

Nassau Generations

September 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)*

September 25 & 26

Brian Blount



Fall Kick-Off
September 12

Church School begins

Youth Fellowship Parent Night

Events at Nassau

September

Disciple Series
and New Small Groups
begin



September 12

Installation of Matt & Elizabeth Schultz
as Called Pastors

Nassau Presbyterian Church

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Worship in September

Sunday, September 5 *Communion*

Worship at 10:00AM, Joyce MacKichan Walker preaching

Sunday, September 12

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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*

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Brian K. Blount's Schedule for September 25 & 26

Urgent Witness Now: The Book of Revelation for Today

Brian K. Blount, President and Professor of New Testament
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA

Saturday September 25: Assembly Room

8:30 – 9:00AM Coffee, Juice, light continental
breakfast

9:00 – 10:30AM First presentation, "The Politics of
Revelation: Engaging the Dragon" followed by questions and
responses

10:30 – 11:00AM Break

11:00 – 12:30PM Second presentation, "Beyond the

Dragon: We're Not Done Yet." followed by questions and
responses

Sunday September 26: Sanctuary

9:15 and 11:00AM Joint worship with the Witherspoon
Street Presbyterian Church. Sermon in worship, "Born Free:
Revelation 20:1-6"

12:15 – 1:15PM Light lunch and conversation
about the sermon and *Revelation*. **Reservations needed by**

Wednesday, September 22 to office@nassauchurch.org or
609-294-0103. Cost is \$8.00.

Fall kick-off celebration

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010 10:15 AM in the Assembly Room and Conference Room

Catch-up with new friends and old

Sign-up for fall church activities and programs

Pick-up a new church directory and *Opportunities Guide*

Eat-up some great treats

SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of our 50 Year Members

Sunday, November 14, 2010

During the 11:00 Service of Worship

with a Luncheon following in the Assembly Room

Save This September Date for the Crisis Ministry

SEPTEMBER 10-12

Battle Against Hunger bike ride (finishing at Cadwalader
Park in Trenton! Join Team Trinity to help CM and other

hunger prevention organizations. Learn more by emailing
Jarrett Kerbel—jarrettk@thecrisisministry.org)

Chauncey Conference Center, ETS. Watch for details.

Annual Meeting is September 19

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation of Nassau Presbyterian Church for Sunday, September 19 at 12:00 noon in the Assembly Room. The report of the Audit Committee will also be presented.

Sarah Parker Talks About Liturgical Drama

An interview by Sue Ellen Page off Sarah Parker regarding her work on The Worship and Arts Committee. Sarah, a life-long member of NPC, is beginning her senior year at The Lawrenceville School. Her parents are John and Cynthia Parker.

SEP: Sarah, tell us when you first began to discover an interest in the spoken word, and how that has developed in your life.

SP: I've always loved the use of the spoken word in worship. I was dreaming of acting in the Christmas pageant by age 4 when I first sang in the choir of angels. I still vividly remember the first time I got the opportunity to participate in the liturgy. It was Advent of my third grade year, and I got to read part of a Scripture verse while the second candle was lit. Just as for many other children I'm sure, the Word resonated so much more when brought to life outside of the written text. Reading the Bible is something I can appreciate now, but as a child the "big" words and "long" sentences seemed much more accessible when spoken. That interest in the spoken word actually led to my later interest in secular theater. I've now been able to come full circle as I get to use some of what I learned doing theater outside of the church to bring the spoken word more frequently to Nassau.

SEP: You became an elder on the Session of NPC at the same time the Worship and Arts Committee was working to expand the role of various arts in worship. Tell us about the formation of The Gospel Players.

SP: I was fortunate enough to be on the Worship and Arts Committee right when the Committee began to work to support drama more extensively in worship. Although I love being on Session, and I'm glad I can contribute in an area I know and love. My previous participation in theater outside the church and the spoken word within, however, allowed me to contribute actively to liturgical drama. It was a perfect coincidence that the increasing

level of liturgical drama at Nassau coincided with my arrival on the Committee. When it came time to form a formal group, I was more than happy to step up to lead that group.

