

Nassau Generations

February 2012 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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Our Worship Life in February

“The Gift of Perseverance”

February 5	“Waiting, Running, Walking”	Isaiah 40:21-31	<i>Communion</i>
February 12	“Singing in the Rain”	Hosea 5:15-6:6	
February 19	“In Every Generation”	Joel 2:12-29	

Lent

February 22	Ash Wednesday	<i>Communion</i> 12:00 noon – Niles Chapel – followed by lunch	
		<i>Communion</i> 7:30 PM – Sanctuary	
February 26	“I Am the Bread of Life”	John 6:35	<i>Youth Sunday</i>

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A Thank You From the Crisis Ministry

When an early morning fire broke out December 16 in the Crisis Ministry's downtown Trenton food pantry, it was just a matter of hours before word was shared, food drives were hastily arranged, and funds and offers of help poured in from across Mercer County and well beyond its borders.

Now, as our staff, volunteers, and clients settle in to temporary program operation space lent by First Presbyterian Church of Trenton and in the former Bethany Presbyterian Church, we are grateful to many.

We would like to mention just a few of the ways (that we know of) that Nassau Presbyterian Church and its members helped us:

Facilitated by Elizabeth Schultz, you immediately expanded the capacity to serve as a temporary food drop-off location ... Congregant Alison Sniekus helped with a special food delivery to our homebound clients just days after the fire ... Brown Elmes and Giuliano Chicco assembled, with other volunteers, food storage shelving ... Keating Johnson helped to move files from our soot-covered offices to our temporary quarters ... Food donated by Nassau members helped us to restock our shelves without missing a beat ... Money donated by Nassau members helped us to confidently continue serving our clients seeking food and homelessness prevention services. Many people, in fact, cited the word shared by Nassau Pres-

byterian Church when making donations and offering to help ... Nassau's administrative staff fielded phone calls for us, answered questions, and relayed messages when we were difficult to reach.

Monetary and food donations continue to be welcome. If you are interested in future volunteer opportunities, including food sorting and stocking, please contact the Crisis Ministry's volunteer coordinator, Alicia Morrison, at cmvolunteer@gmail.com.

We will do our best to thank everyone personally, if possible, and in the meantime we wish you all a Happy New Year and ask that you keep in your thoughts and prayers all of the neighbors we serve together.

—The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton

P.S. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the annual Valentines for Food, February 5-16. McCaffrey's shoppers can purchase Valentines for Food for \$3.99 each at the Princeton or West Windsor store when checking out and they will match Valentines for Food purchases dollar for dollar—up to \$5,000. Monetary donations are accepted at www.thecrisisministry.org where you may order Virtual Valentines for your loved ones until February 14. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, you may email: valentinesforfood2012@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry News

Middle School Fellowship on Wednesdays, 5:45-7:30PM: February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Senior High Fellowship on Sundays, 6:00-8:00PM: February 5, 12 (CAYA), 19, 26 (NO Sr. High Fellowship or CAYA)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 21 Crisis Ministry Home Delivery (10 AM to 12 Noon) Middle and Senior High youth are encouraged to contact Alison Snieckus (609-297 8828 or alison.snieckus@gmail.com) to sign up to assist in delivering food to the homes of Crisis Ministry clients. This is a wonderful opportunity for service that is in need of greater volunteer support. Parents are most welcome to volunteer as well.

