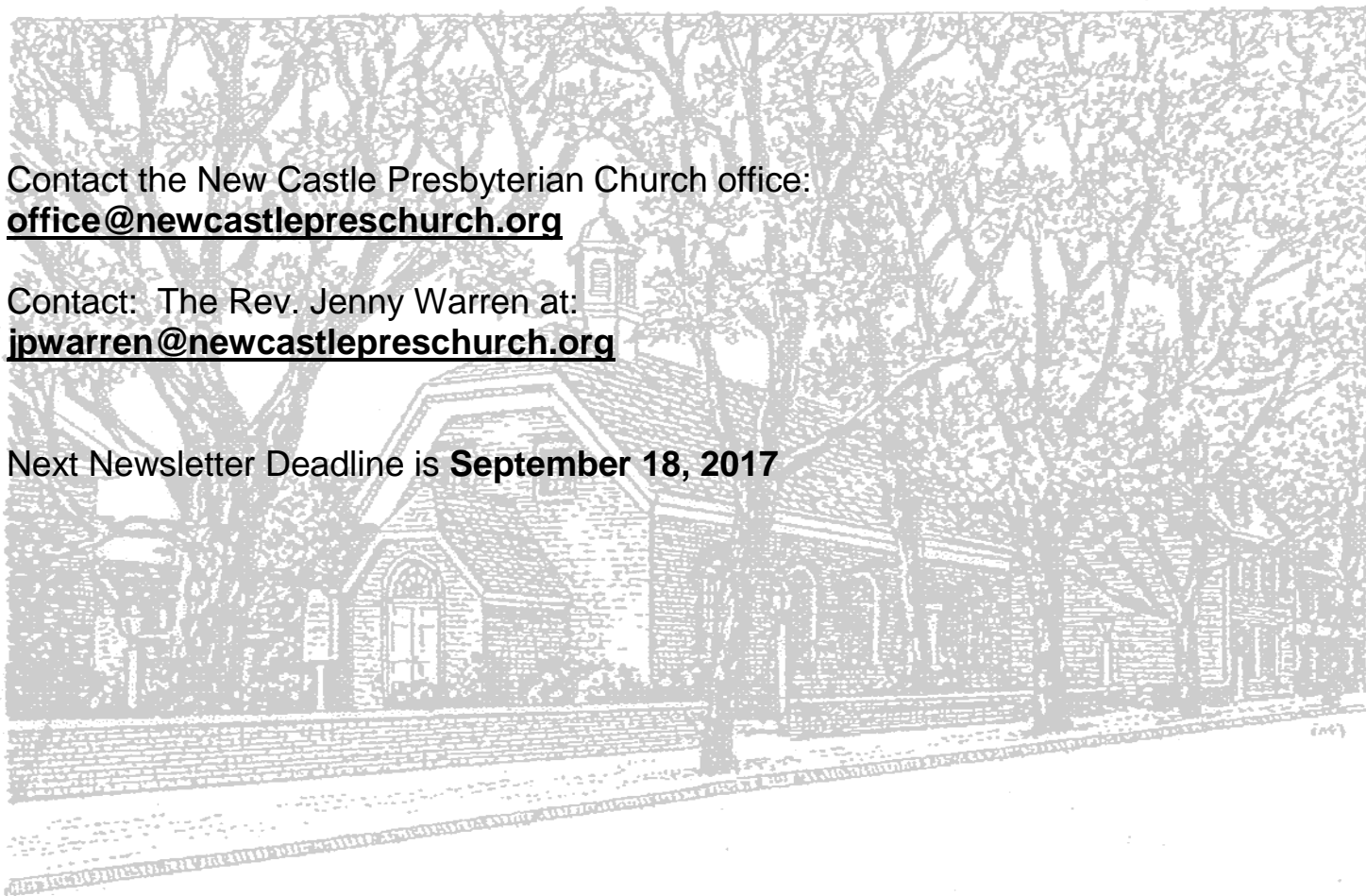


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Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
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Contact: The Rev. Jenny Warren at:
jpwarren@newcastlepreschurch.org

Next Newsletter Deadline is **September 18, 2017**



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