

# *New Castle Presbyterian News*

## *August 2019*

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### **In the interim...**

Well, that's the last time you'll see that – "in the interim...". That chapter of your church's story has come to an end. An end that is really a beginning. The last verse of Hymn #250 sings that reality for us all "In our end is our beginning....unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

Your new beginning has been revealed. Pastor Miriam Foltz arrives this month to be church with you. I am so very hopeful for this new turn in your journey!

This ending for me will also bring a new beginning, one just revealed in these last weeks. I will be joining the staff of Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown, PA as their Transitional Pastoral Associate. It is an interim position, following the departure of one of their Co-Pastors, and as they work on some strategic visioning for what their ministry and staffing model should look like going forward. It brings some challenging pastoral work, as it is a church that endured and survived a split 7 years ago, and whose Co-Pastor has left due to a terminal diagnosis. There will be a learning curve for me, as it is a large church, with a staff and system and expectations that have not been a part of my typical church experience. So, change is in the air, and we will all be breathing it!

**Thank you** for this interim time together. It really has been a joy to join you in this adventure of transition. Thank you for trusting me to lead you, and to encourage you to step into your own leadership shoes. Thank you for entrusting me with the joys and pain in your lives. Thank you for listening to my questions and wonderings, for trying things on and being willing to step up, or step back, to allow new things to happen. Thank you for your laughter with me, and for your compassion for others. Thank you for being honest and hopeful about who you are and how God may be seeking to use you now. You have welcomed me well, and that says so much about who you are. And I know you will do likewise, as one very fortunate Miriam Foltz comes to join you!

God's peace and holy hope,

*Jenny*



## A HEART FULL OF THANKS!

Just as you welcomed me well 2+ years ago, you sent me packing on Sunday with a heart full of love, gratitude and hope! It has been a gift to walk this interim journey with you. Thank you for your willingness to look at yourselves, and to look at your community and this world, with new and faithful eyes. Thank you for your deep and compassionate care for one another. Thank you for your trust in me when I spoke the truth in love. Thank you for your willingness to witness beyond your walls to the welcome you truly share within them. And thank you for Sunday's celebration: for such an amazing crowd for a summer Sunday, for Monty's kind and affirming words, for the most awesome witness a cake has ever made, and for your incredibly generous gift. You never cease to overwhelm me with your outpouring, your rising to every occasion -- and this was no exception! I am humbled by it, and I will always be grateful for this season in which we have been church together. God be with you -- and here is to your next hello!



*Jenny*

We realize that your summer plans may have kept you from joining us for this Farewell Sunday. Should you wish to send your own message of appreciation to Jenny, her contact information is:

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## WHEN A PASTOR LEAVES – What changes? What doesn't? What can or can't we do?

At a Called Session meeting on July 23, the Session and Rev. Jenny Warren reviewed the New Castle Presbytery Policy on Departing Pastors and signed the Covenant of Closure. Upon leaving a congregation, pastors and congregations are ethically bound to honor clear boundaries, for the sake of the congregation and its relationship with a new pastor. Parts of the Covenant of Closure are printed below. The full documents can be found here:

<https://www.ncpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Appendix-D-Departing-Pastors-2018.pdf>

<https://www.ncpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/COVENANT-OF-CLOSURE-2017-June.pdf>

## A COVENANT OF CLOSURE

*D.1001--Introduction and Policy The act of a pastor leaving service with a congregation means that the pastor must completely sever the pastoral relationship with that congregation. This does not mean that the ties of love and friendship must be broken. However, a departing pastor is ethically responsible to strengthen the ties between the new pastor and members of the congregation.*

From New Castle Presbytery's Policy Concerning Departing Pastors and Their Former Parishioners  
New Castle Presbytery Manual, Appendix D

Having read the New Castle Presbytery Policy Concerning Departing Pastors and Their Former Parishioners (Presbytery Manual, Appendix D), we agree to the following mutual covenant:

### The Departing Pastor

For the spiritual well-being of the congregation I have served, I understand that, while personal friendships may continue, my pastoral role and relationships with parishioners must end.

I will, therefore:

Refrain from any pastoral role or activity in the life of my former congregation: worship leadership/preaching, celebrating sacraments of Baptism or Lord's Supper, officiating at weddings or funerals, or engaging in any form of pastoral care for former parishioners.

Refrain from inserting myself or responding to requests for opinion or guidance, as my former congregation works through the transitions necessary for their continued ministry, and develops a pastoral relationship with their new pastor.

