

# Nassau Generations

March 2010 The Newsletter of Nassau Presbyterian Church

*A Church for All Generations For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and God's faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)*



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## Worship in March

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### Sunday March 7 - Lent III

9:15AM and 11:00AM Holy Communion

Dave Davis preaching • *The Promise of a Threat* • Luke 13:22-30

2:00PM Lenten Service of Wholeness and Healing, Niles Chapel

### March 14 - Lent IV

9:15AM and 11:00AM

Dave Davis preaching • *A Shout Out* • Luke 189:31-43

### March 21 - Lent V

9:15AM and 11:00AM

Lauren J. McFeaters preaching • *To Seek Out and Save the Lost* • Luke 19:1-10

### March 28 - Palm Sunday

9:15AM and 11:00AM

Dave Davis preaching • *Going Up* • Luke 19:29-44

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# John Grisham for Centurion Ministries, April 13

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Best-selling author, John Grisham will be the featured speaker at the Centurion Ministries benefit "Imagine Freedom" on April 13 at 8:00PM in the Sanctuary here at Nassau Church. Among his many books is *The Innocent Man: Murder and In-*

*justice in a Small Town*. Save the date now as invitations will be mailed to those on their mailing list in early March. Watch the weekly Bulletins for detailed information or contact their website: [www.centurionministries.org](http://www.centurionministries.org).



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## 2010 Memorial Day Weekend All-Church Retreat

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### Retreat at Stony Point

Games – Music – Fun – Community – Relaxation – Devotions  
– Campfire – For All Ages  
Sunday, May 30 – Monday, May 31, 2010  
Stony Point Center, Stony Point, New York  
Leave Princeton at noon on Sunday return home after lunch  
Monday. Cost: Includes lodging, three meals and snacks, all

activities/programs

5 years old and under: free

6-12 years old: \$ 30.00

13 years old and up: \$ 75.00

To register and for more information see brochure in literature rack outside office or contact Molly Dykstra at [molly@nassauchurch.org](mailto:molly@nassauchurch.org) or (609) 924-0103 x 109.

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## Family Mission Trip to Stony Point Center, August 15-22

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### *Make A Difference!?* – 2010 Family Mission Trip to Stony Point Center\*, New York

Sunday, August 15 – Friday, August 22, 2010.

Just 2 hours from Princeton

#### Work:

Transform a chicken coop into a silent retreat center • Plan, design and build a low ropes course • Work in the organic garden • Other projects to intrigue and challenge based on numbers attending\*

#### Recreation:

Swimming & hiking in Harriman State Park (20 minutes away) • Fun & games on Stony Point Center grounds • Possible exploration of the Hudson River

**Fellowship:** Common meals • Evening enjoyment • Creativity Night

#### Reflection:

Daily devotions • Bible study • Guided reflection on faith & mission

Save the date—look for the brochure and registration materials soon! For more information contact Molly Dykstra at 609-924-0103 x 109 or [molly@nassauchurch.org](mailto:molly@nassauchurch.org).

\*“Stony Point Center (SPC), located two hours north of Princeton in the Hudson River Valley, is one of the three national conference centers of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We have asked Nassau Presbyterian Church to partner with the staff and volunteers. Together, we will develop Stony Point into a place of welcome for people of all ages who will come for family camps with an emphasis on peacemaking, environmental sustainability and deepening spiritual practices.

“This summer, Nassau will help SPC with two projects:

- The Hermitage – We will rehabilitate an old, stone chicken coop into a small “hermitage” for silent spiritual retreat. This will involve putting on a new roof, building interior walls, installing a composting toilet and sink and putting in a new floor, as well as creating a small, fenced-in yard for privacy.

- Low Challenge Course – SPC has asked Nassau to design, build and install a challenge course for group building exercises. If there is interest, Nassau members will research and design the course, procure the materials (used and donated wherever possible) and construct the elements so that they can be installed during our week there in August.”

