

New Castle Presbyterian News

June 2019



In the interim...

You who have had any part in bringing a child into this world know that this doesn't start in the Labor & Delivery room. (In Strasbourg, France, where storks are alive and well, so is the explanation that it is they who bring the bundles of joy).

But actually, of course, it is a process. One that takes months and months. One that brings changes and uncertainty and a bit of chaos. One where parents may not share the news until they are absolutely sure. One where not only is a baby developing, but parents are developing, too. Until the time is right.

Congratulations, NCPC – the time is right, and the time has come! Your Pastor Nominating Committee has been laboring on your behalf, prayerfully seeking and discerning, perhaps even in ways that have changed and challenged them. And now they are ready to deliver a Pastor Nominee to you! As you have seen in the letter and introductory brochure sent to members, on June 8 & 9, you will have the opportunity to meet the Rev. Miriam Foltz! You will experience her worship leadership and preaching. And you will be asked to act, to vote, on the PNC's recommendation that she be your next pastor!

Like any other labor & delivery scenario, it's the moment we've been waiting and preparing for. It's what the interim time has been all about.

And yet, we also can't know everything this new birthing, this new beginning will bring. Like any new life, things unfold with time. Life is a learning curve, and new pastors and congregations climb it together. And the more love and trust, the better.

I have spent time with Miriam in person, by phone, by text over the last month and am so pleased to know her, and to know that she will get to know you.

I think to have her "Call Sunday" be on Pentecost Sunday is an inspiration! None of this is possible without the Spirit of God, moving in Miriam's life to call her and gift her to ministry, moving in the PNC's life throughout this prayerful process, bringing the two together, and moving among us all as we gather on June 9, celebrating the gift of the Spirit that created, and continues to create the church.

With all kinds of holy hope for you all,

Jenny

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of New Castle Presbyterian Church hereby calls a meeting of the Congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church for Sunday, June 9, 2019 immediately following the service of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

NEWS FROM THE PNC

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is pleased to announce that after more than a year of meetings, discussion, interviews, discernment—and more meetings—we propose Rev. Miriam Foltz to serve as the next pastor of New Castle Presbyterian Church. By now, everyone should have received the letter and pamphlet (please let someone on the PNC know if you didn't!) outlining both her background and the PNC's many reasons for recommending that she will be the best candidate to lead NCPC into the future.

Please be sure to mark your calendars and join us for the following important upcoming events:

- ✦ On Saturday, June 8, after the conclusion of the Separation Day parade (until 3:00pm), join the PNC and Rev. Foltz at the CE building for a meet and greet with NCPC members.
- ✦ On Sunday, June 9, immediately following worship, there will be a congregational meeting to vote on Rev. Foltz's call. Miriam will deliver the sermon as well as assist Jenny with the service. The annual church picnic takes place after the meeting – more details to follow.

The PNC would like to thank the congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church for the distinct honor of guiding this process. Most notably, our deepest thanks go to Rourke Moore and Jenny Warren for their support and guidance throughout this process – we could not have reached this point without you.

CHURCH PICNIC PLANS

We will have a lot to celebrate at our annual church picnic June 9! And because we want everyone in the Meeting House for this important worship service and congregational meeting, we are making some changes to this year's picnic. We will be "going grill-less"! A main course will still be provided, and you are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Bring it before the service to the kitchen/fridge. If you can provide help with advance set up, please let Kelly McCurdy or Ron Studd know!

PENTECOST OFFERING – June 9

This PC(USA) offering is dedicated to and advocates for youth, young adults, and children at risk. Traditionally received on the day of Pentecost, a gift to the Pentecost Offering helps our church encourage, develop, and support young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The Session has designated our 40% of this offering to support Family Promise - the only shelter program in DE that keeps families together.

We learned about Family Promise at a Lunch & Learn last year, and value its care for children and their parents in need of housing, and its success rate in moving them forward in their lives.

Look for the special envelopes in the pews beginning June 9. And please give generously!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Thanks for the SHARING!

Thank you to all who gave to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This special offering of the PC(USA) – and supported by many other denominations – reaches far and wide with tangible acts of Christian love to those in need. Offering receipts support 3 ministries of the PC(USA): The Presbyterian Hunger Program, The Self-Development of People Program, and The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Last year, OGHS offerings from our congregation totaled \$1,629 (up from \$924 in 2017). This year, your giving kept on giving -- up to \$1,806!! Thanks for putting the GREAT in One Great Hour of Sharing again in 2019!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

End of the school year update for our young members: Sunday School classes will continue through June 2. The nursery room will still be available throughout the summer for children ages 0-4. Kids age 5 and above are encouraged to worship together with their families in the Meeting House. There are fun "worship bags" available, filled with activity and reading books; please ask an usher for assistance!

