

New Castle Presbyterian News

January 2020



What a wonderful end to 2019! From Sunday morning worship to caroling around historic New Castle, from the Spirit of Christmas to our Blue Christmas service, we heralded the Advent Season and prepared together for the coming of Christ into the world and our hearts.

I pray that you carry the joyful calling of the Christmas season into the New Year. Howard Thurman so eloquently wrote:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,*

*The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.*

Like the shepherds, may we return from the manger scene, glorifying and praising God for all the things we have heard and seen. I pray that as you look ahead to 2020, God might renew your call to discipleship, nourishing in you a sense of excitement and wonder for the things to come. Join us in worship this January as we sing God's praises at the start of the new year and begin our commitment to the work of Christmas together.

- Pastor Miriam

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS RECAP!

Spirit of Christmas was again a success for New Castle Presbyterian Church, Friendship House and our town. It's wonderful and magical to see everyone come together for one day of joyous music, good food and a great cause. Even though we have downsized what we sell in the last two years, we still had a very respectable net profit of \$6,300.00. We got a generous donation from the Visitors Bureau of \$2,738.00. Thanks goes to Gene Dempsey for that.

Joan and I are grateful for such a dynamic community that put its heart and time into such an event. We are proud of what we all accomplished at Spirit of Christmas. A heartfelt thank you to everyone.

There is a scheduled recap meeting for Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in fellowship hall. Come one, come all!

Miranda Matthews and Joan Lioi



COMING UP IN WORSHIP

January brings some special worship experiences. Please plan to join us for...

January 5 – As we conclude the Christmas season, we'll celebrate Epiphany, the arrival of the Wise Men through song and story and the sacrament of communion.

January 12 – Baptism of the Lord Sunday. We'll hear about Jesus' baptism, and what it means for us.

NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY MEETING

New Castle Presbytery will meet on Saturday, January 11 at First Presbyterian - Newark. Elders Bev Stoudt and Connie Reese will attend and serve as our elder commissioners.

ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to pick up your church offertory envelopes. They are located in the entrance way of the CE building. To save on postage they will not be mailed out.

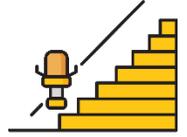
USHERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

There are many dates in January and February that are not filled in for ushering. Please check the sign up board or go online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b44adaa2aa0f94-newcastle>

STAIR LIFT TO SECOND FLOOR

Good News! Thanks to generous donations in memory of Dot Campbell by her family, NCPC will be installing a motorized stair lift in the back stairway of the CE Building.



The stair lift will enable more of our congregation to easily utilize the second floor, including the bell choir room. This is especially fitting as Dot was a founding member of bell choir and increasing access is a great way to remember her. The Trustees will be organizing. Installation will be in the New Year.

BOOK GROUP

The Adult Study Book Club has been such a wonderful addition to our church calendar! The first book in 2020 will be: "Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians" by Austen Hartke. This selection is in collaboration with our LGBTQIA+ Task Force. The next book club meeting will be at the beginning of February. We'll plan to have an initial conversation about it at 12:30 on Sunday, February 2, with follow-up conversations possible. The Task Force has ordered a few in advance and will offer to supply a copy to anyone who needs help acquiring the book.

Looking further ahead in the calendar year, the Lenten Book selection is: "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week" by Amy-Jill Levine. There will likely be a weekly gathering for conversation. Stay tuned for more info!

LEARNING SPANISH

Learning a new language works best the more you practice, and if you have people to encourage and work with you in real life outside of the classroom. We will be having a bimonthly Spanish club in the CE building to get together and practice! (more details to come) Del-tech Community College has a Spanish class starting in January for \$139, plus a textbook. You have to register online.

The class options are Monday evenings 6:30-8:30, or Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30 or Saturday morning 9:30-11:30.

There will be more announcements coming up in next few weeks, and please invite anyone you think might be interested!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't throw that box away just yet! The children in our Sunday school classes all collect **Box Tops** to help raise money for their schools, and you can help! Many companies participate in the "Box Tops for Education program," so before you throw the box away, look for the little pink **Box Tops** logo! We will be collecting them throughout the year, and then split them up evenly among the Sunday school class. Thank you!



