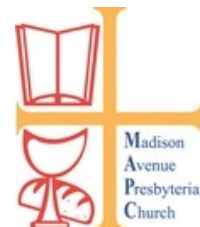


The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter April 8, 2018



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Worship Schedule

9 am and 11:15 am service

Infant Nursery—4th Fl. Phillips Building, 8:30 am—1 pm

Toddler Nursery—4th Fl. Church House, 8:30 am—1 pm

This Sunday The Rev. Jenny McDevitt will be preaching. Her sermon entitled ***“We Need Each Other”*** will be based on the texts: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1—2:2; and John 20:19-31. Healing and Wholeness prayers will be offered at both services. Preview the latest Sunday bulletin, or listen to sermons and service highlights from previous Sundays on MAPC’s website.

Children’s Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Phillips Lounge

Youth Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Dana Chapel

Welcome Jenny Fellowship Hour, 10 am, Lobby

Church School, 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Youth Hour, 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

Welcome Jenny Fellowship Hour, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall

Confirmation Class, 1 pm, Youth Lounge

Shelter Orientation, 1 pm, Shelter Space

ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space

To Check out the Church’s Calendar:

Go to the website at
[http://www.mapc.com/
calendar/calendar/](http://www.mapc.com/calendar/calendar/)

**MAPC is on Facebook
and Instagram!**

*See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff*

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This Week

Youth, Thursday Open Table Service Group, Today from 6-8 pm



Looking for service hours? Do you enjoy hanging out with friends? Want to help others at church and in the community? Come serve a warm meal prepared by our chef to our neighbors in need. All are welcome, and please bring friends. To sign up to serve this week, please email Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

This Sunday

Come Welcome our New Senior Pastor and Head of Staff,
Jenny McDevitt, on Sunday, April 8!



Jenny's first Sunday as MAPC's Senior Pastor is April 8. We encourage everyone to come to fellowship hour in the Church House Lobby after the 9 am service to welcome Jenny and to come downstairs to the Parish Hall after the 11:15 am service for a welcome reception. There will be no adult education class this Sunday, so that everyone can enjoy fellowship between the services. There will be Christian Education for children and youth on the 5th Floor at the usual 10:10 am time. For information on Jenny, go to the MAPC website or click [here](#).

Other Events & Announcements

Thank You for Contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for contributing on Palm Sunday to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering! This offering raises money to assist those affected by natural disasters, provides food to the hun-

gry, and helps build strong communities. Through Palm Sunday, we collected a total of \$2,640. If you did not get a chance to contribute to this offering, you can still do so

[online](#) by choosing "O.G.H.S." You may also still bring coin boxes or contributions to the church in One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes or designate checks for "One Great Hour of Sharing."

Thank You for Contributing to the 2018 Special Easter Offering— Rutgers Presbyterian Church Refugee Task Force

Thank you for the gifts to the special Easter offering, totaling \$3,043. These funds will go to the Rutgers Presbyterian Church Refugee Task Force to help with their ministry in sponsoring refugee families. In addition to the two families from Syria that Rutgers co-

sponsored over the past couple of years, they have most recently welcomed two families from Afghanistan whose lives were at risk due to their work with the US military or government in Afghanistan. It is not too late to participate in

this offering. You may give through the MAPC website by clicking on the “Giving” tab, or send your gift to the church: MAPC, 921 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10021; Attn: Richard Frey. Please put “Special Easter Offering” on the memo line of your check.

Church Family Night, Friday, April 13, 6 pm in the Parish Hall



Come enjoy a Church Family Night on Friday, April 13, with good food, fellowship, a craft, movie and gym time. We ask for a \$20 donation for adults and a contribution of your choice for children 12 and under. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, at lgp@mapc.com.

Senior Fellowship Lunch, Sunday, April 15, 1 pm in the Parish Hall

MAPC seniors, please come downstairs after fellowship hour on April 15th for lunch and conversation. Suggested donation is \$10.

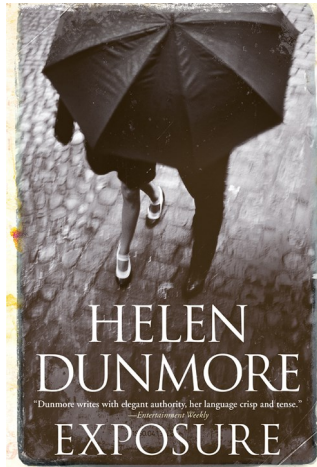


Women's Fellowship, Monday, April 16, 6:30 pm on the 5th Floor



MAPC women, come enjoy an evening of fellowship on Monday, April 16th. Jenny McDevitt will be with us, and we'll have a chance to get to know each other better. Suggested donation for the evening is \$25.