–Rick and Kitty Ufford-Chase, *Co-Directors of the SPC*

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# Fellowship and Support

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## Al-Anon Support Group

An Al-Anon Support Group meets at the Church on Thursdays at 10:00AM. Al-Anon is a program of healing and recovery for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon is also a fellowship of persons who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve common problems that stem from being affected by another's alcoholism. Contact Nancy Prince 609-882-9459 or Lauren McFeaters 609-924-0103 x102.

## Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Group

Friends and family members caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease meet at 4:00PM on the first Monday of the month in the conference room. Contact: Carol Wehrheim 609-924-1800 (carolwehrheim@verizon.net).

## Cancer Support Group

Individuals, spouses, friends, significant others: you do not have to bear cancer alone. Contact: Ted and Alice Vial 609-759-3306 or Lauren McFeaters 609-924-0103 x102.

## Divorced and Separated Support Group

A support group at Hopewell Presbyterian Church seeks to help people through the pain and trauma of separation and divorce and to grow into well-adjusted, self-sufficient single people. This group is not for singles seeking dating relationships. The group meets Wednesdays from 8-9:30PM at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 80 West Broad Street, Hopewell, NJ. Call the facilitator, Jill Young-McMurchie at 609-213-9509 for more information.

## Men's Breakfast

A group of men in our church meet every Friday morning at 7:30AM in Room 204 from September through May. Contact: Ted Vial (tavial@phsstonebridge.org).

## Mothers' Fellowship

Meets from 9:30-11:30AM two Thursdays a month at the church. All mothers of infants through high school students are welcome. 2010 meeting dates: March 4 & 18, April 22, May 6 & 20. For more information, contact Corrie Berg at corrieberg@yahoo.com.

## Presbyterian Women

PW-NPC meets monthly in Circles. All women are welcome. No membership is required. Circles are small groups of women who gather to nurture faith through prayer and Bible Study. (this year's topic is the book of *Joshua*. Study books are available), enjoy fellowship in a caring community and support the church and its mission worldwide.

**Circle 1:** Contact Helen Duncan 609-452-2477

**Circle 2:** Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. 9:30AM. Contact Claudene Harkins 732-297-1337

**Circle 3:** Contact Harriet Chase (609) 896-3211

**Circle 4:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. 10:00—11:30AM in Room 204. Childcare available for Circle 4 with prior notice.

## Nassau Book Group

The Nassau Book Group will meet after church at 12:15PM on March 21 in Room 202 for a discussion of the novel *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. Enger's first novel, about a father raising his three children in 1960's Minnesota, celebrates family, faith, and America's pioneering spirit. Through the voice of eleven-year-old Reuben, *Peace Like a River* tells of a family's cross-country search for Reuben's outlaw older brother, who has been controversially charged with murder. The book brilliantly incorporates the elements of biblical tales, classic American novels, Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure stories and Zane Grey's Westerns. Marked by a strong sense of place and a love of storytelling, the novel is a heroic quest, a tragedy, a romance, and a heartfelt meditation on the possibilities of the everyday world. Remember that coffee, tea and juice are served and feel free to bring a sack lunch. Contact Ginger August 609-924-6391.

## Nassau Singles

Single adult members of the congregation are invited to join Nassau Singles for fellowship and community service opportunities. The organization is self-led; members brainstorm activity ideas and then volunteer to coordinate them. This month: the monthly lunch meeting on March 28 at Panera on Nassau Street. Additional activities may be emailed to the group.

For information or to be added to the group's e-mail list, contact Liz Hough (houghliz@yahoo.com); the year's calendar is on the church website under "Groups."

## Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet on Monday evening, March 8, at the home of Judy Matthies, 387 Nassau Street in Princeton. They will discuss the book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein at 7:30 (please note time change). For further information call Judy Matthies 609-924-6331.

## Nassau Stitchers

This group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Conference Room from 1:00-3:00PM (except for Monday holidays). Bring your own handiwork and join in the fun. This group also contributes to our Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry.

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## Fellowship and Support, *continued*

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### Prayer Chain

To request prayer, call Debbi Roldan to initiate the prayer chain. You may also write your concerns in the prayer book in the narthex. All concerns are confidential. If you wish to

participate in this ministry, Debbi would be happy to add you to the email or phone prayer chain. Contact: Debbi Roldan (609-688-9550; Dlroldan2000@yahoo.com).

