

Nassau Generations

June 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)*

June 6

All Church Picnic

11:00AM after worship

June 28-July 2
Vacation Bible School
and
Presby Camp

Nassau Presbyterian Church

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All-Church Picnic is June 6

Come one, come all to the Church Picnic on the church grounds following worship on Sunday, June 6. Food and fun for all ages, including the spectacular annual Cake Walk • Jello Eating Contest • Face Painting • Sign up for VBS/PresbyCamp and Summer Sunday School
For more information or to volunteer, contact Molly Dykstra at molly@nassauchurch.org 609-924-0103ext109

Worship in June

Sunday, June 6 *Communion*

Worship at 10:00AM, Eccumental Advocacy Days attendees preaching

Sunday, June 13

Worship at 10:00AM, Dave Davis preaching

Sunday, June 20

Worship at 10:00AM, Dave Davis preaching

Sunday, June 27

Worship at 10:00AM, Dave Davis preaching

Childcare for Infant-Age 2 10:00AM in Room 07/08; Church School at 10:00AM for Ages 3-5 in Room 06;
Activity Time for Age 5-Grade 2 during sermon in Room 02

David A. Davis, *Pastor*

Lauren J. McFeaters, *Associate Pastor*— Elizabeth Schultz, *Associate Pastor* — Matt Schultz, *Associate Pastor*

Joyce MacKichan Walker, *Minister of Education*— Molly McNelis Dykstra, *Christian Education Associate for Children's and Family Ministries*

Noel Werner, *Director of Music* — Sue Ellen Page, *Director of Choirs for Children and Youth* — Janet Miller, *Organist/Accompanist*

F. Thomas Simpson, *Assistant Handbell Director*— John Baker, *Sound Engineer* — Tara Woodard-Lehman, *Presbyterian Campus Minister*

Linda Gilmore, *Business Administrator* — Patrick Lyons, *Director of Communications*

Administrative Assistants: Reese Hansen, *Pastoral Care/Fellowship* — Susan Mathews, *Business*

Lauren Yeh and Meghan Price, *Christian Education/Worship* — Edie Estrada, *Custodian* — Verny Cano, *Custodian*



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Adult Education

June 13 *Presbyterians and Social Witness* with Christian Iosso

The upcoming PC(USA) General Assembly will debate several policy statements drafted by the denomination's Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ASCSWP). These statements include: "On Living a Human Life Before God" – a study paper on the nature and value of human life; "Gun Violence and Gospel Values: Mobilizing to Respond to God's Call"; "Becoming an HIV/AIDS Competent Church: Prophetic Witness and Compassionate Action"; "Living Through Economic Crisis"; "A Resolution on Equity and Quality in Public Education"; "Neither Poverty nor Riches: Compensation, Equity, and the Unity of the Church"; and a "Human Rights Update" – discussing the detention of immigrants, the trafficking of persons, and the continuing struggle to rein in torture and warrantless electronic and cyber surveillance in response to emphases on fear of terrorism.

The Rev. Dr. Christian Iosso, Coordinator, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, General Assembly Mission Council, PC(USA), will discuss these initiatives and their important place in the prophetic mission of the Church. Ordained in 1981, Dr. Iosso received his Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in New York. Following twelve years of service as pastor of the Scarborough Presbyterian Church in Briarcliff Manor, NY, his denominational service has been in social ethics and social witness, both in the early 1980's on the New York denominational staff and from late 2005 to the present in the Louisville offices.

June 20 *Considering the Belhar Confession* with Rachel Baard

Among the issues to be discussed at the 219th General Assembly will be whether the Belhar Confession, drafted in 1982, which confronted apartheid in South Africa, should be added to the PC(USA) Book of Confessions. Rachel Baard, a native

South African who received her early education at the University of Stellenbosch, will discuss the background, context, and theology of this important document.

