

# Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 13, 2017

## ADULT EDUCATION

### TODAY

#### *The Religious Lives of Presidents Matter*

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, David Mulford

Learn about the denominational affiliations of our presidents as they are reviewed, along with the role religion has played in the lives, both personal and political, of several of our presidents.

### NEXT WEEK

#### *Music Matters*

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, Tom Coogan

A peace-and-love community of itinerants, living hand to mouth at the fringes of society and calling each other Brother and Sister, continues to grow in numbers twenty years after the death of its leader. Come hear what the fans of the Grateful Dead have in common with another early religious movement of long ago. It's more than long hair and sandals.

### Summer Bell Choir

The Summer Bell Choir will present special music next Sunday, August 20. All are welcome to join for rehearsal at 9:00 AM and then ring in the morning service at 10:00 AM. Music selections will be accessible for both experienced and novice handbell ringers, so *all* are welcome and encouraged to join! Bell choir director Robert Lamb will assist new ringers throughout the rehearsal process. For more information contact Robert.

#### Contact

Robert Lamb (roblamb17@gmail.com)

### Serve in the Sound Room

The Sound Room staff is looking for volunteers of any age to help with the tracking of the CD recordings during services. Services are recorded every Sunday and on special days of the liturgical year. Volunteers typically work once every four to six weeks. No technical knowledge is required for this easy-to-learn task, but many who have volunteered over the last decade have learned how to become recording engineers. Contact John Baker to serve the church in the Sound Room.

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John Baker (jbaker8809@cs.com, 609-203-2485)

### A Congregational Day of Service at Loaves and Fishes

This Saturday, August 19, we are feeding hundreds of neighbors in need at Loaves and Fishes at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton. Several volunteer spots are open, including highly coveted "kitchen clean up crew" positions. Sign up at the Loaves and Fishes table on the Front Plaza after worship or on the website at [nassauchurch.com/loaves-fishes-2017](http://nassauchurch.com/loaves-fishes-2017) — where you can also find the meatloaf recipe and directions to the cathedral.

Donating meatloaves and cookies? Please place your items in the marked spaces in the church kitchen by 12:00 PM this Friday, August 18.

### School Supplies for Westminster Children

Like Christmas, a new school year brings excitement and lots of new goodies. The supplies add up. In 2016 the average family spent \$179 per student, just too much for many families in our area. We are joining with Westminster Presbyterian Church, our partner church in Trenton, to provide 200 backpacks filled with essentials for local kids.

Help us fill backpacks by choosing an item or two to donate from our Back-to-School display on the Great Wall. Or contribute an amount to the Back-to-School Fund and we'll do the shopping:

- *Writer's Workshop*, \$10 (provides a 3-ring binder, loose leaf paper, composition books)
- *Pencil Case*, \$20 (pencil pouch, pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, crayons, pencil sharpener)
- *Homework Pack*, \$30 (academic year planner, 1-subject notebook, index cards, glue sticks, portfolios, ruler)
- *Fully-Loaded Backpack*, \$80 (all above in a backpack)

Supply and monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office through Sunday, September 3. Make checks out to Nassau Presbyterian Church, noting "Back-to-School" in the memo line.

### Mysterious Summer Reading

Looking for summer reading? Try mystery writer Louise Penny and her compassionate detective Armand Gamache, and then join Louise Penny fans in discussing repentance, forgiveness, and hope in *A Trick of the Light*. Save the date for Wednesday, September 13, 7:00–8:30 PM. Joyce MacKichan Walker, fan number one, will lead this exploration.

### *Summer Choir*

Come to the Music Room and join the Summer Choir as your schedule allows through September 3. We rehearse at 9:00 AM for the morning service, learning music that is easily prepared in one rehearsal. Supported by our section leaders, singers of all abilities, middle school and older, are welcome for this “come as you are” choir. Join us and make a joyful noise unto God.

### *Prayer Chain*

To request prayer for yourself, a loved one, or a friend through the Prayer Chain, contact Deacon Debbi Roldan (4drold2010@gmail.com). All concerns are confidential. You may also write your request in the prayer book in the Narthex. If you wish to participate in the chain, Debbi can add your email or phone number to the list.

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### **Welcome, Michael Ryan, Student Organist**

It is with pleasure that we welcome Michael Ryan this September to the position of Student Organist for the 2017–2018 academic year. A native of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Michael began his musical career at age nine as a chorister and piano and organ student at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in East Greenwich. He has distinguished himself at summer music institutes and performing and composition competitions. He is a senior at Westminster Choir College, pursuing a double major in Organ Performance and Sacred Music. Michael states, “I am very excited to begin my work as student organist of Nassau Presbyterian, and am looking forward to meeting all of you!”

### **Sunday Flowers in Fall**

The following dates are available for Sanctuary flower donations: September 3 and 24 and November 26. Additional dates may open for the fall. Flower arrangements begin at \$75.00. After Sunday worship, the flowers are taken on care visits by the deacons. To give, please contact Len Scales.

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### **Adult Helpers Come Along for the Ride in Summer Church School**

Would you consider assisting in Summer Church School? We offer two classes, one for children in preschool and one for kindergarten to grade two. We need an adult assistant for each teacher — lead teacher positions are filled.

You can sign up for the weeks of your choice through September 4. We provide a curriculum, a schedule, and support. You provide love for the children of our church and a willingness to try something new. Youth helpers are also welcome to join you in assisting. Sign up on the sheet outside the office or on the Children’s Ministry page of the website

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