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## “Interfaith Amigos” Comes to Princeton March 2

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\*Interfaith Amigos\*, will appear at Princeton Theological Seminary’s Center for Continuing Education, 20 Library Place on Tuesday, March 2 from 6:30 to 8:30PM. The evening will include readings from their new book, *Getting to the Heart of*

*Interfaith: The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi and a Sheikh*. The pastor is Don Mackenzie who was Associate Pastor of Nassau Church from 1980 to 1983. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge but registration

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## Princeton Theological Seminary Lunch is March 14

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Mark your calendars — Students, faculty, administrators, and alumni of Princeton Theological Seminary are invited to lunch on March 14 directly following the 11:00AM worship service in the Assembly Room. Join the Seminary’s touring choir (also our guest choir for worship that day) and other members of Nassau

Presbyterian Church for fun and fellowship. There is no cost to members of the Seminary community. Donations accepted from those outside of the seminary community who would like to attend. For more information and reservations, please email Kate Satterstrom, [kathryn.satterstrom@ptsem.edu](mailto:kathryn.satterstrom@ptsem.edu).

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## Westminster Conservatory at Nassau Recital is March 18

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Songs of Brahms and Barab featured in Conservatory Recital at 12:15PM, Thursday, March 18. Linda Mindlin, *mezzo-soprano* and Patricia Tupta Landy, *piano* will present the next recital in the Westminster Conservatory at Nassau series. These two members of the Westminster Conservatory faculty will perform

Zigeunerlieder, op. 103. by Johannes Brahms, and selections from “Songs of perfect propriety” by Seymour Barab.

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau recitals are held in the Niles Chapel on the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public free of charge.

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## Dancers Needed for Palm Sunday

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Dancers of all ages and experience levels are invited to dance for both the 9:15AM and 11:00AM Palm Sunday services, on March 28. Participants will explore and create moment as an expression form of worship. Professional dancer and church member Meagan Woods will arrange the dance piece, and

lead a workshop and rehearsal on Saturday, March 27 from 3:15PM-5:45PM. Those who are interested and available for the rehearsal and both services should contact the church office by March 22. Join the dance as we honor Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

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## Nassau at Four: William Walker on March 28

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The Nassau at Four Concert will feature William Walker, *bass-baritone* on March 28 at 4:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Our own bass soloist and section leader, Bill Walker, will present a voice concert on Palm Sunday as part of the Nassau at Four series. In addition to works from opera, art song, and oratorio, his Lenten program will include Cantata 56, *Ich will*

*den Kreuztstab gerne tragen* by J.S. Bach and Heinrich Schütz’s *Jubilate Deo*. He will be accompanied by Katie Millie, Noel Werner, and a woodwind quartet including Janet Miller. Reservations for dinner (\$7.00), should be made by contacting the church office no later than March 24.

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# Children's & Family Ministry News – March 2010

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**Questions about anything listed below? Need more information on Children's & Family Ministry at Nassau Church? Contact Molly Dykstra at [molly@nassauchurch.org](mailto:molly@nassauchurch.org) or (609) 924-0103 x 109.**

**Introducing Stu Bear:** Church School children have begun to meet Stu, a small teddy bear with lots of questions about stewardship and mission at Nassau Church. Stu has already visited the Haiti hygiene kit group and will visit every Church School classroom to find out more about One Great Hour of Sharing fishbanks and classroom mission projects. Look for more about Stu in next month's newsletter.

**5<sup>th</sup> Graders to Receive Hymnals:** This annual presentation will take place on Sunday, March 7 during the 9:15AM service. Look for more information coming to your family in the mail and mark the date!

**Fish Banks** are now in homes everywhere—collecting coins and bills for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be received on Palm Sunday, March 28. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. Please see the detailed article on page 7. Extra fishbanks are available in the church office.

**Lenten Family Devotionals** have been distributed to Church School families and friends. This year's daily readings take us through the book of Jonah. Extra copies are available in the church office.

