Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church February 2, 2020

ADULT EDUCATION

THIS SUNDAY

Expanding the Map and Reconsidering the History of Christianity and Slavery 9:30 AM, Assembly Room, Nathan Jérémie-Brink

NEXT SUNDAY

Prisoners of Politics: Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration

9:30 AM, Assembly Room, Rachel Barkow

Are we destined to maintain a massive state of criminal punishment in America? While it may seem like this is an active time for criminal justice reform, most of the reforms have been relatively minor. And we have been achieving the reforms we have with low crime rates. If crime goes up, all bets are off. What can we do? In this talk, Prof. Barkow will explain why we need far more fundamental changes than the "low-hanging fruit."

Why do so many of our criminal justice policies fail to make us safer? What are the political dynamics that produce such ill-advised policies? Our speaker will suggest three targets of institutional change.

WEEKLY

Colossians In-Depth

9:15 AM, McClean House, George Hunsinger

Coffee with Princeton Presbyterians

Undergraduates, graduate students, and young adults are invited to gather at Chez Alice Café between 10:20 and 10:50 AM on Sundays. This is a casual time of fellowship between Nassau's morning worship services. Coffee and baked goods are our treat.

Contact Andrew Scales (ascales@princeton.edu)

Trenton Children's Chorus Thursday, February 6

Trenton Children's Chorus is joined by the renowned Westminster Jubilee Singers for a concert led by conductors Patty Thel and Vinroy D. Brown, Jr. on February 6 at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary. Come enjoy an evening celebrating African-American heritage and culture featuring favorite songs and hymns to shine light on your day.

Valentines for Food

ArmInArm is asking for your support of the 16th annual Valentines for Food, its biggest hunger awareness event of the year. For the 7th year in a row, a group of Nassau members will match your Valentines for Food donation to double our impact. Donations can be made using the special envelopes provided in church pews TODAY and February 9, or online at www.arminarm.org/valentines — be sure to specify your donation is in response to VFF and the Nassau Matching Challenge!

Become a Member of Nassau Church-Class Today

To be Presbyterian is to join a community of life informed by a sacred rhythm: God calls us in grace and love; we respond in gratitude. Come explore church membership in Inquirers Classes for New Members TODAY, February 9, 16, 9:30–10:30 AM in Niles Chapel; first floor.

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

Providing Help Through PDA

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) remains committed to Puerto Rico through assisting in the recovery from both the January 2020 earthquakes and Hurricane Maria. More than \$2.48 million in grants have gone to Puerto Rico, and more than 3,000 PDA volunteers have worked towards rebuilding the island since 2017. PDA responds to disasters in the US and around the world in witness to the healing love of Christ to communities adversely affected. To assist in any or all of these efforts write a check to Nassau Presbyterian Church with the note Disaster Relief Puerto Rico.

Conference Room Art Show

Collage birds and portraits by NPC Artist-In-Residence, Trudy Borenstein-Sugiura, are on display in the Conference Room Gallery. Originals and giclees (fine art photographs) are available for sale, and private commissions accepted. During her residency, Trudy is creating a large collage from materials submitted by our congregation. In the last 4 years, her work has been exhibited in group and solo shows in NYC, LA, Chicago, Denver, Cincinnati, Princeton, the Nassau County Museum of Art and the Hamptons, and many commissioned portraits are included in several private collections.

$Youth\ Fellowship$

Tonight's schedule: 5:00 PM combined choir rehearsal; 6:00 PM dinner followed by the Super Bowl. Pick up at the end of the halftime show (about 8:30 PM). Bring canned food for ArmInArm.

Breaking Bread

Sundays 6:30 PM in Niles Chapel. 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. Undergraduate students, graduate students, young adults, and friends are invited to come as you are. Visit princetonpresbys.org for more information or contact Andrew Scales (ascales@princeton.edu).

Music at Nassau

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

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.

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2020 Per Capita Assessment

The per capita assessment for 2020 is \$34.50 per member (Confirmation and above). Per capita represents the denominational costs related to the General Assembly, the Synod of the Northeast, and New Brunswick Presbytery. The funds are utilized for both mission and administrative expense. Please consider donating your or your family's Per Capita assessment to help defray this cost which totals \$33,810 for Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Summer 2020 Trips

YOUTH

North Bay July 2–6, Rising grades 7–9 ASP Mission Trip July 12–18, Age 14 and up

Beyond Malibu July 23–August 2, Age 15 and up

Registration forms are available in the literature rack outside the church office. Scholarships are available. Find all required forms on the Youth Ministry page of the website.

ADULTS ONLY TRIP

There is a Beyond trip just for you! Join us for a reflective week at basecamp (cabin living, work projects) or the hike of a lifetime in the mountains of British Columbia.

ASP TEAM LEADERS/CHAPERONES

The number of youth we can take on this trip each year is limited to the number of teams we can create – each team needs two adult chaperones (25+). In addition to home clean up and repair (training and tools provided), there is time for worship and reflection during a week of service, making homes warmer, safer, drier.

Contact Mark Edwards (mark@nassauchurch.org, x109) or Lauren Yeh (lyeh@ nassauchurch.org, x106)

Nassau Book Group will meet on February 16

Join us at 12:15 PM in Room 202. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. All are welcome.

Contact Ginger August

February Senior Adult Lunch

Senior adults are invited to a fellowship lunch Sunday, February 23, 12:15 PM in the Assembly Room. Come and enjoy friendship, connection, conversation and time with our collage artist, Trudy Borenstein-Sugiura.

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Lent Jazz Vespers Service

On February 29 at 5:00 PM, jazz bassist and composer, Ike Sturm and his ensemble will be returning to Nassau! Original compositions and improvisations will be woven through prayer and scripture for a truly remarkable beginning to the Lenten season. The Ike Sturm Ensemble regularly appears in worship leadership at Saint Peter's Church (the "Jazz Church") in New York City and around the world. Featuring world renowned soloists Melissa Stylianou (voice), Godwin Louis (saxophone), Chris Dingman (vibraphone), Jesse Lewis (guitar), and Ike Sturm (bass/compositions). A free-will offering will benefit the Latin-American Legal Defense Fund, and the service will be followed by a reception. Be sure to bring your family and friends!

Stewardship Update

Thank you to all who have submitted pledges for 2020. We have received a total of 317 pledges for \$1,344,907 compared to 337 pledges for 2019 for a total of \$1,388,700. If you have not yet pledged your support of Nassau Presbyterian Church for 2020, please consider joining us in supporting our daily ministry and mission. Pledge cards can be found in the literature rack outside the church office or online or you may pledge through My Nassau.