

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 19, 2018

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY

A Year as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Peru

11:15am, Assembly Room, 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 the YAV program, and what she has learned.

NEXT WEEK

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

11:15am, Assembly Room, 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, teaching 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 \$1,600.00 for one goat per family and other life-giving supplies.

Adult Choir Begins September 5!

Come join our wonderful Adult Choir at our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 5, 7:30-9:30 PM in the Music Room. In addition to singing for Sunday services, we will be presenting Alice Parker's Melodious Accord with the Witherspoon Chancel Choir and John Rutter's Mass of the Children with our own children and youth choirs at two special evening services this year. A complete choir schedule is available on the church website, and you are encouraged to reach out to our music director, Noel Werner, with any questions. In the meantime, join us for Summer Choir on Sundays, August 26 and September 2 – all are welcome!

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.

Nassau Book Group

On September 9 in Room 202 at 12:15 PM we will meet to discuss the historical work, *Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow (2016). Alexander Hamilton was one of the seminal figures in our history. His richly dramatic saga, rendered in Chernow's vivid prose, is nothing less than a riveting account of America's founding, from the Revolutionary War to the rise of the first federal government. Start reading immediately as there are over 700 pages or listen to it on tape. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea supplied. Be prepared to discuss the book. All are welcome.

Contact Ginger August (gingeraugust@gmail.com, 609-924-6391)

Summer Choir

Join the Summer Choir as your schedule allows on Sunday August 26 or 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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Save the Date!

Cetana Educational Foundation, Nassau’s mission partner in Myanmar, is celebrating its 25th anniversary! 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.

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.

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

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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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, and it also helps our pastors and staff run church programs (for one, it’s how we make the email list for our *News from Nassau* newsletter). You can use it to track your giving and view the church photo directory. And you can upload your photo to *My Nassau*—a useful tool for people to identify whom they are trying to contact.

Visit 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.