**Haiti Hygiene Kits:** Through the efforts of our youth, children and adults, hundreds of hygiene kits were assembled and shipped to Church World Service's New Windsor, Maryland facility in January and February. As of early February, CWS had shipped 36,000 such kits to Haiti. Each kit contained a

toothbrush, comb, washcloth, handtowel, bar of soap, nail clipper, and bandaids; CWS supplies toothpaste with an extended expiration date.

**Family Mission Trip 2010:** For more information and to register see the brochures in the literature rack outside the office and the article on page 3 or come to the information table at fellowship between services on Sunday, March 21 and 28.

**Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign-Up March 14 & 21: "God's Brave People,"** Nassau's VBS 2010, will be held June 28 – July 2 from 9AM to noon. Sign up to volunteer, register your child, and have your questions answered at coffee hour between services on Sunday, March 14 and 21.

**Canned Fruit and Beans on March Red Wagon Sunday:** Let's help the Crisis Ministry fill in two spaces on their shelves on Red Wagon Sunday, March 28. Bring canned fruit (low sugar, please) and red or black beans (kidney or otherwise, canned or dried). As always, other items are welcome too! Watch for second graders and Worship Explorers bringing the wagon into our worship services.

**Camp Johnsonburg** has summer camp opportunities for rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Brochures with registration information are available in the literature rack outside the church office. Need-based scholarships are available; contact Joyce MacKichan Walker.

## **Special Dates for March:**

**March 7:** 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Receive Hymnals in Worship

**March 14 & 21:** VBS Info/Signup at Coffee Hour

**March 28: Palm Sunday** – Fish Banks/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received in Worship; **Red Wagon Sunday:** Canned Fruit and Beans

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## Worship Explorers – March 2010

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Worship Explorers continue their Lenten journey to Jerusalem through March, beginning each day's story with the words, "Once every year the people of God go up to Jerusalem, the holy city of God, to celebrate the feast of the Passover, to remember how God led them through the waters to freedom. This year as Jesus traveled to Jerusalem..." After meeting Bartimaeus and Zaccheus, the wooden story figure of Jesus enters Jerusalem riding across a road strewn with palm branches made of silk plant leaves and cloaks made of fabric scraps placed by the children on the felt road, as they say, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" The story of Jesus' last Passover is told, ending with Jesus' death and a statement of the coming Easter mystery: "Jesus died... But after three days, God made Jesus alive again."

Worship Explorers is a special environment where young children age PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to meet and

worship God in an atmosphere of openness, acceptance, mystery and discovery; where their individual lives of faith are nurtured; and they are prepared to join in the full life of the larger congregation. If you would like your child to be involved in Worship Explorers, please know new children are welcomed weekly. Also, if you would like to be involved in this ministry, there is a place for you. Contact Molly Dykstra at the church office 609-924-0103x109. Adult and youth visitors are always warmly invited to attend—just follow the group leaving the 11:00AM service and know you will be welcomed.

## **Story Schedule for March:**

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| March | 7  | Jesus & Bartimaeus   |
|       | 14 | Jesus & Zaccheus     |
|       | 21 | Jesus the King       |
|       | 28 | Jesus' Last Passover |

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# Youth Fellowship – March 2010

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## *Middle School Fellowship*

3/3/10 5:45PM – 6:15PM Dinner, 6:15PM 7:45pm Fellowship

3/10/10 5:45PM – 6:15PM Dinner, 6:15PM 7:45pm Fellowship

3/17/10 5:45PM – 6:15PM Dinner, 6:15PM 7:45pm Fellowship

3/24/10 5:45PM – 6:15PM Dinner, 6:15PM 7:45pm Fellowship

3/31/10 – Youth Lead Holy Week Worship, Details TBA

## *Senior High Fellowship*

3/7/10 6:00PM – 6:30PM Dinner, 6:30PM – 8:00PM Fellowship

3/14/10 – CAYA Worship 6:00PM – 6:30PM Dinner, 6:30PM – 8:00PM Fellowship

3/21/10 NO Fellowship (EAD Conference)

3/28/10 6:00PM – 6:30PM Dinner, 6:30PM – 8:00PM Fellowship

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# One Great Hour of Sharing 2010

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The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received in both services on Sunday, March 28.

