

# Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 28, 2019

## ADULT EDUCATION

### THIS SUNDAY

#### *Are We in a Constitutional Crisis?*

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, Keith Whittington

American political rhetoric is increasingly filled with cries of constitutional crisis. What does constitutional crisis even mean, and how would we know if we were in one? When do political dysfunction, disagreement and scandal signal more fundamental problems with the constitutional order, and what are the dangers of declaring a crisis prematurely?

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *Before Thy Throne of Grace: A Celebration of Spirituals and Poetry*

11:30 AM, Assembly Room, Cecelia Hodges, Noel Werner and soloists

Come enjoy the liberating power and uplift of African-American spirituals, interspersed with readings from a classic of American poetry, *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse*, by James Weldon Johnson read by Cecelia Hodges of the Witherspoon Church. Best known as the author of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," Johnson was also an author, educator, lawyer, poet, diplomat, newspaper columnist, songwriter and civil rights activist. In 1927, he wrote and published *God's Trombones* as a tribute to the old-time preachers he had heard in his childhood. Noel has paired the poems with spirituals sung by soloists and audience in response to hearing these engaging and inspiring verses.

### Princeton Presbyterians Summer Book Club

Young adults are invited to Princeton Presbyterians' summer book club on Wednesday. We'll meet in the Conference Room from 7:00–8:00 PM with tasty cold treats to discuss Rachel Held Evans' book *Inspired*. Please contact Andrew Scales if you have questions or need a book. Join us for great summertime fellowship!

Contact Andrew Scales (ascales@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 and asks for your continued support and prayers to end hunger.

### School Supplies for Children in Trenton

A new school year brings excitement and lots of new gear. The supplies add up. The average family spends over \$170 per student on school supplies alone, just too much for many families in our area. We are once again joining with Westminster Presbyterian Church, our partner church in Trenton, to provide 200 backpacks filled with essentials for local kids. Please choose an item or two to donate from our Back-to-School display on the Great Wall. Thanks to the generosity of Princeton University Class of 1974, money has already been donated to purchase the backpacks for this fall! If you would like to make an additional financial contribution, this will be used by Westminster to handpick toys for young people in their community.

Help us fill 200 backpacks—stop by the Great Wall and pick what you want to donate. Supplies and monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office through Sunday, August 11 (note the earlier date this year). Make checks out to Nassau Presbyterian Church, noting "GetSET" in the memo line. Thank you!

### Thank You & Prayers for VIP

Stephanie Patterson, Madelyn Patterson, and Loretta & Bob Wells are traveling in August to Malawi, Africa, on a friendship trip with our mission partner, Villages in Partnership (VIP). Thank you for helping fill their "extra" suitcases. Please also keep Barbara Edwards and the July medical mission team in prayer along with the August friendship trip and all our mission partners in Malawi. Thank you!

### Summer Bell Choir

We are so thankful to have our summer bell choir, in addition to our summer choir, leading in worship TODAY. There will be another opportunity to join in the ringing on August 25. Come ring with us!

### 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* Debbi Roldan (4drold2010@gmail.com)

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

### News From Nassau

Not getting the *News From Nassau* e-newsletter? Visit [www.nassauchurch.org/newsfromnassau](http://www.nassauchurch.org/newsfromnassau) to sign up or read past issues. Add [office@nassauchurch.org](mailto:office@nassauchurch.org) to your contact list so our emails will land in your inbox. Call the church office if you have any questions.

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### Register now for “It’s Cool in the Furnace!”

Be a part of our summer chancel drama: music (instruments, singing), staging, costumes, microphones, Bible study, snacks, fun. Rising grade 3 through 12.

Join us this year: August 5–9 & 11!

Register now at [nassauchurch.org/cdw](http://nassauchurch.org/cdw)

Those who are already registered can pick up your assigned script in the church office.

*Contact* Ingrid Ladendorf (Ingrid@nassauchurch.org, x105)

### 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 24.

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.

Read more and find out how to participate at [nassauchurch.org/loaves-fishes](http://nassauchurch.org/loaves-fishes). 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](mailto:scottaharmon@gmail.com))

### Witherspoon Partnership Summer Reading

The Witherspoon Church–Nassau Church Joint Mission Collaboration Committee will be reading *Radical Reconciliation, Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism* by Allan Aubrey Boesak and Curtiss Paul DeYoung over the summer. The congregations of both churches are invited to join in the reading of this important book to promote a common language around reconciliation.

### 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 also use it to track your giving and view the church photo directory.

Visit [nassauchurch.org/mynassau](http://nassauchurch.org/mynassau) to learn more or create an account, 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.

### Visit Nassau’s Myanmar Mission Partner

Lois Young and Sue Jennings are leading a trip to Myanmar this fall on behalf of Nassau’s international mission partner Cetana. The date of the tour is October 9–20. Somewhat shorter than in previous years, the tour will nevertheless include visits to Cetana teaching sites in Yangon as well as Inle Lake, Bagan, and Ngapali Beach. Excluding international airfare, the approximate cost will be \$3500 pp double occupancy, including lodging, internal transportation via bus and air, all meals, sightseeing, and baggage transfers.

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