

New Castle Presbyterian News

September 2019



Welcomed to Home

*“What is the name for the place where you now are? It requires close looking; it requires the dedication of observation and a commitment to truth... Hello to here. Hello to the name of here.” –
Padraig O’Tuama, Irish poet and theologian*

What a warm welcome Steven and I have received as we have settled into New Castle! A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to clean the Presbyterian manse, for the trustees who’ve accommodated last minute fixes, for the words and ways you’ve welcomed us here. From the moment we stepped into the manse, even before the movers arrived with all of our stuff, the house felt like home. I invite you to close your eyes and think for a minute: what words would you use to describe home?

Has it been a minute? Maybe you took a little bit longer if your feelings are positively sentimental; maybe you cut the time short if the thought of home conjures bittersweet memories.

What words would you use to describe home? One time I asked this question and received the unique response of “pet hair,” as the person was married to a veterinarian and many rescue pets shared their home. We often associate the feeling of home with loved ones, with the tastes of certain foods, with laughter, with safety and sanctuary, with that indescribable sense of comfort that comes from being fully known and accepted.

We often use the language of home to speak about our faith. Sometimes we find ourselves seeking a new church home, whether because of a move or yearning for that deeper sense of welcome or sanctuary. In the midst of transitions and turmoil in our lives, we often understand clearly our deep need to know God as our home, trusting that the Good Shepherd guides us, welcomes us, and provides for us always. In Psalm 91, we call upon God as our shelter, our refuge, our fortress, our home.

Words can’t fully capture our understanding of home, but as Padraig O’Tuama invites us, we are called to observe and speak truth about where we are, what we are calling here. I am blessed to call here, this call and this church family, home. May you be welcomed to home, too. Let us seek God, our refuge and shelter, together, setting a welcome table and keeping the door open for whomever might need shelter. Amen!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We will have Miriam's Installation on Sunday, November 24th at 3:00pm here in the Meeting House!



EYEGLASS COLLECTION

The Wilmington Manor Lions Club is collecting eyeglasses. A District committee processes the prescriptions by cleaning, neutralizing and designating the prescription of used eye glasses. Once a year the committee travels to an under developed country and fits adults and children with glasses. Any prescription glasses will be appreciated. There will be a collection box in the CE Building entranceway. Thank you, Earl Reed

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Mission and Outreach Committee announces our annual clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September. This activity contributes to the Clothing Bank of Delaware (CBD), a core ministry of Friendship House that has three primary missions. First, it serves as a clearing house for the collection and distribution of donated clothing and a delivery service to those community agencies in direct contact with individuals and families in need. Second, it provides entry level employment and training to women re-entering the work force. Third, it creates volunteer opportunities for churches, businesses and community organizations.

This year there is a special need for new, unused underwear for children and adults; large-size clothing for men and women; and, winter clothing of all types. We also welcome all gently-used

- School uniforms (plain polo shirts and khaki pants)
- Leather goods (belts, shoes, purses)
- Bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets)
- Linens (towels and wash cloths)



All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room 204 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) or after church on Sundays. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply put a tag on the bag identifying it as a clothing bank donation and leave the bag on the first floor making sure that it does not interfere with normal traffic. The clothing drive ends Sunday, October 6th when the CBD van will be here to collect donated items.

If your drawers and closets have been emptied in previous clothing drives, tell your friends and neighbors that they can participate also. They'll be glad you did.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome back! We have had a great summer this year learning “Who are our Neighbors?” at VBS, and also learned how we can be good neighbors- no matter where we are! A big THANK YOU! to all of the parents, teachers, and volunteers who helped make this year a great success! Sunday school will begin on September 8th, and we can’t wait for the journey to begin! Our class is growing in numbers as a few of our nursery school friends have “graduated” to the Sunday school class! We are continuing to care for our friends in need through the Gifts of Love program! The month of September we will be collecting peanut butter, thank you to everyone who has helped us reach out and help our neighbors. There are so many adventures to look forward to this year!

- Diana Reilly

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

On Sunday September 8, we will ordain and install those called by God and the voice of this congregation to lead and serve in the following ways:

Elders: Ray Snyder, Connie Reese, Kim Beebe and Melissa Boris

Deacons: Nanette Nichol, Connie Bell and Jane Fouracre

Trustees: Peter McCurdy, Steve Handy and Joan Lioi

AND WE THANK FOR THEIR SERVICE...