This important offering has been taken since 1949, when U.S. Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by World War II, primarily Europe and Asia. In 1949, the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal for support of the separate campaigns of their churches.

As denominations changed and merged, One Great Hour of Sharing has varied from eight to twenty-nine participating communions. Currently the One Great Hour of Sharing committee officially comprises nine Christian denominations: American Baptist Churches USA, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Church of the Brethren, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, and The United Methodist Church. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid, and each denomination does a significant portion of those ministries through Church World Service. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than one hundred countries, including the United States and Canada. In recent years Presbyterians have given about \$10 million annually, and the other denomina-

tions together have received a similar amount.

In our denomination, the PC(USA), after deducting administrative costs (up to 5 percent) and the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5 percent), the remaining undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:

### **Presbyterian Hunger Program (36 percent)**

**[www.pcusa.org/hunger](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger)**

For ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation and throughout the world, as well as ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32 percent)**

**[www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda)**

For disaster response and ministries with refugees.

### **Self-Development of People (32 percent)**

**[www.pcusa.org/sdop](http://www.pcusa.org/sdop)**

For partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.

*-Taken from [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs)*

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# Senior Adult News

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## **Philadelphia International Flower Show Trip**

Marcia Smith is interested in car-pooling to the Philadelphia Flower Show, *Passport to the World*, February 28 - March 7, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Call Marcia at 609-987-0536. Or travel to the Flower Show on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 9:00AM-4:00PM with the Princeton Senior Resource Center. The bus leaves from Community Park North and the cost is \$45 which includes the bus ride and entrance fee. Sign up at Suzanne Patterson Building; call 609-924-7108, or online at <http://register.communitypass.net/princeton>.

## **Free Tax Help**

AARP volunteers will again be offering free assistance completing tax returns for low and moderate income older adults in the wider Princeton area. Starting February 5<sup>th</sup> trained volunteers

will be available at the Suzanne Patterson Building - behind Princeton Borough Hall on Fridays, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM. Call 609-924-7108 for an appointment.

**Cross Town Transportation** is a door to door car service in Princeton for people 65+ and people with disabilities who do not drive. This service runs from 8:00AM-4:30PM weekdays. Rides are for any purpose, but medical appointments have priority. The cost is \$3 per ride, payable with vouchers purchased through Princeton Senior Resource Center; Suzanne Patterson Building - behind Princeton Borough Hall. To register, call 609-924-7108. Registered riders call Ride Provide at 452-5144 to schedule rides, at least 1-2 days in advance. For more information contact Lauren McFeaters at [Lauren@nassauchurch.org](mailto:Lauren@nassauchurch.org); 609-924-0103.

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## The Lenten Carbon Fast Continues...

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### ***But What Is This About Eating Less Beef?***

Congratulations you are part way there! Our Lenten carbon fast continues through this month. But what is this on Day 32 about going without beef for a week? Why is going without beef a green issue?

It turns out that assembly-line meat factories, the source of much of our meat, consume enormous amounts of energy, pollute water supplies, generate significant greenhouse gases and require ever-increasing amounts of corn, soy and other grains, a dependency that has led to the destruction of vast swaths of the world's tropical rain forests.

A study by the National Institute of Livestock and Grassland Science in Japan has estimated that 2.2 pounds of beef is responsible for the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide emitted by the average European car every 155 miles, and burns enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for nearly 20 days.

It takes ten times as much grain to give us life-sustaining calories through eating beef as it does through eating the grain directly, according to Rosamond Naylor, an associate professor of economics at Stanford University.

The environmental impact of growing so much grain for animal feed is profound. Agriculture in the United States – much of which now serves the demand for meat – contributes to nearly three-quarters of all water-quality problems in the nation's rivers and streams, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Switching the diet of cattle from grass to grain has made it possible to remove cattle from fields to the efficiency of mass confinement and slaughter. But it causes enough health problems for the cattle that administration of antibiotics is routine,

so much so that the antibiotics can result in antibiotic-resistant bacteria that threaten the usefulness of medicines used to treat people.