SEP: For the program year beginning in September, what events do you look forward to with drama in worship, and how might members of the congregation support the work of The Gospel Players?

SP: The Gospel Players will continue to participate in worship every third Sunday each month of the program year. The Gospel Players will also have a much more active role in both Christmas Pageants this year, and we hope to perform a longer, multi-generational drama in the spring. As always, the more people who continue to get involved, the more the Gospel Players can grow and share its work with the church community! There should be some great opportunities to participate this year, whether in reading in worship, acting in the drama or Pageants, or contributing backstage to props and costumes. We are all called to use our gifts to glorify God, and I know that the members of this congregation have some amazing gifts to share and enrich the work of the Gospel Players this coming year!

The Worship and Arts Committee is grateful to Sarah, and to Holly Hardaway who will be supporting her leadership in liturgical drama during the coming program year. The committee promotes the incorporation of drama, creative writing, visual arts, dance, and of course music, into the worship and fellowship life of our church, discovering talent within our congregation and establishing leadership groups in each of these areas through workshops, artist residencies, and sponsorship of training.

To find out more about The Gospel Players, please contact Sarah Parker: sparker11@lawrenceville.org. We are actively recruiting people of all ages and stages to be a part of one or both of the Christmas Pageants on December 19 and 24.

Small Groups Coming This Fall

Are you looking to connect with Nassau church members and friends? Then consider joining a small group this fall. These groups will consist of 6 – 12 people who meet weekly for 7 to 8 weeks for 90 minutes to build community, pray and study. This fall we are excited to be able to offer a wide variety of texts to read and discuss. Topics include:

- ***Caring and Community: Perspectives From Ephesians***
- ***Anchoring Your Well Being: Christian Wholeness in a Fractured World***
- ***Listening for God (exploring faith through fiction)***
- ***Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey***
- ***Struggling with Scripture***
- ***A Multitude of Blessings: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity***
- ***Justice in a Global Economy: Strategies For Home,***

Community and World

- ***Life with God: Reading the Bible for Spiritual Transformation***

Most groups will start the week of September 27 and run through November 21. Registration forms will be available at Coffee Hour and on our website. More details regarding the leaders and meeting times will be available shortly. Look for flyers in the pews and a brochure in the information rack next to the Church Office.

If you've been in a small group before, we look forward to welcoming you back. If you've never been in a small group, we encourage you to join and experience the church community in a new way. We welcome all and encourage you to bring a friend! For more information contact Joyce MacKichanWalker (Joyce@nassauchurch.org) or Jane Maggard (janermaggard@gmail.com) or 609-333-8899.

Nominations Needed

It's Time for Nomination for new Elders, Deacons, Auditing and Nomination Committees

The committee needs suggestions and recommendations for possible Deacon and Elder candidates as well as those to serve on the Auditing and Nomination Committees. Individuals nominated and elected to these roles will begin their terms in June 2011.

The committee is looking for individuals who demonstrate an active involvement in the life, leadership and support of Nassau Presbyterian Church, Christian living in daily life, and personal characteristics and skills that include cooperativeness, willingness to learn, ability to follow through on assignments, and maturity of judgment.

Please look for nominating forms coming soon on Sunday mornings or online.

Children's and Family Ministry News

The new church school year begins Sept. 12! Teachers, substitutes, youth helpers and members of the Children's & Family Ministry Committee are eager to welcome everyone back to church school. If you have not yet registered your child/ren, plan to come to the conference room Sunday morning September 12, 19 or 26 to register and for more information. Registration forms are also available on the church website.

Worship Explorers also begins September 12 at the 11:00AM worship hour. Worship Explorers is a special environment where children, age 4/PreK through third grade, are invited to meet and worship God in age-appropriate ways, where their lives of faith are nurtured and they are prepared to join in the worship of the larger congregation.