Encourage the congregation to do the work needed to move forward in their life together, and assure them of my hope and prayers for them.

### The Session

For the spiritual well-being of the congregation we continue to serve, we understand that we have the responsibility to lead our congregation through this pastoral transition.

We will, therefore:

Respect the terms of this covenant and the Presbytery Policy, and model for one another and for the congregation the boundaries contained therein, refraining from any pastoral/professional expectation of our former pastor.

Interpret clearly to the congregation the terms of this covenant, and the reasons for it. We will include this covenant in our Session minutes, and will inform the congregation of it in writing in whatever forms are fitting.

Apply ourselves to tending to matters of transition, mindful of the impact of change and loss upon the congregation we serve, and yet still prayerfully open to the Spirit's leading for our congregation's next chapter, and next pastor.

## **AUGUST SUNDAYS in “THE GAP”**

Leading worship on our “in the gap” weeks before Pastor Miriam arrives, we have:

August 4 Rev. Jessie MacMillan, with Worship Leader Salina Brett

August 11 Rev. Jim Mehler, with Worship Leader Joan Lioi

August 18 Rev. Sara Holben, with Worship Leader Conchita Showell

We have Emergency Pastoral Care contacts. Should the need arise, please contact Kris Krawczyk in the church office (302-328-3279), Clerk of Session Candy Dunson (302-322-6882) or Deacon Moderator Jen Dunham (302-540-9867)

## **MANSE WORK DAY**

In preparation for the arrival of our new Pastor, the Trustees are organizing a work day on the Manse on Saturday August 10 from 8-12. The Trustees are having some professional work done and the property cleaned – we are looking for the congregation to help with some final touches to warmly welcome the Foltzes into their new home. We will have supplies and lists of projects for various skill levels. Please come by for any amount of time to lend a hand!

## **NCPC 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SUMMERREAD – LAST BOOK! LAST CHANCE!**

It's not too late to take part in a SummerRead discussion! Our book for August is:

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

And the discussion gathering:

Wednesday August 28, 6:30pm hosted by Conchita Showell, 10 Jester St., Bear, DE.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall to take part! It's a great way to grow your faith in good company! Happy Reading!



## **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY COSTUMES**

Volunteers are needed to help create some nativity costumes for the family Christmas Eve service. We will need several for children and several in adult sizes. No special skills are required – just creativity and enthusiasm. We already have lots of great donated fabric that is suitable for this use. All are welcome. We can always use a few extra “angels.” If you are interested, please call Ellie Gerhart at 302-753-9632.

## **EYEGLASS COLLECTION**

The Wilmington Manor Lions Club is still 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 is a collection box in the CE Building entranceway.

Thank you, Earl Reed



## **“WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANSWERED THAT!**

Thanks to all the neighbors who brought “Who is my Neighbor?” to life this past week! From teachers to dinner cooks, set designers to food donators, craft and music, games and drama leaders – it took a Neighborhood -and we are grateful for you all!

Our offering for the week totaled \$ 194.00, and will be sent to West End Neighborhood House in Wilmington. They have been helping Wilmington neighbors since the 1880’s, and now have programs to help with housing, education/GED, children/youth programs, employment training, and special programs for those in and aging out of foster care. See the display on the bulletin board or check out <http://www.westendnh.org/>



## **BROWNIE MIX DONATIONS NEEDED**

Our supply of brownie mixes for Emmanuel Dining Room is running low. If you see any great sales, please pick up a few extra boxes and leave them on the back counter in the kitchen. The Deacons thank you!



## **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 **2 months** of assistance. We have a donation goal of \$2,500, so we can cover both electric and Christmas assistance through the end of the year. Please us the GIFTS OF LOVE envelopes in the pews. The Deacons thank you!

## **PENTECOST OFFERING**

Thanks to all who have given to this year's Pentecost Offering. This PC(USA) offering is dedicated to and advocates for youth, young adults, and children at risk. This year's offering total is \$928.00. The Session has designated our 40% of this offering (\$372.00) 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.

**PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY** surround all the loved ones of Pat Adair, who died to this life on July 2. A Memorial Service celebrating the gift of her life was held in the Meeting House on Tuesday, July 9. God's peace to all who mourn her death, and God's hope to all in the life beyond this one.

## **CELEBRATING A NEW MEMBER!**

We welcome Liz Parziale to the NCPC church family! Liz was received into membership by Re-Affirmation at a called Session meeting on July 23, and celebrated in worship on July 28. She brings with her 1 ½ year old Parker, who is already at home in our nursery!