These faithful church officers whose terms of service have concluded:

Elders: Scott Matthews, Kelly Koczak McCurdy, Heather Raezer and Ron Studd

Deacons: Beverly Denison, Joan Smith and Susan Townsend

Trustees: Bruce Raker

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – Dec. 14, 2019

Spirit of Christmas is getting closer! This means we need to get people in place to facilitate the running of this event. We need you! Joan Lioi and Miranda Matthews are at the helm this year. We plan to touch base in September; please let us know when you are available next the first 2 weeks of the month. This is an important ministry we've undertaken for 19 years. Please step up to help. Contact Joan at 973-476-5560 or Miranda at 302-838-2764.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Instructions have been revised to reflect changes. Even better, there's a live person who can and will walk you through the whole process! We need people to sub but possibly volunteer for a particular month of the year. Contact Miranda for a tutorial or helping any given 6 or 7th of the month. 302-838-2764 or thecatmagnet@yahoo.com.

NEW ADDRESS:

Joan Lioi - joanelizlioi@gmail.com

David Lioi - daviddlioi42@gmail.com





NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

All interested singers are invited to be a part of our Adult Choir. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30 P.M. followed by a delicious ice cream social.

Come and be a part of this great group and be actively involved in our beautiful worship services. We hope to see you there!

- Eileen Larkin, Music Director

HANDBELL CHOIR

A reminder for Handbell ringers: first rehearsal for Celebration Ringers will be Thursday, September 5th at 7:30pm and for Colonial Chimers we will meet on Sunday, September 8th at 12pm. See you then!

- Minerva Lermond

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Church Directory is being updated for print. Please review your information and if there is anything that has changed, etc., new email, new phone numbers please contact the office at office@newcastlepreschurch.org or phone 302-328-3279. I will be printing the copies for distribution in October. The Directory is also available on our website at www.newcastlepreschurch.org Thanks!



- Kris Krawczyk

NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

New Castle Presbytery meets September 17, 4:00 pm at Easton Presbyterian Church, 617 N. Washington Street, Easton, MD. Elders Monty Gerhart and Scott Matthews will attend as our commissioners.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy and prayers of this congregation surround all the family and loved ones of Dot Campbell, who died to this life on August 18, 2019. May God give peace for their grief and hope always in the life beyond this one. Plans to celebrate Dot's life are scheduled for Saturday, September 14. There will be a Family Greeting at 10:00am in the Meeting House and the service will be at 11:00am. Prayers for God's comfort for all who mourn.

Also, the sympathy and prayers of this congregation surround all the family and loved ones of Charles Smith, who died to this life on August 25, 2019. May God give peace for their grief and hope always in the life beyond this one. Plans to celebrate Charles' life are scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. His memorial service will be in the Meeting House and the service will be at 11:00am. Prayers for God's comfort for all who mourn.

Also, Pastor Miriam's grandmother, Peggy Foltz, died to this life Tuesday, August 27 in Winchester, Virginia. Services will be private. Prayers for God's comfort for all who mourn.

THANKS FOR SERVING IN SEPTEMBER!

COMMUNION – September 8 – **Lindy Balance***, Miranda & Scott Matthews,
Sarah McCann and Diana Reilly

USHERS

September 1 – Beverly Stoudt & Melissa Boris
September 8 – Conchita Showell & Connie Reese
September 15 – Candy & Dan Dunson
September 22 – Amy & Scott Selheimer
September 29 – Bev & Rod Denison

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

September 1 – Patti Isaacs-Hansen & Barbara Whisman
September 8 – Chris Fagles & Brenda Walters
September 15 – Conchita Showell & Sandy Wilson
September 22 – Peter McCurdy
September 29 – Noon Circle

WORSHIP LEADERS

September 1 – Janet Spring
September 8 – Jane Fouracre
September 15 – Minerva Lermond
September 22 – David Lioi
September 29 – Jo Viola

NURSERY

September 1 – Bev Stoudt & Lyn Briggs
September 8 – Makenzie & Andy Schulz
September 15 – Melissa Boris & Molly Shaw
September 22 – Molly Cooney & Jane Fouracre
September 29 – Amanda & James Anderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 8 – Bruce Raker
September 15 – Sarah McCann
September 22 – Kim Beebe
September 29 – Melissa Boris

COUNTERS

September 1 – Jane Fouracre & Carol Mayhew
September 8 -
September 15 - Jane Fouracre & Carol Mayhew
September 22 – Barbara Whisman &
September 29 - Jane Fouracre & Carol Mayhew

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Miranda Matthews
Gail Seitz

FLOWERS

Brenda Walters

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mary Cottrell, 9/2
 Candace Dunson, 9/3
 Elizabeth Carpenter, 9/5
 Christine Fagles, 9/5
 Scott Matthews, 9/12
 C. J. Seitz, 9/14
 Connie Reese, 9/17
 Aaron Spock, 9/17



Danika Teller, 9/18
 Mark Powell, 9/23
 Sandra Balance, 9/26
 Madeline Cooney, 9/26
 Susan Witt, 9/27
 Zachary Dobson, 9/29
 Anita Johnson, 9/29



Corky & Jo Viola, 9/11
 Julia & George Spock, 9/21
 Linda & Douglas Twyford, 9/24



