

New Castle Presbyterian News

May 2010



Historic New Castle Day-May 15th **Mission Fair**

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 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 will need volunteers to help greet individuals as they enter the building. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help us!



Choir Concert

The Choir of New Castle Presbyterian Church will present a concert of church music on May 15 at 2:00pm in the Meeting House. Join our fine musicians that day as we celebrate the gift of song!

Manse Open House

Volunteers are needed to welcome guests to the Manse during Historic New Castle Day on May 15th. Signup in the CE Building.



Update on Seaman's Center of Wilmington

At the March family night dinner we were treated to a delicious meal and a very informative presentation by Joan Lyons of the Seaman's Center of Wilmington. The CSW is a non-profit organization serving visiting seafarers from around the world at three ports in Delaware--Wilmington, Claymont, and Delaware City. It is open 52 weeks a year, seven days a week and welcomes more than 5000 international mariners every year. The center's goal is to extend a warm welcome and offer a hospitable respite from the loneliness and isolation of the sea. The mariners are away from home for several months and at sea away missing their families, language, and familiar food. The center serves approximately 500 ships with names like Iglo Express, Eurus Lisbon, Finterdijk, Sol so Brazil, and Sincerity Ace.

The body and mind of a visiting mariner are rejuvenated by the many amenities available at SCW: phone cards; private phone booths; free internet access; television and movies; souvenirs; basketball; free pre-owned clothing; international reading material; toiletries; pool table; snacks; guitar; and free transportation for shopping. If a seaman requires hospitalization while stopped at one of Delaware's ports Joan or a SCW volunteer visit that seaman every day. The center has a van that can transport seven mariners to nearby stores, usually in the Prices' Corner area, so they can do shopping. Joan reported that the seamen have informed her that Delaware is the best place in the whole world to purchase a new computer, thanks to no sales tax.

Joan Lyons is the only paid employee at SCW. Volunteers are essential to the support given to the seafarers during their short shore leave. They greet, assist, and offer friendship to visitors from all parts of our world during their times of triumph and need. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents please call Joan at 302-575-1300.

Donations of supplies and gifts for the mariners are always welcome. Our Christmas Ditty Boxes were part of the Christmas at Sea program offered by the center, which handed out 1066 boxes this past December. However, the center can use a variety of supplies throughout the year: playing cards, magazines (National Geographic is the favorite), coffee, tea, men's clothing, books, video tapes, and cookies. Call Joan to arrange for delivery because access to the port grounds is difficult due to increased security at ports world-wide.



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:

March	175
Addition	2
Loss	1
April	176

Income thru 3/10:

2010 Budgeted expectation:	\$78,790.00
2010 Actual:.....	\$75,726.00

Expenses thru 3/10:

2010 Budgeted:	\$68,370.00
2010 Actual:.....	\$71,082.00

Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family & friends of Long-time member Isabel Klein, who died April 10th. Isabel was 93. She was an ordained elder and deacon in our congregation and a joy to all who knew her. Services are pending. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



New Members

We welcome to the fellowship of our congregation:

By letter of transfer from the Old Presbyterian Meeting House of
Alexandria, VA:

Matthew & Jennifer Kim

Address:

8 Watson Lane

Middletown DE 19709

Phone: (302) 449-1455

jenkim1976@verizon.net

By Reaffirmation of Faith:

Ted Corbett & Christine Brooks-Corbett

Address:

113 E. 4th Street

New Castle, DE 19720

Phone: (302) 276-2676

corbett113@comcast.net



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 May 24-28. 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 24

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 25

Lois Barth

Joan Smith

Wednesday 26

Cynthia Robbins

Nanette Nichol

Thursday 27

Dot & Jason

Campbell

Friday 28

Susan Flook

Ruth Moore



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.

Pentecost Offering



The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (May 23, 2010). It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities.

The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

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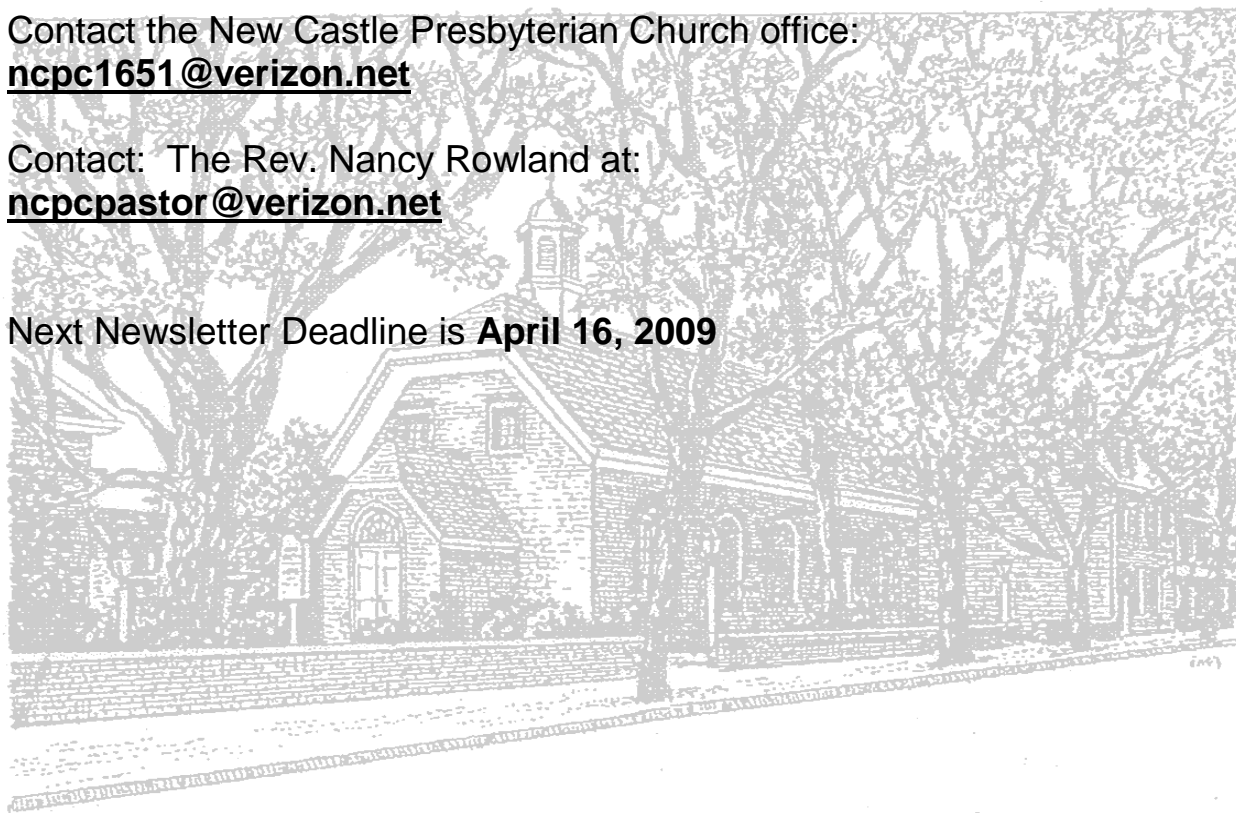
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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **April 16, 2009**



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