Rachel Baard is the Lawrence C. Gallen Teaching Fellow at the Villanova University Center for Liberal Education. Her chapter, "Tillich and Feminism" was published in the *Cambridge Companion to Paul Tillich*. She is currently working on book projects on "Sexism and Sin-Talk: Toward a Constructive Feminist Doctrine of Sin" and "HIV/AIDS and the Augustinian Concept of Sin: Moral Possibilities." Dr. Baard received her Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and while in Princeton came under the care of our session for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

June 27 *The Accra Confession* with Moses Biney

The Accra Confession was adopted by the delegates of the 24th General Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) in Accra, Ghana (2004). The document expresses the conviction that the economic and environmental injustices of today's global economy require Christians to engage injustices in the world as an integral part of the Church's witness and mission. The PC(USA) is currently discussing how to fulfill the call of this Confession.

Moses Biney, Minister of Mission and Outreach at First Presbyterian Church, Irvington, NJ and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Ethics at New York Theological Seminary, will discuss the content, context, and ongoing impact of Accra. Dr. Biney has a Ph.D. in Religion and Society from Princeton Theological Seminary and other academic and theological degrees from Ghana, his native country, and the United States. His forthcoming book, *From Africa to America: Religion and Adaptation among Ghanaian Immigrants in New York*, will be published by New York University Press in December 2010.

Princeton Reunions Lecture May 28

Augustine, Niebuhr, and Obama: Realism in an Age of Hope? A Princeton Reunions lecture, open to the public on Friday, May 28, at 4:00PM in 219 Aaron Burr Hall, sponsored by the Princeton Presbyterians/Westminster Foundation. You are invited to attend a discussion of President Obama's invocation of theologian Reinhold Niebuhr's realist vision for a turbulent world, and its Augustinian heritage. Eric Gregory is Professor of Religion, serving on the Princeton faculty since 2001. A graduate of Harvard, he received two graduate degrees

in theology at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, and a doctorate in religious studies from Yale. He is the author of *Politics & The Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship* (Chicago 2008). In 2007, he was awarded Princeton's President's Award for Distinguished Teaching, and discussion will include reflections on Princeton student culture based on his popular undergraduate course on religion, ethics, and politics. To 5:00 PM. Reception following.

Children's & Family Ministry News – June 2010

VBS/PresbyCamp 2010: Courage Quest: God's Brave People is coming June 28-July 2. We'll go back in time to meet Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Samuel, David, and Esther—the same people whose stories Jesus heard when he was a boy! VBS, for age 3 through rising 6th graders, meets 9-12 noon; Presby-Camp, for rising 4th-6th graders, meets noon -3:30PM. **New this year: Pre-VBS Extended Hours and Post-PresbyCamp Extended Hours.** To register or to volunteer to help staff this wonderful week, pick up a brochure available in the literature racks or contact the church office. **Registration deadline is**

Age Two

Katie Gallagher
Sarah Gift
Elizabeth Gift
Sarah Parker
Laura Carter

Pre-School

Cynthia Moorhead
Gordon Thomas
Gene McGuire
Megan Charters
Monisha Pulimood

Kindergarten & Grade 1

Leslie Mackinson
Daniel Mackinson
Betsy Ruddy
Miranda Bull
Lorretta Wells
Lauren Fasolo
Holly Hardaway
Julia Huse

Grade 2

Ellen Dollard
Cameron Giles
Barbara Gillespie
Tom Gillespie

Grades 3 & 4

Lynn Charles
Meghan Sarik
Lynn Ann Cornell
Connor Stevenson
Lynn Dippold
Don Elefson
John Parker

Grade 5

Anne Kuhn
Jacq Lapsley
Anne Steel

Grade 6

Lisa Burke
Julia Tazelaar
Mani Pulimood

June 6.

Summer ChildCare and Church School: volunteers are sought to staff our summer church school classes on Sunday mornings in June, July and August for ages 3-5 (10:00-11:00AM) and K-2nd graders (during the sermon only). Please contact Bob Pisano at bobpisano@comcast.net or the church office.

