New Castle Presbyterian News June 2015





Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, June 7 following morning worship. The Nominating Committee will present their report and officers will be elected. This report will be available by May 28. Other business may also be considered at this meeting. All active members are encouraged to be present. (and stay awake)



Church Picnic - June 14

Our annual Church Picnic will take place on June 14 immediately following the 10:30am worship service. Please join us to enjoy the food and fellowship!

Church officers will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. Everyone else, please contribute a picnic salad, dessert, or side dish to share. There will be activities for children. Elders and Deacons will be calling for a count of who will attend, or you may sign up on the list in the C. E. building. Hope to see you there!

Nominating Committee Report 2015

The congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church meets June 7 after worship for its annual meeting. We will consider the following report from the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be received from the floor. Other business will also be entertained at the will of the congregation. After the congregational meeting, the annual meeting of the corporation will be held, with nominations presented for its five members for 2015-16.

SESSION Class of 2016: (one year term permitted by *Book of Order* for Young Adults)

Kaitlyn Raker: Kaity has been a part of the New Castle Presbyterian Church since she was 2 years old, when she was baptized by Reverend David Joynt. She has been an active member since 2005. Kaitlyn is active in both the Choir and the Colonial Chimers. She participates in the Easter Fair, Spirit of Christmas, One Shot Service Sunday, and Vacation Bible School. She has been a member of the youth group and has attended the Montreat Youth Conference numerous times. Kaity graduated from Newark High School, where she was part of the Chamber Orchestra. She will be a senior at the University of Delaware studying Art Conservation. Kaitlyn's parents Lisa and Bruce and her brother Chris are also part of our church family.

SESSION Class of 2018:

Diana Reilly: I moved to Delaware from Pennsylvania in 2002 when I married Tony Reilly, who is a DE native. Not being familiar with any Delaware churches, it took a while to find the right church. I have been coming to NCPC for the past 8 years; and I became a full member in 2009. Growing up in a large family, we learned that everyone is "equal in value, different in contribution," and that is just how this church has made me feel from the beginning! Mason and Dylan were baptized here in 2012 and attend Sunday School with Miss Esther. They love the family events like movie and pizza night and have helped put together the "ditty boxes" for the Seamen's Center!

I have contributed to The Spirit of Christmas, VBS, and teach Sunday School. I use my love of art and face painting to "decorate" the kids at the spring picnics and Easter fairs!

I have worked in the office at Sheridan Nissan since 2003, and enjoy fishing with my family, painting, and thanks to the teaching and patience of a few fellow NCPC members- I now love knitting and crocheting!

Gail Seitz is a native Delawarean who moved to New Castle thirteen years ago. She and her husband C.J. have three children and two grandchildren. Daughter Danielle along with Rand and grandson Wylie live in Durango, CO; middle son Brandon, Chelsea and granddaughter Evelyn live in Media, PA; and youngest daughter Meredith along with to-be spouse Steve live in Wilmington.

Gail has worked in the Delaware District Office of Congressman John Carney, for companies such as DuPont and Accenture as well as taught in elementary schools, middle schools and at the University of Delaware. Gail's community service includes the Board of Directors of the Wilmington YMCAs, the New Castle Senior Center and the New Castle Historical Society, along with mentoring in public schools and Boys and Girls Clubs for over 15 years. She has served on the previous NCPC Session and on the Congregational Life and Membership Committee. She and C.J. joined the Church in 2011 and are happy to be part of the New Castle Presbyterian Church community.

Janet Spring has previously served several terms as a ruling elder. She has served on the Mission and Outreach Committee, the Board of Deacons, taught Sunday School and VBS, sings in the choir, and is a member of the Bell Choir. Janet has been married to Bob Spring for 43 years and they have three children, three grandchildren, and one dog. She taught Kindergarten for 30 years and is now retired from teaching. She also serves on the Board of Friendship House. When she is not at church or caring for her grandchildren Luca, Caroline, and Michael, she enjoys reading, needlework, gardening, and travelling.

DEACONS Class of 2016:

Susan Townsend: Susan moved from a farming community near Bryan, Ohio to New Castle in 1961. She joined the NCPC with her family and attended Sunday school and was a member of the youth group. She was employed as a Speech/Language Pathologist for 35 years in the Brandywine School District and four years at East Side Charter School. As an adult, she taught Sunday school children and was a leader of a youth group from 1970 through 1978. Both her children - Shelly, who is 46 and Drew, who is 38 - were baptized by Ralph Johnson. She transferred to New Castle Methodist and became the leader of the Deaf Ministry, which focused on preschool and elementary Christian Education. About eighteen years ago, she began attending New Castle Presbyterian Church with her mother Arline Olds and joined in December of 2005. She has served two previous terms as a Deacon and has been co-chair of the soups and breads at Spirit of Christmas. She has most recently served as a Trustee, a Nursery caregiver, and also as a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee. Susan also teaches seniors Tai Chi and Qi Gong, which promotes and encourages healthy seniors.

