

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2018

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY

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

9:15 AM, Assembly Room,
Mark Lewis Taylor

WEEKLY

First Corinthians In-Depth

9:15 AM, Maclean House,
George Hunsinger

NEXT WEEK

New Theologies for Challenging Lockdown America

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Mark Lewis Taylor

Examine how mass incarceration and related issues in the “criminal justice” system can become a theological problem, and not only a political, economic and social one. Special treatment will be given to the challenge of transforming key understandings of Christian atonement theory and biblical and theological views of the cross of Jesus in ways that can enable Christians to contribute to prison criminal justice activism in “Lockdown America” today.

Addiction, Spirituality, and Family Recovery

9:15 AM, Music Room, Nancy Gardner

Addiction creates isolation, secretiveness, shame, hopelessness and a feeling of a downward spiral of options. Spiritual connectedness creates antidotes to this hopelessness and transforms fear and shame into hope. We will look at spiritual practices that allow one to thrive in recovery.

Race: The Power of an Illusion

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

Best to come to all, but individual session attendance allowed. Sponsored by the Adult Education and Mission and Outreach committees.

Game-day Hoagies for Youth Mission

Support youth mission trips like the Appalachia Service Project by getting a hoagie for the big game tonight. Select from the many *a la carte* extras or pick up your advance order. The price is \$6 for one six-inch hoagie or \$20 for a four-pack, all made fresh this morning. Hoagies are available from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Assembly Room.

Ash Wednesday Worship and Fellowship

Ash Wednesday, February 14, is the first day of Lent. We spend the season before Easter examining our discipleship, scrutinizing our Christian journeys, and acknowledging our need for repentance, mercy, and forgiveness. Join us for the following observances:

- + *Noon Communion service* in Niles Chapel, followed by lunch (\$8 per person).
- + *Lenten Craft Fair*, 4:00–6:00 PM in the Assembly Room. Families, join us for the Lenten Craft Fair. All ages are welcome to participate in hands-on crafts and activities that will help you and your children mark this season in our church. Childcare available for young siblings.
- + *Potluck dinner* at 6:00 PM in the Assembly Room. Bring a dish to share (main dishes are especially appreciated).
- + *Ecumenical Communion service* at 7:00 PM in Niles Chapel. Hosted by Princeton Presbyterian, with several other campus ministries participating.

Small Groups Study “Vocabulary of Faith”

Last chance! Today is the final day to sign up for a Lenten small group. Small groups are reading *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris, available for \$15 in the office. With guidance from skilled congregation and staff leaders, we will meet others, find deeper community, and expand our relationship with God. Sign up today in Fellowship or on *My Nassau*.

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 at 5:00 AM.

Inquirers Class for Prospective Members

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)

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, 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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Valentines for Food

Through February 14 we are participating 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 today or next Sunday, February 11, or at arminarm.org/donate.

February Recitals

New School for Music Study

The New School for Music Study, in partnership with Nassau Church, will present a faculty recital next Sunday, February 11, at 2:30 PM in the Sanctuary. "From Russia with Love" will feature music by beloved Russian composers. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music!

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau

On Thursday, February 15, at 12:15 PM Westminster Conservatory at Nassau will present pianist Erik Allesee in a solo recital. The program includes works by Domenico Scarlatti, Frederic Chopin, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Sergei Prokofiev, and Maurice Ravel. It will take place in Niles Chapel and is open to the public free of charge. Allesee is on the piano faculty at Westminster Conservatory.

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.

Spies in Book Group

Nassau Book Group will meet on Sunday, February 25, in Room 202 at 12:15 PM to discuss the 2002 book *Spies* by English author and dramatist Michael Frayn. *Spies* is an historical novel which takes place in England during WWII. Though the war effort is taking place all around the country, the main two characters are young boys who decide to play "spies." Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

Contact Ginger August (609-924-6391)

Art Show: Landscape Paintings

The work of painter Jean R. Joslin is on view in the Conference Room Art Show in February. Joslin focuses on landscapes with an emphasis on the "focus and skill" demanded by *plein air* and small-format painting. She also works as an art therapist. "I am always in awe," she writes, "of the power of art-making as a means for healing and creating connections to self and others." She is also a founding member of the Lawrenceville Artists Network.

Nassau Goes to Philly Orchestra Family Concert with Joey Hsia

Join our group block and enjoy Joey Hsia's performance in the Philadelphia Orchestra's Family Concert on Saturday, April 21, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Joey will perform the first movement of Saint-Saëns' Violin Concerto No. 3. This and other delightful pieces will make for a musical introduction perfect for ages six and above. Contact Lauren Yeh for the Center Orchestra tickets in our block, \$24 each (normally \$33).

Contact

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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 the church.