

Nassau Generations

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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)*



Our Lenten Journey with Christ

Nassau Presbyterian Church

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Worship in February

Sunday, February 7 – Communion

Dave Davis preaching

Sunday, February 14– The Transfiguration

Dave Davis preaching

Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday, 12:00noon and 7:30PM

Dave Davis preaching - Luke 9:51

Sunday, February 21 - Lent I

Dave Davis preaching - Luke 9:51-62

Sunday, February 28 - Lent II, Youth Sunday

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Annual Women's Retreat Scheduled for March 12-14

The Journey Story: Reading to Live, Writing to Give, the annual Women's Retreat at Camp Kenbrook, Lebanon, Pennsylvania from Friday, March 12 – Sunday, March 14

Brochures and registration forms are in the literature racks.

Reservations will be required by Sunday, February 21. We will join the women of Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, PA for this retreat. Talk to Joyce MacKichan Walker 609-924-0103 or joyce@nassauchurch.org if you have questions.

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

***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

Come to an Information Session Sunday, February 21 at 9:45-10:15AM in the Chapel. 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.

*“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*

Worship Explorers in February

As Advent found us on the road to Bethlehem, so Lent (which begins February 17) takes Worship Explorers on a journey to Jerusalem. During Advent many people—the prophets, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi—showed us the way to Bethlehem, but in Lent it is Jesus alone who shows us the way to Jerusalem. We speak of Lent as the time to get ready to celebrate the mystery of Easter. We introduce Lenten stories 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...” Stories of Jesus’ final weeks then follow, told using a long tan felt road, with a large wooden model of Jerusalem standing at one end.

Worship Explorers is a special environment where young children age PreK through 3rd 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 February:

February 7 – COMMUNION, NO Worship Explorers

February 14—Lenten Puzzle & Church Year Calendar

February 21—Jesus and the Children

February 28 – YOUTH SUNDAY, NO Worship Explorers

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. 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. We'll continue our discussion of Carol Wehrheim's *Giving Together* with the author herself! Copies of the book are available for purchase at the meeting or in the office. New attendees are always welcome; childcare is provided. 2010 meeting dates: February 4 & 18, 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 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 will meet at Ginger August's home for an early pot-luck dinner February 21 at 5:30PM rather than directly after church that day. The book discussion is of the prize-winning novel *Montana 1948* by Larry Watson. *Montana 1948* reflects on the hopelessly complex issue of doing the right thing and on the courage it takes to face one's demons. With events reflecting a small town's prejudice, privileges and the abuse of power, Watson has written a nostalgic, bittersweet coming-of-age tale set in the Big Sky state. By the time the final chapter is reached the young protagonist David has left behind his childhood and has drastically changed his perspective on both his family and the world they live in. The book also explores the effects of cataclysmic events on naturally reticent people and revelations of other, hidden sides to them. This poignant narrative of a family scandal leads to justice with an unexpected twist. The address is 32 Stetson Way, Princeton. Call for information and directions 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: **Sunday, February 7, 2:00PM for Bowling** (lanes on Rt. 130), with an option of dinner afterward. RSVP to Kim Beasley at kbeasley@wje.com. The monthly **Sunday lunch is February 28 at Massala Grill after church**. 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, February 8th, at the home of Judy Matthies, 387 Nassau Street in Princeton. We will discuss the book, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery at 7:30 (please note time change). For further information call Judy Matthies 609-924-6331.

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Fellowship and Support, *continued*

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; Dlroidan2000@yahoo.com).

Visual Arts Workshop with Charles McCollough, Sculptor

February 20, 12:30-5:00PM at Erdman Center Art Studio, Princeton Theological Seminary

Maybe you have wanted to create sculptures since playing with mud as a child. Maybe you have wanted to find the connection between art and your life of faith. Here is an opportunity to do so with the guidance of a professional sculptor, Charles McCollough, using clay to create your own sculpture as we explore Nassau's theme from the season of Lent, "Our Lenten Journey with Christ." Participants will have hands-on time to work with clay communicating visually and tactilely thoughts that may be "too deep for words".

The workshop is open to adults and youth grades 9-12, and all experience levels are welcome. Participation is limited to fifteen. Your reservation with a \$10.00 donation for materials

is due at the church office by February 16. Youth participants are also required to turn in a completed event-specific permission form, signed by a parent or guardian. The Art Studio is located in the basement of Erdman Center (accessible by stairs or elevator), 20 Library Place, Princeton. Parking for Erdman Hall is located behind Speer and Luce Libraries.