Worship Explorers allows parents who wish to attend adult education at the 9:15AM hour to also attend worship at 11:00AM, knowing children have an additional optional worship setting (based on the book *Young Children and Worship* by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman) Children begin by sitting with their families through the first few acts of worship. Worship Explorers leaders then escort the children to the Worship Center in Room 204. Children engage in activities developed around the four movements of worship: assembling in God's name, proclaiming God's word, giving thanks to God, and going in God's name. Included weekly are songs, Bible stories, reflection ("wondering"), a time of personal response, prayer, and a "feast".

Parents collect their children from the Worship Center following the service. Parents, friends and others are always welcome in the Worship Center to see what it's all about!

If you are interested in this ministry, there's a place for you on the team, please see the flyer in the literature rack outside the church office, or contact Molly Dykstra at 924-0103x109/ molly@nassauchurch.org.

Partnering with Parents is a new effort by the Children's & Family Ministry Committee which seeks to serve families with children at home. Education, fellowship, and special events will be offered throughout the year.

The first event will be an information session on Church School and Children's Ministry for parents of church school children through grade 6 on **September 12 at 9:30AM** in Niles Chapel led by Molly Dykstra. On **Sunday, September 26** plan to attend Communion Preparation for Families to be held 3:30-5:00PM in Niles Chapel. For children of all ages with their parents/guardians, learn what it means to receive communion in our church in preparation for World Communion Sunday the following week, October 3.

Did you know? Children's & Family Ministry Committee member Joanne Ofgant faithfully straightens, replenishes, and lovingly cares for the worship bags available to children in the narthex each Sunday. Thank you Joanne!

Mark your calendars:

September 12 – 9:15AM Church School begins; Partnering with Parents: Church School & Children's Ministry. 11:00AM – Worship Explorers begins

September 26 – Communion Preparation for Families 3:30PM Niles Chapel

Oct. 3 – World Communion Sunday

To the Body of Christ at Nassau Presbyterian Church

Below you will find my plans for our preaching life. In the coming year the Session has committed to a life together at Nassau that is pleasing to God in our worship, discipleship, and stewardship, that nurtures belonging to God and one another, and that inspires and provides for our serving of God, one another, and the world. So you will see in my preaching plan for this fall: pleasing, belonging, and serving.

As we embark on this new program year together, I covet your prayers, your preparation, and your hearing. When I say “Hear the Word of God” in preparation for the reading of scripture, it has everything to do with the active role you play every time we hear and experience the Word of God together in the preaching moment.

Grace and peace,
David A. Davis

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it”
I Corinthians 12: 27

OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN WORSHIP—FALL 2010

Pleasing To God...

September 5	10:00AM—Service of Holy Communion	
Joyce MacKichan Walker preaching	“PLEASING: The Art of Disciple Making”	Matthew 28:16-20
September 12	9:15AM and 11:00AM—Installation of Matt & Elizabeth Schultz	
David A. Davis preaching	“PLEASING: The Aroma of Hospitality”	Luke 15:1-10
September 19	9:15AM and 11:00AM	
David A. Davis preaching	“PLEASING: Commending Shrewdness”	Luke 16:1-13
September 26	9:15AM and 11:00AM	
Brian Blount preaching	“Born Free”	Revelation 20:1-6
October 3	9:15 and 11:00AM—World Communion	
David A. Davis preaching	“PLEASING: Increased Faith”	Luke 17:1-6

Belonging To God And One Another.....

October 10	9:15AM and 11:00AM	
David A. Davis preaching	“BELONGING: Creating Steadfast Love”	Psalms 66
October 17	9:15AM and 11:00AM—Children’s Sabbath	
Preacher to be announced		
October 24	9:15AM and 11:00AM	
Tara Woodard Lehman preaching		
October 31	9:15AM and 11:00AM—Reformation Sunday	
David A. Davis preaching	“BELONGING: Reformation Genes”	Ephesians 2

Serving God, One Another, And The World

November 7	9:15AM and 11:00AM—Service of Holy Communion	
David A. Davis preaching	“SERVING: Plain Sense”	Luke 6:20-31
November 14	9:15AM and 11:00AM	
Lauren J. McFeaters preaching		
November 21	9:15 and 11:00AM—Christ the King Sunday	
David A. Davis preaching	“SERVING: The King’s Beck and Call	Matthew 25

2010 - 2011 Choir Schedule

Come join in musical leadership in the church. New members are sought for all choirs and ensembles!
Watch the website for schedule changes and exciting events for each group.

