

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2017

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education returns in January with the series “The Worst Bible Stories and What We Might Learn from Them.” Class leaders include Jacq Lapsley, Shane Berg, Nancy Lammers Gross, and Eric Barreto, all of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Mission Weekend

The second weekend of January is Mission Weekend, when we remind ourselves of our Christian commitment to human flourishing in all places. Save the dates for these opportunities to get involved.

Sunday Morning Mission Fair, Jan. 14

On Sunday, January 14, at 10:15 AM in the Assembly Room, the Membership Committee will host a Mission Fair in celebration of the ministries, missions, and partnerships of Nassau Church. The Fair is an opportunity to discover our myriad outreach programs and become involved. Join us and enjoy the next step in your journey of faith.

Morning of Mission, Jan. 15

Monday, January 15, is Morning of Mission. Come and join an effort below as we equip and serve local organizations. All hands are needed and welcome.

Hands-on Projects

From 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the church we will be making pet blankets for orphaned animals, putting together sack lunches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK), assembling Creativity Kits for HomeFront, collecting personal care products for Crisis Ministry clients and making calendars for ABC Literacy. Donation items are on the back page.

Community Clean-up

A group will again join our partners at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton in cleaning up parks and removing sidewalk debris from the neighborhood surrounding the Bethany House of Hospitality. Time and details to come.

Youth Mission

Youth, join the Fellowship Crew and help out at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Don your work clothes and spend the day with reclaimed building materials, donated supplies, and other vintage finds. Lunch provided. Parents, we need drivers for 20 youth!

Contact Lauren Yeh (lyeh@nassauchurch.org)

Christmas Joy Offering

Today we will collect the PC(USA) denominational Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes are in the pews for this special offering.

Money raised provides assistance to current and retired church workers in times of need and also goes toward developing future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial-ethnic schools and colleges. Find out more on the church website.

This month's Hunger Offering is next Sunday, December 31.

Christmas Eve and Christmastide Worship

Join us as we celebrate the coming of our Lord today on Christmas Eve and through Christmastide.

Christmas Eve Family Worship 3:00 PM
Christmas Eve Communion 7:00 PM
Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols 10:00 PM
Sunday Worship, Dec. 31 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship, Jan. 7 9:15, 11:00 AM

- During the Christmas Eve services at 3:00 and 7:00 PM the nursery is provided for children through age three in Room 09.

- On the morning of December 31, there is no Adult Education or Church School. The nursery is provided for children through age two in Room 09 and there is a Bible story and craft time in Room 07 for children age three to grade one. Bus service is available to the Windrows and Stonebridge.

Decorate the Health for Haiti Christmas Tree

Through next Sunday, December 31, 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)

Youth Fellowship

Sunday night youth fellowship resumes in January, but in the meantime we are rock climbing, all youth invited, on Thursday, December 28, 1:00–3:30 PM in Hamilton. See the *Upper Room* email for details or contact Mark (mark@nassauchurch.org).

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 (4droid2010@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 Three Kings Day Service is Sunday, January 7, at 11:00 AM. Culminate the holiday season by honoring all the traditions celebrated within our diverse community, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and el Día de los Reyes, through song and spoken word. Witness the joy of seeing all the children receive a gift of their own choice!

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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)

Penny Book Group on *The Long Way Home*

Mystery writer Louise Penny and her compassionate detective Armand Gamache return in *The Long Way Home*, the subject of our next book group discussion on Wednesday, January 10, from 7:00–8:30 PM in the Conference Room. Notice wise words for living and explore jealousy, bravery, and courage.

Joyce MacKichan Walker, number one fan, will lead us. Even if you’ve never read Louise Penny, you can jump in with this book.

Contemplative Living 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.

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.

Offering Envelopes Available

If you requested numbered offering envelopes for 2018, they are available in the Assembly Room.

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:

- place in the offering or deliver to the church office this morning or the morning of Sunday, December 31 (the church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day);
- 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)

**Morning of Mission, January 15
Donation List**

Creativity Kits for HomeFront

- pkgs. of crayons (24–48 ct.)
- coloring books
- pkgs. of colored pencils (24–28 ct.)
- coloring pads/sketch pads
- pkgs. of markers (10–12 ct.)
- individual packages of stickers

Personal Care Products for Crisis Ministry

- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- soaps and lotion
- shampoo and conditioner
- feminine products
- razors and shaving cream