McCollough is a UCC minister who combines his sculpture with his religious training. His most recent book, *The Art of Parables*, will be available during the workshop. Based in Hopewell with a studio in a converted nineteenth-century barn, McCollough has toured nationally with his work and is currently the visiting artist at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. You can enjoy his work also in the month of February as part of our Conference Room Art Shows.

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau Recital is February 18

Conservatory Recital Series continues with music for two flutes at 12:15PM, Thursday, February 18. The program of music for two flutes will range from the eighteenth to twenty-first centuries. The performers will be Seth Rosenthal and Kevin Willois, members of the Westminster Conservatory faculty.

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.

On March 18 the performers will be Linda Mindlin, mezzo-soprano and Patricia Tupta Landy, piano.

Nassau at Four: Lile Piano Trio, February 24

February 28, 4:00PM in the Sanctuary Patrick Wood, *violin*; Adam Grabois, *cello*; Holly Chatham, *piano*

Ensemble-in-Residence of the Lile Hall Concert Series at Christ Church in Summit, NJ, and no strangers to the Princeton community, the trio's members have been mentored by the

Emerson Quartet, the Amadeus Quartet, conductors Christopher Hogwood, Paul Hillier, among other eminent musicians. Their program of classical chamber music promises to be a highlight of the year. Reservations for dinner, served for a modest \$7.00, are due at the church office by February 24.

2010 Calendar of Lenten Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday

11:40AM Van pick up at Mountain Lakes Parking Lot
12:00PM Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion
1:00PM Luncheon, Assembly Room
7:30PM Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion
David Davis preaching; Luke 9:51
Carbon Fast begins

Sunday, February 21 - Lent 1

Worship 9:15 and 11:00AM
David Davis preaching; Luke 9:51-62
12:15PM Film and Lunch with the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church
Film: *Send the Devil Back to Hell*
Assembly Room

Sunday, February 28 - Lent 2

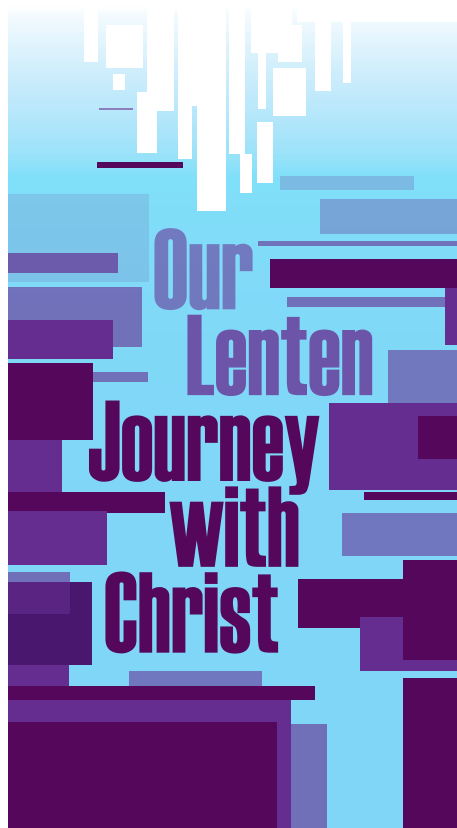
Worship 9:15 and 11:00AM
Youth Sunday, Youth preaching Earth Stewardship Hunger offering/Red Wagon
4:00PM Nassau at 4 Lile Piano Trio

Sunday, March 7 - Lent 3

Worship 9:15 and 11:00AM
Sacrament of Holy Communion
David Davis preaching; Luke 13:22-30
12:00PM Presbyterian Women's Luncheon, Assembly Room
2:00PM Lenten Service of Wholeness and Healing, Niles Chapel

Sunday, March 14 - Lent 4

Worship 9:15 and 11:00AM
David Davis preaching; Luke 18:31-43
Princeton Theological Seminary
Touring Choir leading music
12:15PM Luncheon for the Princeton Theological Seminary
Community, Assembly Room
7:00PM CAYA - Come As You Are
Worship, Assembly Room



Friday, March 19- Monday, March 22

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (E.A.D.)
Youth Mission Trip in Washington D.C.

