

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 29, 2018

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY

Pay Up or Die!

11:15 AM, 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.

NEXT WEEK

Peter Paul Rubens: His Life and Work

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, Karlfried Froehlich

Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640) was one of the great, if not the greatest, artist of Dutch Baroque painting in the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries whose famous monumental works of religious as well as secular art are found in numerous churches and museums all over the world. Living in the harbor city of Antwerp, he was extremely successful and widely in demand for altar pieces and portraits by wealthy patrons including the French, English, and Spanish royal courts, Italian princes and the Vatican. Come and learn all about him!

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 Niles Chapel on Wednesday, August 1, and in the Conference Room on August 8, from 7:00–8:00 PM.

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

July 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 Offering for June, which totaled \$2,489.40 and asks for your continued support and prayers to end hunger.

A Word of Thanks from John Baker

Today represents my last day in the soundroom. I wanted to express my gratitude for the wonderful experience I have had here as I leave to devote full time to my classical CD label. In these nineteen plus years I've learned more about sound than I could have imagined and heard some of the best sermons ever delivered. Thank you, from the bottom of my overflowing heart for allowing me to work for and with all of you! Peace.

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 in 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 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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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.

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 rehearse 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)

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. TODAY we will take a special offering in worship to supplement their resources.

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

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.

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