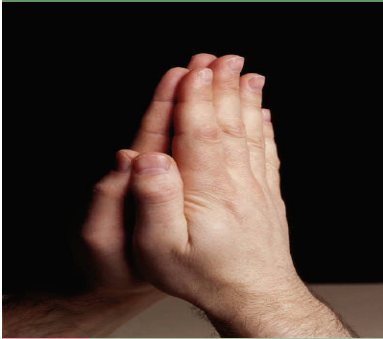


December  
2008



New Castle First Church of God

Monthly Newsletter

## Annual Christmas Play and Christmas Luncheon



*Christmas  
Program*

Don't miss our Annual Christmas Play, directed by Cindy Nicklas. It will be presented on Sunday, December 21, 2008, at 6:00 PM and will feature our children and youth. Our traditional time of refreshments and fellowship, called our "Christmas Luncheon" will follow. It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of the season. Take time to enjoy the message of the true meaning of the season!

### Two Special Services in December

<p><b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p><b>Service</b></p> <p><b>Dec. 24</b></p>	<p><b>New Year's Eve</b></p> <p><b>Service—Dec. 31</b></p> <p><b>8 PM</b></p>
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**Board & Committee  
Annual Reports  
Are Due  
Dec. 31, 2008**

# December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Youth "Glow Golfing" noon CR 7	2 Council 6:30	3 Prayer Mtg 7	4 Trustees 7	5	6
7 Underground Refuge Staff Mtg 12:30 Youth 5:30 Bible Exp 6	8 CR 7	9 No CEC	10 Prayer Mtg 7	11	12 Youth Christmas Party @ Parsonage 6:30-10	13 Underground Refuge Christmas Party 6-10
14 tentative Young at Heart Christmas party 12:30 Bible Exp 6 Youth 5:30	15 CR 7	16	17 Prayer Mtg 7	18	19	20
21 Kids Christmas Breakfast 10 Christmas Play & Luncheon 6	22 CR 7	23 No PAT	24 Christmas Eve Service 6	25 <b>Christmas</b> Office Closed Dec. 25 and 26	26	27
28 Youth 5:30 Bible Exp 6	29 CR 7	30 Youth Winterfest@Liberty University 12/30-1/1	31 New Year's Eve Service 8 <b>Annual Reports Due</b>			

## Birthdays and Anniversaries *(Please call the office if we do not have your information!)*

### Birthdays:

Dec. 1—Ciarra Sifranic

Dec. 2—Harold Freed, Ashley Druschel

Dec. 3—Darrell Houk

Dec. 6—Allison Schaubroeck

Dec. 8—Dorothy Bromley

Dec. 15—Chris Harlan

Dec. 16—Sheryl Bromley, Mike George

Dec. 20—Cindy Nicklas

Dec. 21—Jerry Garver, Sr., Maura Aiken

Dec. 22—Louise Freed

Dec. 24—Nicole Maxwell

Dec. 25—Patsy Butchelli

Dec. 26—Jim Bromley

Dec. 29—Jill Toy, Mike Druschel, Sr.

### Anniversaries:

Dec. 5—Dave and Ginny Butchelli

Dec. 9—Bill and Flo Altman

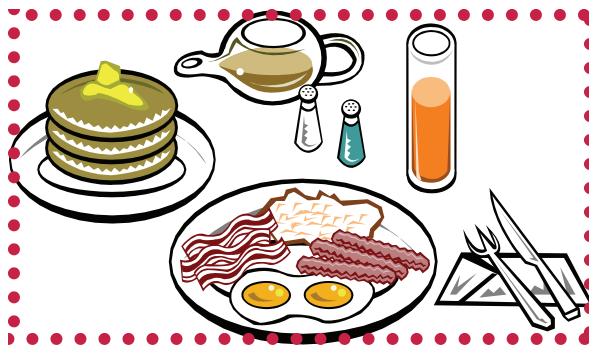
Dec. 27—George and Louise Freed

Dec. 29—Charles and Linda Boyer



## Exciting Children's Activities!

*Kids!!!* You are all invited to the first annual Birthday Breakfast for Jesus on December 21, 2008 from 10 to 10:45 AM during the Sunday School hour. The teachers who are scheduled to teach on that Sunday should attend also to help and to enjoy the breakfast themselves. The teachers for the other weeks are welcome also. It will be a great way to celebrate Jesus' birthday!



### **Birthday Breakfast for Jesus**

**Dec. 21**

**10—10:45 AM**

### **Bible Explorers**

Bible Explorers is a children's group which has expanded from monthly get-togethers to fun weekly activity nights! Children and pre-teens, ages three through sixth grade are invited to this exciting group! They will be meeting in December on the 7th, 14th, and 28th.



## Fun for our Youth!

### **"Glow Golfing"**

Youth, don't miss this exciting activity on Dec. 1st at the Beaver Valley Mall! You'll be meeting at the church at noon. Check with your youth leaders for more info

### **Youth Christmas Party**

Pastor Bill and Carole will be hosting the Youth Christmas party this year at the parsonage at 6:30 to 10 PM on Dec. 12.



## Underground Refuge Announcements

Underground Refuge Staff, don't forget the monthly staff meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7, right after church. As always, there will be a light lunch. This month, we will also be decorating the Underground for the holiday season.

### **Underground Refuge Christmas Party**

Celebrate God's greatest gift at the Christmas Party at the Underground Refuge! Bring a \$1 gift to exchange. There will be lots of yummy Christmas cookies and milk.



Don't forget to order your poinsettias by Dec. 14th. See Carole Hunley!



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[www.undergroundrefuge.org](http://www.undergroundrefuge.org)

## Children's Hats, Mittens, Gloves, and Scarves



The Sunday School classes will be collecting children's hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves from Nov. 29 – Dec. 31 for children in our community who need them to keep warm this winter. In Matthew 25:40, God says, "I tell you the truth, whatsoever you did for one of the least of these, you also did for me." So, please join me and place a hat, mittens, gloves, or scarf on the tree which will be in the narthex from Nov. 29 – Dec. 31. Thank you! *Alice Palmer*

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who brought in a shoebox or who donated money for shipping to help with Operation Christmas Child. 28 boxes were donated to give to needy children around the world!



## Special Fellowship Times!

**Young at heart  
Christmas Party  
Dec. 14, 2008  
After church  
(tentative)**

### LOOKING AHEAD!



**Feb. 1,  
2008**

Hosted by the  
Underground  
Refuge

Bring your favorite snack and soft drink and watch the big game on the big screen! Bring your friends!

Please turn in articles for the following month's newsletter by the 20th of each month.

The church's e-mail address is [newcastlecog@verizon.net](mailto:newcastlecog@verizon.net).

Thank you, Sharon Bromley, Church Secretary