

Sacred Visions, Church Missions, and Court Decisions

Sundays, 11:15 a.m., in the Assembly Room, with coffee and bagels, *unless otherwise noted*

It's a "something for everyone" kind of summer! Look for inspiring visions, a classic hymn, an analysis of key Supreme Court cases, an examination of free speech, a challenging Bible story, an amazing artist, and two caring and empowered young adults. Every week we'll ask ourselves, "What am I doing to promote God's realm in our time?"

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Nassau Goes to Westminster



Join us on Sunday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1140 Greenwood Ave, Trenton, to worship God and celebrate the Nassau–Westminster Mission Partnership. This is an annual event, and we encourage participation by making this an emphasis of our educational ministries on this day. An opportunity for fellowship follows worship. If you need a ride, or can take someone in your car, let Joyce MacKichan Walker know.

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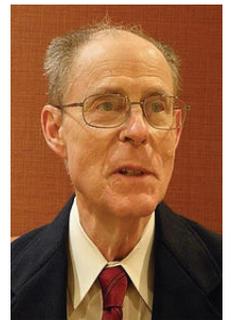
Then I Saw a Vision: Visions, God, and Christian Faith

John L. Williams

Music Room

"The most fruitful and profound understanding of vision and visioning processes are not in organizational theories or management techniques. They are instead in the bible and Christian theology." Come and explore an Old Testament vision story, through presentation and conversation. Then examine the relationships between and among visions, God, and our Christian faith.

John L. Williams is a retired minister. He has served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a pastor, presbytery executive, and synod executive and is currently an active member of New Brunswick Presbytery. His spouse Linda is a member of Nassau Church where they regularly worship. John is the author of a recently published book, *Old Man Dreaming: A Theological Essay on Vision*.



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And My Eyes Were Opened: Visions, God, and Nassau Church's Mission

John L. Williams

How can biblical vision stories guide our discovery of what God is calling us to do, and who God calls us to be, for the church in our time? Through presentation and conversation, explore a New Testament vision story. Then examine how that story might guide and shape our lives as partners in the mission of Nassau Presbyterian Church.

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"O Sacred Head Now Wounded": A Hymn for the Ages

Paul Rorem

With loose attribution to Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153), "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," has become a hymn for the ages — through the Lutheran Reformation to J. S. Bach to James Alexander of Princeton. Originally written in Latin, the text is comprised of the parts that outline the body of Christ: feet, knees, hands, sides, heart, and head. This hymn was later translated into German and, during the Thirty-Years War, became a profound source of comfort for those affected. James Alexander of Princeton translated this hymn into English, and this piece has remained a prominent fixture in worship services ever since.

Paul E. Rorem is Princeton Theological Seminary's Benjamin B. Warfield Professor of Medieval Church History. An ordained Lutheran minister, his courses cover the confessions and influence of St. Augustine, the Christian mystical tradition, medieval Christianity, and the spiritual and theological legacy of the Pseudo-Dionysian writings.



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Momentous Moment: Ethical Reflections on the U.S. Supreme Court's 2017–2018 Term

Larry Stratton

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg told Georgetown University law students just before the Supreme Court's 2017–2018 term began, "There is only one prediction that is entirely safe about the upcoming term, and that is: It will be momentous."

Come and focus on several of the U.S. Supreme Court's "momentous" decisions involving bakers and wedding cakes at gay weddings, political gerrymandering of legislative districts, immigration travel bans, and the taking of private property for burial ground access. Assess the judicial opinions in a wide-ranging discussion which will raise issues of constitutional interpretation, Christian ethical engagement, and the Separation of Powers.

Lawrence M. Stratton, Director of Waynesburg University's Stover Center for Constitutional Studies and Moral Leadership, and Associate Professor of Ethics and Constitutional Law has both religion and law degrees. As a field education intern at Nassau during his Princeton seminary M.Div. studies, Larry began an ongoing exploration of American constitutional law in relation to insights from the Christian faith during many sessions at Nassau beginning in the fall of 2001.



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Universities and Free Speech

Keith E. Whittington

Universities have a distinctive and important mission in American society. They assemble and nurture an open and diverse community of scholars, teachers and students dedicated to the production and dissemination of knowledge. The robust protection of free speech and civil discourse is essential to that mission. Better understanding the relationship between the critical functions of the university and the principles of free speech can help guide us in resolving the difficult challenges that confront the members of modern universities.

