

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 6, 2019

ADULT EDUCATION

THIS SUNDAY

Beyond the Garden

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Anne Whitaker Stewart

The first family grapples with desire, jealousy, knowledge, and the mysterious nature of God's favor.

NEXT SUNDAY

It's Complicated: At Home with Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Jacq Lapsley

We all know families are complicated, our own included. But fraught family dynamics are not a modern invention. Within their complicated blended family, Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, and Isaac are all enmeshed in a web of anxiety, love, jealousy, longing, rage, violence, and more. Plus God is a major player in their story, in both inspiring and disturbing ways. Come explore this fascinating, difficult story, and reflect on how the messiness of this biblical family can help us think about our own families.

Guatemalan Bistro

Join us for the "Guatemalan Bistro" on Sunday, January 13, at 12:15 PM in the Assembly Room. This meal will feature a lively marimba band, gourmet Guatemalan food and coffee, and a report on the Princeton/Parramos Partnership. This is the last year of our support for the New Dawn Trilingual Education Center in Parramos, Guatemala, and the Bistro will support the breakfast program for the entire primary school—250 students. Tickets are \$20/person and \$50/family and will be sold at the Assembly Room door.

Contact Mea (meakaem@aol.com) or Jonathan (jholmqui@temple.edu)

Young Adult Volunteers

Considering a gap year? Young adults are invited to explore the possibility of a year of service at one of many locations across the US or around the world through the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer program. This opportunity is for people 19–30 years old, and offers travel and vocational discernment in community, as well as service to God and others.

Learn more at pcusa.org/yav

Contact Len Scales (lscales@nassauchurch.org)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Morning of Mission, January 21

Come and participate in this morning of hands on projects when we act on our Christian commitment to human flourishing in all places. All hands are needed and welcome.

HANDS-ON PROJECTS

From 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the church we will be making pet blankets for orphaned animals, putting together sack lunches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK), assembling Creativity Kits for HomeFront, collecting personal care products for Arm in Arm clients and making calendars for ABC Literacy. Donation items are listed below.

Contact Corrie Berg (corrie@nassauchurch.org, x108)

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

A group will again join our partners at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton in cleaning up parks and removing sidewalk debris from the neighborhood surrounding the Bethany House of Hospitality. Time and details to come.

Contact Len Scales (LScales@nassauchurch.org, x103)

DONATION LIST

Creativity Kits for HomeFront

- ▶ pkgs. of crayons (24–48 ct.)
- ▶ pkgs. of colored pencils (24–28 ct.)
- ▶ pkgs. of markers (10–12 ct.)
- ▶ coloring books
- ▶ coloring pads/sketch pads
- ▶ individual packages of stickers

Personal Care Products for Arm in Arm

- ▶ toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ▶ shampoo and conditioner
- ▶ razors and shaving cream
- ▶ soaps and lotion
- ▶ feminine products

Offering Envelopes Available

If you requested numbered offering envelopes for 2019, they are available outside the church office.

Youth Fellowship

Sunday night youth fellowship resumes:

Jan 6 – Middle School only; Jan 13 – regular schedule; Jan 20 – regular schedule plus Sr High lock-in.

See the Upper Room email for details or contact Mark (mark@nassauchurch.org).

Breaking Bread

Breaking Bread is the worshipping community of Princeton Presbyterians, a campus ministry in Princeton. Our time together equips us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly throughout the week. Come as you are on Sundays, 6:30 PM, Niles Chapel, resuming January 20, 2019. Visit Princetonpresbys.org for more information or Contact Len Scales (lscales@princeton.edu).

Music at Nassau

Membership in our musical groups is always open. Check the website for information about rehearsal times and worship service responsibilities. To learn more, contact Lauren Yeh (x106, lyeh@nassauchurch.org).

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 (4droid2010@gmail.com).

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

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Central New Jersey Interfaith Stitchers for Peace

Interfaith Stitchers for Peace is dedicated to crafting hope, healing, and peace one stitch at a time. We are non-violent revolutionaries united in a compassionate fight for hope, healing, and peace for all, no exceptions. As cold weather arrives, we are working hard making hats and scarves and repurposing plastic bags into sleeping mats for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 13 at the Islamic Society of Central Jersey from 4:00–6:00 PM. Please join us. We are a Peace Pod of Knitting4Peace: www.knitting4peace.org.

Contact Juanell Boyd (juanellbo@aol.com, 732-940-9442)

Join the Mass Incarceration Task Force (MITF)

Stay after worship on Criminal Justice Sunday (January 20) to hear more from Guest Preacher Rev. Amos Caley and the work Reformed Church of Highland Park is doing among formerly-incarcerated, refugees and immigrants, especially their NeighborCorps Re-Entry Services initiative. Join us from 12:15-1:15 PM in the Conference Room.

Contact Mary Beth Charters (mbc4695@gmail.com), Jonathan Shenk (jshenk@greenleafpainters.com)

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau

Recitals resume on Thursday, January 19 at 12:15 PM with a performance by Kenneth Ellison, clarinet; Dezheng Ping, violin; and Larissa Korkina, piano.

Summer 2019 Youth Trips

North Bay, Rising grades 7 – 9

ASP Mission Trip, Age 14 and up

Taizé Community, Age 15 and up

Find registration forms in the literature rack outside the church office along with scholarship application forms. Taizé trip forms are due TODAY!

Contact Mark Edwards (mark@nassauchurch.org), Lauren Yeh (LYeh@nassauchurch.org)

Thank you from Arm in Arm

Nassau Presbyterian Church has supported the Arm In Arm Hunger Prevention program for 38 years, with great generosity and a deep understanding of the problems facing food-insecure neighbors. Recently, as our friends at Nassau and Trinity Churches came together to collect food for our pantries, we were again reminded of this valued partnership. When Arm In Arm needed the help of our community to meet increased need at a time when our food inventory had run low, you were there for us. This holiday season, as families from across Mercer County visit our food pantries, they will find amply stocked shelves and a welcome variety of food donated by our friends at Nassau Church. Thank you for participating in this effort to put healthy food on the tables of those who turn to us in times of need. We truly are better together!

Club 3·4·5

Friday, January 11, 5:30–7:30 PM

Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! Club 3·4·5 meets this Friday night. Come join the craziness. Bring \$5. Bring a friend. Bring a plan for sardines. Leave exhausted.

Stretch Center Pray – Winter Session

Linda Domino returns to lead yoga practice on Thursday mornings, 9:00-10:15 AM. Come join this gentle and welcoming class. Space is still available. Upcoming dates listed below. Registration cost is \$63.00 for 9 classes.

- January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
- February 7, 14, 21 and 28

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