

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017

ADULT EDUCATION

NEXT WEEK

The Worst Bible Stories: Judges 3:12-30

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Jacq Lapsley

You can't make this stuff up! While on the toilet, an obese king is killed by a disabled assassin, and there's a mighty mess to clean up afterwards. What does this smelly, violent murder in the bathroom have to do with God? Come find out as we look together at this scatological story in Judges 3! *Part of our January all-ages series (middle school and up).*

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.

Stitchers for Peace

Central New Jersey Interfaith Stitchers for Peace is dedicated to crafting hope, healing, and peace one stitch at a time. We are non-violent revolutionaries united in a compassionate fight for hope, healing, and peace for all women, children and families.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 7. 2:00–4:00 PM here at Nassau Presbyterian Church. For additional details and information about future meeting dates and locations, please contact Juanell Boyd. Please join us.

Contact

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

December Hunger Offering

Today we will receive the monthly Hunger Offering, a designated special offering for alleviating hunger in our community and around the world.

The Mission Committee thanks all who contributed to the Hunger Offering for November, which totaled \$3,929, and asks for your continued support and prayers to end hunger.

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 this 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)

Youth Fellowship

Sunday night fellowship resumes January 21. In the meantime, we hope to see you in the all-ages church school classes on Sunday mornings and at one of the Morning of Mission opportunities on Monday, January 15.

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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Explore Contemplative Living

Explore contemplate living in group discussions on Tuesday evenings, 7:00–8:30 PM, January 23 – February 27, at the home of Marcia Van Dyck in Princeton. *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp will be our guide with its central image of a cup, a symbol of inner life that reminds us of our personal transformation and growth as we draw nearer to God.

Register on *My Nassau* or by contacting one of the leaders. Limited to 10 participants. The book will be available in the church office in January for \$15. Exact change or check is appreciated.

Contacts Marcia Van Dyck (mvandyck1@gmail.com) and Jonathan Shenk (jshenk@greenleafpainters.com)

Princeton–Parramos Partnership

The Princeton–Parramos Partnership continues to help in Guatemala. Join us on Sunday, January 28, at 12:15 PM, in the Assembly Room for a “Guatemalan Bistro,” with Guatemalan pastries, gourmet pizza, drinks, and entertainment by Marimba Cubulense. Tickets go on sale on Sunday, January 7, \$20 person/\$50 family. Funds support New Dawn school’s daily breakfast.

Also exciting is the final Guatemalan service trip, July 13 through 22, 2018. And, of course, we’re raising funds to make sure poorer students can stay in school.

Contact Mea Kaemmerlen (meakaem@aol.com) or Jonathan Holmquist (jholmqui@temple.edu)

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

Personal Care Products for Crisis Ministry

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