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Ringo Keka: Ringo Keka was born and raised in Hawaii on the Big Island of Hawaii. He moved to Maryland in 1997 where he resides with his partner of 19 years Mark Rappold. Ringo and Mark have been participating in the life of this congregation since 2013. While looking for a church where they would feel welcomed and able to be actively involved, after doing some research, decided to join NCPC for a service. After the first service Ringo and Mark knew that this is the church they would call home. He became a member of the congregation in 2014 and has been active in different aspects of the church outreach programs. His passion for helping others has been instilled in him from a very young age through his involvement with his grandmother and kapunas (elders), spending a lot of free time assisting with gathering things to make their crafts. This is where he believes his love and compassion for the elder comes from. He grew up in a home where the doors were always open and there was always extra food made, because you never knew who would come through your doors. We had many different people stay with us for different periods. It wasn't that we had a lot, but we had enough to share. I am so happy to call this church home because it reflects a lot of the values and lifestyle I was raised with. This church helps to put purpose to what I do and provides me the ability to reach out to others while still giving me fulfillment.

Miranda Matthews: was born in Methuen MA and then moved to Mont Vernon, NH in the early 1980's. We attended Catholic Church. The biggest thing that happened in childhood was the diagnosis of type 1 diabetes at age 8 which set me on the road to a spiritual crisis that lasted quite a few years. As a teenager, I became involved with the Unitarian Universalist youth group in the area. Through that, my horizons were opened to other religions. I attended Bradford College graduating with a degree in communications. As a young adult, living in Santa FE, NM (after a short stint living in Park City, UT) I became an adult advisor to the youth group. That was lots of fun! I moved back home to NH and met Scott. I moved to Charlottesville, VA while he finished school. We then moved to Delaware. Through my travels I have met many people but none as creative and giving as the people of this church.

Linda Twyford: I joined NCPC after my marriage to Doug in 1977, transferring from a Methodist background to the Presbyterian arena. I discussed long hours about this pre-destination idea with the pastor at the time and joined the family at NCPC anyway. Choir gave me a chance to offer my voice among the other wonderful voices and gave me fellowship with George (bass), Doug (Bass), and Christine (soprano). Could've been called the "Twyford quartet". I slid into the alto row, but soon discovered I needed to change rows. After joining our church, I served on the Deacons as accountant. I've also volunteered for many of the activities in church: the Antiques Show (serving), the Candlelight Tour of New Castle (the predecessor of Spirit of Christmas) as hostess, the Church Picnic, and two terms as Deacon. Now I'm happy to join in with this forward-moving church by again serving on the Board of Deacons.

TRUSTEES OF THE CONGREGATION

Class of 2018:

Cynthia Robbins: Cynthia, a professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, is on a pre-retirement sabbatical leave after teaching 25 years at the University of Delaware. She joined New Castle Presbyterian Church along with her husband Steve Martin and their daughter, Katie Robbins Martin, in April 2000. She has served as deacon, elder, member of the Evangelism and Outreach committee, Spirit of Christmas committee, and Easter Fair committee, and has taught Children's Church, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School. She also helps with Emmanuel Dining Room and Meals on Wheels.

C.J. Seitz: C.J. is a native Delawarean who with his wife Gail became keenly interested in moving to the City when their children – Danielle, Brandon, and Meredith - went off to college. When they learned thirteen years ago that Lynn and Henry Herndon, a fellow attorney, were selling their house on The Strand, they moved to our community.

C.J. has recently been confirmed and invested as Delaware Supreme Court Justice. Previously he was a founding partner of the Seitz Ross Aronstam & Moritz law firm in Wilmington, best known for his work in the United States Supreme Court case New Jersey v. Delaware, where Delaware prevailed in its ownership claims to the Delaware River within the twelve mile circle. He and Gail joined the Church in 2011 because of the welcoming congregation, our acceptance of the Presbyterian views of Christianity, and the thoughtful sermons and stewardship by its Pastor, Nancy Rowland.