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 September 16-20. 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 16

Jo Viola
 Jude Morrow

Tuesday 17

Joan Smith
 Miranda Matthews

Wednesday 18

Gene & Carol
 Mayhew

Thursday 19

Cynthia Robbins
 Nanette Nichol

Friday 20

Susan & Jim
 Flook

Monthly Report

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

Membership:

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| July | 153 |
| Loss by Death: Dot Campbell, August 18, 2019..... | -1 |
| Loss by Death: Charles Smith, August 25, 2019..... | -1 |
| August | 151 |

Income thru 08/01/19:

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| 2019 Budget: | \$146,127.00 |
| 2019 Actual:..... | \$132,010.00 |

Expenses thru 08/01/19:

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| 2019 Budget: | \$136,893.00 |
| 2019 Actual:..... | \$131,257.00 |



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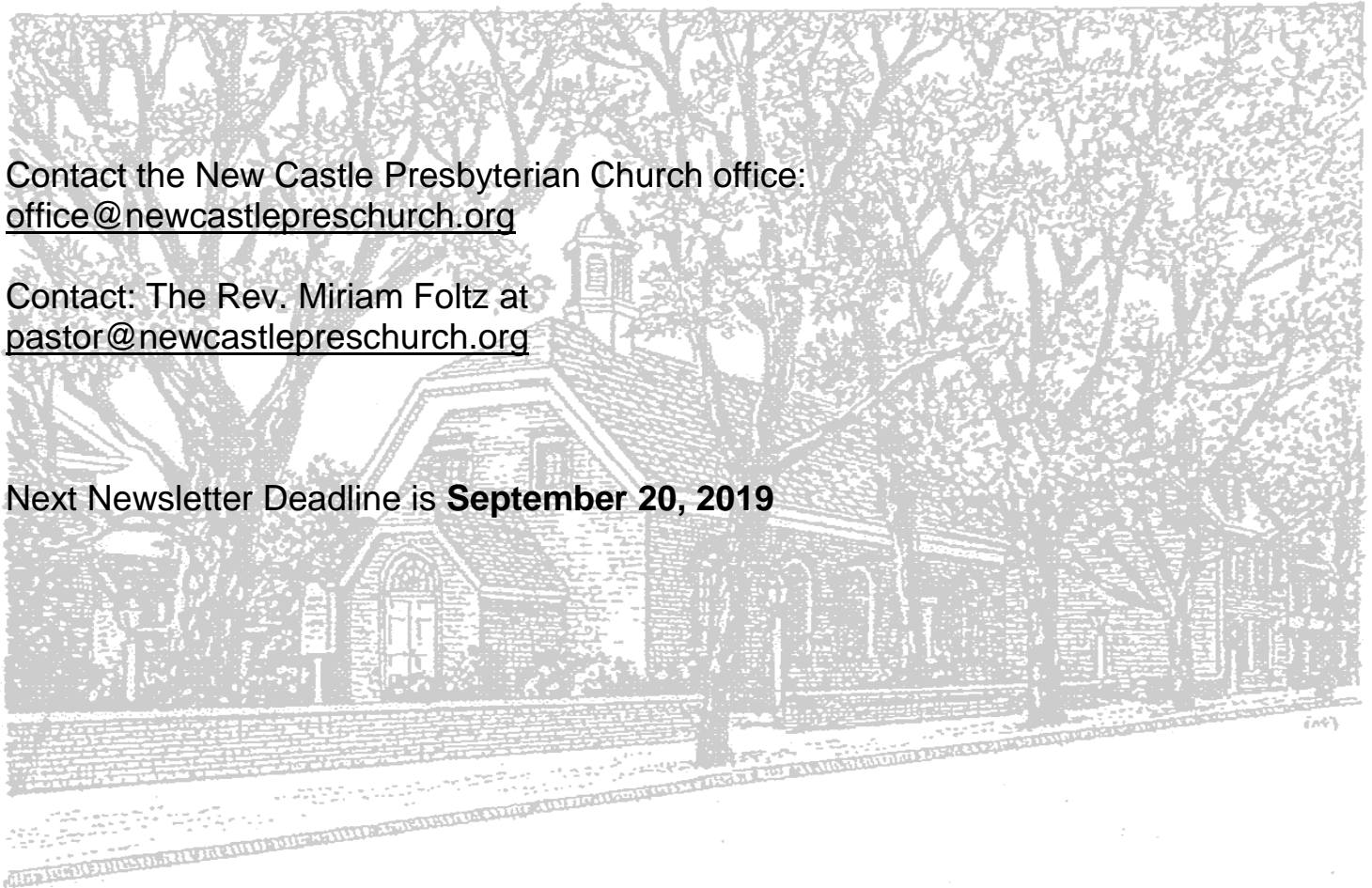


Address Change
Requested

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is **September 20, 2019**



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