

The Pastoral Staff Letter

This Sunday
Sunday, May 26, 2019
6th Sunday of Easter

Worship Schedule: 10:30 am; Prelude at 10:15 am
Nursery: 4th floor 9:15 am—12:15 pm

Worship: : This Sunday Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, *A New Community*, based on the sermon series *all things new* and lectionary texts: Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; Psalm 67; John 5:1-9; 21:22-22:5; Acts 16:16-34.

Summer Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Choir Room
Youth Sunday Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Dana Chapel
Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Children's Worship, 10:45 am, Phillips Lounge
Fellowship Hour, 11:45 am, Lobby
Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space



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all things new



May 5 A New Vision
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 12 A New Job Description
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 19 A New Diet
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 26 A New Community
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am

June 2 Youth Sunday & Confirmation
Sebastien L. J. Nordenson / 10:30 am
Isabella N. Winckler / 10:30 am

June 9 A New Jerusalem
Pentecost
Ordination & Installation of Officers
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am

Sunday May 26, 2019

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

**10:30
am**

On Sunday, May 26, we begin our summer Sunday worship schedule with one service at 10:30 am. During the summer months, youth are encouraged to stay in the Sanctuary to worship with their families.



MAPC Summer Choir: You are invited to sing on Sundays during the summer at MAPC! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for church members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Beginning this Sunday, May 26, and continuing through Sunday, July 28, the Summer Choir will meet on Sunday mornings for a rehearsal in the Choir Room at **9:30 am** in preparation for our **10:30 am** services. All that is required is attending the rehearsal on the Sunday(s) for which you would like to sing. There is no regular commitment and a choir robe will be provided. See the [Summer Choir Repertoire](#) on the mapc.com website for more details.

Guest Choir on May 26



The Parish Youth Choir of Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN, will be joining us and leading in worship on Sunday, May 26, at the 10:30 AM service, beginning with a prelude at 10:15 am.

The choir is composed of singers in grades 6 through 12, as well as college-aged 'scholarship singers.' The choir sings weekly at

Church Street UMC's 8:30 AM service, and also presents an annual *Service of Choral Evensong* each May. In addition to worship responsibilities, the choir takes a tour each summer and is led by Tim Ward and Edie Johnson.

Youth Sunday and Confirmation Luncheon, June 2, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

6/2
10:30
am

Everyone is invited to come to worship and lunch on June 2 at 10:30 am. This service will celebrate our confirmation class this year, Sebastien Nordenson and Isabella Winckler, as they become full active members of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. From the written and spoken liturgy to music, the service will be led entirely by the young people of MAPC as they are hard at work to make this a meaningful service for all.

Shelter Open House

6/2
1 pm

Interested in our Men's Shelter? Come to the shelter on Sunday, June 2 at 1 pm to learn about volunteer opportunities and our guests who stay in our building each night. The shelter leaders are specifically in need for overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) and are always looking for early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm), if that works better for you. Questions? Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Kids on the Roof:

Special Wednesday afternoon June program for MAPC kids

6/5
&
6/12
4 pm

On Wednesdays June 5th and 12th there will be children's play time on the Roof Garden, from 4 pm to 6 pm, for children grades 5 and under. This is for all MAPC families—not just those currently participating in Kids' Club! In addition to play, we'll have crafts, a Bible story, and dinner at 5:30 (served on the Roof Garden). Parents are encouraged to come for dinner, if you can't be there earlier. Donations for dinner will be welcome!

On June 5th, there will be a Taizé prayer service at 6:15 in the Dana Chapel that people of all ages can attend. On June 12th, we will hope for warm weather so that we can enjoy water play on the Roof Garden. On that day, families are welcome to stay until 7 to enjoy splashing, playing and conversation.

This is not a drop-off program so please ensure that a caregiver will accompany your child(ren) and can join in the activities on the Roof Garden. Please let us know if you plan to attend—Chef Jim needs to know how much food to prepare! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza in the church office, lgp@mapc.com

MAPC News: Chesna Hinkley

Chesna Hinkley, one of our seminary interns this past year, joined MAPC as a member last fall, and is now an Inquirer in the process to become an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament. In the Presbyterian Church (USA), preparation for ministry is divided into two phases: inquiry and candidacy.

