

Note: This is a 3-week summer edition of the PSL.
The next edition will be published on August 29, 2019.

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 10:30 am 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship: Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius will preach her sermon based on the lectionary texts: Hebrews 11:1-16; Psalm 33:13-22; Acts 2:42-47.

Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 10:30 am 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship: Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater will preach his sermon based on the lectionary texts: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

Sunday, August 25, 2019 at 10:30 am 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship: Rebecca M. Heilman will preach her sermon based on the lectionary texts: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Matthew 18:1-5.

Nursery, 9:15 am—12:15 pm, 4th Floor
Soloist Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Choir Room
Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Fellowship Hour, 11:45 am, Parish Hall
ESL Classes, August 11 and August 25, 12 pm, 5th Fl.
Children's Worship will return on September 8.



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MAPC Music in August

During the month of August and on Labor Day weekend soloists from our professional octet will provide solos during the offertory and communion. The Church Choir will return on Sunday, September 8 when the full schedule of Sunday morning services resumes.

This Summer's Guest Preachers

We are fortunate this summer to be joined in worship by a number of guest preachers with close ties to MAPC.

August 11 Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow
August 18 Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center

8/17
9 am

Tell Me More About MAPC

Saturday, August 17th 9 am, Phillips Lounge

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, we periodically host a “Tell Me More About MAPC” conversation. The next gathering will be held August 17, 2019 at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request.

Kid’s Club Announcements

Be on the lookout for Kid’s Club registration!

We are just a few weeks away from the start of Kid’s Club registration! Our theme this year is Loving God, Loving Neighbor, and we certainly want you to join the Kid’s Club community as we engage in questions such as - What is community? Who are my neighbors? How is God calling me to community? Join us this year for some new and exciting ways to be in community at MAPC!

Volunteer for Kid’s Club!

God calls us by name and calls us to the church to engage in all types of ministries. You may be called to Children’s Ministries! The Kid’s Club community is looking for several volunteers to shape our children’s faith. The call descriptions are below and they each require about 30 – 45 minutes of your time each Wednesday afternoon (Rev. Rebecca Heilman will guide you as we all settle into these new calls. You are not alone!):

- **Recreation & Game Disciples** (need two volunteers) – volunteers will organize fun and active games for Kid’s Club participants so they can get out some of the wiggles that God gifted them.
- **Storytelling Disciples** (need two volunteers) – Make the bible story of the day come alive for the children each Wednesday afternoon. A curriculum is provided. Again, you are not alone in this call!
- **Table Parents** (need four volunteers) – Community is formed by conversation, games, and most importantly sharing a meal. Help do this by guiding a table with simple conversation starters and provided fun games while engaging in the day’s theme.
- **Table Prep Disciples** (need two volunteers) – These individuals will organize the dinner theme of the day by prepping table decorations, making copies of dinner conversation starters, printing the organized table games, and helping set up anything else in our dining area.
- **Floater** (need two volunteers) – floaters help in any area that is needed for the day!

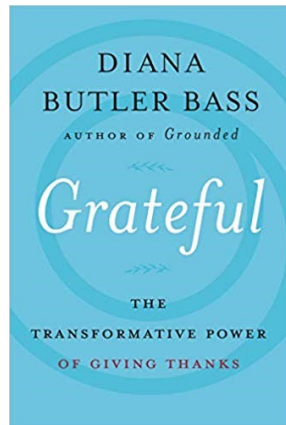
A Sneak Peak at Adult Education - Fall 2019

Looking at Luke

September 8—Overview
 September 15—Luke and Women
 September 22—Luke and Money
 September 29—Luke and Food

Faithful Living in Challenging Times

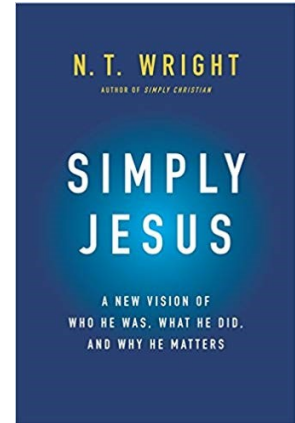
October 6 Act in Hope
 October 13 Cultivate Joy
 October 20, 27, November 3, 10 Live in Gratitude (Book discussion of Diana Butler Bass's *Grateful*)



Evening Bible Study

In addition, there will be an evening Bible study on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 pm, with refreshments.