Sunday School classes will continue again after Labor Day on Sunday, September 8. Please let us know if you have any questions!

GIFTS OF LOVE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Gifts of Love fund pays for electric assistance for community members in need on a monthly basis (\$300). The fund currently has enough to cover 3 months of assistance. We have a donation goal that we want to reach of \$2,500.00, so that we have enough to cover the electric assistance and Christmas assistance that is provided through the end of the year. The Deacons thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry.

DIRECTORY CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Zarina Stone Cell 302-561-1522	

NCPC SUMMERREAD 2019

Back by request, we are offering 2 books for us to read together this summer, wherever summer weeks are finding you!

The first for June/July:

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others Barbara Brown Taylor

https://www.amazon.com/Holy-Envy-Finding-Faith-Others/dp/0062406566/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1MSEDH91IQJ26&keywords=holy+envy+barbara+brown+taylor&qid=1556759988&s=books&prefix=ho%2Cstripbooks%2C330&sr=1-1



And the second for August:

Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved Kate Bowler

https://www.amazon.com/Everything-Happens-Reason-Other-Loved/dp/0399592067/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1AJX5UHLVHHLM&keywords=everything+happens+for+a+reason+and+other+lies+i%27ve+loved&qid=1556759396&s=books&prefix=Everything+Hap%2Cstripbooks%2C135&sr=1-1

Please see the Bulletin Board for more info. We will be looking for hosts for group discussions mid/late July and then mid/late August. Please check your calendars and indicate a hosting date that works for you!

Happy Reading – may it challenge and grow your faith this summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Who is my Neighbor?"

We hope you will be neighborly and sign up to help us bring VBS to life on Sunday July 14 - Thursday July 18 5:45-8:15 pm. We need help with meal prep and food donations! We need help with



games, crafts and opening worship dramas! We need help with registration and decorating! And we need help with spreading the word to your neighbors, friends and their children, grandchildren, etc! See the sign up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board and be a neighbor and help us out!

EPIPHANY HOUSE

Serving dinner at the Epiphany House on Union Street is such an easy way for members of our congregation to serve and interact with local homeless women. Candy Dunson and I split the tasks of preparing a simple dinner to share with the group. They set the table and cleaned up and included us in the lively chatter that occurred around the dining table as we ate together.

We serve dinner the second Thursday of every month from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm for about 6-8 people. Enjoy easy conversation, laughter and a chance to meet new people with different perspectives and experiences in a home-like setting. Sign up in the CE building for a try!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our annual Easter fair was a success due to the many volunteers who gave their time, talents, and love to help make this gift to the community a joyous event! The day began with games, crafts and face painting; and ended with an "egg-citing" Easter egg hunt! This fun filled day has always been a great way to show God's love to the community and we were happy to have had so many new friends join us this year!

We have some exciting events coming up that we are really looking forward to! Saturday, June 8th, we will represent New Castle Presbyterian Church as we participate in the community-wide Separation Day Parade! The Sunday school class will be marching down the streets of historic New Castle to help advertise for this year's Vacation Bible School! Anyone is welcome to walk with us as we join this community cavalcade!

Summer is practically here! We will once again be hosting Vacation Bible School starting Sunday, July 14 through Thursday, July 18th. We will be finding out "Who is our Neighbor?" and what it means to be a neighbor! Dinner will be provided before we separate into age groups for the lesson, games, music, and crafts! By offering Vacation Bible school to our brothers and sisters outside of the church, we are reaching out and inviting others to know the peace and love of God, and making new friends! Stay tuned for ways that you can volunteer and become a part of this amazing experience!

LGBTQ+ TASK FORCE NEWS

"We love our neighbors. Immigrant, LGBTQ+, of color, with disabilities, of all and any faiths." These simple, yet powerful words are what people see when they walk past our meeting house. Displays like these have caused divide in some churches, and have been seen as a "threat," to those with a closed heart, but to those who are searching for acceptance and true Christian love- these displays are a sign of hope and assurance. These signs have been a visual way to express how we "wear our welcome," but anyone who walks through our doors know that it is not just a statement, but a promise!



Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us this on our journey this year. The table talks in February reminded us how change in the church (no matter how small) can be scary- but together we have adapted and grown as a family! The DE Pride Prom was a special event hosted by our Presbyterian Church neighbors at First and Central. The prom was not only a "safe space" for kids who might not have had the joy and experience of a prom at their own school, but it was an assurance that they are exactly who they are meant to be, and they are loved!