Chesna met with the MAPC Session at their April 30 meeting, and Session voted to recommend to the Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) of the Presbytery of New York City that Chesna be enrolled as an Inquirer. As of the May 20 CPM meeting, Chesna is now officially an Inquirer! In a year, she will be eligible to meet with Session again to be considered for candidacy. As an inquirer, Chesna is under both MAPC and the Presbytery's care in this process. What does that mean? It means we will support her in whatever way we can, and we ask you all to keep Chesna in your prayers over the next couple of years as she continues to discern God's call and moves through this process.

You will not see Chesna often, since she has just accepted a position as Church Educator at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. She will remain a member of MAPC and we look forward to occasional visits when she travels to NYC.

It's Beginning to *Sound* a Lot Like Christmas



The Concert Choir and In Harmony ensembles of MAPC's New York City Children's Chorus program recorded their second album for commercial release in the sanctuary this past Thursday through Sunday evenings.

Christmas on Madison Avenue will be released on the MSR Classics label this coming November and the official release party (mark your calendars!) will be at the NYCCC's annual benefit on Friday, November 22.

A total of 85 children and a total 15 instrumentalists were part of the demanding recording schedule, all under the direction of Mary Huff. The sessions went extremely well, and we were pleased to work once again with Grammy Award-winning engineers Richard Price and Wayne Heilman at Candlewood Digital. The photo was taken after we completed our final "take" on Sunday night!

Mark Your Summer 2019 Calendars!



- * **Taizé Worship Service**, June 5 & 19, 6:15 pm, Dana Chapel
Taizé chants, which are often sung as our congregational song during communion, were written as musical prayers/meditations. In the month of June, we will have two Taizé prayer services on Wednesday evening in the Dana Chapel. Please come join in this time of mid-week reflection and prayer.
- * **Church Family Night**, June 7, 6 pm
We have one more Church Family Night before the fall! Come enjoy dinner, crafts, a movie and/or playtime in the gym or on the Roof Garden! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and a donation of your choice for children under 12.
- * **Pub Theology**, June 13, 6:30 pm
Come join in a time of fellowship and discussion at “Pub MAPC.” We’ll provide the main dish and the rest will be potluck. Our discussion will center on the role of the Holy Spirit (in light of Pentecost), and to spark our discussion we’ll read an article by Rachel Held Evans, [“Breath, Fire, Wind, Womb: A Reflection on the Holy Spirit.”](#) Sign up for Pub Theology via [this link on SignUpGenius](#).
- * **Families with Young Children**, June 15, 10 am
Families with children ages 5 and under (older siblings welcome), come enjoy a play date on the Roof Garden on Saturday morning, June 15th from 10 to noon. We’ll have bagels and coffee, and water play if it’s warm enough. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com.
- * **MAPC On the Town: Staten Island Yankees**, Thursday, June 27, 6 pm, offsite
If you’ve never been to see the SI Yankees, the games are a lot of fun, family-friendly, and the view from the ballfield of New York Harbor and lower Manhattan is worth the price of the ticket alone! \$20, includes ticket and a \$10 concession voucher. We have 20 tickets behind the SI Yankees’ dugout. The game begins at 7 pm, and we’ll meet at the ferry terminal at 5:45 to take the 6 pm ferry together. Reserve your seat now! RSVP to Lissette in the church office, lgp@mapc.com. For MAPC folk of all ages!
- * **Annual Summer Roof Garden Party**, Monday, July 15, 6 pm
Mark your calendars for the Summer Roof Garden Party! This is always a wonderful social event with the MAPC community. Good food, lively conversation, and the wonderful Roof Garden space! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com Suggested donation is \$40.

Kids Club and T(w)een Club End of Year Update



Our regular Wednesday afterschool programs for the 2018-2019 academic year concluded yesterday. Together, kids and adult advisers enjoyed signing, playing, cooking, crafts, and Bible study. The year ended on a high note celebrating all kids accomplished this year with ice-cream sundaes!

On June 2 at 10:30 am, all are invited to worship to encounter God as we worship through written and spoken word compiled by the Kids Club and T(w)een Club participants.

