

New Castle Presbyterian News

April 2010



Holy Week at New Castle Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday, 4/1 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper, Worship, & Communion in the Fellowship Hall. The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

Easter Fair, 4/3 10:00 a.m. - Come with children 4-10 to learn more of this holy season, make crafts, find eggs (11:00 am), and enjoy treats.

Easter Sunday, 4/4 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Wharf

11:00 a.m. Resurrection Worship in the Meeting House with bells, choir, and the Lord's Supper. The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. Please give generously on March 28, April 1, April 4, & April 11.



Chemo Caps for Kids

The Mission and Outreach committee will be starting an ongoing outreach activity for all our knitters. A local knitting store, Stitches with Style, is coordinating the making of Chemo Caps for Kids. This comes as a result of a little 4 year old girl named Olivia who is living with cancer. As a result of her treatments, Olivia has lost most of her hair and some the boys and girls in her day care have been making fun of her. Linda Zimmerman, the owner of Stitches with Style, became aware of Olivia's dilemma and decided to help out by making Chemo caps for Olivia and all of her friends at the A I Hospital for Children who are in the cancer ward. If you would like to make a cap, there will be a basket in the CE Building with some balls of yarn and copies of the directions for different styles of caps that would be appropriate. When you have finished a cap, please return it to the basket and Janet Spring will be responsible for getting it to Linda. If you need any help with your cap, please feel free to stop by the store and Linda and her very talented staff will be happy to help out.

Stitches with Style

16 Polly Drummond Hill Shopping Center #16E

Newark, DE 19711

302-453-8130

www.stitcheswithstyle.net

Closed on Monday



Health Kits for Haiti

At the Lenten supper on March 10th we were able to assemble 55 Health Kits to be sent to Haiti. The kits contained soap, a hand towel, a face cloth, band aids, a wide tooth comb, a toothbrush, and nail clippers. These kits will be sent to Church World Service who will be responsible for the distribution of the kits in Haiti. We would like to thank the New Castle community for their assistance in helping prepare these kits.



Valentine's Brunch Rescheduled

On Sunday, April 25th, we will be rescheduling the Valentine's Brunch. Former members Linda Neel and Kathy Graham will be presenting various volunteer opportunities for the Friendship House housing programs. We are happy to report that Friendship House will be making settlement on their newest home, Epiphany House, in March and should be ready to open its doors to women just leaving the prison system in June. Please be on hand for a great brunch! Sign up sheets will be available in the CE building and we would like to remind the deacons and elders to call their lists to remind members of the brunch by April 17th.



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE, INC.

P. O. BOX 1517

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19899

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CHRISTIAN MINISTRY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS PEOPLE

February 22, 2010

The Trustees of the
New Castle Presbyterian Church
Nancy L. Rowland
25 E. 2nd St.
New Castle, DE 19720

Dear Nancy,

Thank you so much for New Castle Presbyterian Church's generous gifts of \$10,132.00 from the 2009 Spirit of Christmas for the Corner Calvary House. At this time when everyone is having to tighten their budget, your ongoing support is especially appreciated.

Having served as the director of this ministry for the last twenty years, I am daily humbled by God's providence. Every year the number of clients goes up and their need increases. Friendship House has evolved from a store-front drop-in center on 4th Street into a network of daytime empowerment centers, feeding programs, job readiness programs, shelters, half-way houses and the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Most of the staff, board members and volunteers who were here when I came have died or moved on, yet each time we lose a vital members of our ministry family, someone just as gifted comes forward to take their place. I have watched our annual operating budget increase from \$50,000 to \$1,100,000. Each year I wonder how we will possibly be able to keep going, yet somehow we always manage to pay our bills. I witness our steadfast team of paid staff and volunteers daily stretched to the breaking point, yet always willing to take up a new challenge when the opportunity arises. I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of community of servants so committed to a single mission and philosophy of ministry. No matter how demanding the work becomes, it is always a joy to do it in their company.