During our table talks, there were questions about the six bible verses that have been used to justify discriminating homosexuality. The Task Force hosted a lunch and learn with guest speaker, Reverend Kaci Clark-Porter breaking down these six verses. It was truly an enlightening discussion on what the Bible says vs how it's actual context is so brutally misused by those just wanting to justify their own fears and hatred. Thank you to Reverend Kaci for sharing your time with us!

We are a small congregation, but together we will continue to wear our welcome for all to see, continue to reach out to those who feel left out, and continue to support one another on this journey so we know that we are not alone. And they will know that we are Christians by our love! If there are others who would now like to be a part of this task force as it continues working on ways to learn and live our welcome please contact Diana Reilly at dckr0680@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE

We join Makenzie & Andy Schulz along with big brother Ike welcoming Grant into this world on May 10th. God bless this new beginning.

GRADUATES

Rachel Briggs graduated with a Masters of Fine Art from Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Kim Beebe graduated with a Masters of Science in Education with certifications in Elementary Education and Special Ed.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Minerva Lermond, 6/6
Douglas Twyford, 6/8
Allie Lundgren, 6/9
Diana Reilly, 6/12
Molly Shaw, 6/13
Nancy Kersey, 6/13
Michael June, 6/13
Sandra Walker, 6/15



Janet Reed, 6/16
Steve Handy, 6/19
Danielle June, 6/21
Robert Lindfors, 6/22
Jim Flook, 6/23
Evangeline Studd, 6/23
Gisele Vonrhein, 6/25
Sarah McCann, 6/26

Danielle & Michael June, 6/3
Janet & Bob Spring, 6/5
Danika & Rhett Teller, 6/11
Ellie & Monty Gerhart, 6/18
Lindy & Sandy Ballance, 6/19
Brenda & William Walters, 6/21
Christine & Richard Fagles, 6/21



James & Amanda Anderson, 6/22
Julie & Rob Barry, 6/25
Brian & Lauren Werkheiser, 6/27
David & Joan Lioi, 6/28
Susan & Jim Werkheiser, 6/28
Bruce & Kay Gordon, 6/30
Molly & Matt Cooney, 6/30

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ONE STEP AT A TIME

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is an annual fundraising walk that benefits local health and human service agencies.

The New Castle Presbyterian Church Mission & Outreach Committee has selected Friendship House as its beneficiary for any church members who would like to participate.

The primary goal of the walk is to help participating organizations raise money for their individual missions. In 2018, the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community raised a record breaking 1.5 million for the 211 participating organizations. One hundred percent of the funds raised through this event go directly back to the participating organizations.

What: Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community

When: Saturday, June 8 (walk begins at 9 am.)

Where: Frawley Stadium (where the Blue Rocks play) on the Wilmington Riverfront

How Long: One mile walk

Steps to Donate:

1. Register: <https://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org/whc3/index.shtml>
2. Click on "Register Now"
3. Click on Friendship House Inc. at the list of organizations
5. Go to "Donate to a Participant or Team" on right side
6. Click on "Team" and enter "Team Housing"
7. Click on "Donate Now"

Steps to Register to Walk:

1. Go Back to Friendship House page
2. Click on "Register to Walk"
3. Click on "Click Here to Join an Existing Team" (enter "Team Housing")
4. Follow instructions to register



Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2019. 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 3-7. 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 3

Jude Morrow
Jo Viola

Tuesday 4

Joan Smith
Miranda Matthews

Wednesday 5

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 6

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 7

Susan & Jim
Flook

Monthly Report



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

Membership:

April	153
May.....	153

Income thru 05/04/19:

2019 Budget:	\$114,722.00
2019 Actual:.....	\$107,060.00

Expenses thru 05/04/19:

2019 Budget:	\$95,956.00
2019 Actual:.....	\$91,529.00

THANKS FOR SERVING IN JUNE!

COMMUNION

June 2 – **Amy Selheimer***, Steve Handy, Sandy Wilson,
Salina Brett & Conchita Showell

USHERS

June 2 – Gail & C.J. Seitz
June 9 – Pastor's Nominating Committee
June 16 –
June 23 – Ray Snyder &
June 30 – Susan & Jim Flook

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

June 2 –
June 9 – Church Picnic
June 16 – Joan Smith & Jennifer Dunham
June 23 – Ringo Keka
June 30 – Noon Circle

WORSHIP LEADERS

June 2 – Ron Studd
June 9 – Heather Raezer
June 16 –
June 23 – Joan Lioi
June 30 –