Those grain-fed animals, in turn, are contributing to health problems among the world's wealthier citizens – heart disease, some types of cancer, diabetes. The argument that meat provides useful protein makes sense, if the quantities are small. But the “you gotta eat meat” claim collapses at American levels.

Grain, meat, and energy are roped together in a way that can have dire results. More meat means a corresponding increase in demand for feed grains diverting production from food crops. This substitution and the subsequent higher prices for food crops can be an inconvenience for many citizens of wealthier nations, but is a tragedy for the poor in all countries.

Without becoming vegetarian, even shifting to chicken and pork, which convert grain to meat far more efficiently than beef, can be helpful.

So we have an alignment of interests: eating less beef means reduced greenhouse gas production, less water pollution, less tropical deforestation, lower food grain prices (and consequently better nutrition among the poor of all countries), and healthier bodies for ourselves. Not a bad deal. Maybe the suggestion for Day 32 (March 25) of Nassau's Lenten carbon fast is worth trying.

Dawn Day of Nassau's Earth Stewardship Advocacy Group wrote the above paragraphs drawing on a January 27, 2008, New York *Times* article, “Rethinking the Meat-Guzzler,” by Mark Bittman.

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# Adult Education

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## Year-long Classes

***The Acts of the Apostles:*** September 20, 2009 – May 16, 2010; 9:15-10:30AM, Room 205

*The Acts of the Apostles* traces the spreading flame of the gospel through the earliest years of the church. The first part focuses mainly on Peter, the second part on Paul. But as the Pentecost story suggests, the hidden actor throughout is the Holy Spirit. By studying what the Spirit did then, we are equipped to watch for what the Spirit is doing today. This verse-by-verse examination, in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, is led by George Hunsinger, Professor of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. Expect lecture and some discussion. Newcomers are always welcome.

***Sojourners:*** October 11, 2009 – May 16, 2010; 9:30 – 10:30 AM, Maclean House, Princeton University

Join a small group that enjoys learning, discussing, reflecting and praying together with the intent of deepening faith and creating community. During Lent we will discuss *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller. Linda Gilmore, Keith Mertz, and Jon and Mary Ann Alger serve as coordinators, but members of the group also lead.

## Sunday Morning Forums

### February 21– March 28 Series:

#### ***Understanding the Death of Jesus***

9:15 – 10:15, Music Room

This study of biblical texts will look at major themes demonstrating how various New Testament writers came to understand the significance of the death of Jesus. Examine how Jesus' death relates to his identity, and its effect on humanity and the whole creation. As it is difficult to maintain a simple division between Jesus' death and his resurrection, the two may be discussed together at times. Class structure will encourage participation and personal reflection as we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter.

Christopher Holmes is a second year MDiv student at Princeton Theological Seminary. Along with his wife Jenelle and son Micah, Chris has been worshipping at Nassau for about a year. He has a deep love for teaching and studying scripture and hopes to pursue doctoral work in New Testament.

### February 21– March 28

#### ***Pondering Lent in Scripture,***

#### ***Church History, Theology, Art and Music***

9:15 – 10:15 AM, Assembly Room

This series aims to answer some old questions and stimulate

some new ones about the meaning, observance, and continued relevance of Lent. When and why did Christians begin celebrating this season? What biblical stories or theological doctrines are commonly associated with Lent? How have Lenten themes been explored in Christian art and music? What does this season mean for contemporary followers of Jesus Christ? Come, feast, enjoy!

### March 7: ***Who can explore this strange design?— Hymning the Atonement***

*Tis mystery all, the Immortal dies:  
who can explore this strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds enquire no more!*

So goes one of Charles Wesley's hymn verses. Despite the poet's warning, many hymn-writers (including Charles himself!) have gone where angels fear to tread. In fact, congregants often learn their atonement theology through the hymns of the church. Together we will sing through and consider significant hymns that have shaped Christian understandings of the atonement.