Sunday, February 26 Youth Sunday (9:15 and 11:00 AM services) Mark your calendars for this special service that is entirely planned and led by our middle and senior high students. It is always a great experience for the youth as well as those of us who receive their liturgical gift. **NO** Sr. High Fellowship this evening.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2012 Conference Theme: "Is

THIS the Fast I Seek? Economy, Livelihood and Our National Priorities" March 23-26, 2012 Washington, DC

Nassau Youth from 10th-12th Grade are eligible to sign up for our annual mission trip to Washington, D.C. to take part in an amazing conference on Christian witness. This trip includes an opportunity on Monday to visit Capitol Hill and meet with representatives. Our team will depart on Amtrak from Trenton Friday afternoon at 2:00PM and arrive back home Monday evening. While in Washington, we will be staying at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, where the conference is being held. The cost of the trip this year is \$175 per student. A \$50 deposit is due upon registration. This cost includes the roundtrip train ticket, hotel reservations, conference fee and most meals. Students will need to bring money for three meals and any extra food or souvenirs. **Registration is open until February 15.** For more information or to register, contact Elizabeth Schultz at 609-924-0103 x108 or elizabeth.schultz@nassauchurch.org.

Adult Education on Sundays

Sojourners January 8 – May 20, 2012

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 their own topics and occasionally attends scheduled adult education classes in order to reflect on them. Linda Gilmore, Keith Mertz, and Jon and Mary Ann Alger serve as coordinators, but members of the group also lead. The group meets in Maclean House which is just across the university driveway from the church. Come to the library in the front of the house.

February 5 and 12

9:15 – 10:15AM, Music Room

The Life and Legacy of Reinhold Niebuhr

A prominent public figure until his death in 1971, American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr is causing more excitement today than ever before, both in the academy and in the Beltway. During the past few years both the political right and left have cited him approvingly in articulating their own foreign policies and proposals for the “War on Terror.” Obama has even called him “one of his favorite philosophers” and credited Niebuhr with shaping his own ideas about politics. Examine the life and thought of Reinhold Niebuhr, paying special attention to his renewed role in American politics. Just who was this man? What lessons can this great theologian still teach us today? And how might these ideas help us interpret aspects of the current American presidency?

CJ Dickson is a doctoral student at Princeton Theological Seminary and a member of Nassau and its Adult Education Committee. He is writing a dissertation on the German theologian Friedrich Schleiermacher.

February 5, 12, and 19

9:15 – 10:15AM, Assembly Room

Series: Israel/Palestine: Corporate Engagement, UN Membership, and Nonviolent Strategies

The Arab Spring has shattered the status quo in the Middle East and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict specifically has seen transformational political and strategic changes over the past year. Examine some of these changes and their impact on the quest for peace.

February 5: Presbyterian Faith-Based Investing

In 2004, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) initiated a process of Corporate Engagement which prompted dialogue with several companies, including Caterpillar Inc., who were doing contested business in Israel and/or the Occupied Territories and whose stock was owned by the denomination. The 2010 Gen-

eral Assembly condemned Caterpillar for its ongoing role and the 2012 General Assembly will most likely consider divestment of the denomination's stock holdings in that company. Come for an update on this issue and the related process involved.

William Somplatsky-Jarman is the Associate for Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Louisville staffer most involved with this issue. He has coordinated dozens of corporate dialogues, spoken at many shareholder meetings, and authored several articles and study guides on corporate responsibility and environmental issues.

February 12: UN Membership for Palestine?

The Palestinian application for UN membership and its parallel admission to UNESCO have signified a major change in diplomatic strategy by the Palestinian Authority, especially as both actions have been opposed by the United States government. Examine this strategic change and the related diplomatic repercussions.

After 25 years of service to the United Nations, Hamid Abdeljaber joined the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) at Rutgers University as a lecturer in 2007. He is currently teaching courses for CMES and the Political Science Department on Arab Media, Islam and Democracy, Contemporary Politics of the Middle East, Modern Arab Society, United Nations, and the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli Conflict. He is also a senior Consultant and Media Trainer at the Center for Development Communication in Washington, DC.

February 19: Promoting Non-Violent Political Efforts

Explore the evolving Palestinian use of nonviolent protest strategies in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, especially as successfully employed by the residents of the Palestinian village of Budrus, forcing a realignment of the Israeli separation barrier. A “Just Vision” produced documentary, “Budrus,” will also be shown at 12:15PM on this day.