All of us at Friendship House are well aware of the community of friends who sustain this vital ministry with their prayers, time and money. Without you, there would be no Friendship House. I hope that during this coming year you will be able to get to know us better. Lu Johnston, our outreach worker, (302-652-8033 / fhlu.johnston@verizon.net) is happy to give people guided tours of our major ministries. Kathy Graham, our volunteer coordinator, (588-7712 / fhvolunteer.coordinator@verizon.net) is able to place almost anyone interested in volunteering, no matter what their schedule. Roxane Blake, our office manager (652-8133 / fhroxane@aol.com) can make sure you receive our quarterly newsletters. Finally, you can always visit the Friendship House website (www.friendship-house.org) to learn about our many ministries and get the latest news. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and know that we are proud to serve as your hands and arms reaching out to those whom God has privileged us to serve.

In our lord,

Bill Perkins
Executive Director

The 63rd Annual Wilmington Garden Day

On Saturday, May 1st, ING Direct will be sponsoring Wilmington Garden Day. This tour benefits St. Michael's School in downtown Wilmington and also Friendship House, Inc. Patterson House, a shelter that provides transitional housing and life skills training to women and their children



will be on the tour. The easiest way to get tickets is to go to www.wilmingtongardenday.org. Cost of the tickets is \$30.00. Tickets ordered by 4/9 will be mailed a tour book and map. If your ticket order is received between 4/10-4/30, your tickets and books must be retrieved @ Janssen's Market, 3801 Kennett Pike, Greenville, DE. Day of event tickets are also available at Janssen's for \$35.00 per ticket. Children under 12 admitted free with accompanying adult. Event is rain or shine.

Historic New Castle Day-May 15th

On May 15th, the Mission and Outreach committee will be sponsoring a "Mission Fair" in our CE building as part of Historic New Castle Day. We are offering our CE building to some of the mission projects we support. This will give them an opportunity to talk to about their programs and volunteer opportunities to individuals who are visiting New Castle for the day. Friendship House, Urban Promise, and CROP Walk have already expressed an interest in showcasing their programs. We will also contact Port of Wilmington Seaman's Center and the Clothing Bank of Delaware. We may need volunteers to help greet individuals as they enter the building. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help us!



Red, White & Brew

A Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction

Habitat's Women Build Committee will host their annual wine & beer tasting and silent auction, known as "**Red, White & Brew.**" This year marks the fourth year for the fundraising event, scheduled for **Thursday, May 6th** at Brantwyn Mansion (Wilmington, DE) from 6 pm - 9 pm. **Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$55 at the door.** The event will feature a wondrous selection of wines and beers to sample (and then take home)! The evening will also feature an impressive lineup of items in the silent auction.

Learn more about [Women Build](#) fundraising initiatives and activities online.

Bike 'N Build



Join Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County for the 2010 **Bike to Build! Charity Ride, Honoring Chad Miller.** Scheduled for **Saturday, June 12th.** The start and finish line this year will be at Tubman Garret Riverside Park at the Wilmington Riverfront. This year's ride will be held in honor of the late Rev. Chad Miller, formerly of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Chad was a long-time Habitat volunteer and strong proponent of the positive change brought about by Habitat's unique homeownership program.

Please help us honor the memory and spirit of Rev. Chad by supporting a cause to which he was deeply committed. This year we hope to raise \$125,000, enough to build a whole house! Rider registration is only \$25! We are asking each rider to also raise a minimum of \$150 in donations. Choose one of three different ride lengths -- 12, 25 or 50 miles -- with staggered start times. The heart of the course is the same for all three routes, and travels the beautiful and scenic Northern Delaware Greenways trails. The 50 mile ride extends out Rt. 52 into the Brandywine Valley.

[Online signup](#) for this year's **Bike to Build!** Charity Ride Honoring Chad Miller is now open.



