

Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 1, 2019

ADULT EDUCATION

THIS SUNDAY

The Politics of the Incarnation

9:30 AM, Assembly Room, Shane Berg

NEXT SUNDAY

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

9:30 AM, Assembly Room, Joyce Irwin

So many Advent themes, so few Sundays in Advent! This Sunday, join us as we discuss timeless Advent hymns. Come to learn not only about the variety of thematic material in the poetry but also the stylistic variety of music from different historical eras.

Christmas Poinsettias

TODAY through December 15, you are invited to give a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. A full listing of poinsettias will be printed in the worship bulletin on December 22 and deacons will deliver the plants to those who need support and care. The suggested donation is \$20. Make checks payable to Nassau Presbyterian Church. For your convenience, order cards are available in the main office.

Newark Boys Chorus in Concert – December 7 at 4:00 PM

The world-famous Newark Boys Chorus, under the direction of Donald Morris and with guest musicians will present a concert of seasonal favorites and a specially-commissioned work written for them. A free-will offering will be collected in support of the Newark Boys Chorus School.

Advent Service of Remembrance

Advent and Christmas can be challenging for those who are grieving and for whom the season is tender. Join us for scripture, song, and prayer in a Service of Remembrance on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 PM in Niles Chapel. We gather to acknowledge our sadness and grief, we seek God's healing and restoration, and we offer one another the gift of fellowship.

Contact Lauren McFeaters (Lauren@nassauchurch.org, x102)

Join our Congregation-wide “Plarn” Project TODAY

“Plarn” is plastic yarn made from repurposed plastic shopping and newspaper bags and can be used to make sleeping mats for those experiencing homelessness. Attend this workshop in the Chapel and learn how to make plarn and mats TODAY at 10:15 AM. We especially need plarn makers so help yourself to the bags outside the office.

Contact Juanell Boyd

Decorate the Health for Haiti Christmas Tree

Starting TODAY through December 29, help decorate our Christmas tree in the Assembly Room. Items needed for the clinic, which can be placed on the Christmas tree, include: muscle rub, antibiotic cream, gauze, tape, Band-Aids, ACE bandages, thermometers, wooden tongue depressors, non-latex gloves, hand lotion, small cakes of soap, packaged toothbrushes, small children's toys (matchbox cars, jump ropes, etc.), barrettes, and hair ribbons.

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Join the Mass Incarceration Task Force (MITF)

Next Sunday, December 8, join the Mass Incarceration Task Force (MITF) and make a difference. MITF meets in the 1st Floor Conference Room from 12:15–1:15 PM. Bring your skills, compassion, and support: become a pen-pal, mentor, or tutor.

Contact Mary Beth Charters, Jonathan Shenk

Sing We All Noël

Come to our All-Church Lunch and Christmas Carol Sing, TODAY 12:15–1:15 PM, in the Assembly Room. Suggested donation: \$8/adult (\$25 max/family). Good food, good company – a joyful start to the season.

Beyond Malibu for Teens and Adults

Beyond Malibu Meeting. Sunday, December 15, 10:15 AM in Room 304. Teens who are interested and their parents are invited to hear more about the trip to British Columbia, Canada, find out why the packing list is so specific, pick up hard copies of the forms, and have your questions answered. Also invited to this meeting is anyone interested in the Adults-Only Beyond experience. Come listen, ask questions, explore. Maybe you'll be inspired to Go Beyond!

Contact Mark Edwards (mark@nassauchurch.org)

Youth Fellowship

Tonight! come to Fellowship for our annual Christmas celebration and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Don your worst Christmas sweater, grab a glass of eggnog, and bring a bizarre gift (under \$10) that will make someone's season really unforgettable. We'll also be collecting for Arm in Arm's food panty: non-perishable food in cans or boxes.

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* Debbi Roldan (4drold2010@gmail.com)

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

Give the Gift of Mission

As you plan your Christmas gift giving, consider honoring friends and family members with meaningful alternative gifts available in support of Nassau's Church mission partners. Donate to a mission partner and receive a greeting card that explains the work your gift supports. Visit the Alternative Gifts table hosted by the Mission & Outreach Committee during Fellowship in the Assembly Room beginning next week.

Play in the Christmas Bell Peal

Be a part of the annual Christmas bell peal at the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. All players must attend the rehearsal on December 23 at 6:30 PM. Contact Lauren Yeh to sign up. If you have never played handbells before or if you want a refresher, contact Noel Werner to schedule some practice time.

Contacts Lauren Yeh (x106, lauren.yeh@nassauchurch.org) and Noel Werner (x104, nwerner@nassauchurch.org)

Alumni Choir, Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Service

Cantorei, our high school choir invites choir alumni to sing in the 7:00 PM service on Christmas Eve. Rehearsal on December 23, 7:00-9:00 PM. All are welcome!

Contact Ingrid Ladendorf (Ingrid@nassauchurch.org)

2020 Calendars

The Mass Incarceration Task Force is collecting 2020 calendars to send to East Jersey Prison in Rahway. Stop by the office to read recent "Thank you" cards from calendar recipients. The calendars must not have wire but staples are fine. Place your donations in the basket in the office. If you are interested in being a pen pal with an inmate in one of our prisons, please contact Marcia.

Contact Marcia Van Dyck

A CHILD'S ADVENT AT NASSAU

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Pick up a family devotional Advent Calendar during fellowship TODAY, and reflect daily with your child on the coming of our Lord.

WEE CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 4, 5:00-6:30 PM

Hear the Nativity story and join a low-expectation, high-participation flash pageant (costumes provided!). The evening includes a family-friendly dinner for all. Wee Christmas is intended for families with children age 2 to grade 2. Older siblings are welcome to participate, if inclined. To celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus, we will collect diaper donations for HomeFront for infants in our own community.

ADVENT CRAFT FAIR

Wednesday, December 11, 4:00-6:00 PM

Children, age 3 and up, join us for this festive afternoon of crafts, treats, and Christmas stories by the tree. There will be a variety of projects suitable to every ability, and childcare is available for younger siblings. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate with preschool-age children.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND TEA & TAPAS

Our Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM. All are invited to come and enjoy this beloved tradition and then to stay for refreshments and fellowship "Tea and Tapas" at 5:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP

On Christmas Eve, December 24, our 3:00 PM worship service is especially suited to families.