NURSERY

June 2 – Molly Shaw & Melissa Boris
June 9 – Molly Cooney & Jane Fouracre
June 16 – Amanda & James Anderson
June 23 – Makenzie & James Anderson
June 30 – Lyn Briggs & Bev Stoudt

SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 2 – Sarah McCann
June 9 – Melissa Boris

COUNTERS

June 2 – Jane Fouracre & Carol Mayhew
June 9 –
June 16 – Jane Fouracre & Barbara Whisman
June 23 – Jane Fouracre &
June 30 – Carol Mayhew &

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Steve Martin
Cynthia Robbins
Miranda Matthews

FLOWERS - Brenda Walters

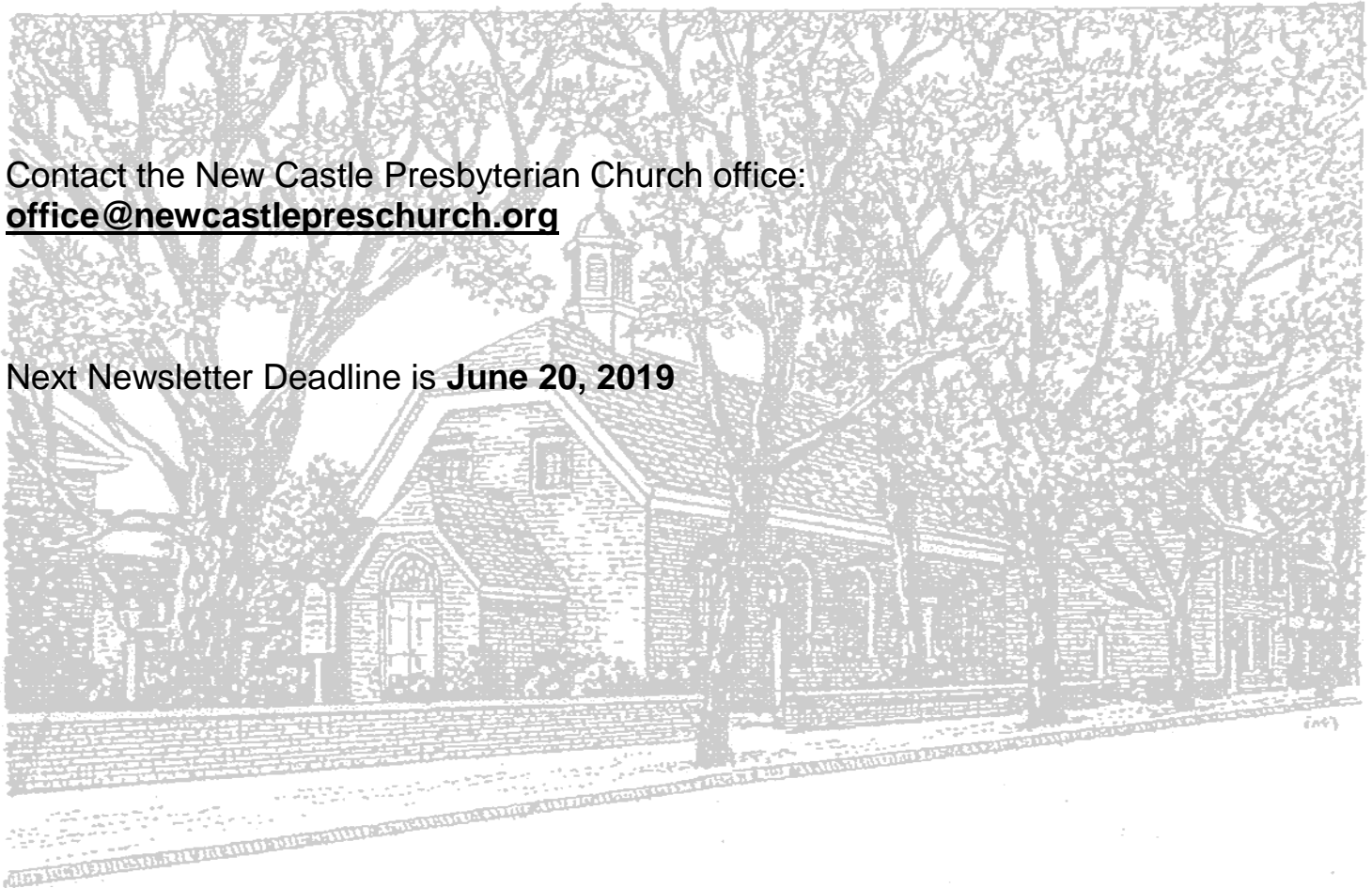
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