Children's Choirs

Contact Sue Ellen Page (ext. 105)

Joyful Noise

4:00 - 4:35 PM • Pre-K /Kindergarten

Carol Choir

4:00 - 4:35 PM • 1st and 2nd grade

First Rehearsals Wednesday, September 15
(please note new day and time for these choirs)

Alleluia Singers

4:00-4:45 PM • Boys, grades 3, 4, 5
(Please note new time for this choir)

Celebration Singers

5:15-6:00 PM • Girls, grades 3, 4, 5
First Rehearsals Thursday, September 16

Bell Choirs for Children & Youth

Contact Thomas Simpson (ftsimpson@aol.com)

Jubilation Ringers

4:30 – 5:30 • Grades 4, 5 & 6
(first 15 min. girls only; last 15 min. boys only)

First Rehearsal Thursday, September 16

***Special NEW MEMBERS Rehearsal
Thursday, September 9, 4:30 – 5:30 PM***

Required for all new ringers, grades 4-6

Carillon Ringers

4:00 – 5:00 PM • Grades 6, 7 & 8
beginning Sunday, April 3, 2011
leading to participation in:
AGEHR Area II Festival
Kutztown, PA July 5-7, 2011

Youth Choirs

Contact Sue Ellen Page (ext. 105)

Middle School Choir

4:45 – 5:45 PM • Grades 6-8

First Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 15

Cantorei

5:00 – 6:00 PM • High School

First Rehearsal: Sunday, September 12

Bell Choirs for Adults

Nassau Ringers I

Our advanced bell choir
6:00 – 7:00 PM • High School and older
First Rehearsal Monday, September 20
Contact Noel Werner (ext. 104)

Nassau Ringers II

Our training bell choir
6:00 – 7:00 PM • High School and older
First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 16
Contact Thomas Simpson

Princeton Ringers

Sponsored by Princeton University &
Princeton Theological Seminary
7:30 – 9:30PM • College-Age and older
First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 16
Contact Thomas Simpson

Adult Choir

Contact Noel Werner (ext. 104)

7:30 – 9:00 PM • Adults, college-age and beyond

First Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 8

September Information for Youth

GIRLS! 4:00PM Friday Sept 10th to 4 p.m. Sat. 11th
Junior and Senior Girls Only overnight retreat to the beach.
Topic: Dating, Sex and Friendships! We will be staying at the Tazelaars' beach house, contact Elizabeth for details.

Sunday September 12

11:00AM Installation Service for Matt & Elizabeth Schultz
6:30PM-8PM Parent Information Night for BOTH Middle and Senior High Fellowship

September Senior High

Part One: MOB: Jesus gathers us to be a community of faith (Ephesians 2:19-22)

9/19 - MOB! Kickoff night! After dinner, we'll welcome newcomers before launching into some games (always outside if weather allows!). Back in for "Highs and Lows: Summer Vacation Edition."

9/26 - MOB 2! A big *secret prize* for the winners of tonight's games. More games and discussions to help us get to know each other, and how we are perceived by others, while laughing our heads off.

September Middle School

9/12 (Sunday) – Parent Information Night 6:30 - 8:00 - Parent's Info for SHE, MSF, and Cantorei

9/15 - Wednesday: MSF - First Night! Kickoff night! After dinner, we'll welcome newcomers before launching into some games (always outside if weather allows!). Back in for "Highs and Lows: Summer Vacation Edition."

9/22 - MSF A big *secret prize* for the winners of tonight's games. More games and discussions to help us get to know each other, and how we are perceived by others, while laughing our heads off.

9/29 - MSF - "Questions in a box." Come prepared to ask questions!