Sunday, March 21 - Lent 5

Worship 9:15 and 11:00AM
Lauren McFeaters preaching;
Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

Worship 9:15 and 11:00AM
David Davis preaching; Luke 19:29-44
Hunger Offering/Red Wagon
4:00PM Nassau at 4 with
William Walker

Holy Week

Monday, March 29

Worship 7:30PM in Niles Chapel
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Led by Chris Holmes; Luke 20:9-19

Tuesday, March 30

Worship 7:30PM, Niles Chapel
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Led by the Princeton Presbyterians;
Luke 21:34-38

Wednesday, March 31

Worship 7:30PM, Niles Chapel
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Led by the Middle School Fellowship;
Luke 22:14-23

Maundy Thursday, April 1

11:40AM Van pick up at Mountain Lakes Parking Lot
12:00PM Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion
1:00PM Luncheon, Assembly Room
7:30PM Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion
David Davis preaching; Luke 22:39-46

Good Friday, April 2

12:00PM Worship
Luke 22:66-49

Saturday, April 3

Carbon Fast ends

Easter Sunday - April 4 The Resurrection of our Lord

7:00AM Worship in Niles Chapel
9:00 and
11:00AM Festival Worship, Sanctuary
David Davis preaching; Luke 24:1-12

40-day Carbon Fast – Lent 2010

The world can change a lot in 40 days. Biblically, this period takes on huge significance as a time to repent, reflect, sacrifice and hear from God. You are invited to use this 40-day carbon fast as an opportunity to rethink the impact of your lifestyle and consumption.



Day 1

February 17

Ash Wednesday

Remove one light bulb (without inviting danger) and live without it until Easter.

Day 2

February 18

Dine by candlelight.

Day 3

February 19

Tread lightly – whether that's by foot, by bike, on to a bus, or on the gas as you drive. Find a way to reduce carbon dioxide emissions when you travel today.

Day 4

February 20

Check your home (windows and doors) for drafts with a ribbon or feather. If it flutters, consider buying a draft dodger or otherwise stemming the cold inflow.

SUNDAY

February 21

Day 5

February 22

Talk about your carbon fast today. Encourage others to join in.

Day 6

February 23

Turn your central heating thermostat down by one degree.

Day 7

February 24

Say goodbye to standby. Check that all electrical equipment is switched off when not in use. The TV alone will save a hefty 45 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Day 8

February 25

Unplug your mobile phone charger: it uses electricity even when it's not charging.

Day 9

February 26

Climate change isn't a distant threat. It's affecting poor communities now. Pray for vulnerable communities' ability to adapt to the changing weather. Include in your prayers the recipients of our fourth Sunday hunger offering.

Day 10

February 27

When you go out, bring your own reusable water bottle. Tomorrow bring your own coffee mug to church for the coffee hour and support the message of the Youth Sunday service.

SUNDAY

February 28

Youth Sunday. Fourth Sunday hunger offering and Red Wagon food collection.

Day 11

March 1

Give your dishwasher a day off. If you are buying a dishwasher, buy one that is an Energy-Star qualified appliance.

Day 12

March 2

Use local shops instead of driving to out-of-town shopping malls and stores. Walk there if possible.

Day 13

March 3

Find out where one or more of your legislators stand on an energy conservation issue important to you.

Day 14

March 4

In New Jersey it is possible to designate that some or all of your electricity be generated from green sources (wind, solar, hydro). Consider whether it makes sense for you to do this. For more information, contact the NJ Board of Public Utilities at 1-866-NJSMART or google NJ Clean Power Choice.

Day 15

March 5

Take a shower (10 minutes or less) instead of a bath: you'll heat less water.

Day 16

March 6

Snub plastic bags. Get into the habit of taking your own bag to the store or farm market. Ask your supermarket to buy things without unnecessary packaging.

SUNDAY

March 7

Day 17

March 8

Switch off lights as you leave the room.

Day 18

March 9

Do not waste water. Draw only what you need and think about what you throw away. Water a plant instead.

Day 19

March 10

Cut the air miles. Don't consume any food that you know has been imported by plane (apart from Fair Trade products).

Day 20

March 11

Compost. Put the nutrients from food waste back into the soil, not into a landfill.

Day 21

March 12

Run your washing machine only when you have a full load.

Clip this out and post it where you can refer to it daily.

Day 22

March 13

Turn the faucets completely off. In one day, a hot dripping faucet can fill a bathtub. If you have a leaking faucet, call the plumber.

SUNDAY

March 14

Day 23

March 15

Reduce – or better yet – try to eliminate electronic entertainment. No TV, no radio. Unplug all recharging devices not in use.

Day 24

March 16

Find a place to use an energy-saving compact fluorescent bulb (CFL). If every American household replaced just one standard bulb with a CFL, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year.