Martin Tel is the C. F. Seabrook Director of Music at Princeton Theological Seminary where he conducts choirs, teaches courses in church music, and administers the music for the daily seminary worship services. Martin and his family worship at Nassau.

### March 14: ***Take a guided tour through Brahms Ein deutsches Requiem***

Explore Brahms' choices of biblical texts, which offer comfort and strength for those who mourn. Brahms' requiem was a marked departure from the liturgical requiem texts, which emphasize Judgment Day and Eternal Rest for the departed. Princeton Pro Musica will perform *Ein deutsches Requiem* on Saturday, May 1, at 8:00PM in Richardson Auditorium, Princeton University.

Frances Fowler Slade is Founder and Music Director of Princeton Pro Musica, now in its 31st season of performing choral masterworks. She was a member of the choral faculty at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, Music Director at All Saints' Church in Princeton, and has conducted choruses at Wellesley College, Northwestern University, and Westminster Choir College. She has also conducted the Westfield Symphony, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Virtuosi of London, and the Teplice Philharmonic of the Czech Republic. She is currently a member of Nassau Presbyterian Church.

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## Adult Education, continued

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### **March 21: *Exploring the Atonement of Jesus***

Explore past and present thinking about the atonement of Jesus. How have Christians understood Christ's life and death as that which brings about right relationship with God? What might it mean to say that reconciliation depends on the cross? As well as exploring such questions, we will consider recent concerns about atonement and violence.

Paul Dafydd Jones is Assistant Professor of Western Religious Thought in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. He is currently a resident member at the Center of Theological Inquiry. His first book, *The Humanity of Christ: Christology in Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics*, was published by T&T Clark in 2008.

### **March 28: *The Liturgical Traditions of Holy Week***

The people's response to Holy Week has shifted from deep solemnity, to complete disregard, to new discoveries and recoveries in recent decades. Look at some of these, discuss practices in our own congregation, and how we may express the deep theological meanings in our day-to-day lives.

Arlo Duba is retired Dean and Professor of Worship, *Emeritus*, at Dubuque Seminary, and a founder of the Association for Reformed & Liturgical Worship. Arlo and his wife Doreen attend Nassau Presbyterian Church.

### **March 7-28 Series: *Leadership and Spirituality - Christian Workplace Challenges***

9:30-10:30AM, Niles Chapel (**Note: This class requires pre-registration and is limited to 12 participants.**)

Does a leader's spirituality have anything to do with achieving success in his or her leadership role? Are you a leader seeking ways to tap into your faith to make a more positive impact on your organization? Can time spent with fellow leaders in the Nassau Church setting deliver insights that will lead you to better manage difficult people and situations at work? Consider signing up for our four-week seminar series focused on the challenges of the Christian leader in today's workplace. We will form a small seminar group for the entire four-week period that focuses on sharing, learning, and applying techniques that help with your specific leadership challenges, such as: Holding and Communicating Christian Values; Dealing with Greed and Aggression; Reversing Recessionary Woes

The seminars will be led by Dr. Stephen G. Payne, executive leadership coach, speaker, MBA teacher, author, and founder of A New Equilibrium, a community of men and women dedicated to making a difference by expanding their spirituality through their leadership role. Combining his faith, his experience as a CEO, and his fifteen years of leadership consulting, he challenges professionals to stay accountable to God throughout their entire career. His books and CDs include *First Rule of Leadership*, *Total Leadership*, and *Driving Growth Through Leadership*.

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## A Look Back at the "Facing the Future" Series

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On three Sunday mornings in January, Nassau members heard and participated in presentations on "Facing the Future: Challenges, Choices and Changes." Susan Hoskins, Executive Director of Princeton's Senior Resource Center, gave an overview of the Resource Center's offerings and emphasized that it is never too early to think and plan for the later years of life. She encouraged families to have open discussions about preferences and decisions regarding hopes for the future and one's manner of living as one grows older.

Abigail Evans, Scholar-in-residence at the Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University School of Medicine, dealt with the practical and ethical issues for the sandwich generation and their elders. She also spoke of the responsibility and relationship of the church to its older members.