We will be starting by looking at the gospels, reading N.T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did and Why He Matters*.



Sunday, September 8 - Full schedule resumes Worship at 9 and 11:15 am

We return to two worship services—9 am and 11:15 am on September 8. Adult Education will also start up again and occur between morning services.

9/8

9 am &

11:15 am

Blessing of the Backpacks

A new academic year is almost upon us. Students, children, and adults, bring your backpacks or bookbags to worship on September 8 to receive a blessing.

Congregational Picnic in the Park, 1 pm, Central Park

Celebrate the start of a new program year with a picnic in Central Park! We'll gather at 1 pm (location to be announced). Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the park with MAPC. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com. (In the event of rain or extreme heat, we'll gather in the Parish Hall.)

Music on Madison 2019-2020

Announcing our 55th Season!



A GLIMPSE OF NEXT SEASON'S MAJOR CONCERTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019 AT 3 PM

Francis Poulenc: Gloria
Leonard Bernstein: Chichester Psalms
Randall Thompson: The Place of the Blest
Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra
New York City Children's Chorus
Andrew Henderson & Mary Huff, conductors

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 AT 4 PM

15th Annual Carol Sing
Seasonal Choral Music, Readings & Audience Carols,
Featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams *Fantasy on Christmas Carols*
Choir of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
New York City Children's Chorus
Mary Huff & Andrew Henderson, conductors

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 AT 3 PM

Ludwig van Beethoven: Mass in C
Johannes Brahms: Schicksalslied
Josef Rheinberger: Organ Concerto in G minor
Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra
Andrew Henderson & Mary Huff, conductors

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 AT 3 PM

Oh! The Places You'll Go
NYCCC Spring Concert
This concert will explore the geography of our world portrayed in music for children's choirs, featuring 160 voices from five ensembles of the New York City Children's Chorus
Mary Huff, conductor



The Saint Andrew Music Society of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Pastor*
Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music & Organist*
Mary W. Huff, *Associate Director of Music*
Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music & Organist Emeritus*

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.

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-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com or 212-288-8920. The cost for Sunday flowers is \$110.

Host at the Shelter

The Shelter will be on a small hiatus from August 1st through the middle of September in order to start fresh with a new St. James Episcopal interim staff and intern.

Take this time to consider being a host for 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. If being a host is not for you, drop off some dinner, breakfast, or desert! If you would like to know more about the shelter please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Baptism

Interested in having your child baptized at MAPC? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com about attending an orientation session. Baptisms are then scheduled in conversation with Senior Pastor Rev. Jenny McDevitt to ensure the timing meets the needs of your family.

The Hood Library Fellowship Seeks Input

For its annual Literary Luncheon in the spring, the Hood Library Fellowship selects readings based on their chosen theme. Past themes have included: NY, NY; What Makes the World Go 'Round; Women Who Made History, and many more. The members of the Library Fellowship would love to hear your ideas for this coming year's theme. And, after the theme is chosen, they would love to have your suggestions for readings! You can share your thoughts with any member of the Library Fellowship (you can usually find them hanging out the in Library on Sunday mornings before and after worship), or email them to Beverly Bartlett, bab@mapc.com.

August 12 – August 25 at MAPC

Monday, August 12
 6:00 pm Women’s Bible Study Phillips Lounge
 Note: The MAPC Shelter will return in mid-September.

Tuesday, August 13 No events scheduled

Wednesday, August 14
 12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible Phillips Lounge
 6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous 5th Floor

Thursday, August 15
 1:00 pm Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing James Lenox House
 6:30 pm Thursday Open Table Parish Hall

Friday, August 16 No events scheduled

Saturday, August 17 No events scheduled

Sunday, August 18
 9:30 am Soloist Rehearsal Choir Room
 10:30 am Worship Sanctuary
 11:45 am Fellowship Hour Parish Hall
 Note: Children’s Worship will resume on September 8.