Nadav Greenberg is the Outreach and Programming Coordinator at Just Vision, an organization that informs, connects, and engages people in Palestinian-Israeli civilian efforts to resolve conflict nonviolently. Nadav leads workshops and events internationally on the work of Just Vision. He grew up in Israel, but after completing his service in the Israeli Army, he studied at Harvard University, focusing on the intersection between politics and popular culture. Involved extensively in conflict resolution efforts and human rights work, he is an active graduate of Seeds of Peace, an organization devoted to bringing together youth from areas of conflict. He has organized and participated in multiple joint Israeli-Palestinian activities in Israel and the West Bank.

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Observe Lent

Join a large group event (Evening of February 12) *AND/OR* Join a small group for fellowship, study and prayer.

The theme for both – Faith: Confidence and Doubt in Daily Life

The Event: (Come for any or all parts)

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

6:00 – 7:00PM An early “Shrove Tuesday on Sunday” Pancake supper, prepared and served by Tara Woodard-Lehman and the Princeton Presbyterians. The proceeds will go to support their mission activities. (\$10.00 per person)

7:00 – 7:45PM “Come As You Are” worship preparation for Lent led by Nassau’s senior high fellowship, and a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. (Celebrants – Matt Schultz, Tara Woodard-Lehman and Joyce MacKichan Walker). Reservations are required for the Pancake Supper by February 8. Child care will be provided for preschoolers for the 5:00 – 6:00PM part of this event with prior reservation and registration, also by February 8. Children are welcome to attend the pancake dinner and worship. Sign up for this event on *My Nassau*.

The Lenten Small Groups: 90 minutes weekly for six-weeks Groups begin the week of Feb 19 – 25 and end by March 31 before Holy Week

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

Nassau’s small groups seek to provide an experience that includes and gives voice to each individual. Members of the groups offer mutual encouragement and support for each other’s journey of faith--considering questions, sharing joys and concerns, offering prayer for one another, and encouraging each other in discipleship. This giving and receiving of fellowship is also a way to get acquainted with some of the folks you see in church each week, but never quite get a chance to know.

Select a day and time that works for you from the following small groups:

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

Sign-up on *My Nassau* on the church website (www.nassauchurch.org) or at the Small Groups table at coffee hour on Sunday morning, or by calling the church office.

Two New Small Groups

Invitation to the New Testament

Wednesdays, Bi-weekly February 15 – May 23

Morning (9:30 – 11:00AM)

or evening (7:00 – 8:30PM)

Room 204, Nassau Presbyterian Church

Led by Joyce MacKichan Walker, *Minister of Education*

In eight bi-weekly video-enhanced sessions designed especially for those who want an introduction to the New Testament, read the entire gospel of Matthew and some selected additional chapters. Fifteen minutes a day of Bible reading will provide adequate preparation for your active participation. Learn about and begin to explore the Bible for the first time or as a refresher course for more regular daily Bible reading disciplines. Discover how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the implications of the story of Jesus for their lives and their communities of faith, and learn more about your own calling to discipleship and to Christian community. Register on *My Nassau*, during coffee hour, or by calling the church office. A minimum of 10 people is required in each section.

Celebration of Discipline, Part 2: The Path to Spiritual Growth – The Outward Spiritual Disciplines

Monday mornings (10:30AM – 12:00PM), February 6, 13, 27, and March 5 and 12

Led by Lauren McFeaters, Associate Pastor at the home of Joanne Ofgant, Harbourton, NJ, outside of Pennington

“Hailed by many as the best modern book ever written on Christian spirituality and described by Christianity Today as one of the ten best books of the twentieth century, *Celebration of Discipline* explores the classic ‘Disciplines,’ or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Along the way, Richard J. Foster shows that it is only by and through these practices that we can find the true path to spiritual growth.”

