

Small Groups at Nassau Church

Lent 2023



Parables: Stories Jesus Told

Readable, accessible, and perpetually relevant, we never tire of hearing a parable. Like every well-told story, repeat readings bring fresh insights and deeper appreciation. This Lent, come sit at Jesus' feet and listen to his stories one more time. Some are familiar and could be recited from memory. Others may be heard for the first time. Each brings a word of comfort and a word of challenge. Read together, they teach, through concrete examples, about forgiveness, redemption, sacrifice, and faith.

This Lenten Linked-in Learning theme emphasizes the accessibility of the parables, and most Adult Education classes will be led by laity, the people in the pews. Jesus shared simple, relatable stories to communicate complex themes, and these leaders will bring their own story, perspective, areas of experience to these Sunday morning sessions. Small Groups will join in the theme. All are invited to add their own story and perspective to the discussions. Finally, Sunday sermons in Lent, including Youth Sunday will also focus on parables.

If you have never been part of a Small Group, why not try it out? If you are a perennial participant, welcome back! Space may be limited for many groups, so sign up soon!

Parables: Stories Jesus Told

SUNDAYS, FEB. 19 TO MAR. 26, 6:00-7:30 PM

Mani Pulimood, leader
On Zoom

Mani Pulimood has been worshiping at NPC for a long time, with his wife, Monisha, and two sons, Nikhil and Philip. He enjoys participating in and leading small groups at Nassau. Mani is also author of the book *Spiritual Dimensions – Musings on Life and Faith*.

MONDAYS, FEB. 20 TO MAR. 27, 12:00-1:30 PM

Corrie Berg, leader
Berg Home, Princeton
Light lunch (soup & bread) provided

MONDAYS, FEB. 20 TO MAR. 27, 4:00-5:00 PM

for students in grades 4-8

Corrie Berg, leader
Berg Home, Princeton
Hot cocoa & snacks provided

Corrie Berg delights in small groups with participants of all ages. The fellowship, the sharing, and the learning combine to create a unique space where discipleship thrives. She warmly welcomes first-timers and repeat participants.

MONDAYS, FEB. 20 TO MAR. 27, 1:30-3:00 PM

Carol Wehrheim, leader
Wehrheim Home, Skillman

Carol Wehrheim is Clerk of Session. She finds small groups a necessary part of her life with Nassau Church and enjoys playing cornhole.

TUESDAYS, FEB. 21 TO MAR. 28, 7:00-8:30 PM

John Parker, leader
On Zoom

John Parker appreciates the fellowship and faith development that takes place in Nassau's Small Groups. He is thankful for the witness of the wonderful people he has met through past small groups. John looks forward to meeting new participants -- and hopefully deepening some existing relationships too -- as we read the parables of Jesus together.

Adult Education Classes: Speakers & Texts

February 26	Dale Allison	An Introduction to Parables	
March 5	Bill Creager	Parable of the Friend at Midnight	Luke 11:5-13
March 12	Jade Hage	Parable of the Lost Sheep	Luke 15:3-7
March 19	Keith Mertz	Parable of the Soils	Matthew 13:1-30
March 26	Kathie Sakenfeld	Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-15
April 2	Corrie Berg	Parable of the Tenant Farmers	Matthew 21:33-46

Additional Small Groups

SUNDAYS, FEB. 26 TO APR. 2, 7:00-8:00 PM

Movies About Making Movies & Those Movies

Marshall McKnight, leader
On Zoom

Making films and distributing them is challenging. A few get mired in legendary pitfalls and sometimes waterfalls. It may be years before their creators complete them and find an audience. We will look at three documentary films about the making of a specific movie. We will also watch the movie the documentary covers. Inspired by books including *The Reel Truth* by Reed Martin and *A Guide for the Perplexed* by Werner Herzog, participants in this series will discuss movie making obstacles and learn about the Herculean and even Sisyphean efforts it takes to achieve an artist's vision.

Movies: *Lost in Lamancha*; *The Man Who Killed Don Quixote*; *Man on the Moon*; *Jim and Andy: The Great Beyond*; *Burden of Dreams*; *Fitzcarraldo*

Marshall McKnight, a lifelong movie buff, has been a Nassau Church member since 2011. He is a deacon and is active on the Mass Incarceration Task Force. He also serves on the Adult Education and Membership Committees. He was a journalist for seven years and for the last 19 has worked for the State of New Jersey.

MONDAYS, FEB. 27-MAR. 28, 7:00-8:30 PM

The Art of Faithfulness: CreatioDivina

Carmelle Beaugelin, leader
Assembly Room Princeton & Zoom

CreatioDivina, hosted by BeauFolio Studio, incorporates the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina alongside a guided practice of sacred art-making with the benefit of fostering ideation, collaboration, and courageous conversations. During this 5-week journey, we will utilize creativity to explore the question, "what were we created to create?" Painting is the medium, but no prior expertise is required. Supplies will be provided and will include oil pastels and cambric cloth. CreatioDivina kits for virtual participants will be made available for pick up at church prior to the series. The sessions will include reflection on our own histories, images of Jesus, community, and prayer, using the process of painting as a pathway towards a deeper connection with God and each other.

Carmelle Beaugelin (www.carmellebeaugelin.com) is a Haitian-American visual artist based in Princeton, NJ. Her creative focus includes paintings inspired by Afro-Latin Caribbean art styles and Christian spirituality. She is the Founder and Lead Curating Artist at BeauFolio Studio. Carmelle received her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary.

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MONDAYS, MAR. 6 TO MAR. 27, 7:30-9:00 PM

Adventures in Barth, Season 7

Mark Edwards, leader

On Zoom

Get “Barth Smart” as we continue to dive into Barth’s dramatic treatment of justification and our total acquittal in Christ. First-timers and experts are welcome as we gather around this rigorous challenge to church and world. Reading is ~30 pages/week.

Mark Edwards joined Nassau as Director of Youth Ministries in 2013. He is a lifelong Presbyterian and holds a PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also teaches at Princeton University, The College of New Jersey, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Mark is married to Janine and they have two great kids, lots of animals, and a bunch of backpacks. His new book is *Christ Is Time: The Gospel according to Karl Barth (and the Red Hot Chili Peppers)*.

Sign Up

Sign up in Fellowship beginning Sunday, February 5, or online beginning Monday, February 6.

Space is limited for many groups, so sign up soon!

THURSDAYS, FEB. 23 - MAR. 30, 7:30-9:00 PM

Art of Faithfulness: Photographing Parables

Ned Walthall & Tim Brown, leaders

On Zoom

A man scattering seed on the ground. The bandaging of a victim’s wounds. A son so impoverished he is tempted to eat what pigs eat. A silver coin, one among ten, lost and then found. Parables aren’t just words. They are visual and meant to be seen as much as heard. Sacred Art of Photography returns during Lent with a focus on the parables. Over six weeks we will give ourselves the gift of taking a good look around and seeing parables present in our world. No technical skill or experience in photography is required, just your imagination and the means to take a digital photograph.

Ned Walthall is a photographer based in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. He received his MFA from the Institute of Art and Design at New England College (formerly the New Hampshire Institute of Art). His work has been shown throughout the United States and abroad.

Tim Brown has led and participated in numerous small groups. He has been an amateur photographer going back to when cameras used film and lenses had to be focused by hand. For over fifty years he has been on a photographer’s journey of discovery; reveling in the light of the world.



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