Keith E. Whittington is the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics at Princeton University. He writes about American constitutional law, politics and history and American political thought. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Texas School of Law, is a member of the American Academy of the Arts and Sciences, and is currently a fellow with the National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement. His most recent books include *Speak Freely: Why Universities Must Defend Free Speech* and *Repugnant Laws: Judicial Review of Acts of Congress from the Founding to the Present*.



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Pay Up or Die!

Eric Barreto

It's hard enough to imagine that we would, like the earliest believers in Acts, choose to sell our possessions and trust the church to take care of our every need. Harder still is making sense of the strange story of Ananias and Sapphira whose deceptions and deaths don't exactly seem to function as a lesson for us today. Come and read these puzzling texts together.

Eric Barreto is Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, an ordained Baptist minister, and a Nassau parent.



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Peter Paul Rubens: His Life and Work

Karlfried Froehlich

Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640) was the greatest artist of Dutch Baroque painting in the 16th and early 17th centuries whose famous monumental works of religious as well as secular art are found in numerous churches and museums all over the world. While born into a strict Reformed family who fled persecution in the Spanish Netherlands, he was raised as a Catholic after his father's death and became the most influential representative of the Catholic Counter-Reformation. Living in the harbor city of Antwerp, he was extremely successful and widely in demand for altar pieces and portraits by wealthy patrons. Come and learn all about him!

Karlfried Froehlich, a native of Saxony, Germany, studied theology, history, and classical languages in Germany, Paris, and Basel. Moving to the United States in 1964, he taught at Drew University and from 1968 to 1992 at Princeton Theological Seminary where he held the Benjamin B. Warfield chair in church history. An active member of the Lutheran Church in America (today the ELCA), he was a member of the Lutheran – Roman Catholic National Dialogue in the 1970s and 80s and of the Reformed – Lutheran Conversations in the 1990s which led to the 1997 declaration of full communion between the churches involved.



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Peter Paul Rubens: The Constantine Tapestries at Philadelphia

Karlfried Froehlich

The Philadelphia Museum of Art houses a fabulous and quite unique treasure—thirteen large pieces of tapestry, woven in Paris and Rome after sketches by Rubens and a friend, which depict the story of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor. While much of it is legend, the scenes constitute a fascinating account of one of the most important periods of Early Christian history. Focus on the story told in the tapestries as you hear highlighted its intended parallels to the religious history of France during those turbulent times of upheaval and religious wars.

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A Year as a Young Adult Volunteer in Peru

Katie Hastings

Selected for a year of service from Nassau Presbyterian Church, Katie will tell us about her time in Peru working in the Casa Del Buen Trato Hovde shelter for women and girls. Come see and hear about her emotional journey, what she found to be most valuable about PCUSA's Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, and what she has learned.



Katie Hastings was born and grew up in Tokyo as a missionary kid. She moved to Princeton at the age of fourteen and was very involved with the youth group and choir at Nassau Presbyterian Church, which she attended with her parents, Tom and Carol Hastings. In May of 2017 she graduated from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York, studying psychology and economics. She has always been passionate about traveling and learning from different cultures.

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Thinking Ahead to Fall...

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Carla Tuan speaks on Sunday, August 26, about her experience with Villages in Partnership in Malawi

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Teaching with Nassau's Mission Partner Villages in Partnership (VIP)

Carla Tuan

After completing a final senior year semester in Paris this spring, Carla flew to Malawi and was introduced to the work of Nassau's mission partnership in Africa by Liz Heinsel-Nelson, VIP's Executive Director. Carla divided her time between teaching mathematics at a local high school and computer classes to hopeful college students and going to the homes of twenty vulnerable families. "They are incredibly poor, with not enough to eat. I am hoping to be able to raise money for them when I get back. Malawi is engulfed in poverty, and yet sometimes not just money, but communicating with villages and letting them do the work is the best solution." On her return, Carla raised over \$1,600 to provide goats and life-giving supplies for the families.



Carla Tuan and her family — sister Susanna and parents Wayne and Emily — have been at Nassau all of Carla's life. She graduated from the University of Chicago with a major in Mathematics this spring. Beginning in July she started working in NYC doing trading with BMO Capital Markets. Carla loves traveling, running, and reading, and she can do a Rubik's cube!