This series will cover the Outward Disciplines of Faith including Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, and Service. You need not have been a part of the Fall 2011 group to participate in this new exploration. Cost of book: \$17.00. Register on *My Nassau*, during coffee hour, or by calling the church office.

Annual Women’s Retreat: Sacred Stories, Our Stories

Friday, March 2, 7:30PM to Sunday, March 4, 12:00PM at Camp Kenbrook, Lebanon PA

Register NOW for this opportunity to compare responses to two stories – the book of Ruth and the film *Fried Green Tomatoes*. We’ll pay special attention to how we fill in the “gaps” of these stories – the information that’s not given and the motives that aren’t named. Through the process of journaling, small group conversation, and creative writing, we’ll play in the intersection of sacred stories with our own. What can we learn about ourselves and each other from what we unconsciously add to a story? Our leaders are Julia O’Brien, Professor of Old Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA, and Anabel Proffitt, Associate Professor of Educational Ministries at the same seminary. Pick up a brochure in the literature racks, or sign up on *My Nassau* on the church website. **Deadline is February 12**, but this retreat already has 16 participants, so don’t wait! \$190 for a double, \$165 for a triple (two beds). Questions? Ask Joyce MacKichan Walker at joyce@nassauchurch.org.

Women’s Retreat 2012 Registration

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Circle one: Double (\$190/person) Triple (\$165/person)
note: 2 double beds

If you know who you’d like to room with, list name(s) here: _____

I plan to arrive after 5:00PM Friday.

I’d like a ride.

I’m willing to drive. My car can accommodate _____ people.

I’m interested in the commuter rate. Please add me to the wait list.

Make checks payable to Nassau Presbyterian Church, memo: Women’s Retreat. Return this form with payment by Sunday, February 12 to Nassau Presbyterian Church, attn: Joyce MacKichan Walker, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Reservations taken on a first-come, first-served basis until spaces are filled.

Making a Good Relationship Better

A workshop for couples who are committed, engaged, living together or married

Saturday, April 21, 9:00AM – 3:00PM
Room 301, Nassau Presbyterian Church



The Rev. Nancy Schongalla-Bowman

We take our cars in for tune-ups; we get regular dental checkups; we attend continuing education sessions for our jobs; we work out, go for walks and take vitamins. But we tend to assume that our most important relationships will flourish without routine maintenance, building “core strength,” or reflecting on new information.

This retreat will provide a “protein supplement” for attendees as the presenter shares insights from her work with couples and from research about what keeps happy couples happy. There will be guided exercises and conversation between partners and in small groups, and integration with the resources of Christian faith.

Leader: The Rev. Nancy Schongalla-Bowman serves as Director of Student Counseling at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a licensed Marriage and Family therapist and married 26 years. Her roles include that of parent, step-parent, grandparent, and “partner-in-transition” with her recently retired husband. Coaching couples through the challenges, transitions and joys of a committed relationship is one of Nancy’s loves as a therapist.

Cost for the event is \$40.00 per couple, which includes lunch. Register on *My Nassau* or in the church office with full payment, using this form.

Making a Good Relationship Better, Couples Workshop

Name(s): _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Best email address to receive details: _____

I do not use email

Number of persons attending _____ Total amount enclosed _____

(make checks payable to: *Nassau Presbyterian Church*, memo: *Couples seminar*)

Lunch choices (Please ✓)

Sandwiches:

Roast Beef; Turkey; Chicken Salad; Ham & Cheese; Mozzarella & Tomato

Beverage: Bottled Water; Coke; Diet Coke; Ginger Ale; Sprite

Cookie: Chocolate Chip; Raisin Oatmeal



Thinking About/Rethinking Retirement

Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 8:45AM – 3:00PM

Retirement is changing. We live longer. We are healthier. We still have a lot of energy. Come to pause and reflect on what we want to do in those vital years before us. Whether you are contemplating retirement in the near future or are already retired, use this day to discern what will add meaning and fulfillment to this extraordinary time of your life. Especially focus on your vocation and your use of time in your retirement years. Some questions that will be addressed:

- When is the right time to retire?
- What gifts and talents have I/we gleaned from my work and life experience?
- Who am I and who does God call me to be in my later years?
- How will I redefine work, and will work continue to shape my identity?
- Where do I/we want to live and what kind of living space do I/we want or need?
- What personal support network will I/we need (family, friends, church, community)?