MAPC Book Club,
Tuesday, April 17, 4 pm
in the Hood Library



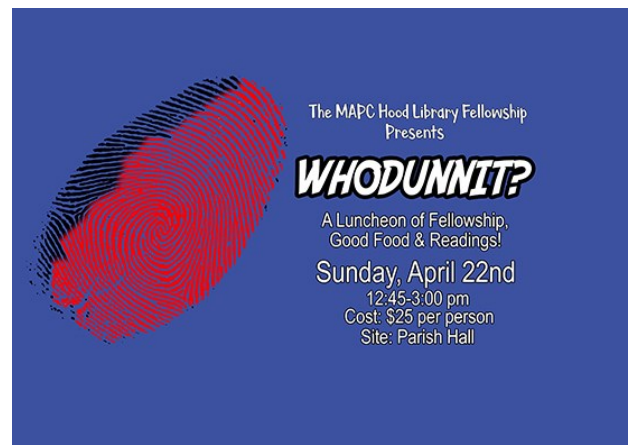
Come join the MAPC Book Club to discuss *Exposure* by Helen Dunmore. All are welcome!

Highlights of the March Session Meeting

The Session met in a regular called meeting on March 27, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

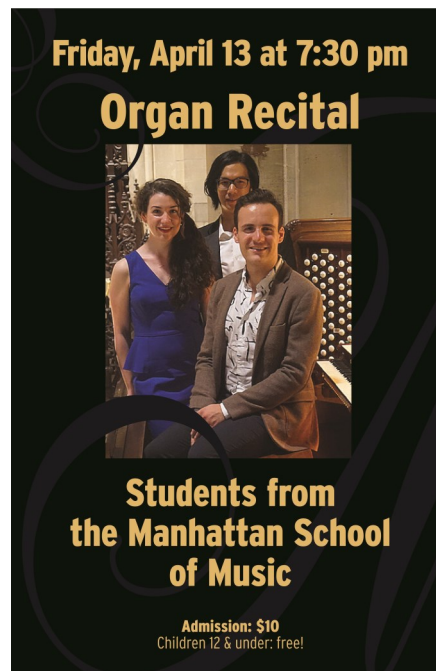
Sunday, April 22, 1 pm
Annual Hood Library Fellowship
Literary Luncheon
in the Parish Hall

The theme for this year's Library Luncheon is *Whodunnit?* with readings from some of our favorite mystery writers. We'll have a delicious meal, good fellowship, and fun program of readings. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation is \$25.



Music on Madison: Organ Students from MSM

The next concert on our series on **Friday, April 13 at 7:30 pm** features our first *Music on Madison* series collaboration with the Manhattan School of Music. Three graduate students from MSM's Organ Department, Henry Lee, Shannon Murphy & Austin Philemon, will perform a varied program of organ masterworks by Buxtehude, Vierne, Duruflé, Escaich, Hakim & Conte on MAPC's Casavant Frères Organ. Admission is \$10; Children 12 and under/MSM faculty & students: free. Will Call tickets are available in advance [online](#).



All Church Retreat September 28-29 at Holmes Camp and Conference Center



Mark your calendar now for the All Church Retreat in the fall! WE are having it a little earlier this year and are hoping for beautiful weather for outdoor activities. We'll have plenty of room for those who want to come up and enjoy an evening of fellowship on Friday, and we will plan to start the program around 9 or 9:30 on Saturday for those who come for the day. We'll have more details as we get closer to summer.

Christian Education at MAPC

Volunteers Needed for Children's Worship

Children's Worship needs your help! If you can help assist in Children's Worship this year, please sign up for the 9 am worship service, or the 11:15 am worship service here. This ministry is a success thanks to your willingness to volunteer. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Christina Cosby at (212) 288-8920 x8480, or by email at cac@mapc.com.

Children and Family Ministries

Children's Worship

Children's worship takes place during both Sunday services (9 am and 11:15 am), and is an interactive worship service designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under.

Youth Worship

This interactive worship service takes place at both of our regularly-scheduled worship services (9 am and 11:15 am) and is designed to teach youth about the elements of Presbyterian Liturgy while offering leadership opportunities in worship each Sunday.

Important Note: Youth be-

tween grades 4 and 8 are encouraged to stay in worship on April 22nd and April 29th. There will be no Youth Hour due to Christina Cosby being on vacation and a lack of volunteers willing to teach and assist.

