

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *October 2020*

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In Ancient Greek Mythology, the labyrinth was built as a confusing, disorienting structure to contain the Minotaur. In Christian tradition, these mazes were and are one-way paths meant to provide spiritual focus and clarity. Labyrinths can be walked on the floors of churches or traced on paper; their paths can be outlined with stones or raked on sandy beaches. I recently discovered the idea of a pumpkin labyrinth. However, I suspect the squirrels of New Castle would feast on such a design in our church yard!

When travelling a labyrinth, there are many prompts to guide one's spiritual path. One approach is to enter with a question for God, pause in the center, and exit while listening for God's still, small voice.

During October, we'll have multiple labyrinth-like opportunities to encounter God. We'll begin the month with World Communion Sunday, when we can bring our questions to God about where God is in our world. That Sunday, as we gather at Christ's table, we can listen for God's voice to guide us and direct us as part of the universal church. As we conclude the month with "Wilderness Stewardship", we can bring our questions about where God is at work in our lives and listen for God's invitation as we consider our 2021 pledges.



The gift of labyrinths is that one cannot become lost on the way. There are no wrong turns to make, and whether we move inward or outward, we can encounter God at any point on our journey. In October, we will celebrate our connection with the world and with one another. At each opportunity, let us seek God's guiding presence in our lives through prayerful questioning and listening.

In the joy of Christ,  
Pastor Miriam

## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING – October 4**

*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!" Isaiah 6:9.*

The PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering is received on World Communion Sunday each year, and it encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace Christ's mission of reconciliation to those around the world and around the corner. You are welcome to send in your offering by mail to the church office, with "Peace and Global Witness" in the memo line, or make a donation through the PCUSA website. Please note when you give online that you are a member of New Castle Presbyterian Church!

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

This Sunday October 4 we will celebrate World Wide Communion along with Christian congregations all over the globe. Even though we will be chewing the bread or "other starch" and drinking wine or juice in our homes, we will be in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ worldwide. We will be bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ when we pray together and celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of this interfaith gathering. As we reflect on the Christian faith in our words and actions, we respect the autonomy, integrity, and diversity of other's beliefs and practices.

Worship committee has gathered a variety of fabrics from Egypt, Ecuador, the Middle East, and Hawaii, to display on the communion table. While sharing our bread and wine we will be reminded of the unity of all Christians through the Holy Spirit in the work of Jesus Christ and desire to give glory to God.

## **STEWARDSHIP SEASON – October 25 - November 8**

Who is ready for some Smores?? Our Stewardship Season will kick off on Sunday, October 25, as we explore "Wilderness Stewardship: Sharing God's Blessings". We will be learning about how God has



been in our Past, is in our Present, and what gifts He has for us to come. In addition to receiving a pledge card in the mail, you'll receive paper smores supplies, on which you'll be invited to pray about the sweet moments of the past year (chocolate!) as well as the sticky, tough moments (marshmallow!). We'll remember that like the two graham crackers, God's gift of the church helps to hold us all together.

Mark your calendars for our Stewardship Coffee Hour on November 1. Following our livestream worship, we'll gather on zoom from 11:30am to 12pm to share information about our hopes for ministry in 2021. Then, on Pledge Sunday, November 8, you are invited to bring your pledge cards and smore prayers to the churchyard, to gather around the campfire and celebrate together in this wilderness season.

## **EMMANUEL DINING ROOM AND BROWNIE REQUEST!**

Cynthia and Steve have resumed cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room on the seventh of each month, and we are in need of brownie bakers! Each month, NCPC provides a hearty meal, which includes a delicious dessert of brownies. By October 7, we need at least 10 batches of baked brownies, and we'll need another set of 10 by November 7. We have some brownie mixes to use up before year's end, so feel free to stop by the CE building to collect a few from the entryway. We are able to save extra batches in the CE kitchen freezers, so heat up your ovens and bake several brownie batches. (And maybe even an additional batch for yourself!)

## **PUMPKIN PARTY –**

Date: Saturday, October 31st

Time: 10AM-11:30AM

Location: Churchyard



Put on your costumes and join us Halloween morning for our socially-distanced Pumpkin Party! Parents and children can play games, decorate pumpkins, and participate in our mini Halloween parade!

Guests are invited to bring toiletries and peanut butter and jelly to donate through our Gifts of Love program.

RSVP by Tuesday, October 20th at [newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party](http://newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party) or fill out the form below and mail it to us.

### **Pumpkin Party RSVP**

Number of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

\*To ensure children social distance from others, parents must remain with their child/children throughout the Pumpkin Party

## **PHISHING SCAMS**

Please be aware that no one from the church will be emailing, texting or calling you to ask you to purchase gift cards. Do not reply to emails asking you to respond. Miriam's email is [pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org). If it seems fishy it probably is. Also, if you are new or even a seasoned Facebook user, do not accept friend requests from individuals until you check their profile. If they only have a few photos and they were just recently added they are probably fake. If they are posing as someone you know report it as a scam.