Day 25

March 17

Who works hardest in the house? It's the fridge. It's churning away 24/7. Clean the coils to make sure it's running efficiently.

Day 26

March 18

'Love does no harm to its neighbor.' Romans 13:10. But while our lifestyles consume more and more energy, our poorer neighbors are suffering. Reflect on ways to love our neighbors in our increasingly connected world.

Day 27

March 19

Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure means high fuel consumption.

Day 28

March 20

Calculate your carbon footprint using the paper version available at church or try the carbon calculator from either the Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/individual.html> or the Nature Conservancy <http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator/> Resolve to reduce your carbon footprint.

SUNDAY

March 21

Day 29

March 22

Are you recycling everything possible? Really everything? Look into it today.

Day 30

March 23

Find out a new fact about the impact of climate change today. Share it with a friend.

Day 31

March 24

Foaming, caulking and weatherstripping, adding insulation, or replacing windows can help to eliminate uncomfortable cold spots and overheated rooms. Do what you can today. Make plans for further improvements.

Day 32

March 25

Of the animals we omnivores eat, beef cattle produce the most methane, a greenhouse gas. Try going without beef for a week. Congratulate any vegetarian you know, including yourself if you are one, for contributing less to global warming.

Day 33

March 26

Find one way to save paper today. Reuse paper or print double sided or something else. Recycle shredded paper.

Day 34

March 27

Be part of Earth Hour, an international effort to together show we care about our earth. Turn off all the nonessential lights and nonessential appliances in your home for one hour between 8:00-9:00PM. Go to www.earthhour.org for more information and to see pictures of what happened in 2009.

PALM SUNDAY

March 28

Fourth Sunday hunger offering and Red Wagon food collection.

Day 35

March 29

Touch your water heater carefully. A tank that is warm to the touch needs additional insulation. Heating water is a top energy expense, about 13 percent of the utility bill. Insulation can keep more than 300 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere each year and costs about \$25.

Day 36

March 30

Re-use an item you would have thrown away, whether that's jam jars, envelopes, cereal box liners, ice-cream containers or something else.

Day 37

March 31

The state of New Jersey will pay \$30 for recycling your old working refrigerator or freezer. Call 877-270-3520. Also see

www.njcleanenergy.com New Jersey's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program offers an opportunity to "save up the 30 percent on energy costs and increase the comfort, safety, and durability of your home." Federal tax credits are now available for energy efficient home improvements. Consider whether any of these programs could help you.

Day 38

April 1

Maundy Thursday. Stop receiving unwanted catalogs today. Unwanted catalogs cause trees to be cut down for no purpose. Unwanted catalogs take energy to print and distribute. They take energy to collect if recycled. If not recycled, they fill up landfills. Go to www.catalogchoice.org.

Day 39

April 2

Could our church be greener? Join Nassau's Earth Stewardship Advocacy Group and help us figure it out.

Day 40

April 3

Consider borrowing books from the library instead of buying them. CONGRATULATIONS! You have finished the 40-day carbon fast. Are there some parts of the fast you would like to continue?

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

Happy Easter

Adapted from the 2009 40-day Carbon Fast of Saint Mark Presbyterian Church of Rockville, MD which adapted it from Tearfund, UK, 2008 40 Day Energy Fast.

Adult Education

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 15th 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. Linda Gilmore, Keith Mertz, and Jon and Mary Ann Alger serve as coordinators, but members of the group also lead.

Sunday Morning Forums

Series: *Stewardship of the Earth for the 21st*

Century (Music Room) 9:15 – 10:15AM

February 7: Attractive & Environmentally Responsible Lawns

During these cold February days, do you find yourself longing for the greening of spring? Are you nostalgic for lawns, soft and verdant, and for gardens ablaze with color? Now is the perfect time to plan for your summer lawn and learn how to maintain its beauty without using products that can be harmful to the earth, children, pets and other living creatures.

Barbara J. Bromley is the Mercer County Horticulturist. Based at the Mercer County Extension office in Lawrence Township (a county branch of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Rutgers Agricultural Experiment Station), Barbara serves as the go-to expert for almost any horticultural topic you can imagine. Her expertise includes plant diagnostics, soil testing, selecting appropriate plants for given sites, fertilizing, mulching, controlling pests, and, a big one in our area, dissuading deer. Because she has a realistic understanding of the economic and time constraints which affect us all, she is passionate about providing practical advice and clear, manageable choices. Bring your horticultural questions. She will help us create lovely, healthy lawns which will enhance our lives and benefit the larger environment we all share.