Kids Club

Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-6 pm
Families are invited to join Kids Club at any time! For more information, please visit our [website](#), or contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Kids Club schedule for the remainder of the year:



April 4, no Kids Club

April 11, Rev. Jenny McDevitt's first day with us

May 16, last Kids Club for this school year

Middle and High School Ministries

T(w)een Club

Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm

T(w)eens are invited to join Tween Club at any time during the year! For more information please visit our [website](#).

Please note that there will not be T(w)een Club on April 4. We hope that you enjoy the Easter

holiday and spring break season. The last day of T(w)een Club this year is May 16th. Please see Kids Club Schedule for more details or reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.



Please stay tuned for more service opportunities coming up, or go to the MAPC [website](#) for a complete list or click [here](#) to find an easy-to-print calendar.

Bible Studies at MAPC

Looking for a place to read Scripture together and get to know people at MAPC? Come to one of our Bible Studies; newcomers are always welcome! For more information, go to <http://www.mapc.com/christian-ed/adultclasses/>.

Reading Through the Bible:

Wednesdays, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm, Phillips Lounge

On April 11, we will pick up with Psalm 122.

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting, Thursday, April 12)

Thursday, April 12, 5:30-7:30 pm, 4th Floor Apartment

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection this Easter season. We will join together for spring festivities. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, April 9)

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Phillips Lounge

We continue to read Paul's letters. Currently, we are near the end of Ephesians! All are welcome to join anytime.

Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study is currently on hiatus.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Is there someone you would like to honor or remember through a gift of flowers for Sunday worship? If so, please contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com or 212-288-8920. The cost for Sunday flowers is \$110.

Stay Connected to Worship at MAPC

Did you know that even if you're away or unable to make it to church that you can listen to Sunday worship services at MAPC? Sermons and service highlights (including scripture

lessons, hymns and anthems) are uploaded afterwards, and are permanently accessible. They can be downloaded to your electronic device or listened to directly on MAPC's website: [peruse](#) this val-

uable online resource today! Once ready for print, our Sunday bulletins are also uploaded to our website on Thursday afternoons and are made permanently available for download.

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Thank You for Filling the New York Common Pantry Grocery Carts

The New York Common Pantry, the city's largest private food pantry and long-time MAPC Outreach partner, is asking for your continued support: canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, fresh or canned vegetables, and peanut butter. Please—no glass containers. You can drop off items in the grocery carts in the Church House Lobby or the Sanctuary Narthex, or you could even order groceries to be delivered through one of your grocers. (8 East 109th Street, New York, NY 10029, Phone: 917-720-9700). Thank you for taking seriously Christ's command to "feed my sheep!"

Clothing Donations Needed for Women and Men

The Homeless Outreach Program at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, one of MAPC's long-term outreach partners, continues to see a dramatic increase of homeless persons seeking assistance. Both casual and business clothing for men and women, as well as new undergarments, are among their most urgent needs. If you have clothing items in clean and neat condition, we encourage you to take them to the Jan Hus Clothes Pantry at 351 East 74th Street at 1st Avenue. The clothes pantry is available to take donations Monday through Saturday from 8 am-8pm and on Sunday from 9 am-3:30 pm. NOTE: Please bring all clothing to Jan Hus **directly**—clothing may no longer be left in the coatroom off of the MAPC Church House Lobby.

Hands-on Ministries

Ways to get involved at MAPC with hands and hearts!

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." The following opportunities to participate in hands-on ministries are provided by the Outreach Committee. If you are interested in exploring any of these opportunities, e-mail Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com. Let's put our faith into action!

The Thursday Open Table Needs YOU!

Can you spare 2 hours on a Thursday evening from 6-8 pm? If so, then you can help feed 120 hungry neighbors a hot meal, offering them Christian hospitality. Please contact Kathy Hoffman at

kfhoffman@earthlink.net to volunteer for this opportunity (formerly known as Shelter Diner)

Host at the Shelter

Hosts are needed for the Shelter! The Shelter is comfortable and the experience of helping these men get their lives back on track is one that will change your heart. Two shifts are offered each evening. Early evening hosts volunteer from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; overnight hosts volunteer from 8:30 pm to 7 am. Contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com for more information.

Search and Care

Can you spend an afternoon with

an elderly person on the Upper Eastside to walk their pet, go with them to a doctor's appointment, help them shop, balance their checkbook or even just offer them the gift of companionship? If so, contact Robin Strashun at SandC@searchandcare.org.

New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry offers opportunities for volunteers to help pack and distribute food to the working poor on Saturday mornings and other times each week. MAPC has supported this very well-organized and effective organization since its inception 30 years ago. This is a wonderful way to follow Christ's command to "feed my sheep!"