Senior Adult News

Engaged Retirement & Encore Career Center

People retiring today, whether voluntarily or through layoffs, can expect to live as long as 30-40 years in retirement. Retirement is not the end, but rather the beginning of a new stage of life, and also may be the beginning of a whole new career, such as an encore job that give back to the community, or starting one's own business. Some people may "retire" many times before they cease to work for income permanently. The Princeton Senior Resource Center's (PSRC) *Engaged Retirement Programs* are about lifestyle in retirement, not about financial planning. Financial planning is the means to the end, not the end, which is a rewarding, satisfying next stage of life.

Introduction to Your Retirement This 90 minute workshop gives an overview of the many issues involved in lifestyle retirement planning and helps attendees begin to build their own plan.

Volunteering: Building a Resume for an Encore Career This presentation and workshop is designed for people who are planning to retire from one career and start an encore career, or for retired people who went to Introduction to Your Retirement. This 90 minute workshop gives an overview of the many issues involved in lifestyle retirement planning and helps attendees begin to build their plans.

Engaged Retirement workshop This multi-session hands-

on series helps attendees envision and plan the retirement of their own design. Classes will include presentations, readings, exercises, and discussions to help people identify their goals and develop a concrete plan for achieving those goals.

Engaged Retirement Speakers Series are monthly presentations by professionals in retirement and financial planning, civic engagement, making a mark on the world, and physical and mental well-being.

Job Search Strategies for Older Workers This is a new 90-minute program designed to meet a critical need in the community. It addresses issues such as the changing structure of the job market, ageism in the job market, using the internet for job searches and networking, and avoiding job search scams on the internet. **For more information about Engaged Retirement programs, call Nassau's own Carol King at the Princeton Senior Resource Center (609) 924-7108.**

Free Skin Cancer Screening September 22, 2010; 6:00PM-8:00PM at the Hopewell Township Health Department, 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road Titusville, NJ. To register and make an appointment, please call 609-737-0120. For additional information and help contact Lauren McFeaters: Lauren@nassauchurch.org; 609-924-0103 x102.

Adult Education

Starts September 12 Sojourners Fellowship

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. The group generates its own topics and occasionally attends scheduled adult education classes in order to reflect on them.

September 12 What's Happening for Children & Families at Nassau Church?

9:30 - 10:25 AM, Niles Chapel

Come and find out about all the whens, wheres, hows and whys of Church School, fellowship opportunities, Young Children in Worship, and more.

September 26 Let's Get Ready for Communion

3:30-5:00 PM, Niles Chapel

For parents and their children of all ages, learn together about the meaning of communion and its practice at Nassau Church.

SUPERFORUM—September 12 The Apocalyptic Imagination in Second Temple Judaism and Earliest Christianity

9:15 - 10:15 AM, Assembly Room

The New Testament book of Revelation is one of the most dramatic in the entire canon. In it one finds, among other things, warring cosmic beings; provocative and even disturbing images and events; and stark portrayals of the final judgment of humankind. Revelation evokes a variety of reactions among its readers—some find it fascinating, others are perplexed by it, and many are uneasy with it. Come and join us as we explore the ancient intellectual context of this striking way of viewing the world that modern scholars describe as “apocalyptic.”

Shane Berg teaches New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. His interests include religious epistemology in ancient Judaism and Christianity, papyrology, and the theology of scripture. He is the husband of Corrie Berg and the father of three boys—Anders, Mathias, and Soren.

SUPERFORUM—September 19 It's the end of the world as we know it (I feel fine)

9:15 - 10:15 AM, Assembly Room

Why is the end of the world so popular? Movies, books, television, music, and video games are all presenting us with various interpretations of the end of the world. Join us as we look at and consider a few of these, and try to understand what this trend says about the spirituality and theology of popular culture.

Matthew Schultz is Associate Pastor for youth at Nassau Presbyterian Church and a graduate of the MDiv/MA Youth Ministry Dual Degree program at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been involved in youth ministry long enough to realize that he's really old. As such, he is bilingual: fluent in the languages of youth culture and the language of theology. He happily translates between the two.