Chuck Ward: Chuck was born and raised in Wilmington and moved to Brandywine Hundred when he was 12. He is a graduate of Brandywine High School and the University of Delaware. While in the Army, Chuck was an Intelligence Agent and Vietnamese Linguist, and served with the Fifth Infantry in Quang Tri, Vietnam.

Recently retired, Chuck spent his entire career in sales and sales management. Initially in the broadcast industry for 20 years, including CBS Inc., and later in the On-line Information Industry with various companies, including Thomson Reuters.

Married to Joanne Ward for 41 years, they have two adult children: Rebecca, a professional violinist, living with her composer husband Jon in Los Angeles, and Russell, a violist, ice hockey player, and co-manager of an iconic restaurant in Baltimore.

Chuck and Joanne make their home in Pennsville, NJ and are thrilled to be a part of the New Castle Presbyterian Church family.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, 2015-16

(nominations from the floor - cannot be a current officer)

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TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION Class of 2016:

In 2014, the Session and Trustees revived the terms of the 1813 Church Charter of Incorporation, which requires five Trustees of the Corporation. The new terms stipulate that these five persons be current members of the Trustees of the Congregation. They serve one year renewable terms.

Lyn Briggs: This will be my second year to serve as Trustee. It has been interesting to be involved in the responsibilities of maintaining our facilities. I have formerly served as deacon, volunteer for, nursery, VBS, and the Spirit of Christmas Committee. I am a member of the Colonial Chimers hand bell choir and served on the pastor nominating committee. I have enjoyed attending worship and social events with fellow members for three decades now. Bob and I and our daughter Rachel live nearby.

Matthew Kim: Matt has been a member at New Castle Presbyterian Church since 2010. Matt has served four years as a trustee and also serves as a Nursery volunteer. Matt lives in Middletown with his wife, Jennifer, and is the proud father of Samuel, age 5, and Grace, age 2. Matt works at Chesapeake Utilities Corporation in Dover, where he is the Controller. A graduate of Georgetown University with a degree in Accounting, Matt worked in the accounting and finance areas of various multi-national accounting and investment firms in Washington, DC prior to moving to Delaware.

Steve Martin: With his wife, Cynthia Robbins and daughter Katie Martin, began attending in 1999. They lived in New Castle from 1988 to 2007, before moving to Newark to be closer to work. He has ties to Presbyterian traditions going back further. Steve grew up in a small town in Massachusetts. He was raised a Congregationalist, which is sort of a New England equivalent to a Presbyterian. Steve is a Senior Research Scientist at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies at the University of Delaware. Steve's research interests are in substance abuse—causes, prevention, and treatment. He is one of the people who started the CREST drug treatment program in the Delaware correctional system, and he directs the surveys of substance abuse and other risk factors that are conducted yearly in Delaware schools. At NCPC, Steve has previously served as an elder and as trustee. He and Cynthia head up the Emmanuel Dining Room program.

Scott Matthews: Scott is originally from the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. He grew up in the Presbyterian Church, attending Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield, VA. He first came to Delaware to attend the University of Delaware as an undergraduate. After returning to Virginia to work for a non-profit organization, Scott returned to school and received a JD/MA from the University of Virginia. Scott and his wife Miranda moved to Delaware in 2000 so Scott could begin work as an associate with Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., where he practiced until 2009. He is currently with Tarabicos Grosso, LLP, where he practices corporate law and commercial real estate law. Scott and Miranda joined the Church in 2009 and feel blessed to have found such a welcoming and community-oriented congregation. Scott has served five years on the Trustees as well as cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room, attending Bible Study, and serving on the Resource Development and History Committees. Scott also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the New Castle Public Library. In his spare time Scott enjoys, among other things, travel, reading, and watching baseball. He is an avid follower and supporter of University of Delaware and University of Virginia athletics and the Washington Nationals.

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Separation Day



The Separation Day Parade will be Saturday, June 13th. NCPC will have a float in the parade to promote Vacation Bible School. The Rakers will be heading up the float decorations. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to come and help out.

We need walkers in the parade to represent our congregation to the community! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Get in the Summer Spirit...of Christmas

June is the perfect time to think about what \$20 will buy! This year, we are asking everyone to begin gathering and shopping for items now for the "Look What \$20 Will Buy" table at Spirit of Christmas. The \$20 table consistently drives a large percentage of the funds we donate to Friendship House.

Be on the lookout - if you have interesting pieces in your home to donate, or happen upon things on your summer travels - even clearance items found at summer sales - we are ready to receive them! Small appliances, housewares, Vera Bradley, jewelry, and holiday and Delaware-themed items are always perennial favorites. Also, small pieces can often be paired with other items to make a larger grouping.