Monthly Report

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

Membership:

February	175
Addition	0
Loss	0
March	175

Income thru 2/10:

2010 Budgeted expectation:	\$59,242.00
2010 Actual:.....	\$57,659.00

Expenses thru 2/10:

2010 Budgeted:	\$17,843.00
2010 Actual:.....	\$16,203.00



Mission and Outreach Committee Needs You!

Please consider becoming a member of our Mission and Outreach Committee. We are responsible for coordinating various mission and outreach opportunities throughout the year. Even though we are a small church, we are a very active force in our local and global communities and we are always looking for new ways to serve. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Spring at 239-3877 or rasjem@gmail.com. We have many experienced members who will help you get up and running.



MEALS ON WHEELS

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2010. Call Susan Flook at 328-7346 if you are interested. Substitutes needed, too. No week-end deliveries. Thanks. Consider this as your call in Christ!

Our next delivery will not be till April 12-16. 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 12

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 13

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 14

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Thursday 15

Dot & Jason
Campbell

Friday 16

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Prayer, It Works!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our church has had a Prayer Chain since February 2004?

Did you know that all requests to the chain are confidential?

Did you know it's as simple as a telephone call or an email to one of the coordinators to ask for prayer?

Do you know:

A family member or close friend that has a life threatening illness?

A neighbor that is facing surgery?

Someone who's been in a terrible automobile accident?

A friend struggling with addiction?

A neighbor who just lost their job?

Someone who has lost a loved one?

A family member suffering from mental illness?

Your prayer chain has prayed faithfully for requests like this. Please don't hesitate to contact us, we are waiting to pray for you. You can reach us by calling or email.

"God is the Father who full of mercy and comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us."

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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Adult Education

Adult Education in March will benefit from Pastor Nancy's recent trip to Israel:

Sundays at 9:30 am, Room 206: March 7 – April 25

A Pilgrimage for Lent/Easter – Experience a day by day journey of faith based on Pastor Nancy's trip. Visit Joppa, Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Mt. Tabor, the Sea of Galilee, The Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Capernaum, Gergesa (Kursi), the River Jordan, Cana of Galilee, Nazareth, Beit She'an, Ein Karem, the Western Wall, St. Stephen's Gate, the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, the Via Dolorosa, the Upper Room and the Tomb of King David. We will also learn about the Mount of Olives and Garden of Gethsemane, the Valley of Kidron to the Pool of Siloah, Hezekiah's Tunnel and the Tombs of Absalom and Zacchariah, Bethlehem, the Field of Ruth, the Shepherd's Field and the Grotto of the Nativity; Jericho, the Oasis of Ein Gedi, Sodom, the Fortress of Massada, the caves at Qumran, Holocaust Memorial Yad Vashem, and the Shrine of the Book. Bring your own remembrances of trips to the Holy Land.

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall: March – April 21

The Geography of the Gospel – Learn how the telling of the stories of Jesus have been shaped by the particular geography of the land in which he lived. We will celebrate the shaping of our own stories by the places we have lived and visited.

Welcome to the IRC... *Your source for faith resources*

The Interfaith Resource Center at 913 Wilson Road Wilmington, DE is a library offering support to faith communities. Its regular Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed Fridays). Our congregation holds a membership which includes many benefits, including:

- Approximately 7,500 resources (DVDs, CD's, curricula, and books) on a wide range of topics. Large reference section includes William Hawley Clark Ecumenical Library. See their on-line Card Catalog.
- All resources available at no additional charge.
- An extensive collection of curricula and printed resources available to preview before purchase.
- Attractive meeting facilities with wireless internet access for up to 20 persons; larger facilities possible. Call to schedule an on-site meeting of your Christian education or adult study circle.
- Handicapped accessible.
- Professional consultations to aid lay and clergy in program planning.
- Director offers a range of lively programs available to host at off-site facilities.
- Dependable resource delivery - USPS (UPS delivery at additional charge).
- Resource displays at conventions, meetings and workshops.
- Toll-Free phone number: 1-800-336-6152. Or call 302 477-0910.