September 26 Japanese Protestantism

after 150 Years

9:15 - 10:15 AM, Assembly Room

Last year the Japanese Protestant churches celebrated 150 years since the arrival of the first Protestant missionaries. In spite of massive foreign and Japanese efforts in evangelism, education, health care, social welfare and peace and justice issues, Christians in Japan number only one percent of the population. In spite of former periods of vitality, most “mainline” Protestant congregations today are unable to attract young people and are therefore aging twice as fast as the general population. What are some of the dynamics that have contributed to this decline? Where are the sources of hope? What might U.S. churches learn from the Japanese experience?

Thomas John Hastings is Director of Research at the Center of Theological Inquiry. Before coming to CTI in 2008, he spent twenty-three years teaching in Japan, mostly as a mission co-worker of the Presbyterian Church (USA). From 1995-2008, he was Professor of Practical Theology (Christian Education) and Director of the Certification Course for Teachers of Religion at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary. He lectured in Japanese in Practical Theology and on the Philosophy, History, Methods, and Politics of Education.

Conservatory Recitals Begin September 16

Kenneth Ellison, clarinet and Galina Prilutskaya, piano will begin the ninth Season of Westminster Conservatory at Nassau with a recital on Thursday, September 16 at 12:15PM. The program will take place in the Niles Chapel and features the Sonata no. 1 in F Minor by Johannes Brahms.

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau recitals take place in

the Niles Chapel on the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public free of charge. The performers are members of the Westminster Conservatory faculty.

The recital on October 21 will feature the Loeffler Trio -- Melissa Bohl, oboe; Marjorie Selden, viola; and Kathy Shanklin, piano.

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

For friends and family members caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease. Meetings will resume September 13 at 4:00PM 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

Nassau is hosting Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, author of the award-winning commentary on the book of Revelation. Dr. Blount is probably the foremost interpreter of the book of Revelation in North America, if not the world. He will do two presentations on the book of Revelation on Saturday morning, September 25, between 9 and 12:30. The PW Horizons Bible Study is on Revelation this year. His presentations will be tremendously

helpful to women either reading or participating in the study this year.

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, 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

In September Nassau Book Group will meet after church at 12:15 PM September 26 in Room 202 for a discussion of the novel *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry. In the mid-1970s, India's government Institutionalized corruption and arbitrary force, most oppressive to the poorest. This is a story of four people struggling to survive on a trajectory towards unhappiness and despair. Yet, in choosing what they will do, they exhibit a basic dignity and humanity that belies the mistreatment. Amid wrenching depictions of squalor and grotesque injustice, barriers of class, suspicion, and politeness are gradually dissolved and unexpected friendships emerge. 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, September 26 at Winberrie's on Palmer Square.** 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 meets on Monday evening, September 13, at 7:30PM. We'll discuss *The Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland, a novel about the people in Renoir's painting. All women are welcome. Contact Judy Matthies 609-924-6331.

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Tending the Flock

Births

Caleb Joseph Carter, son of Laura and Percy Carter on July 14, 2010

Baptisms

Olivia Joan Driscoll, daughter of Karen and Darrin Driscoll, on August 1, 2010

Marriages

Melva Gage and **Edgar Madsen** on July 23, 2010

Kathi Sengin and **Bill Katz** on July 31, 2010

Deaths

Eva Mae Wilson on August 2, 2010 in Lawrenceville

Matt & Elizabeth Schultz Installed September 12

At the 11:00AM service of worship on Sunday, September 12, the church, if not, it will in the Assembly Room.
Matt and Elizabeth Schultz will be installed as called pastors.
Weather permitting, there will a reception outside in front of

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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; Dlroldan2000@yahoo.com.

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In 2005 Jake married Keri Willard, a graduate of Greenville with whom he had completed a semester of study in Mozambique. Their pastor at St. Paul’s introduced them to Princeton Theological Seminary and they enrolled together the following summer. At seminary, Jake continued to write poetry, drawing from schoolwork in biblical studies and church history, and other reading. The literary journal *Shenandoah* published his early work ‘The Papyrologist’, inspired by a lecture Shane Berg gave to his Greek class.

By 2008 Jake was serving as Intern for Theology and Arts

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