February 14: Happiness in the Biblical Prophets

9:15 – 10:15 AM, Assembly Room

“Happiness” is all the rage these days - even the *New York Times* ran a regular blog on it (“Happy Days”)! With so many visions of happiness competing in the marketplace of ideas, examine what the Bible, and especially the Old Testament prophets, have to say about what makes for a happy life. While they themselves are often thought of as unhappy people bringing unhappiness to others, the prophets actually offer a profound vision of what it means to be happy.

Jacqueline E. Lapsley is associate professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is interested in literary readings of the Old Testament narratives, the prophets, Old Testament ethics, and theological anthropology. She cochairs the Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group of the Society of Biblical Literature and is currently coediting two books, *A Handbook of Feminist Biblical Theology* and *A Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*. She is currently a member of Nassau’s Session and teaches Old Testament to our fifth graders.

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

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!

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Adult Education, continued

February 21: Themes of Lent Portrayed in Art

Experience an historical overview of Lent in the visual arts.

Karlfried Froehlich retired as Benjamin B. Warfield Professor of Church History in 1992 after a distinguished career at Princeton Theological Seminary that began in 1968. A prolific author and revered teacher, he returns as our all time favorite art presenter and interpreter.

February 28: Atonement— Jesus, Jewish Tradition and the New Testament

Explore the significance of atonement in the earliest Christian traditions and consider how it relates to themes such as recon-

ciliation and forgiveness, not only within the community of faith but also more generally among human beings.

Loren T. Stuckenbruck is the Richard Dearborn Professor of New Testament Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. His areas of interest include the reception of Jewish traditions in the New Testament, early Jewish wisdom and apocalyptic thought, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Semitic languages, theological anthropology, and the problem of evil.

A Film Event: “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”

“**Pray the Devil Back to Hell**”: A showing and discussion of this riveting, true story of the unsung women heroines of Liberia, who, armed only with white t-shirts and courage brought down a dictator and ended a long and brutal civil war. This film premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2008, where it won Best Documentary feature, has been critically acclaimed world-wide, and continues to travel internationally to bring its encouraging message to war survivors, politicians, and others living through conflict and brutality. The Liberian women depicted in the film received both a John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage award and the Gruber Women’s Rights Prize for

2009.

This film event is co-sponsored by the Nassau Presbyterian Church and the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 12:15 PM at the Nassau Presbyterian Church. A light lunch will be served before the viewing and all are urged to attend this inspirational account of a group of people working together with strength, determination, and unity to bring peace to a West African nation.

For details or information contact: Joyce MacKichan Walker 609-924-0103, ext. 106 or joyce@nassauchurch.org.

Sign Up to Host or Attend Lenten Dinners

During Lent, we invite you to experience hospitality and enjoy fellowship by hosting or attending a meal and home communion with others in the congregation and beyond. If you choose to host a meal and invite guests, contact Linda Jesse at lent.npc@gmail.com (or 609-259-9157) with the date and time. She will schedule a clergy person to attend and officiate at communion, and will provide you with a booklet for worship. If you would like to be a guest at such a dinner, let Linda know and she will give your name to a dinner host. Beginning Sunday, February 7, Linda can be found between services at a table in the Assembly Room ready to sign up hosts & guests and answer any questions you may have.

Reminder: Annual Valentines for Food is February 6-14

Show the love in the weeks leading up to Valentines Day by making a food or cash donation to feed people in low-income households in Mercer County. There are many ways to get involved: Purchase a \$3.99 Valentine for Food at McCaffrey’s Markets in Princeton and West Windsor from February 6 to 14 in the check out aisle. McCaffrey’s Market matches your

gifts dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 and Crisis Ministry uses the credit to purchase food. Cash donations are always welcomed! Make a donation at church on Sunday, February 14, or go to our website www.thecrisisministry.org any time from January to February 11 and order “Virtual Valentines” for your loved ones.