Please welcome Liz and encourage her to be part of all we are at NCPC! For your directory:

Liz Parziale 115 Robinson Drive New Castle, DE 19720  
lizart8409@gmail.com 302-727-1006



## **DIRECTORY**

Susan Townsend has a new email [butterflies110@icloud.com](mailto:butterflies110@icloud.com) and a new cell phone number (302)358-9869.

## **MISSION & OUTREACH - Guatemala Prayer Partners**

Our Guatemala Project Prayer Partners pictures have arrived! Carrie Saathoff and Cathy Higgins have just returned from their recent trip to Guatemala where they were able to match us up with Prayer Partners from the Triunfadores group who we are supporting with a microloan. We have the awesome problem of having more volunteers than they were able to match up with partners at this time, so if you don't receive a picture and a Prayer Partner, just hold tight, more are coming!

Jenny will have the pictures available at coffee hour for the next two Sundays, July 21 and 28. Check out the bulletin board for photos of the most recent trip when our check for the microloan was presented. It is an awesome and humbling feeling to see someone so far away holding my picture and knowing that no matter what, the two of us are praying for each other daily!

Candy Dunson -- prayer partner with Fabiana Gomez Vazquez

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE! BE A MENTOR!**

Have you always thought you'd like to make a difference in a child's life? Through our Spark Grant initiative, we've established a mentoring program at New Castle and Eisenberg Elementary Schools. This rewarding experience takes only an hour commitment once a week to spend time with a child who may just need the chance to spend some one on one time with a caring adult. Training is provided through Creative Mentoring, smiles included. If you think you'd like to explore this possibility, contact Conchita Showell or Candy Dunson for more information.

## **KRIS KRAWCZYK VACATION**

Kris will take vacation....

Aug. 1 – Aug. 5            Office phones will be covered Thursday - Monday from 10-12  
Aug. 15 – Aug. 16        Office phones will be covered Thursday – Friday from 10-12

## **USHERS & WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER!**

With thanks to those who filled in blanks to **(nearly)** finish out August, we are looking for ushers and worship leaders for September and beyond! Sign up please on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**URGENT**

## **THANKS FOR SERVING IN AUGUST!**

COMMUNION – August 4 – Diana Reilly

### USHERS

August 4 – C.J. Seitz & Connie Reese  
August 11 – Bev Stoudt & Dan Dunson  
August 18 – Ray Snyder &  
August 25 – Jane Fouracre & Sarah McCann

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

August 4 – Ray Snyder  
August 11 – Bev Stoudt  
August 18 – Conchita Showell & Zarina Stone  
August 25 – Carol Mayhew

### WORSHIP LEADERS

August 4 – Salina Brett  
August 11 – Joan Lioi  
August 18 – Conchita Showell  
August 25 – Ray Snyder

### NURSERY

August 4 – Andy & Makenzie Schulz  
August 11 – Jane Fouracre & Melissa Boris  
August 18 – Molly Shaw & Bev Stoudt  
August 25 – Molly Cooney & Jane Fouracre

### COUNTERS

August 4 – Jane Fouracre & Ringo Keka  
August 11 – Ringo Keka & Carol Mayhew  
August 18 – Jane Fouracre & Carol Mayhew  
August 25 – Barbara Whisman

### EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Miranda Matthews  
Gail Seitz

### FLOWERS

Brenda Walters



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Avery Shaw, 8/1  
Patti Isaacs-Hansen, 8/1  
Tony Reilly, 8/4  
George Spock, 8/4  
Doug Esham, 8/6  
Kathy Graham, 8/6  
Alex Barry, 8/7  
Rod Denison, 8/8  
Juliann Barry, 8/15  
Miranda Matthews, 8/16



Christine Collins, 8/18  
Mae Anderson, 8/18  
Shirley Knox, 8/20  
Ray Snyder, 8/23  
Sally Brett, 8/24  
Gail Seitz, 8/24  
Robert Swick, 8/26  
Daniel Knox, 8/27  
Michael Armstrong, 8/28  
Ron Studd, 8/28

Ron & Susan Studd, 8/6  
Kelly Koczak-McCurdy & Peter McCurdy, 8/6  
Cynthia Robbins & Steve Martin, 8/7  
Pat & Dave Taylor, 8/9  
Patti Isaacs-Hansen & Allen Hansen, 8/11  
Carol & Gene Mayhew, 8/15  
Phoebe & Robert Dill, 8/25  
Molly & David Shaw, 8/31





### 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 August 12-16. 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 12**