CARE FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In 2020, we are working to offer some basic CPR and emergency response training for the congregation, but in the meantime, especially as we head into the season of ice and snow, here are a few tips from Ellie Gerhart & Jo Viola about responding to slips and falls.

The goal is to prevent further injury or potential injury to those who help. Take several minutes to allow the person to communicate what happened and where they are hurting. Do not rush to pick up a person who has fallen, giving everyone time to assess if there is dizziness, pain, or obvious bleeding, or had any joint replacements.

To help to a chair, it is best to have two people. Help person to roll on their back, knees slightly bent, slowly raise to a sitting position for a minute or two. Place chair at their head. Gently grasp arm(s), supporting the shoulder(s), ask them to hold your arms, and slowly raise the person to sitting chair. Summon additional help if deemed necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family painting night! The winter family activity will be Friday, January 31 @ 6:30. We will host a family event like "Painting with a Twist" (without the twist!) Join us for a family night of painting and fun, no matter what experience level you are!

February 2 - **We will be collecting canned soup** for a "Soup-er Bowl" donation of soup to bring awareness to simple hunger that some experience every day. We appreciate all that you can bring; it will benefit our friends in need through the Saint Peter's food bank.

THANKS FOR SERVING IN JANUARY!

COMMUNION

January 5 – *, Joan Appleby Chris Fagles, Scott Selheimer,
Jane Fouracre & Kim Beebe

USHERS

January 5 – Scott & Miranda Matthews
January 12 – _____ & _____
January 19 - _____ & _____
January 26 – Scott & Amy Selheimer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

January 5 – Patti Isaacs-Hansen
January 12 – Kim Beebe & Melissa Boris
January 19 – Nanette Nichol & Salina Brett
January 26 – Joan & David Lioi

WORSHIP LEADERS

January 5 – Ray Snyder
January 12 – Scott Matthews
January 19 – Scott Selheimer
January 26 –

NURSERY

January 5 – Lyn Briggs & Melissa Boris
January 12 – Bev Stoudt & Jane Fouracre
January 19 – Molly Shaw & Molly Cooney
January 26 – Kim Beebe & Melissa Boris

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 5 – Bruce Raker
January 12 – Connie Bell
January 19 – Kim Beebe
January 26 – Chris Fagles

COUNTERS

January 5 – Jane Fouracre & Ringo Keka
January 12 – Barbara Whisman & Carol Mayhew
January 19 – Jane Fouracre & Ringo Keka
January 26 – Barbara Whisman & Carol Mayhew

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Steve Martin
Cynthia Robbins
Miranda Matthews

FLOWERS - Brenda Walters

Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for the upcoming year. 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 is December 30 – January 3. 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 30

Jude Morrow
Jo Viola

Tuesday 31

Miranda Matthews
Joan Smith

Wednesday 1

No Deliveries

Thursday 2

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 3

Susan & Jim
Flook

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cynthia Beam, 1/1
Mary Duncan, 1/1
Lynn MacEwen, 1/1
Rachel Briggs, 1/2
Kris Stone, 1/6
Olivia Viola, 1/6
Mariellen Boyle-Edinburg, 1/6
Robert Dill, 1/8
Linda Twyford, 1/10



Wren Esham, 1/14
Daniel Dunson, 1/16
Jim Whisman, 1/17
Mary Cebenka, 1/20
Louise Thornton, 1/22
Mildred McGraw, 1/25
Ryker Teller, 1/25
Julia Spock, 1/27

Bob & Janet Swick, 1/21
Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25



Monthly Report

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



Membership:

November	152
December	152

Income thru 11/30/19:

2019 Budget:	\$238,508.00
2019 Actual:.....	\$211,677.00

Expenses thru 11/30/19:

2019 Budget:	\$236,044.00
2019 Actual:.....	\$233,753.00

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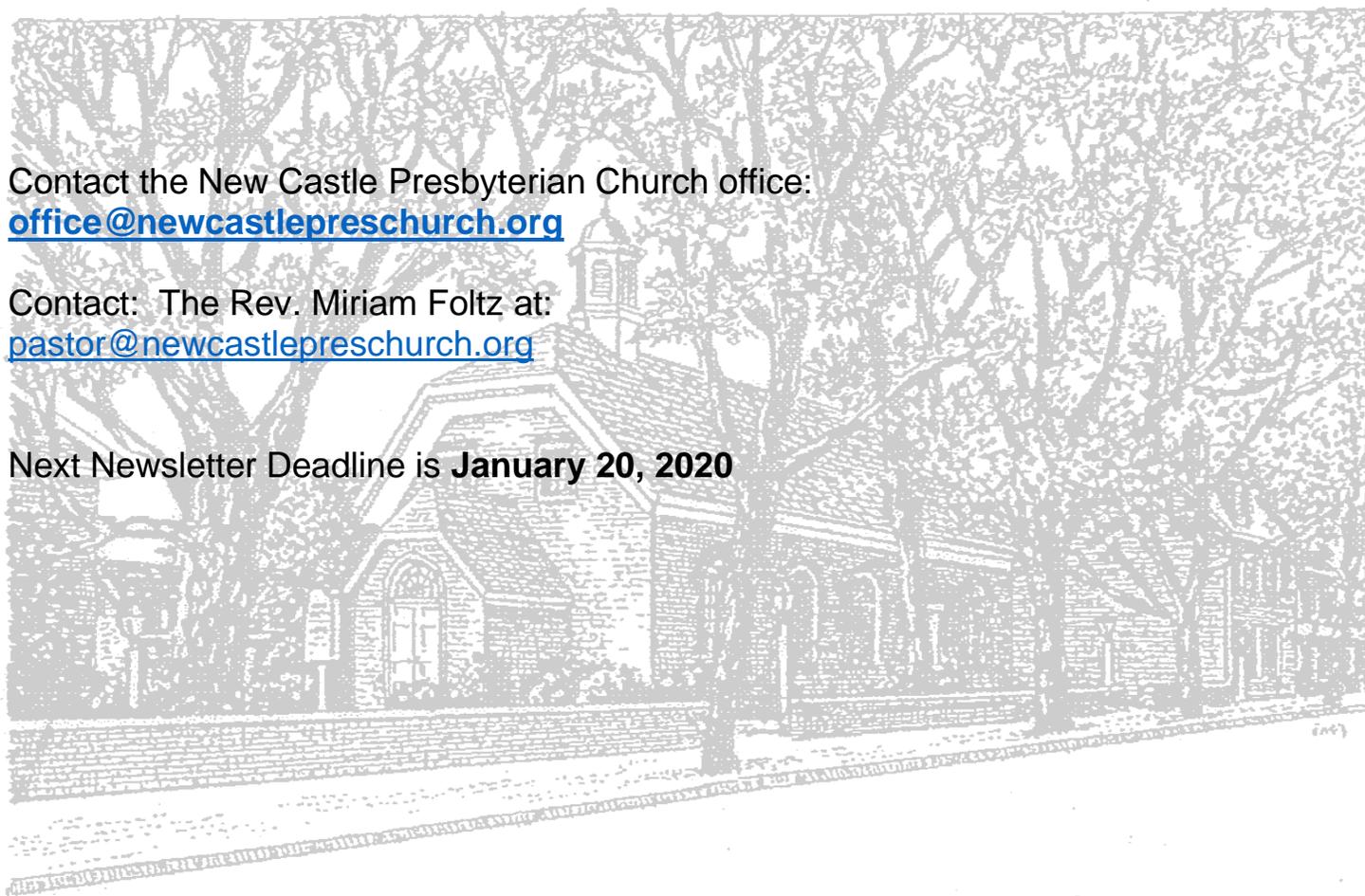


Address Change
Requested

Contact the New Castle Presbyterian Church office:
office@newcastlepreschurch.org

Contact: The Rev. Miriam Foltz at:
pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org

Next Newsletter Deadline is **January 20, 2020**



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