Monday, August 19 No events scheduled

Tuesday, August 20 No events scheduled

Wednesday, August 21
 12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible Phillips Lounge
 6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous 5th Floor

Thursday, August 22
 6:30 pm Thursday Open Table Parish Hall

Friday, August 23
 4:00 pm Kelley & Pflug Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary
 5:30 pm Vela & Kirsh Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary

Saturday, August 24
 2:30 pm Vela & Kirsh Wedding Sanctuary
 5:30 pm Kelley & Pflug Wedding Sanctuary

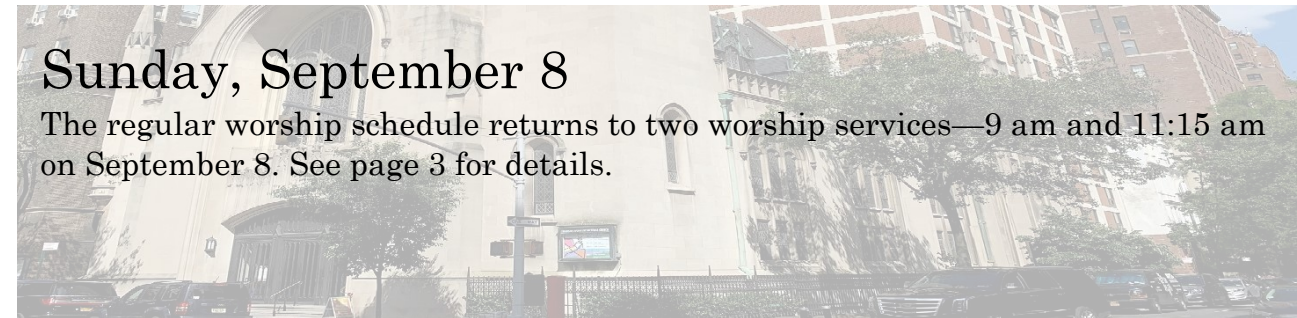
Sunday, August 25
 9:30 am Soloist Rehearsal Choir Room
 10:30 am Worship Sanctuary
 11:45 am Fellowship Hour Parish Hall
 12:00 pm ESL Classes 5th Floor

August 26 –September 2 at MAPC

Monday, August 26		
6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
Tuesday, August 27	No events scheduled	
Wednesday, August 28		
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
Thursday, August 29		
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
Friday, August 30	No events scheduled	
Saturday, August 31	No events scheduled	
Sunday, September 1		
9:30 am	Soloist Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Fellowship Hour	Parish Hall
Monday, September 2		
Labor Day	Church House closed	

Sunday, September 8

The regular worship schedule returns to two worship services—9 am and 11:15 am on September 8. See page 3 for details.



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.

Fall 2019 Highlights at MAPC

Sunday, September 8 (after 11:15 am Worship)—Church Picnic in Central Park

Friday, September 13 (6 pm)—Church Family Night, Parish Hall

Thursday, September 26 (7 pm)—Mom's Night Out, Offsite (TBD)

Wednesday, October 4—Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 7 (6:30 pm)—Pub Theology

Friday, October 25 (6 pm)—Annual Church Family Night Halloween Bash!

Thursday, October 31 (4 pm) Halloween on the Sanctuary Steps

Saturday, November 2 (1 pm)—Annual Women's Brunch

Thursday, November 14 (7 pm)—Mom's Night Out, Offsite (TBD)

Friday, November 15 (6 pm)—Church Family Night, Parish Hall

Sunday, November 17—Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale

Monday, November 18 (6:30 pm)—Pub Theology

Thursday, November 21 (7 pm)—Mom's Night Out, Offsite (TBD)

Sunday, December 1 (11:45 am)—Advent Festival

Saturday, December 7 (9 am to 3 pm)—Advent Retreat/Quiet Day

Sunday, December 15 (4 pm)—Annual Carol Sing, Sanctuary

Please feel welcome to join us for our events!