

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 5, 2018

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY

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!

NEXT WEEK

Peter Paul Rubens: The Constantine Tapestries at Philadelphia

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, 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.

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 our final gathering in the Conference Room on August 8, from 7:00–8:00 PM.

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

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 freezer in the church kitchen. Let's fill it 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 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)

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.

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.

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)

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 are due August 15. Some financial assistance available for those with need. For exact itinerary, costs, and questions, contact Sue Jennings.

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