Think about making it a family challenge to see who can find the best value for the \$20 table this summer!

If you need somewhere to store items you have, please see Carol Mayhew who is willing to keep some items at her home (Thank you, Carol!).

-Miranda Matthews, Pat Taylor & Kelly Koczak McCurdy 2015 Spirit of Christmas Chairs



Crafts at Ellies

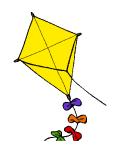
Starting on June 10 I want to invite anyone interested to join me at my house (and gazebo porch) and to bring a project with them to work on or learn a new craft while enjoying an evening together. We can teach knitting, crocheting and sewing projects.

Hopefully we will be able to include new items to sell at the Spirit of Christmas. This was successful last summer and hopefully will be this year. No RSVP needed but to be sure I am home please call and let me know you might come. My cell phone number is 302-753-9632. Everyone is welcomed and no specific skills required. Let me know what you would like to learn and also what you can "teach me". I love to learn something new.

- Ellie Gerhart

An Afternoon of Family Fun! Let's Go Fly a Kite at Battery Park!

Sunday, May 31st 12:00 - 1:30 PM



CE Committee will supply the drinks and have a few simple kites on hand. You bring picnic food to share, plus your own kite, if you have one.

Back-up dates: June 7 and June 14 (after church picnic)

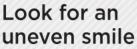
Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Questions?? Please see Ron Studd.

Stroke Awareness Month

May was Stroke Awareness month. Below is a useful item to have posted in your home.











Check if one arm is weak





Listen for slurred speech





Call 911 at the first sign

Mission and Outreach News

Friendship House Breakfast Program

On Sunday, May 3rd, our congregation served breakfast at the Friendship House Breakfast Program that is held at the Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Michael located at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington. I would like to thank Barb Whisman, Mark Rappold, Ringo Keka, Kelly and Peter McCurdy, Mary Cebenka, Susan Flook, Conchita Showell, and Connie and Don Reese for their donations of food and financial support. The money was used to buy coffee, sugar, coffee creamer, and paper towels.

I would also like to thank our dedicated "early morning crew" for arriving at 7:00 in the morning and serving breakfast with a smile. Thank you Mark and Ringo, Carol and Gene, Ray, Connie, and Joan!

Urban Promise Intern Dinner- Monday, June 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We will be serving a pot luck dinner to the young interns who are traveling to Wilmington to serve as camp counselors at the six Urban Promise summer camps. Please consider bringing a dish for the dinner and staying to meet these wonderful young people who are donating their time and talents this summer.

Since Monday may be a difficult day for many of you, make your dish ahead of time, bring it Sunday morning and put it in the refrigerator with cooking instructions (if necessary). If you would like to bring your dish on Monday, bring it in the morning while Kris is here (until 12:30) or bring it at 4:00 p.m. when someone from Mission and Outreach will be here to receive your donation. We need protein dishes, salads, side dishes and desserts. We may also have some vegetarians in the group so you have a great veggie dish, make it for them.

There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the CE Building the first week of June. Thank you for your generous support of this vital mission.

Pillow Case Dress/ Boys Shorts Project

Kathi Evans, Director of Touching Lives Ministry, will be making another trip to Kenya in July. If you still haven't completed your dress or shorts kit, please try to get it back to church by the end of June. If you need any help with the completion of your kit, please see Janet Spring or Ellie Gerhart.

Kathi will be coming to our church in October to speak about her ministry in Kenya.

- Janet Spring - Mission and Outreach committee



New Castle Presbyterian Church

Vacation Bible School

July 12-16 5:45-8:15 pm
Supper Included!
Classes for Children ages 4-10
\$5.00 per child / \$10.00 per family

Worship!
Bible Stories!
Games!
Crafts!
Music!
Funl

Sign up at www.newcastlepreschurch.org OR

Call 302-328-3279

Also: Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to Volunteer!!!



Sunday Parking Attendants

We need your help! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to serve as a Sunday Parking Attendant.

Job description: Stand on the sidewalk beginning at 10:00am and assist our disabled worshippers out of their cars into the Meeting House and/or park their cars for them.

White Gift Food Donations

Susan Townsend has kindly offered to buy items for the White Gifts collection at BJ's. If you'd like to donate for food items, Susan is accepting cash. Please place in an envelope addressed to Susan Townsend - White Gifts.

Here is a list of items that St. Peter's suggests and doesn't suggest for their food closet.



