

# Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2017

## ADULT EDUCATION

### TODAY

#### *The Worst Bible Stories: Acts 5:1-11*

9:15 AM, Assembly Room,  
Eric Barreto

### WEEKLY

#### *First Corinthians In-Depth*

9:15 AM, Maclean House,  
George Hunsinger

### NEXT WEEK

#### *Sketching the Problem of Mass Incarceration in the U.S.*

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Mark Lewis Taylor

Explore a portrait of what “mass incarceration” has become in the U.S. today, its various dimensions of social suffering for its primary sufferers and its impact upon all of us in what has been termed “Prison Nation” or “Lockdown America.” Special emphasis will be placed on efforts to abolish “mass incarceration,” with even *The New York Times*’ editorial staff calling to “End Mass Incarceration Now.”

### Children in Migration Discussion

Author Sonia Nazario is coming to Princeton to discuss her best-selling book *Enrique’s Journey* about a 17-year-old boy from Honduras who travels to the United States in search of his mother.

We invite you to join Pam and Bill Wakefield TODAY at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room for a discussion of the book. Books are available for purchase in the Church Office for \$15, exact change or check appreciated.

Nazario’s talk will be this Thursday, February 1, 7:00–9:00 PM here at the church.

### Small Groups Study “Vocabulary of Faith”

Lenten small group sign-ups continue. Read *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris, available for \$15, and examine key words of the Christian church that have puzzled, intrigued, and inspired seekers and followers for centuries. Praised by *The New York Times* as “an engaging meditation on the language of faith,” this distinguished book will help us explore God’s grace in our lives.

With guidance from skilled congregation and staff leaders, we will meet others, find deeper community, and expand our relationship with God.

Weekday and Sunday groups are available. Sign up now in Fellowship or online to get your choice of day and time.

### January 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 December, which totaled \$3,489.80, and asks for your continued support and prayers to end hunger, especially through the work of the following organizations benefiting from this offering:

- Send Hunger Packing, Princeton
- HomeFront, Trenton
- Trenton Area Soup Kitchen
- Presbyterian Hunger Program, PC(USA)
- Uniting Reformed Church, Stellenbosch, South Africa

### Guatemalan Bistro with Parramos Partnership

Join us TODAY at 12:15 PM, in the Assembly Room for a “Guatemalan Bistro,” with Guatemalan pastries, gourmet pizza, drinks, and entertainment by Marimba Cubulense. Tickets are \$20 person/\$50 family. Funds support the daily breakfast at Parramos’ New Dawn school.

### Race: The Power of an Illusion

Is your heart calling you to explore the concept of biological race? Understand how institutions shape and create race? Ground your exploration in Scripture?

Join a group watching *Race: The Power of an Illusion* and reflecting together on what this means for addressing racism in our time, Sundays, February 4, 11, and 18, 12:30–2:30 PM, here at Nassau. Free lunch provided at noon.

Sign up by emailing Lauren Yeh. Best to come to all, but individual session attendance allowed. Sponsored by Nassau’s Adult Education and Mission and Outreach committees.

Contact Lauren Yeh (lyeh@nassauchurch.org)

### Support Youth Mission Trips by Ordering a Hoagie for the Big Game

Support youth mission trips like the Appalachia Service Project by ordering a hoagie for the big game! The price is \$6 for one six-inch hoagie or \$20 for a four-pack. Place your order TODAY during Fellowship or in the office after the second service or email the Olsens by Thursday, February 1. Hoagies will be assembled the morning of Sunday, February 4, and can be picked up in the church kitchen between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

Contacts Allen and Angie Olsen (olsenclan@verizon.net)

### 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).

### Sunday Flowers

The following dates are available for gifts of Sanctuary flowers in memory or honor of family or loved ones: February 25, April 15, June 3 and 10. Suggested donation is \$75. Please contact Taylor Austin (taylor.austin@nassauchurch.org) for further details.

### 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

Volunteers are needed for the English School at Westminster Church, Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. For more information contact Bill Stoltzfus (w.a.stoltzfus@gmail.com).

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### Devotions for a Lenten Journey

To help strengthen, inspire, and connect our community of faith, the Adult Education Committee has gathered reflections for Lent, written by members of the Nassau congregation. Stop by the table during Fellowship to pick up a print copy or leave your email address to receive it via email daily (5:00 AM).

### Valentines for Food

Through February 14 we will participate in Arm In Arm's annual Valentines for Food drive, a community-wide effort to raise funds, food, and awareness to end hunger in our community. For the fifth year several generous NPC members have pledged to match total Valentines for Food donations made by NPC members. With last year's matches we raised over \$12,000!

Make your donation in special pew envelopes on Sundays, February 4 and 11, or at [arminarm.org/donate](http://arminarm.org/donate).

### Young Adults: Serve and Discern

Young adults, explore the possibility of serving with other young adults for a year, August 2018 to July 2019, at a domestic or international location through the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer program. Travel and gain vocational discernment in community. Learn more at [pcusa.org/yav](http://pcusa.org/yav) and talk to Joyce MacKichan Walker. Joyce can put you in touch with former YAVs we have supported. Put your faith into action.

Contact Joyce MacKichan Walker (joyce@nassauchurch.org)

### 2018 Per Capita

The *per capita* assessment for 2018 is \$33.21 per member (Confirmation and above). *Per capita* represents the denomination's costs related to the General Assembly, the Synod of the Northeast, and New Brunswick Presbytery. The funds are utilized for both mission and administrative expense. Please consider donating your or your family's *per capita* assessment to help defray this cost, which totals \$35,302 for Nassau Presbyterian Church.

### Inquirers Class for Prospective Members

Come explore the meaning of Christian faith, church membership, and the foundations of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in classes on Sunday, February 11, 18, and 25. Classes are held 9:30-10:30 AM in Niles Chapel. They are open to anyone wanting to discover more about our church and required for those who wish to become church members. Your presence and membership mean everything to us!

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

### Offering Envelopes Available

If you requested numbered offering envelopes for 2018, they are available in the hall outside the Main Office.

### Norma Jean DeVico in Art Show

The Conference Room Art Show features the work of New Jersey artist Norma Jean DeVico. DeVico honed her sense of color and composition in her many years as a landscape painter. Following a stay in the hospital she describes feeling emboldened to undertake a more abstract art. Of her approach to creating a piece, she says, "I just needed to let my imagination take over."

### Nassau Choir and Soloists Present Mozart Mass

All are invited to an evening choral service on Saturday, February 24, at 7:00 PM, featuring the *Mass in C* ("Coronation") by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. One of his most stirring and beloved pieces, the work is presented by the Adult Choir and orchestra. The soloists will include Maria Palombo, Marissa Chalker, George Somerville, and Elem Eley. Save the date for this special evening Lenten service of worship.

On Sunday, February 18, before the performance, explore Mozart's composition techniques in a master class with Noel Werner and performers, 12:15 PM in the Music Room.