Directions: I-95 to Exit 8 (North 202). As you leave the exit ramp, follow North Rte.261 (Foulk Road). Stay on Foulk Road until it intersects with Rte 141. Turn right onto Wilson Road. Proceed through one more light. St Alban's Church, home of the Interfaith Resource Center, is on the left about .25 mile past that light.



Springtime Bears

Our Bear Ministry is still alive and well. New Springtime Bears have been added to the basket. Please feel free to pick one out for someone that is in need of our words of encouragement and love.

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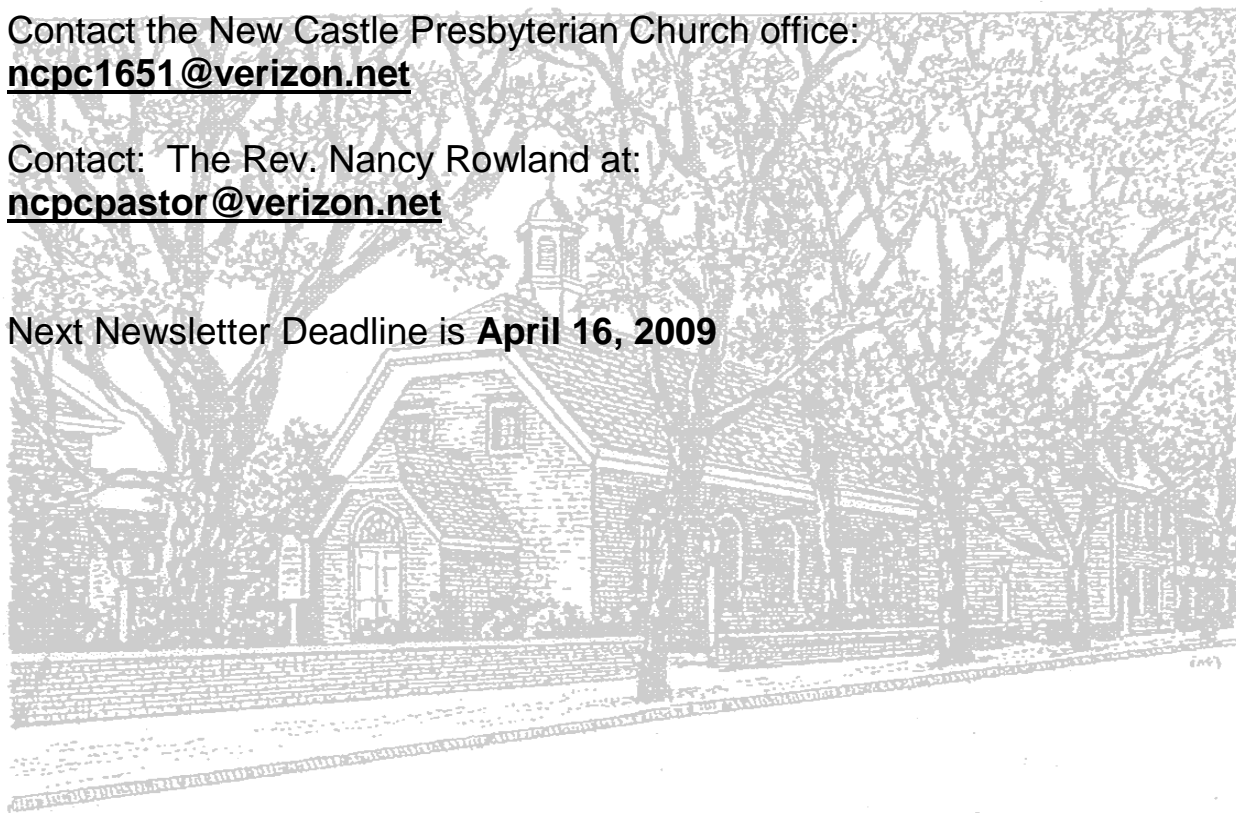
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **April 16, 2009**



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