

# Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 10, 2017

## ADULT EDUCATION

### TODAY

#### *Advent Hymns and Luther's Reformation*

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Paul E. Rorem

### NEXT WEEK

#### *Christmas Theology for the Eye*

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Karlfried Froehlich

More than entire chapters, one verse in the New Testament has shaped Christian theology: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). We will examine a number of artworks from the early and medieval period depicting Christ's nativity and explore how artists wrestled with its meaning in the context of the theology of their time. Come and discover the subtle hints they suggest to faithful eyes.

### Memorial Poinsettias

You are invited to give a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one through Sunday, December 17. A full listing of poinsettias will be printed in the 10:00 AM worship bulletin on December 24 and deacons will deliver the plants to those in need.

The suggested donation is \$20. Make checks payable to Nassau Presbyterian Church. For your convenience, order cards are available in the main office.

#### Contact

Taylor Austin (taustin@nassauchurch.org, x125)

### Decorate the Health for Haiti Christmas Tree

Help decorate our Christmas tree in the Assembly Room with items for Friends for Health in Haiti. Each day in rural northeast Haiti a clinic staff of 7 consults with 100 patients.

Items needed for the clinic include the following: *muscle rub, antibiotic cream, gauze, tape, Band-Aids, ACE bandages, thermometers, wooden tongue depressors, non-latex gloves, hand lotion, small cakes of soap, packaged toothbrushes, small children's toys (matchbox cars, jump ropes, etc.), barrettes, and hair ribbons.*

Place donations on or under the Christmas tree. These will be sent with the 2018 Presbytery Mission trip to Haiti.

#### Contact

Lauren McFeaters (lauren@nassauchurch.org, x102)

### Service of Remembrance

Advent and Christmas can be challenging for those who are grieving and for whom the season is tender. Join us TODAY at 2:00 PM in Niles Chapel for scripture, singing, and prayer in a Service of Remembrance. We gather to acknowledge our sadness and grief, seek God's healing and restoration, and offer one another the gift of fellowship.

### Gifts with a Mission

Alternative Gifts are gifts with a mission. The Mission Committee offers Alternative Gifts as a way to share and support the work of our partners in mission. Honor a friend by making a donation on his or her behalf to the group of your choice. You will receive a greeting card that explains the work your gift supports. Stop by the Alternative Gifts table during Fellowship, today through Sunday, December 17.

### Advent Craft Fair

Children, age three and up, join us for this festive afternoon of crafts, treats, and Christmas stories by the tree this Wednesday, December 13, 4:00–6:00 PM in the Assembly Room. There will be a variety of projects suitable to every ability, and childcare is available for younger siblings. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate with preschool-age children. Parents of children, kindergarten and up, may take advantage of the drop-off option.

### Nassau Goes to Stonebridge and Windrows, New Dates and Times

Worship with us as Nassau goes to Stonebridge and Windrows for an Advent Communion service featuring the Grace Note Singers.

*Note new dates and times for these services.*

#### STONEBRIDGE

Tuesday, December 12, 3:00 PM on the upper floor

#### WINDROWS

Thursday, December 14, 3:00 PM in the Wilson Gallery

### December Task Force

The Mass Incarceration Task Force meets today, 12:15–1:15 PM in the Conference Room. Bring your skills, compassion, and support to make a difference. Become a pen-pal or tutor and learn about a new mentoring project.

Contacts Jonathan Shenk (jshenk@greenleafpainters.com)

Mary Beth Charters (marybeth.charters@ptsem.edu).

*Youth Fellowship*

All youth are invited to Fellowship and Dinner tonight. See "Today at Nassau" on the bulletin back page for times.

*Breaking Bread*

College students, young adults, and all are invited to Breaking Bread, a community of saints and sinners who gather around Jesus' table to worship, share stories, and grow as the beloved community. We worship in Niles Chapel at 8:00 PM.

*Music at Nassau*

Membership in our musical groups is always open. Check the website for information about rehearsal times and worship service responsibilities. To learn more, contact Lauren Yeh (x106, lyeh@nassauchurch.org).

*Prayer Chain*

To request prayer for yourself, a loved one, or a friend through the Prayer Chain, contact Deacon Debbi Roldan (4drold2010@gmail.com). You may also write your request on a pew prayer card or 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.

*Nassau-Westminster Partnership*

Westminster's 12th-Annual Live Nativity is TODAY from 4:00-6:00 PM. Come and enjoy feeding and petting the animals, refreshments, and Christmas caroling in English and Spanish.

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**Stitching for Peace**

Central New Jersey Interfaith Stitchers for Peace is dedicated to crafting hope, healing, and peace one stitch at a time. We meet today, 3:15-5:15 PM at the Islamic Center of Central Jersey. Please join us.

Contact Juanell Boyd (juanellbo@aol.com, 732-940-9442)

**Undergraduate Christmas Party**

Dinner and gingerbread house decorating with Princeton Presbyterians! The evening is open-house style, so all undergraduate students are invited to stop by on Tuesday, December 12, between 6:00-8:00 PM in the Assembly Room. All supplies provided.

**Christmas Pageant and Tea**

Our Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 PM. All are invited to come and enjoy this beloved tradition and then to stay for refreshments and fellowship at Christmas Tea at 5:00 PM.

**Play in the Christmas Bell Peal**

Be a part of the annual Christmas bell peal at the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. All players must attend the rehearsal on December 23 at 6:30 PM. Contact Lauren Yeh to sign up. If you have never played handbells before or if you want a refresher, contact Noel Werner to schedule some practice time.

Contacts Lauren Yeh (x106, lauren.yeh@nassauchurch.org) and Noel Werner (x104, nwerner@nassauchurch.org)

**Alumni Choir Sings Christmas Eve**

All alumni of children and youth choirs, come and sing on Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM. If you can, let us know you're coming so we have a music folder for you.

Contact Ingrid Ladendorf (ingrid@nassauchurch.org)

**Calendars for Prisoners**

ABC Prison Ministry and the Mass Incarceration Committee are collecting 2018 calendars (without metal bindings) to send to the inmates at East Jersey State Prison. This is a way we are able to let them know they have not been forgotten. Please leave them in the ABC Prison Literacy mailbox in the church office.

*Contact*

Marcia Van Dyck (mvandyck1@gmail.com)

**Contemplative Living Discussion Group Meets in 2018**

Save the dates for six evenings of discussion on contemplative living using *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. Led by Jonathan Shenk and Marcia Van Dyck, we will meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM, January 23 to February 27, 2018, at the Van Dyck home in Princeton. Spaces are limited. Registration will begin January 2.

**Year-End Giving**

As we approach the end of the year, some may have the desire and means to provide additional financial support to our church with an extra or one-time gift. Such gifts are always appreciated.

For a contribution to be posted to 2017:

- deliver to the church no later than 4:30 PM on December 22 (the church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day);
- place in the offering on any Sunday through December 31;
- postmark no later than December 31;
- or give online until 11:59 PM on December 31.

To make a gift of securities, please contact Linda Gilmore or check the church website for routing instructions.

Contact Linda Gilmore (x134, linda@nassauchurch.org)

**2018 Pledges**

If you have not yet pledged your commitment to Nassau Church for 2018, please consider joining us in supporting our daily ministry and mission. Pledge forms can be found in the literature rack outside the church office or online at nassauchurch.org. You may also pledge through *My Nassau*. On *My Nassau* you may also check the status of your pledge payments for 2017.