

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018



**Madison
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Presbyterian
Church**

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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 ***"How Are Your Table Manners?"*** will be based on the texts: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; and Luke 24:36b-48. 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

Fellowship Hour, 10 am, Lobby

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Dana Chapel (see inside)

Church School, 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Youth Hour, 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

Fellowship Hour, 12:30 pm, Lobby

Senior Fellowship Lunch, 1 pm, Parish Hall (see inside)

Confirmation Class, 1 pm, Youth Lounge

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/)

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and Instagram!**

*See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff*

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This Week

Church Family Night is This Friday, April 13, 6 pm, Parish Hall



Come enjoy Church Family Night this 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.

Music on Madison: Organ Students from MSM

The next concert is **Friday, April 13 at 7:30 pm**—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



This Sunday

Adult Education, April 15, 10:10 am, Dana Chapel



Do you know what makes each book of the Bible unique? Join us this Sunday, as we explore the Gospels, their similarities and differences, with Christina Cosby. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.



In My Father's House



We were deeply saddened to learn from our partners in the Synod of Harare, in Zimbabwe, of the death of Elder Aubrey Silo on April 9. Aubrey had traveled to MAPC twice as a member of the visiting teams from the Harare Synod, and Aubrey and his wife, Barbara, had hosted Fred Anderson and Don Wahlig on two of MAPC's visits to Zimbabwe. Aubrey was a leading elder in the church in Zimbabwe and a member of the new City Church in Harare that we have helped construct. Elder Silo was a successful business person, with a yearning to study theology, and a most generous person who loved to laugh. He will be deeply missed by our partners in Zimbabwe and by all of us who came to know him through our partnership. Please keep Aubrey's family and the church in your prayers.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They will rest from their labors, and their deeds follow them." Rev. 14:13

Other Events & Announcements

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 \$3,083. 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 by sending 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.

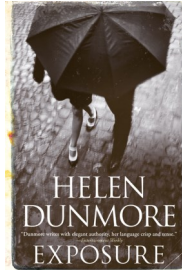
Women's Fellowship, Monday, April 16, 6:30 pm on the 5th Floor



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. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com or sign up after the worship services on Sunday.

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

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

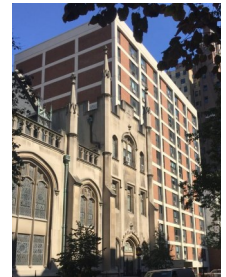


Highlights of the March Session Meeting

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

Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group, April 19, 1 pm, in the James Lenox House Library

This is an open group, and any are welcome to join in this time of fellowship, prayer and reflection on a passage of scripture. Beverly Bartlett facilitates the group, which is comprised of MAPC members and James Lenox House residents.



Thank You for the Food Offering!

Thanks to all who participated in the Food Offering on April 8; we collected \$802. All of these funds will be used to offset the rising costs of our various feeding

ministries here at MAPC, including food for our shelter guests and for our guests at our Thursday Open Table. The next Food Offering will be received

Sunday, May 6. If you missed this opportunity to donate, you can also make an [online](#) gift at any time by selecting “MAPC Feeding Programs”. Thank you!

Misa Criolla on April 22 at 11:15 am

The Church Choir will be joined by members of the Saint Andrew Chorale and guest instrumentalists in singing movements from the *Misa Criolla* by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramírez. A work based on South American folk music—particularly the rhythms and melodies of Argentina—we look forward to hearing this work with guitarist Oren Fader and a bevy of percussionists to enhance our worship next Sunday morning!

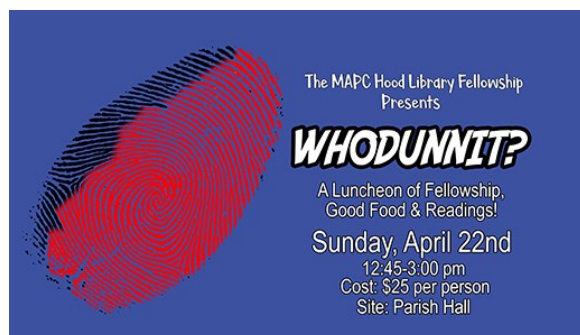
Music on Madison: Nadejda Vlaeva



On Sunday, April 22 at 3 pm, pianist Nadejda Vlaeva returns to our *Music on Madison* series with a performance of Beethoven's *Thirty-two Variations in C minor*, WoO 80 and Schubert's *Wanderer-Fantasy*, D. 760; along with Liszt's *Reminiscences of Don Juan* and works by Robert Volkmann and contemporary Bulgarian composer Pantcho Vladigerov. Admission is \$25 (\$20 – Students/Seniors); Children 12 and under: free. Will Call tickets are available in advance [online](#).

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

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.



Youth Sunday Participants Wanted—Sign-up by May 1

The Confirmation Class has begun preparations for Youth Sunday, and they are excited to invite all children and youth, 3rd grade and older, to join them in leading worship on May 20th. ***If you are interested in signing your child up to participate, please email Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com, or Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com with their name, grade, and the service they wish to participate.***

There will be 4 rehearsals required for participation during our regularly scheduled Church School, Kids Club, and T(w)een Club programs. If you will be unable to attend these rehearsal, please indicate that information in your email as well.

The rehearsal dates are as follows:

May 6 from 10:10-11:10 am

May 9 from 4-5:30 pm

May 13 from 10:10-11:10 am

May 16 from 4:5:30 pm

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 and 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 between grades 4 and 8 are encouraged to stay in worship on April 22nd and April 29th.

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:

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](#).

T(w)een Club's last day will be May 16th, followed by Youth Sunday on May 20th.



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 18, we will pick up with Psalm 129.

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting is Today, 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 23)

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

On Monday, April 23, the Rev. Jenny McDevitt will join us for a time of conversation as she shares Biblical passages that are meaningful to her. We hope that you can join us for this time of fellowship and conversation!

Bible study begins at 6:30 pm, but everyone is invited to bring dinner for fellowship at 6 pm.

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!"