Thanks to all our Church School Teachers, Helpers and Substitutes, Club 345 Advisors, and Worship Explorers Leaders for their ministry this year. Together, we keep our baptismal promises.

Carol Wehrheim
Julia Rhodes

Church School Substitutes

Denise Hamren
Janet Roman
Margaret Liffiton
Will Allen
Megan Charters
Cecilia Martucci
Joanne Ofgant
Gretchen Sword
Matt Gaventa
Will Allen
Ruth Harkins
Caroline Hoedemaker
Peter Fasolo
Nancy Howard
Dian Wisdom
Beth & Tom Coogan
Doug & Lynn McKinnon
Marie Wanat
Howard Miller

Joan Kettelkamp
Dean Foose
Harriet Black
Dayle Rounds
Brown Elmes
Ann Elmes

Worship Explorers

Lynace Pabst
Helen Wise
Molly Dykstra
Sharilyn Tel
Dayle Rounds

Club 345

Barbara Heck
Shannon Daley-Harris
K.P. Weseloh
Dayle Rounds

Revive! A Social Justice Revival June 11-13

Want to renew your faith in Jesus Christ? Want to engage in the work for Justice? Ever been to a revival? If you answer yes to any of these, then you will want to attend Revive!, an ecumenical social justice revival to be held June 11-13th at Trinity Cathedral, 801. W. State St. in Trenton. Revive! is a new conversation-over a full weekend-about being passionate for both Jesus and justice, and about what it means to be a follower of Christ seeking to apply the gospel to the real pain of the world. Revive! is also a revival. If you attend you will witness Spirit-filled preaching and worship and inspiring speakers,

such as Cornel West, Shane Claiborne, Brenda Salter-McNeil, Bart Campolo, Mark Lewis Taylor, Gabriel Salguero, William Heard (and many more) who will renew your faith and give you new tools to engage in the work of justice. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for Revive! and staff the event.

To learn more, register or volunteer, go to revivejustice.org or contact The Rev. Marcia MacKillop, Presbytery of New Brunswick: mmackillop@presbynewbrunswick.org or 609-392-8866, x105.

A New Schedule for Choirs for Children & Youth

Once or perhaps twice a decade, we tweak the schedule for our multiple choirs for children and youth. Beginning in the fall, we will see a couple of changes for the pre-K through elementary age. Unless otherwise noted, Sue Ellen Page, Director, Choirs for Children and Youth, is the conductor for the ensemble.

CANTOREI – our High School choir (with room for middle school choristers who have schedule conflicts, or who want the challenge of singing in an SATB choir) SUNDAYS, 5:00-6:00 starting September 12th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR – Grades 6, 7, 8 Co-directed with Noel Werner. WEDNESDAYS, 4:45-5:45 starting September 15th

GRADES 3-5 – THURSDAYS, starting September 16th – (New schedule)

4:00-4:45 Alleluia Singers (Boys grades 3-5)

4:30-5:30 Jubilation Bells

(Handbell choir, Boys & Girls gr. 4-5)*

(first 15 min. girls only; last 15 min. boys only)

F. Thomas Simpson, director.

4:45-5:15 Stepping Stones (Music Literacy class,

Boys and Girls gr. 3)* SEP and Janet Miller

5:15-6:00 Celebration Singers (Girls grades 3-5)

*In Jubilation Bells, girls will begin at 4:30 and finish at 5:15; Boys will begin at 4:45 and finish at 5:30. This way there are 15 minutes on either side to work in smaller groups

on individual technique. Membership in singing choirs is not required for participation in Jubilation Bells, but it is required to be a part of Stepping Stones.

GRADES 2 and younger – (New day and time)

WEDNESDAYS, 4:00-4:35 starting September 15th

CAROL CHOIR – grades 1-2

THE JOYFUL NOISE – pre-K-K, Susan Van Sickle, teacher. We are pleased that Susan, a long time member of the church, is able to return from a three year hiatus as teacher of our youngest choristers.