(Please Note: This seminar does not include financial planning for retirement.)

Our leader will be David Rich, a retired PC(USA) minister with over 30 years experience as a teacher, retreat leader, and life/work planning facilitator for individuals and churches. David formerly served as the Director of the Retirement Planning Program of the Board of Pensions of the PC(USA). He has led similar day and weekend long events in the past and many at Nassau Church have benefitted from his wise leadership.

Cost for the event is \$30.00 per person, which includes lunch. Register on *My Nassau* (www.nassauchurch.org) on the church website or in the church office with full payment, using this form.

Thinking About/Rethinking Retirement

Name(s): _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Best email address to receive details: _____

I do not use email

Number of persons attending _____ Total amount enclosed _____

(make checks payable to: *Nassau Presbyterian Church*, memo: *retirement seminar*)

Lunch choices (Please √)

Sandwiches: Roast Beef; Turkey; Chicken Salad; Ham & Cheese; Turkey; Mozzarella & Tomato

Beverage: Bottled Water; Coke; Diet Coke; Ginger Ale; Sprite

Cookie: Chocolate Chip; Raisin Oatmeal

Adult Education on Sundays (continued)

February 12

9:30 – 10:30AM, Niles Chapel

A Singing Faith

Singing and the songs of our faith teach, nurture, inspire, and undergird the faith journey on which our children and youth embark with their families and church communities. Come and explore why this is so, and ways you, as parents and grandparents, can use music to engage and grow faith.

Sue Ellen Page has served Nassau Presbyterian Church as the Director of Choirs for Children and Youth since 1982. She fervently believes what every jingle writer knows: We remember what we sing.

Susan Van Sickle has spent her career teaching music to families and young children. Through her work with the children and adults of Nassau Church, she has seen how music can enrich the faith journey of all.

February 19

9:30 – 10:30AM, Niles Chapel

Pre-Funeral Planning: An Act of Faith (Part 1: First Steps)

Much helpful pre-planning can be done to make funeral or memorial service planning easier. Participate in Part 1 of this two-part class that will help you consider the decisions and details involved in planning a service. Pre-funeral planning allows you to let your wishes be known to family and pastors. It also enables you to give expression to your faith through choosing and

shaping what is to take place. Work through the details of the worship service, obituary, cemetery arrangements, and funeral home involvement. **Part 2 will be offered Sunday, March 11.**

Lauren McFeaters is an Associate Pastor at Nassau Presbyterian Church, with primary responsibility for congregational care.

February 26

9:15 – 10:15AM, Assembly Room

Super forum: Mind of God or Grand Design: What Can a Citizen of the Multiverse Believe?

Two years ago, Kitty Ferguson spoke to us about Stephen Hawking's and James Hartle's "No Boundary Proposal" for the origin of the universe, and the implications of this proposal for belief in God. Now, fresh from writing a new biography of Hawking, she will discuss science that Hawking thinks presents much stronger challenges to belief—M-theory, the "multiverse," eternal inflation, and the interpretation of the human brain as a super-intelligent computer. Does respect for this science require us to water down or abandon our faith?

Kitty Ferguson writes and lectures on subjects related to the history of knowledge and science, theoretical physics and cosmology, and the interface between science and religion. Her most recent book is *Stephen Hawking: An Unfettered Mind*, written with Hawking's help and covering both his life story and his science, discussed in the language of non-experts.