Recommended Food

Apple Sauce Box Potatoes

Campbell Soup (Tomato & Chicken)

Campbell Chunky Soups

Canned Fruits (Peaches & Pears)

Canned Meats (Spam & Ham)

Canned Vegetables (String Beans, Peas, Corn,

Potatoes, Chili, Cannelli Beans)

Capri Drinks

Cereal

Cranberry Sauce (in season) Canned Turkey & Chicken

Dinty Moore cans & bowls

Fruit Cups (Dole & Mott)

Healthy Choice, Marie Callender prepared meals

Jelly

Juices (Apple, Cranberry, etc)

Mac & Cheese

Microwave cups

Maruchan and Ramon Dehydrated soups

Peanut Butter

Prepared Tomato Sauce (Ragu, Prego, Rinaldi)

Progresso Soups (Traditional)

Rice

Spaghetti

Spaghettios (Chef Boyardee)

Stove Top Stuffing (in season)

Tuna

Toiletries

Yams (in season)

Not Recommended Food

Baked Goods (cake mixes, cookies, jello, flour, baby foods)

Canned Vegetables (mix vegetables, carrots, beets, pumpkin, lima beans, sauerkraut, pineapple)

Canned Soups (lentils, onion, vegetarian,

cream of mushroom/celery)

Pasta (rigatoni, ziti, shells, bows, fusilli, lasagna)

Canned Tomato products (Tutto Russo - diced tomatoes,

puree, paste)

Miscellaneous (sodas, gravies, broth, cooking oil,

ketchup, mustard, cooking wine, syrups, candies)



George Spock, son of Julia and George graduates from Brandywine High School, May 31st. He will be attending University of Delaware's Associate in Arts program next fall.

Caitlin Lohrenz, granddaughter of Bill & Marcia Quillen graduated May 10th from University of North Carolina.

Jimmy Carney, grandson of Bill & Marcia Quillen graduates from Wilmington Friends School on May 30th and will be attending Tufts in the fall.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Minerva Lermond, 6/6 Kyle Selheimer, 6/8 Douglas Twyford, 6/8 Allie Lundgren, 6/9 Diana Reilly, 6/12 Molly Shaw, 6/13 Nancy Kersey, 6/13 Janet Reed, 6/16 Charles Ward, 6/18 Steve Handy, 6/19 Jason Campbell, 6/20 Danielle Knox, 6/21
Robert Lindfors, 6/22
Annie Sotomayor, 6/22
Jim Flook, 6/23
Evangeline Studd, 6/23
Gisele Vonrhein, 6/25
Christine Brooks-Corbett, 6/26
Ted Corbett, 6/26
Sarah McCann, 6/26
Corey Fagles, 6/28

Janet & Bob Spring, 6/5
Ted & Christine Corbett, 6/13
Bob & Lyn Briggs, 6/16
Ellie & Monty Gerhart, 6/18
Lindy & Sandy Ballance, 6/19
Brenda & William Walters, 6/21
Christine & Richard Fagles, 6/21
Julie & Rob Barry, 6/25
Marcia & Bill Quillen, 6/27
Brian & Lauren Werkheiser, 6/27
Susan & Jim Werkheiser, 6/28
Bruce & Kay Gordon, 6/30
Molly & Matt Cooney, 6/30



High Hopas

An organization dedicated to supporting sick children and their families during hospitalization.



Dear Members of the New Castle Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for supporting High Hopes with donations of coloring books and crayons and homemade birthday cards! Through donations like yours, High Hopes is able to provide children who are hospitalized with new coloring books and crayons. We also are working on our program of providing homemade birthday cards to children who are in the hospital on their birthdays.

Our goal is to help make any day a child is in the hospital a little bit better.

Thank you!

Love,

Madeleine Yeager

(Granddaughter of Monty and Ellie Gerhart)





An Evening of Family Fun!

Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game!

It's Cowboy-Monkey Rodeo Night!



Thursday, August 13th 6:35 game time

Number of tickets needed _____

(tickets are \$10.00 each - cash or checks made out to Amy Selheimer)

Money due to Amy Selheimer by July 12th



Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2015. 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 June 29-July 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 29 Shirley Knox Tuesday 30
Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 1
Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 2
Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 3

4th of July
No deliveries



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

Membership:	
April	179
Loss by Letter of Transfer, Christopher Dunham	1
May	178
Income thru 05/02/15:	
2015 Budget: \$1	118,938.00
2015 Actual:\$	111,847.00
Expenses thru 05/02/15:	
2015 Budget:	\$96,906.00
2015 Actual:	\$93,858.00

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