

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 3, 2017

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY

Art of the Annunciation

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Jason Oosting

First Corinthians In-Depth Bible Study

9:15 AM, Maclean House, George Hunsinger

A Romp through the Old Testament

9:30 AM, Niles Chapel, Bill Phillippe

NEXT WEEK

Advent Hymns and Luther's Reformation

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

While Martin Luther is most often remembered for having posted his "95 Theses" on the door of Wittenberg Castle Church, he also wrote several pertinent Christmas hymns. This class will serve to enlighten us about Luther's musical abilities and will focus on *Glory to God* Hymn 102, "Savior of the Nations, Come," which we often sing during our celebration of Advent.

Nassau Book Group Reads *The Lemon Tree*

Join the Nassau Book Group for a discussion on the book *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan. The author brings the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to its most human level. We meet in Room 202 TODAY at 12:15 PM. Bring a sack lunch—coffee and hot water are provided. Newcomers are welcome!

Contact Ginger August (609-924-6391, gingeraugust@gmail.com)

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)

Honoring 16 Years of Partnership in Guatemala

Today we will honor a program that, for 16 years, has made a huge difference to the New Dawn Trilingual Education Center and to residents of the small Guatemalan town of Parramos. This partnership will be coming to an end during the next two years.

We invite all to the celebration, including the program's hundreds of supporters here and beyond. Please join us for a celebratory reception in the Assembly Room immediately following the 11:00 AM service.

Wee Christmas

Wee Christmas is this Wednesday, December 6, 5:00-6:30 PM. This special tradition helps our youngest celebrate the birth of Jesus. Hear the Nativity story read by Dave Davis and participate in a flash pageant with costumes provided. The evening concludes with a family dinner for all. Wee Christmas is intended for families with children age two to grade two. Older siblings are welcome to participate or assist.

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.

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, which can be placed on the Christmas tree, include: *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.*

All items will be sent with the 2018 Presbytery Mission trip to Haiti.

Contact Lauren McFeaters (lauran@nassauchurch.org, x102)

Youth Fellowship

Middle school youth are invited to Fellowship and Dinner tonight. See "Today at Nassau" on the bulletin back page for times. Senior high has the night off after a whirlwind Winter Weekend at Lake Champion.

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 next Sunday, December 10, 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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Advent Devotional: Prepare the Way

The theme of the 2017 PCUSA Advent Devotional is "Let love speak words and actions to pave the way of the Lord." As we reflect on what it means to prepare the way of the Lord, you are invited to contemplate words and actions from the Psalms that challenge all of us to speak and act in more just and loving ways. Pick up your copy in the Narthex.

December Task Force

The Mass Incarceration Task Force meets next Sunday, December 10, 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) and Mary Beth Charters (marybeth.charters@ptsem.edu).

Advent Service of Remembrance

Advent and Christmas can be challenging for those who are grieving and for whom the season is tender. Join us for scripture, singing, and prayer in a Service of Remembrance next Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 PM in Niles Chapel. We gather to acknowledge our sadness and grief, seek God's healing and restoration, and offer one another the gift of fellowship.

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2018 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 located in the church office.

Contact

Marcia Van Dyck (mvandyck1@gmail.com)

Dance for Worship

Artist in Residence Meagan Woods will work with all interested dancers, 5th grade and older, in an evening workshop this Saturday, December 9, 5:45–7:45 PM at Nassau to prepare dance for worship next Sunday, December 10. To participate in this exciting event, contact Meagan by Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Contact Meagan Woods
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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. Our next meeting will be next Sunday, December 10, 3:15–5:15 PM at the Islamic Center of Central Jersey. Please join us.

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

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.

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.

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