A panel of Nassau members then shared some of their own experiences and observations about living in the retirement years. Decisions about where to live, dealing with illness, facing

losses in functioning and energy and yet still finding purpose and meaningful activity in daily living were topics that encouraged a lively discussion. It was noted that a very positive side of retirement is the opportunity to try new and different experiences. The desire to continue to be an active, contributing part of congregational life was evident, and ideas concerning the church's welcoming of the time and talents of retired members were shared – especially in inter-generational activities. Emphasis was placed on the importance of community and the individual's reaching out for support. Lauren McFeaters and many of the deacons were present and interested to hear these ideas. They and the Adult Education Committee will continue to work together as we follow up on what was learned from the series. The Adult Education committee is grateful to Susan Hoskins, Abigail Evans and especially the members of the panel: Carol Wehrheim, Nick VanDyck, Charles and Ruth West, and Jim and Peg Hastings.

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# Tending the Flock

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## *Births*

**Olivia Joan Driscoll**, daughter of Karen and Darrin Driscoll born on December 3, 2009

**William Carl Holmquist**, grandson of Jon and Jane Holmquist, on January 15 in Arlington, VA

**Kirk Zhen Mathews**, grandson of Val and Martha Mathews on January 17

**Cayden Carl Hoyler**, grandson of Carolyn and Carl Hoyler, on January 25

## *Weddings*

**Christopher R. O'Donnell**, son of Mary O'Donnell and **Adrienne Reinsvold** on November 28, 2009 in Austin, TX

## *Deaths*

**Joan DeJean**, mother of David DeJean, on January 8 in Newtown, PA

**Helen Gail Dippold**, mother of Lynn Dippold, on January 11 in Iowa

**Margorie Allen**, mother of Deborah Thomas, on January 23 in Kennebunkport, ME

**Doris Gould**, mother of Jim Gould on January 25 in Skillman, NJ

**Robin Udey**, aunt of Jenelle Holmes, on January 25 in Washington

**Amelia Lipscomb**, aunt of Lisa Bell on January 31 in Missouri

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## Lenten Service of Wholeness and Healing is March 7

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*I lift up my eyes to the hills –  
from whence will my help come?*

*My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121.1-2

On Sunday, March 7, join us for a Service of Wholeness and Healing at 2:00 PM in Niles Chapel. In this time together we'll seek the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to meet what-

ever needs we bring. Through scripture, hymns, and prayers of intercession we'll give thanks that God provides for us. In Wholeness and Healing, we lift up our cares and concerns to our Lord and receive the gift of mercy and comfort. We will gather to seek God's healing and restoration, and we will offer one another the gift of fellowship.

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## 2010 World Day of Prayer

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All women in the church are cordially invited to attend the Church Women United's World Day of Prayer service at Christ Congregation Church in Princeton on March 5, 2010 at noon. The service, "Let everything that has breath praise God" will be

filled with joyous African music! A light lunch and fellowship will follow. For more information call Lorraine Jackson 609-936-0891 or Pat Ostberg 609-924-7530.

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## Holy Week Schedule for 2010

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### **Palm Sunday, March 28**

Worship at 9:15 and 11:00AM

### **Monday, March 29**

Holy Communion at 7:30PM in Niles Chapel led by Chris Holmes

### **Tuesday, March 30**

Holy Communion at 7:30PM in Niles Chapel led by Princeton Presbyterians

### **Wednesday, March 31**

Holy Communion at 7:30PM in Niles Chapel led by Middle School Fellowship

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

Holy Communion at 12:00PM in Niles Chapel, with lunch following in the Assembly Room

Holy Communion at 7:30PM in the Sanctuary led by Dave Davis

### **Good Friday, April 2**

Worship at 12:00PM in the Sanctuary

### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship at 7:00AM in Niles Chapel

Festival Worship at 9:00AM and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary led by Dave Davis

### **Easter Plant Memorials**

Easter plants can be given in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After services on Easter Sunday the deacons, as part of their pastoral ministry, will deliver the plants to those in need.

Make checks payable to NPC and print clearly the wording you want in the bulletin, the deadline is March 28th. Note cards are available in the office for your convenience.