Children's & Family Ministries News

The Children's Library on the Great Wall

Beginning this week, our Children's Library will be featured on the Great Wall. The display highlights titles we are hoping to add to our collection. If you would like to donate one of these titles, instructions for doing so will be posted. Please stop by and take a look at this exhibit and also visit our library in its new location in room 206. It has been enthusiastically received and is being used by the children and families of our congregation.

February dates to note...

Partnering with Parents - Sunday, February 12 - "A Singing Faith" 9:30 – 10:30 AM, Niles Chapel with Sue Ellen Page and Susan Van Sickle. Singing the songs of our faith teach, nurture, and inspire the faith journey of our children and youth. Come and explore ways parents and

grandparents can use music to engage and grow faith.

Club 3-4-5 – Friday, February 24 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Assembly Room. Club 3-4-5 will be cooking tonight! Club 3-4-5 Director, Helen Wise, will lead this hands-on in-the-kitchen session. Don't miss out. Sign up on *My Nassau*.

Youth Sunday, Sunday, February 26– Children of all ages are invited to attend and participate in this youth-led service. There will be no Church School or Worship Explorers on this Sunday. During the 9:15 service, childcare will be provided for infants – Age 2 in Room 105 and for Age 3 – Kindergarten in Room 07/08. During the 11:00 service, childcare will be provided for infants – Kindergarten in Room 07/08.

Mark your calendars & save this date...

Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Johnsonburg for our Family Camp Retreat Weekend, May 25 – 27.

Contact Corrie Berg for more information.

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.

Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Group

For friends and family members caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease. They meet the first Monday of the month at 4:00PM in the Conference Room. Contact: Carol Wehrheim 609-924-1800; carolwehrheim@verizon.net.

Cancer Support Group

A group which offers comfort and companionship and is a place for people to share common concerns, receive emotional support, medical information and fellowship for members and friends of Nassau Church who have experienced cancer. We generally meet on the second Saturday morning of every month at various locations. Please call ahead for date and time. Contact: Ted and Alice Vial, tavial@phsstonebridge.org 609-759-3306 or Lauren J. McFeaters 609-924-0103x102; Lauren@nassauchurch.org.

Men's Breakfast

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

Nassau Book Group

Usually meets on the third Sunday of the month in Room 202 to enjoy a lively discussion of a book. Contact: Ginger August 609-924-6391, or gingeraugust@gmail.com.

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. For information or to be added to the group's e-mail list, contact Liz Hough Beasley houghliz@yahoo.com.

Nassau Walkers

This *come-when-you-can* group meets each week at a different location in Princeton and surrounding area to walk for health, exercise (no power walking), fresh air, relaxation and fellowship. Contact Barbara Happer at whapper666@aol.com or 609-921-1487 to be placed on the email list. They meet on Tuesdays, 10:00AM to 11:00AM (weather permitting). Location of walk announced by email on Mondays.

Nassau Stitchers

Join us in this friendly group which meets on the second and fourth Monday in the Conference Room, main floor, from 1:00-3:00PM. We do not meet when the church office is closed for holidays or for other reasons. Bring your embroidery, mending, knitting, crocheting, or other "easy-to-carry" handwork to the gathering. Be prepared for much laughter and camaraderie. Contact: Ginger August 609-924-6391.

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; drold2010@comcast.net.

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, 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 Jeanne Katen 609-921-7364

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

Walk, Talk, Pray

Mother's Fellowship meets Mondays from 9:00 to 10:15AM at the church to walk, talk and pray. Childcare is provided from 8:45 -10:30AM, with a reservation. All mothers of infants through high school students are welcome. Contact Corrie Berg, corrie@nassauchurch.org.

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book group will meet at the home of Judy Matthies, 391 Nassau Street, for the discussion of *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett, at 7:30PM on Monday evening, February 13. All women are welcome. Contact Judy Matthies at 609-924- 6331 for more information.

Women's Early Friday Morning Bible Study

Women meet for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study in various homes at 7:00AM on Fridays. Contact Doodie Meyer 609-275-6331 for information and meeting locations.

