

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 22, 2018

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY

Universities and Free Speech

11:15am, Assembly Room, 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.

NEXT WEEK

Pay Up or Die!

11:15am, Assembly Room, 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 seem to function as a lesson for us today. Come and read these puzzling texts together.

Young Adult Book Group

Young adults are welcome to join for conversation on The Rev. Dr. William Barber's *The Third Reconstruction*. What does Jesus teach us about the poor? How does our faith compel us to live today? Where might we build fusion coalitions? We will consider these questions and others you bring. Please join us for two more gatherings in the Conference Room on Wednesdays, August 1 and 8, from 7:00–8:00 PM.

Contact Rev. Len Scales (lscales@princeton.edu)

Pack Suitcases for Malawi

Karen Brown and Kim Kleasen will be traveling to Malawi, Africa, on a friendship trip with our mission partner, Villages in Partnership, in August. Thank you for helping to fill their "extra" suitcases! TODAY is the final day to contribute monetary donations and goods to help support school libraries. If you brought goods today, please leave them in the basket outside the main office. Make checks payable to "Nassau Presbyterian Church" noting "VIP-August 2018."

"Thank You" from Joyce

Dear Nassau Church,

Thank you for thirty years of partnership in the ministry of the gospel! Thank you for your generous gift of a "purse" toward a retirement trip! Thank you for a stupendous party! You have added joy upon joy and my heart is full of gratitude and love for all of you, for all the saints.

Joyce MacKichan Walker

Feeding of the Few Dozen

A note from Scott Harmon regarding Loaves and Fishes at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, on Saturday, August 18.

Loaves and Fishes takes its name from the famous story known as "The Feeding of the 5,000." I propose that we call it "The Feeding of the Few Dozen." Sure, the multitudes are fed loaves and fishes. But volunteering for Loaves and Fishes, whether it's donating food, money, or time, is an opportunity to be fed as well, to join and be a part of our community of faith in action, as we do what our Lord asked of us. Read more and find out how to participate at nassauchurch.org/loaves-fishes-2018.

Sign up online or at the table on the Front Plaza after worship. Donating meatloaves and cookies? Marked spaces are available now in the refrigerator and freezer in the church kitchen. Let's fill them up!

Contact Scott Harmon (scottaharmon@gmail.com)

Church Mouse Program

The Church Mouse program provides support for young adults following high school through the first semester of their senior year in college or that same timeframe if not going away to school. The goal of the program is to let our young adults know that they are loved and prayed for by their church family and to maintain a connection during transitional years.

We need your help to be a church mouse, anonymously sending notes, small gifts, and thoughts to a student. In their senior year your identity will be revealed! Please reach out to us if you feel moved to help in this important and fun ministry!

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Summer Choir

Join the Summer Choir as your schedule allows on Sundays through September 2. We rehearse at 9:00 AM in the Music Room for the morning service, learning music that is easily prepared in one rehearsal. Supported by our section leaders, singers of all abilities, middle school and older, are welcome for this “come as you are” choir. Join us and make a joyful noise unto God.

Prayer Chain

To request prayer for yourself, a loved one, or a friend:

- fill out a pew prayer card and place it in the marked basket in the Narthex;
- write in the prayer book in the Narthex; or
- contact Deacon Debbi Roldan (4drold2010@gmail.com).

To join the prayer chain, send Debbi your email address or phone number.

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Mercer Street Food Bank Seeks to Fill Summer Hunger Gap

Mercer Street Friends Food Bank has put out a call for donations to help Trenton’s children receive food for the summer. Donations to food banks reach their lowest point during summer, when food banks face their greatest need. Families with children receiving free or reduced-cost meals at school need to replace those meals during the summer break.

The Food Bank is asking for donations of either food or money for their bulk purchases of food. They will pick up food donations from your house. See requested items at nassauchurch.org/summerfood, and contact Denalerie of Mercer Street Friends with questions or to make a donation. On July 29 we will take a special offering in worship to supplement their resources.

Contact Denalerie Johnson-Faniel (609-278-5543)

Summer Bell Choir

Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument? Here is your chance! A Summer Bell Choir will present special music on Sunday, August 12. We will rehearsal at 9:00 AM and ring in the morning service at 10:00 AM. Music selections will be accessible for both experienced and novice handbell ringers, so all are welcome and encouraged to join! Bell choir director Robert Lamb will assist new ringers throughout the rehearsal process.

Contact Robert Lamb (roblamb17@gmail.com)

Last Call for Myanmar

Last call for the annual Cetana trip to Myanmar in January 2019! The tour will take place January 6–22 and will include Yangon, the archaeological site Bagan, Inle Lake, Kyaing Tong, and Ngwe Saung Beach on the Bay of Bengal. Join us for an exciting, worldview-altering trip to this complex, troubled, but fascinating and beautiful part of the world. Deposits will be due August 15. Some financial assistance available for those with need. For exact itinerary, costs, and questions, contact Sue Jennings.

Contact Sue Jennings (susancjennings@gmail.com, 609-865-5644)

Cetana Celebrates in November

Cetana Educational Foundation, Nassau’s mission partner in Myanmar, is celebrating its 25th anniversary! Mark your calendars now to join us on Friday, November 2, at 7:30 PM at the Delaware and Raritan Greenway’s Johnson Education Center on Rosedale Road in Princeton for champagne, dessert, entertainment, an auction of beautiful art and handcrafted items from Myanmar, and photography for sale.

Please plan to attend this lively evening that will celebrate Cetana’s long history of expanding educational opportunities for the young people of Myanmar/Burma. More details forthcoming.

School Supplies for Children in Trenton

Like Christmas, a new school year brings excitement and lots of new goodies. The supplies add up. Last year the average family spent over \$170 per student on school supplies alone, just too much for many families in our area. We are joining with Westminster Presbyterian Church, our partner church in Trenton, to provide 200 backpacks filled with essentials for local kids. Help us fill backpacks by choosing an item or two to donate from our Back-to-School display on the Great Wall. Or contribute an amount to the Back-to-School Fund and we’ll do the shopping:

- Writer’s Workshop, \$15 (provides a 3-ring binder, loose leaf paper, composition books)
- Pencil Case, \$15 (pencil pouch, pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, crayons, pencil sharpener)
- Homework Pack, \$45 (academic year planner, 1-subject notebooks, 2-pocket portfolios, index cards, glue sticks, ruler)
- Fully-Loaded Backpack, \$100 (all above in a backpack)

Supplies and monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office through Sunday, August 26. Make checks out to Nassau Presbyterian Church, noting “Back-to-School” in the memo line.