

# Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 4, 2019

## ADULT EDUCATION

### THIS 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.

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *Political and Constitutional Crises in Historical Perspective*

11:15 AM, Assembly Room, Jim McPherson

Jim McPherson returns to continue his analysis of times of existential crisis in American history. If you missed Part One on July 21, he will summarize and then continue with the twentieth century. Perhaps he will get all the way to 1937.

### Summer Choir

There are three more opportunities to sing in Summer Choir on August 18, August 25, and September 1. Adult Choir's first rehearsal is on September 4, and new members, especially tenors and altos, are welcome.

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### Thank You for your generosity

Thank you so much for your overflowing generosity to the Westminster Summer Program. With your help, over \$10,000 was raised to help provide a summer program for children and youth from the Trenton community.

### 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 18 (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 keep the August friendship trip and all our mission partners in Malawi in prayer. Thank you!

### Summer Bell Choir

Summer Bell Choir presents special music again on Sunday, August 25. 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!

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