Jude Morrow  
Jo Viola

**Tuesday 13**

Miranda Matthews  
Joan Smith

**Wednesday 14**

Gene & Carol  
Mayhew

**Thursday 15**

Cynthia Robbins  
Nanette Nichol

**Friday 16**

Susan & Jim  
Flook



### Monthly Report

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

Membership:

June.....	153
Decrease by death of Patricia Adair, July 2.....	-1
Reaffirmation of Faith - Liz Parziale – July 28 .....	+1
July .....	153

Income thru 06/30/19:

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

Expenses thru 06/30/19:

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

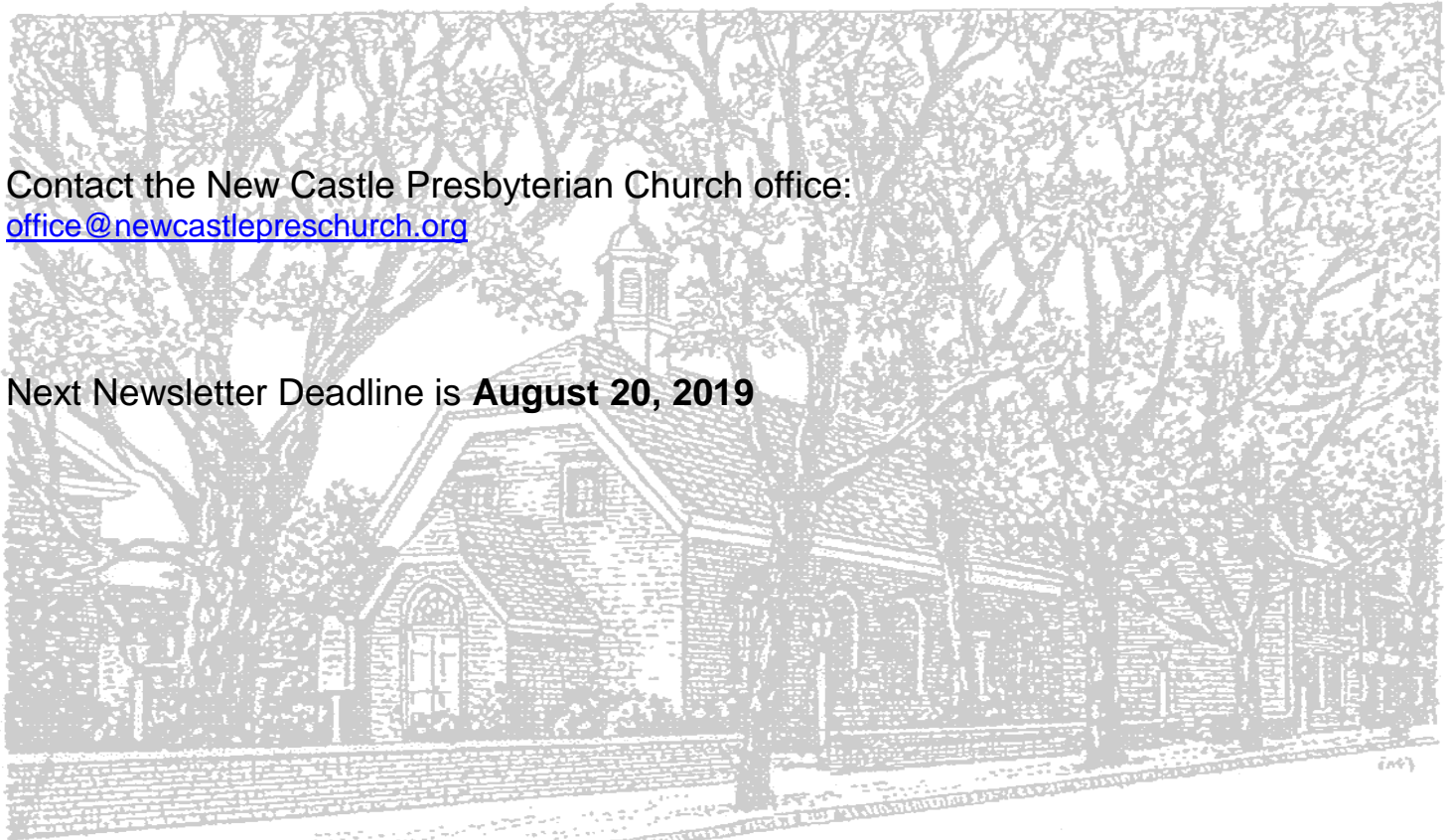
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **August 20, 2019**



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