Tending the Flock

Births

Eva Lauren van Huyssten, granddaughter of Hester & Wentzel van Huyssten on October 24, 2009

Sydney Ava Matthies, daughter of Dan & Heather Matthies and granddaughter of Judy & Dennis Matthies, on Saturday, November 14

Jill Margaret Tevebaugh, granddaughter of Tom Fulmer, on January 8, 2010

Baptisms

Johanna Margaret Flythe, on November 22

Grace Joe Hollis, daughter of Laura Weaver Hollis & Adam Hollis, on November 22

Adam Hollis, on November 22

Zackary Alan Miller, son of Zoe Marie Lade Argento & Jeffrey Alan Miller, on December 27

Simone Argento, daughter of Vivian Schoeppner Argento & Adrian Argento, on December 27

Deaths

Martha Pickens, mother of Jan Hill Keyes, on December 1, in Texas.

Robert Williams, brother of Margaret Migliore, on December 15, in Pittsburgh, PA.

Children's & Family Ministry News

Camp Johnsonburg: On Sunday, February 21, Mike Socia, Camp Johnsonburg Director, will be with us to let everyone know about our very own Presbyterian Camp and its summer programs. Parents, plan to bring your children at 9:15AM to the chapel, where you'll meet other Nassau friends who've experienced the camp, hear from Mike, and find answers to your questions. Children will be dismissed from the chapel to their Church School classes at the normal time, and adults may return to worship or remain for information on this year's Family Mission Trip. Brochures are available in the literature rack outside the church office.

Family Mission Trip 2010: Come to an information session about this year's Family Mission Trip on February 21 from 9:45-10:15AM in the Chapel. Please see page 3.

Vacation Bible School: Planning for this year's wonderful week is beginning! Mark your calendars for June 28 – July 2. Would you like to be a part of the planning or staffing of the week? Contact Molly Dykstra at molly@nassauchurch.org or (609) 924-0103x109.

Star Gifts: Thanks to the many who lent their hands to produce the delightful Star Gifts—heavy paper stars with glitter, ribbon and a word printed on one side to reflect on and carry through the new year—distributed in worship on Epiphany,

January 3. Following the December 27 brunch, children, youth and adults produced the gifts. Special thanks goes to Sue Ellen Page and Sue Rodgers for their vision and assistance. Did you miss receiving a star? Please inquire in the church office.

Red Wagon Sundays: Be watching for red wagons at the doors to the sanctuary for collection of foodstuffs for the Crisis Ministry on the fourth Sunday of every month. Young wagon-rollers will bring our offering into the sanctuary during worship. Next Red Wagon Sunday: February 28.

5th 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.

Upcoming Special Dates:

February 7: Everyone in Worship for Communion (Classes for 2s & 3s/4s Only)

February 21: 9:15AM – Camp Johnsonburg Event for Parents, Youth and Children – Niles Chapel

9:45AM – Family Mission Trip Informational Meeting – Niles Chapel

February 28: Everyone in Worship for Youth Sunday (Classes for 2s & 3s/4s Only) Red Wagon Sunday

Help the Haiti Earthquake Relief: Visit our website www.nassauchurch.org or call (609) 924-0103 x 200. Donate to NPC (memo line "Haiti") or give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at (800) 872-2382; by mail to PDA acct.# DR000064, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700; online at www.pcusa.org/pda/.

February Art Show: Paintings and Sculpture



Chaos in the Cosmos, oil on canvas

Brian Daly has been painting since he was eight years old when his shop teacher in elementary school, who happened also to be a professional oil painter, urged him to take painting lessons. He has been studying oil painting, water color and pastel for years in adult education courses and at Artworks in Trenton. Brian is surrounded by artists in his family— his father was an art director for Boeing Aircraft, his wife Beth is an art teacher, a daughter, Margarita, is an elementary school art teacher and another daughter is a graphic designer.

Brian currently works in oil and water color and his current themes are: Russian churches, outer space, Guatemala, Irish landscapes and seascapes. He has previously exhibited at Nassau and at Mercer County Community College, Gallery 125, Cafe Olé and Artworks.



The Prodigal Son and a pig, fired clay, 10" x 10", 2007

After completing his Ph.D. in Theology, **Charles McCollough** worked for the national staff of the United Church of Christ in the areas of adult education and social justice. At the same time, he pursued his love of art, studying sculpture at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Johnson Atelier, the Princeton Art Association, and Mercer College. He has taught art and social ethics, sculpted, and lectured on themes such as human rights, peace, and justice.

He is the author of seven books: *Morality and Power*, *Heads of Heaven - Feet of Clay*, *Lifestyles of Faithfulness*, *To Love the Earth*, *Resolving Conflict with Justice and Peace*, *Faith Made Visible*, and *The Art of Parables*. He is currently artist in residence at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and is the presenter of Nassau's visual arts workshop on February 20th.