

# Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

February 9, 2020

## ADULT EDUCATION

### THIS SUNDAY

#### *Prisoners of Politics: Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration*

9:30 AM, Assembly Room, Rachel Barkow

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *150 Years is Enough*

9:30 AM, Assembly Room, Retha Onitiri

New Jersey's current youth incarceration system is a failed experiment—morally, financially, socially, and from a rehabilitation and public safety perspective. Statistically, black and white children commit offenses at similar rates but two-thirds of New Jersey's youth prisoners are black and one-third are white. New Jersey spends over \$200,000 to incarcerate each child for one year.

Come hear about the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice's 150 Years is Enough campaign which seeks to close two youth prisons—the New Jersey Training School for Boys (Jamesburg) and the Female Secure Care and Intake Facility (Hayes)—and invest in community-based systems of care as alternatives to incarceration.

### 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)

### 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 and February 16, 9:30–10:30 AM in Niles Chapel; first floor.

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

### Valentines for Food

Arm In Arm 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 your Valentines for Food donation will be anonymously matched to double our impact. Donations can be made using the special envelopes provided in church pews TODAY or online at [www.arminarm.org/valentines](http://www.arminarm.org/valentines)—be sure to specify your donation is in response to VFF and the Nassau Matching Challenge!

### 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 throughout the United States, and many commissioned portraits are included in several private collections.

### Nassau Book Group will meet on February 16

Join us on NEXT Sunday at 12:15 PM in Room 202 to discuss *The Elephant's Journey* by José Saramago, recipient of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Literature. Based on the true story of King João III of Portugal's gift of an elephant as a wedding present, Saramago tells the tale of the journey from Lisbon to Vienna. Coffee and tea provided. Bring a sack lunch.

Contact Ginger August

### New School For Music Study

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 23, at 2:30 PM for The New School for Music Study faculty recital series celebrating American composers. Faculty members will present a wide array of American music, featuring compositions by Amy Beach, Aaron Copland, Tom Gereau, Charles Griffes, Scott Joplin, and Fanny Price.

### Lent Small Groups

During Lent this year Nassau Church will explore The Shape of Salvation in Luke. Sign up for one of the eight small groups that will meet during the week, then join us Sunday mornings for Adult Education and Worship for further perspectives. Be linked in for Lent. Sign up during Fellowship TODAY or on My Nassau beginning Monday afternoon.

### Youth Fellowship

All youth are invited to Fellowship and Dinner tonight. See "Today at Nassau" on the bulletin back page for times.

### 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](http://princetonpresbys.org) for more information or contact Andrew Scales ([ascales@princeton.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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 ([4droid2010@gmail.com](mailto:4droid2010@gmail.com))

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

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### Westminster Conservatory at Nassau

Thursday, February 20, at 12:15 PM, Westminster Conservatory at Nassau continues with a recital featuring music of Franz Schubert and African-American composer Nathaniel Dett. The performers will be guest soprano Holly Gash and two members of the Westminster Conservatory faculty, Kenneth Ellison, clarinet and Clipper Erickson, piano, performing spiritual arrangements by Dett, Schubert's *Der Hirt auf dem Felsen (The Shepherd on the Rock)* for soprano, clarinet, and piano, and a work by Dett for solo piano, *Enchantment*.

### All Church Lunch

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

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### Lent Jazz Vespers Service

On February 29 at 5:00 PM, the Ike Sturm Ensemble of voice, saxophone, vibraphone, guitar, and bass 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. A free-will offering benefiting the Latin-American Legal Defense Fund will be collected, and the service will be followed by a reception.

### Stewardship Update

Thank you to all who have submitted pledges for 2020. We have received a total of 326 pledges for \$1,391,557 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.

### 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.

### 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.