

# Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 8, 2018

## ADULT EDUCATION

### TODAY

*“O Sacred Head Now Wounded,” A Hymn for the Ages*

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, 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 an outline of the body of Christ: feet, knees, hands, sides, heart, and head. This hymn was later translated into German and became a profound source of comfort for those affected by war. James Alexander translated the hymn into English, and it has remained a prominent fixture in worship services.

### NEXT WEEK

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

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, 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.

### 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 to the table. Whether you can come one week, or all four, you are welcome. We will gather in the Conference Room on Wednesdays, July 11 and 18 and August 1 and 8, from 7:00–8:00 PM. Contact Rev. Len Scales with questions.

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

## Feeding of the Few Dozen

*A note from Scott Harmon on our upcoming congregational day of service at 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.

As we prepare meals, serve, and clean up, we are serving our most vulnerable neighbors, and, if you can take a moment to breathe on that busy day, you’ll find that you are being filled and sustained, too.

Want to volunteer to lead a team? Contact Scott Harmon.

Contact Scott Harmon (scottaharmon@gmail.com)

## Summer Bell Choir

Summer Bell Choir presents special music today and again on Sunday, August 12. All are welcome to join for rehearsal at 9:00 AM and ringing in the morning service at 10:00 AM. Music selections are 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. Come join the fun!

Contact Robert Lamb (roblamb17@gmail.com)

## Pack Suitcases for Malawi

Karen Brown and Kim Kleasen will be traveling in August to Malawi, Africa, on a friendship trip with our mission partner Villages in Partnership. We need help filling their “extra” suitcases with these much-needed items:

*Gifts for vulnerable families*

- Vaseline
- Flip-flops
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- T-shirts for kids
- Men’s clothing, size small
- Hats
- Neckties

*Gifts for schools*

- Rulers
- Crayons
- Monetary donations to help support school libraries

Place goods in the basket outside the church office by Sunday, July 22. Make checks payable to “Nassau Presbyterian Church” marking “VIP August 2018” in the memo line.

### 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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### 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.

### 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, sending notes, small gifts, and thoughts to a student anonymously. 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!

#### Contacts

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### Sunday Memorial Flowers

We have several openings for Sunday memorial flowers if you would like to give flowers in memory/honor of family members or loved ones, with a note being placed in the bulletin on the week they are given. Upcoming dates are July 22, August 12, and August 26. Suggested donation is \$75. Please contact Taylor Austin for further details.

Contact Taylor Austin (taylor.austin@nassauchurch.org)

### Time for a Summer Update

Is your contact information changing this summer? Let the church office know by taking a moment to update your *My Nassau* profile. *My Nassau* offers you many helpful tools, like online giving and the church photo directory.

Visit [nassauchurch.org/mynassau](http://nassauchurch.org/mynassau) to learn more, and call the office if you need any help. By the way, your *My Nassau* login also works for the Church Life app, a handy way to access the same features from your phone.

### 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)

### 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](http://nassauchurch.org/summerfood), and contact Denalerie of Mercer Street Friends with questions or to make a donation.

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