If you are interested in knowing more about the afterschool programs and curious on how to sign-up for next year email Lissette Perez at LGP@mapc.com.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Children's Worship

Children's worship takes place during worship at 10:30 am. This is an interactive worship service led by Christina Cosby, the Director of Christian Formation, designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under. All are welcome to come encounter God and worship together.

Youth Worship, 9 am and 11:15 am

Youth Worship concluded on May 19 at 11:15 am as the participants shared what they enjoyed most about their time together and worship this year. For questions or concerns regarding Youth Worship and plans for next year please reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

MAPC Serves Opportunities: Youth Service Group for High School Students

All High School Students are invited to serve the vulnerable across our City. In fact, their help is needed to reach our service goal of 300 hours of service this year. Three diverse populations are the focus of their service together: the elderly, the homeless, and children. So far we have reached 250 hours and with one service project to go we need your help!

All are invited to sign up to serve a meal at MAPC's Thursday Open Table on Thursday, June 6 from 6-8 pm. To lend a helping hand email Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com!

Children's Worship and Youth Worship. Volunteer Opportunities Come experience worship in a new way. Visit [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer this Spring.

Bible Studies at MAPC

Looking for a place to read Scripture together and to get to know people at MAPC? Come to one of our Bible Studies. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information, visit the [Adult Education](#) page at [mapc.com](#).

Reading Through the Bible: Next meeting is [May 29](#).

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

Everyone is invited to join Reading Through the Bible as we continue reading Jeremiah. Feel free to bring a bag lunch, or a snack to share.

20s/30s Bible Study: Next Meeting is Thursday, [May 23](#), 6:00 pm, 10th floor. Anyone in their 20s or 30s is invited to come explore *Questions of Our Faith*. If you want to know more about 20's and 30's Bible Study email Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](#).

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, [June 10](#), Phillips Lounge. *2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm*)

The minor prophets—who are they? What do they have to say today? These are the same questions Women's Bible Study asked inspiring a study of the minor prophets in the Old Testament. The minor prophets are full of wisdom and insight into the Biblical world.

Women's Bible Study invites women of the church to learn more about the history of God's people and invite their inspiration to influence lives.

Hands-on Ministries

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, email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](#). Let's put our faith into action!

The Thursday Open Table

Can you spare two 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.

Host at the Shelter

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 7:00 am. Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](#) for more information.

Search and Care

Can you spend an afternoon with an elderly person on the Upper East Side 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](#).

Follow MAPC on [Facebook](#) for updates and to share news and events.

For All the Saints

Saturday, June 1, at 11 am in the Sanctuary, a memorial service will be held for Katherine Stanton, former wife of Rev. Norman Stanton (past Associate Pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church). A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. We give thanks for the promise of the Gospel which reminds us “in life and in death, we belong to God.”

**Next Week
at MAPC**



**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.

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| Monday, May 27 | Church House is closed for Memorial Day | | |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | | Shelter Space |
| Tuesday, May 28 | | | |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | | Shelter Space |
| 7:00 pm | Session | | 8th Floor |
| Wednesday, May 29 | | | |
| 12:30 pm | Reading Through the Bible | | Phillips Lounge |
| 4:00 pm | Youth Sunday Rehearsal | | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 pm | Cocaine Anonymous | | 5th Floor |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | | Shelter Space |
| Thursday, May 30 | | | |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | | Shelter Space |
| 6:30 pm | Thursday Open Table | | Parish Hall |
| Friday, May 31 | | | |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | | Shelter Space |
| Saturday, June 1 | | | |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | | Shelter Space |
| Sunday, June 2 | Youth Sunday | | |
| 9:30 am | Summer Choir Rehearsal | | Choir Room |
| 10:30 am | Worship | | Sanctuary |
| 10:45 am | Children’s Worship | | Phillips Lounge |
| 11:45 am | Congregational Confirmand Lunch | | Parish Hall |
| 1:00 pm | Shelter Open House | | Shelter Space |

New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry is always looking for donations! Please help through gifts of **canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, canned vegetables, and peanut butter** (no glass containers). Your gifts may be dropped off in the grocery cart found in the Church House Lobby. You may also order groceries to be delivered to their site: 8 East 109th St. New York, NY 10029. They are not only looking for donations, but volunteers as well! Help pack and distribute food any day of the week. For more information, contact NYCP at 917.720.9700.