These changes have been made in order to accommodate a focus on music reading with the upper elementary choristers through the handbell choir, Jubilation Bells, and the Stepping Stones activities. Both Jubilation Bells and Stepping Stones are highly recommended to all our grade 3-5 choristers, but they are an optional addition to the singing choirs. Here is why we recommend them: Learning to read music, especially at sight, is valuable skill not only for the obvious reasons of participating in music ensembles where this skill is necessary, but because of the way it positively influences the brain in all areas. In Stepping Stones, we will also focus on developing vocal pitch acuity, improvisation, and sight singing. Please contact Sue Ellen if you have questions.

(* no change)

PC(USA) Mission Coordinator to Haiti Here June 8

On Tuesday, June 8, Nassau Presbyterian Church will be hosting Presbytery of New Brunswick. We have a special guest speaker, Pix Mahler, for a pre-presbytery event from 4:30-5:30PM. She serves as Regional Liaison/Partnership Facilitator for Haiti. She is a stateside based mission worker and will be visiting the Presbytery of New Brunswick June 6-8, 2010, speaking in a variety of settings.

In April 2010, Pix traveled to Haiti with a team of PCUSA pastors and mission personnel, including former moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow, Bob Ellis (International Health and Development) and Ruth Farrell (Presbyterian Hunger Program.) The purpose of this trip was to visit with our PCUSA partners in Haiti, hear their concerns and build a collaborative process for response to the increased pain of our Haitian brothers and sisters after the January earthquake.

Please feel free to join us for this Pre-Presbytery event to learn what is happening in Haiti and how we can help!

Pix Mahler, after serving as a Hunger Action Enabler (HAE) for 14 years in the Presbytery of the Peaks (Virginia), was appointed partnership facilitator for Haiti. The transition from HAE to partnership facilitator was a natural one. As HAE, Pix promoted and interpreted the Presbytery of the Peaks' relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, the PC(USA)'s partner in the country. She now does the same for all churches and middle governing bodies interested in doing ministry in Haiti. She has brought to her new tasks a deep knowledge and long experience of how the PC(USA) does mission in partnership. Pix serves God's mission by nurturing relationships between Presbyterians in the United States and various ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. She sees her work as being a channel of communication between the PC(USA) and the Diocese in Haiti. "I help people in the United States discover what gifts they may have that are applicable to ministry with our partners," she says.

Fellowship and Support

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. Contact Jill Young-McMurchie 609-213-9509.

Men's Breakfast

A group of men in our church meet every Friday mornings from September through May. They will resume in September. Contact: Ted Vial (tavial@phsstonebridge.org).

Mothers' Fellowship

Usually meets from 9:30-11:30AM two Thursdays a month at the church. All mothers of infants through high school students are welcome. Contact Corrie Berg (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 has been the book of *Joshua*), 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 4th Tues. 9:30AM. Contact Claudene Harkins 732-297-1337

Circle 3: Contact Harriet Chase 609-896-3211

Circle 4: Meets 2nd Tues. 10:00—11:30AM in Room 204. Childcare available for Circle 4 with prior notice.

Nassau Book Group

The Nassau Book Group does not usually meet during the summer, but this year we plan to continue to meet. We will meet after church at 11:15AM on June 13th in Room 202 for a discussion of books we are reading. Remember that coffee, tea and juice are served and feel free to bring a sack lunch. Contact Ginger August, 609-924-6391 or Martha Redi 609-52-8867

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. **The monthly lunch meeting is on Sunday, June 27 at Calico Grill.** 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, **June 14, at 7:30PM** at the home of Judy Matthies, 387 Nassau Street in Princeton. Please join us for tea and a discussion of the book, *On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. All women are welcome. Contact 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.

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; Drolan2000@yahoo.com.