## GIFTS OF LOVE

*"As we have been blessed, we seek to use all that we have to bless others with this good news of grace and joy."*

As the seasons change, we are aware that utility service and housing are all the more essential. At the beginning of the pandemic, we pledged to double the number of monthly grants to our neighbors in need to 10 grants at \$50.00 each. God has blessed us to be able to do this. If we are to continue, we will need to continue investing in this outreach; and so, we ask you to make a contribution to Gifts of Love at your earliest convenience. Just make your check payable to NCPC with 'Gifts of Love' on the memo line. Our blessings will surely bless others.

If you wish to learn more about our Gifts of Love mission, contact Conchita Showell or any Deacon.

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St. Peter the Apostle Church  
St. Vincent de Paul Conference  
521 Harmony Street  
New Castle, DE 19720

September 8, 2020

The Pastor and Congregation of  
New Castle Presbyterian Church  
25 East Second Street  
New Castle, DE 19720

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The members of St. Peter the Apostle Church, St. Vincent de Paul Conference extend our heartfelt thanks for your exceptionally generous donation to the food closet. The joint efforts of St. Peter The Apostle Church and New Castle Presbyterian Church will help feed countless needy families in our community.

Your generosity is truly a blessing and we look forward to our continued partnership in doing the Lord's work. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...." Matthew 25:35.

May God continue to bless us all.

Sincerely,



Gwen DelCoglin on behalf of the  
Members of St. Peter The Apostle  
St. Vincent de Paul Conference

## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

The Church Directory will be printed at the end of this month. Please review your information and if there is anything that has to be changed, ex., new email, new phone numbers, please contact the office at [office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org) or phone 302-328-3279. You can view it on our website at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/directory>.



- Kris Krawczyk

## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

This year is our 20th Annual Spirit of Christmas Celebration!

Although it will not be possible to welcome people to gather with us as in past years to celebrate this milestone. We are working on ways to adapt this tradition of the Spirit of Christmas for our community and will continue our mission support for [Friendship House](#), 2020 style.

**Please remember that all proceeds from donations and sales for Spirit of Christmas at New Castle Presbyterian Church are given to Friendship House mission for the homeless in New Castle County.**



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Areas in Central Delaware are still recovering from Tropical Storm Isaias, and Lisa Chase (Candidate for Ministry in Dover) is coordinating volunteers from around the Presbytery to help with clean-up. If you or any friends/ family are able-bodied and willing to handle chainsaws, saws, rakes, chippers, etc., volunteers will be serving folks unable to handle the recovery work themselves because of age, disability, or financial limitations. Lisa is the point of contact between volunteers and groups coordinating the clean-up. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Chase at 302-736-7021 or [lchase@dover.de.us](mailto:lchase@dover.de.us).

## THANKS FOR SERVING IN OCTOBER!

### WORSHIP LEADER

October 4 – Beverly Stoudt

October 11 – Minerva Lermond

October 18 – Ray Snyder

October 25 – Kaitlyn Raker

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lily Powell, 10/4  
 Carol Mayhew, 10/8  
 Melissa Boris, 10/10  
 Janet Swick, 10/16  
 Katherine Sechrist, 10/19



Mariah Graham, 10/24  
 Mason Reilly, 10/26  
 Gregory Fogarty, 10/27  
 Rachel Handy-Hayes, 10/29



Earl & Janet Reed, 10/3  
 Gary & Kathy Graham, 10/5  
 Daniel & Shirley Knox, 10/6  
 Miranda & Scott Matthews, 10/7  
 Laurie & Mark Powell, 10/8  
 Christine & Kevin Collins, 10/12  
 Carl & Susan Witt, 10/25  
 Diana & Tony Reilly, 10/26



### Meals on Wheels

**HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2020. 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 5-9. 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 5

Jude Morrow  
 Jo Viola

#### Tuesday 6

Miranda Matthews  
 Joan Smith

#### Wednesday 7

Karen & Jim  
 Beatson

#### Thursday 8

Cynthia Robbins  
 Nanette Nichol

#### Friday 9

Susan & Jim  
 Flook

### Monthly Report

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



Membership:

August..... 153

Removal from roles, member request, Jim Beatson (#1180).....-1

September ..... 152

Income thru 09/04/20:

2020 Budget: ..... \$178,280.00

2020 Actual: ..... \$165,600.00

Expenses thru 09/04/20:

2020 Budget: ..... \$173,350.00

2020 Actual:..... \$156,525.00

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Address Change

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:  
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Contact: The Rev. Miriam Foltz at  
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **October 20, 2020**

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