

LENT SMALL GROUPS 2012

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, STUDY & COMMUNITY



It's become a fabulous habit—connecting with Nassau church members and friends in small groups. Join groups of 6 to 12 people who will meet for six weeks for ninety minutes of fellowship and conversation around a book this Lent.

Sign up and get your copy of the book on *My Nassau*, during coffee hour or by calling the church office.

Small Groups during Lent 2012

Observe Lent:

Join a large group event and or Join a small group. The theme for both *Faith: Confidence and Doubt in Daily Life*

Sunday, February 12*

Come for any or all parts

5:00 -6:00PM Faith : Confidence and Doubt in Daily Life. The Rev. Drs. Stacy and Louise Johnson will lead us in an exploration of the place of doubt in the lives of Christians. The Bible and the church have something important to say about how faith, belief, trust, and doubt intersect and shape our daily lives. (Niles Chapel)

Stacy Johnson is Princeton Theological Seminary's Arthur M. Adams Professor of Systematic Theology. An ordained Presbyterian minister and a lawyer, Johnson's work over the years has focused on the future of Christian churches, and especially the theological, ethical, and spiritual challenges they face. This has included five years serving on a Presbyterian Church (USA) task force on Christian identity in the twenty-first century. His teaching encompasses a diversity of interests including the reshaping of Reformed theology in a postmodern age, environmental theology, leadership theory, among others.



Louise Lawson Johnson is Associate Pastor for Congregational Life at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville in Lawrenceville, NJ. She has served four congregations for more than thirty years. Louise has a special love for studying and teaching the Bible; she taught a weekly

community-wide Bible study in the Memphis area for twenty-five years. She was project coordinator for a grant funded by the Lilly Endowment, has served as adjunct faculty at Princeton Theological Seminary, and has written adult church school curricula, Bible study leaders' guides, and articles and chapters for a variety of publications.



6:00 – 7:00PM An early “Shrove Tuesday on Sunday” Pancake supper, prepared and served by Tara Woodard-Lehman and the Princeton Presbyterians. The proceeds will go to support their mission activities. (\$10.00 per person.) Reservations are required for the Pancake Supper by February 8. Child care will be provided for preschoolers for the 5:00 – 6:00PM part of this event with prior reservation and registration, also by February 8. Children are welcome to attend the pancake supper and worship.

7:00 – 7:45PM “Come As You Are” worship preparation for Lent led by Nassau's senior high fellowship, and a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. (Celebrants – Matt Schultz, Tara Woodard-Lehman and Joyce MacKichan Walker).

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Lenten Small Groups

90 minutes weekly for six-weeks Groups begin the week of February 19 – 25 and end by March 31 before Holy Week

Mark the season of Lent by exploring Christian faith in ordinary, day-to-day life. *Faith: Confidence and Doubt in Daily Life* looks at faith through a life-long lens: How does faith look in childhood, youth, early adulthood, older adulthood? In this six-session study, examine the seasons of faith and explore how we can grow and enliven our faith-life as young adults, working singles and young parents, mid-family and career, pre- and post-retirement adults. The author of the guide for our study is Martin Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the History of Modern Christianity in the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, where he taught for 35 years and where the Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion has since been founded to promote “public religion” endeavors. He writes blog entries for the biweekly Christian Century and is its former senior editor. The author of over 60 books, he continues to write about issues important to lives of faith and service.

Nassau’s small groups seek to provide an experience that includes and gives voice to each individual. Members of the groups offer mutual encouragement and support for each other’s journey of faith--considering questions, sharing joys and concerns, offering prayer for one another, and encouraging each other in discipleship.

This giving and receiving of fellowship is also a way to get acquainted with some of the folks you see in church each week, but never quite get a chance to know.

Select a day and time that works for you from the small groups below, buy a study book (\$10.00) and prepare to explore your faith in conversation with others.

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Day	Time	Leader	Location	Start/End Date
Monday	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Carol Wehrheim	40 Mountain Ave Princeton	2/20 – 3/26
Tuesday	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Marna Elliott	Private Home Princeton	2/21 – 3/27
Wednesday	6:00 – 7:30 pm	Brown/Schoonover	1 Fountayne Court, Princeton	2/22 – 3/28
Wednesday	7:30 – 9:00 pm	David/Nancy Mulford	19 Ballantine Lane, Skillman	2/22 – 3/28
Wednesday	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Jack Smiley	39 Trewbridge Court, Princeton	2/22 – 3/28
Thursday	10:00 – 11:30am	Bob Seaman	4 Mercer Street, Plainsboro	2/23 – 3/29
Thursday	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Tom/Carol Hastings	201 Ross Stevenson Circle, Princeton	2/23 – 3/29
Friday	9:30 – 11:00 am	Kristin Sundell	Nassau Presbyterian Church; child care provided	2/24 – 3/30
Saturday	9:00 – 10:30 am	Poppy Orendorff	Nassau Presbyterian Church	2/25 – 3/31
Sunday	3:30 – 5:00 pm	Kristen Ward	Nassau Presbyterian Church	2/26 – 4/1

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