Tending the Flock

Baptisms

Alexandra Butler Jones, daughter of Molly and William Jones, on April 25

Deaths

Robert Schmidt Sr, father of Bob Schmidt on April 13, 2010 in Niagara Falls, NY

Hilja Tremut, on April 16, 2010 in Princeton, NJ

Michael Snieckus, husband of Alison and father of Kurt and Ted
on April 17, 2010 in Princeton, NJ

Louie Spencer, on April 18, 2010 in Signal Mountain, TN

Isabelle Peck, mother of Nila Eisenach, on May 2, 2010 in Princeton, NJ

Richard Crocket, brother of Sandy Williams, on May 3, 2010 in Bryn Mawr, PA

Al Siano, father of Bob Siano and father-in-law of Judy Shapkespeare-Siano on May 6, 2010

Senior Adult Ministry—Local Services

Information & Referral – The Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC) has the most comprehensive information on programs and services available to senior adults in the Princeton area, including entitlement programs, housing alternatives, support services & more. Call 609-252-2362 for an appointment.

Crosstown Rides – Door to door car service in Princeton for people 65+ and people with disabilities who do not drive. Runs from 8am - 4:30PM weekdays. Rides for any purpose, but medical appointments have priority. Cost \$3 per ride, payable with vouchers purchased through Princeton Senior Resource Center at the Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall. To register, call PSRC at 924-7108. Registered riders call Ride Provide at 452-5144 to schedule rides, at least 1-2 days in advance.

Social Services – For professional case management, support

and coordination of services for people living independently in the community. Call 609-252-2362 for an appointment.

Free Financial Planning For Foks With Low & Moderate Income Appointments to help understand your pension, retirement benefits, 401K. Call 609-252-2362 for an appointment.

Caregiver Resource Center – Caregivers of all ages can find information, support, consultations and a resource library at the Princeton Senior Resource Center's (PSRC) Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall. Call 609-924-7108 or 609-252-2362.

PSRC Publications – Copies of *Living Arrangements for Older Adults* and the *Community Resource Guide* are available at Spruce Circle and the Suzanne Patterson offices.

For additional information and help contact Lauren McFeaters: Lauren@nassauchurch.org; 609-924-0103 x102.

You Are Joyfully Invited...

All Nassau Presbyterian Church members and friends of all ages are joyfully invited to the wedding of Helen Wise & John Schmidt, Saturday, June 26, 2010, 2:00PM here at Nassau, with a reception immediately following in the Assembly Room.

RSVP acceptances only by June 12 to helenwise@verizon.net. No gifts please, unless you wish to make a donation to the Andrew Lee Wise Memorial Fund for Youth Mission & Music Trips to benefit all our Nassau children.

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Summer Choir & Instrumentalists—Come and Worship

Starting June 13, any and all interested singers are invited to the choir room at 9:00 to prepare the anthem, hymns, and service music for Sunday worship. This is a great way to participate in choir if you can't make the regular commitment during the year as you can drop in as you are able throughout the summer. The repertoire is easy to prepare in a short time, and singers young and old are more than welcome to attend.

Also this summer, instrumentalists of all kinds are invited to play for preludes, offertories, and during communion. We have a growing number of solo instrumentalists and chamber groups at Nassau, and we invite you to share your talents with your church. Contact Noel Werner at the church office to sign up for a Sunday this summer!

New to Our Website: Next Year's Calendar and more

Looking ahead for the 2010-2011 Program Year? Want to know when church school, choir or fellowship groups kick off in the fall? Want to save the dates for Nassau at Four, CAYA (Come as You Are) Worship or other special events? The calendar for the 2010-2011 program year is available on our website

at www.nassauchurch.org. The link to view the calendar is on the left side of the home page. It is a Google Calendar which you may automatically link into your computer or personal digital appliances (PDAs). Click the Google link at the bottom of the calendar for more information.

Opportunities for Giving Flower Memorials at Nassau

There are open dates to give flowers in the Sanctuary and Narthex on Sundays to be given as memorials to or in honor of loved ones. Birthdays or other special days can be celebrated

with flowers that adorn our church. For further information please contact Joanne Ofgant at 609-737-7146 or prechterr@comcast.net.