Tending the Flock

Deaths

Miye Sano, mother of Lorraine Jackson, on December 5, 2011 in Boulder, CO

Richard Gilbert, on December 6, 2011 in Princeton, NJ

Bina Wells, mother of Bob Wells, on December 8, 2011 in Indianapolis, IN

Irene Wanat, mother of Ron Wanat, on December 14, 2011 in Old Bridge, NJ

Richard Jesser, on December 16, 2011 in Princeton, NJ

Charles Jaffin, husband of Rosanna Jaffin, on December 22, 2011 in Princeton, NJ

Christopher Benchley, son of Wendy Benchley, on December 29, 2011 in Jamaica

Baptisms

Genevieve Marie Simpson-Sundell, daughter of Kristin Sundell and Bradley Simpson, on December 18, 2011

Become a Part of Habitat for Humanity in Trenton

Habitat for Humanity of Trenton values its long relationship with Nassau Presbyterian Church. In order to sustain it, Habitat is looking for volunteer leaders to build connections with other religious groups, improve neighborhood relations, support the low-income Habitat partner families, assist with legal or financial issues, strengthen the Board of Trustees, and/or de-

velop the retail business of the ReStore.

Please contact Rev. David McAlpin, President, at dmca1950@aol.com or 908-359-4442 to explore the possibility of becoming such a link between Nassau Presbyterian Church and Habitat for Humanity of Trenton.

On *My Nassau*, You can:

- Look up the most current directory information for members
 - Check your contributions and pledge history
 - Register for events and trips
 - Join a Small Group
 - Update your contact information

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 1, 2012, 7:00 – 8:30PM at Nassau Presbyterian Church

Acclaimed actor Brad Sherrill presents “Red Letter Jesus,” a live performance with original multimedia from Israel and Jordan. Mr. Sherrill dramatizes the words of Jesus taken from Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Dance Workshop: February 11, 1:00 - 4:00PM

Calling all dancers! Come explore ways that dance can bring you closer to God. Nassau Church invites third graders through adults to be part of a dance workshop led by artist-in-residence Meagan Woods in the Assembly Room. Participants will develop movement to reflect Bible stories, prayer, song, and choreo-

graph and participate in a dance to accompany the following Sunday's anthem. If interested and available for both services on Sunday February 12, sign up at *My Nassau* or contact Lauren Yeh by January 27.

Westminster Conservatory Recital, February 16

On Thursday, February 16 *Westminster Conservatory at Nassau* will present Amy Wolfe, flute; Sara Bennett Wolfe, 'cello; and Marianne Lauffer, piano, in recital. The program comprises excerpts from *Suite Paysanne Hongroise* for flute and piano by Bela Bartok, "Dolcissimo" from *Das Buch* for solo 'cello by Peteris Vasks, and the *Trio* for flute, 'cello, and piano by Bohuslav

Martinu. The recital is free of charge and will take place at 12:15PM in the Niles Chapel.

On March 15 Conservatory pianist Mary Greenberg will perform an original dramatic monologue based on the life and works of Clara Schumann. The monologue incorporates selections from Schumann's compositions for solo piano.

Nassau at Four is February 26

Praise with Strings and Pipes

Janet Miller, *organist* with Nancy Wilson and Margaret Banks, *violin*

Nassau's own Organist/Accompanist, Janet Miller, will join forces with a string ensemble to present organ concerti. Composers will include Handel, Haydn, and Rheinberger among others. Miller, who has been at Nassau since 2002, holds de-

grees from Westminster Choir College (organ), and the Curtis Institute of Music (oboe), and has done post-graduate work at the Franz Liszt Conservatory in Weimar. After a number of years teaching piano through a community extension program at Temple University, Janet opened her own Philadelphia Suzuki Piano Studio in 2010. You won't want to miss the magic of strings and organ playing together.