

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 9 am & 11:15 am
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship: Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, "Hope Will Lead You Home" based on the lectionary texts: Luke 16:19-31; Psalm 91; and Jeremiah 32:1-2a, 6-15.



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9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor

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Sunday, September 29

Adult Education

The Sunday series, "Looking at Luke," continues with a look at the role of food in the gospel. Join Rev. Rebecca Heilman at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

9/29
10:10 am

Coming in October:

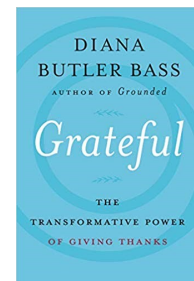
Faithful Living in Challenging Times

October 6—Act in Hope

October 13—Cultivate Joy

October 20, 27, November 3, & 10—Live in Gratitude

(4-week book discussion of Diana Butler Bass's *Grateful*)



2019 Peace and Global Witness Offering Sunday, September 29



The Peace and Global Witness Offering exists to support the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. This special offering allows the congregation to give twenty-five percent of the money received to a local organization. The remaining donation will be given to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and our mid council.

This year, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church has chosen to give our 25 percent to International Justice Mission (ijm.org), which is the largest anti-slavery organization in the world. IJM has “rescued more than 49,000 people from slavery and other forms of oppression...helped local authorities arrest more than 3,800 suspected slave owners and other criminals... and are helping justice systems to protect more than 150 million vulnerable people.” MAPC has hosted IJM

for adult education events and have supported them financially with past special offerings.

The Outreach Committee hopes you will join us by contributing to the Peace and Global Witness Offering during worship as we as a church become more aware of systems of conflict and injustices across the world.

October 2019



Friday, October 4, 2019

Brief Service at 5 pm; Animal Blessings 5-6 pm
on the Sanctuary Steps

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets for a short worship service at 5 pm on Friday, October 4 on the Sanctuary steps. Blessings will continue from 5-6 pm. Too difficult for your pet to travel? Bring a photo and we'll offer a blessing that way. Please properly restrain all pets for everyone's safety.

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5-6
pm

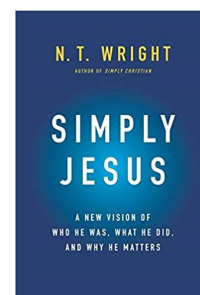
Roof Garden Play & Fellowship

On Sunday, October 6, families with children are invited to come up to the Roof Garden between services for playtime and fellowship. Bagels, fruit, and juice will be available.

10/06
10 am

Evening Bible Study

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 pm, 8th Floor
We will begin reading N.T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did and Why He Matters*, at the **October 7** meeting.

10/07
7 pm

You may order the book on Amazon or from your local bookstore. If you have any questions, please email her at bab@mapc.com.

Welcome to MAPC Director of Youth Ministry

We extend a warm welcome to April Martin as our new Director of Youth Ministry.

April attended Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC as a child and First Presbyterian Church in Burlington, NC as a youth and young adult. She participated in numerous service trips, conferences and youth group meetings hosted by the Presbyterian Church.

She has a lot of church connections in her family. The most recent is the appointment of her sister, the Rev. Dawn Martin Hyde, who currently serves as senior pastor of Downtown Church in Columbia, SC.



As a singer, April has had the chance to live in a lot of places: Italy, Austria, Colorado, North Carolina, Virginia and Missouri, but she is thrilled to call NYC her new home and to work with the staff and volunteers to help the youth of this church grow into their best selves.

April holds degrees from Maryville College and the Cleveland Institute of Music and is excited to get to know the Madison Ave Presbyterian Church community.

Come meet April for her first day at MAPC on Sunday, October 6. She will have a special meet-and-greet with youth at 10:10 am on the 5th Floor.

Worship Needs You!

At its most basic root, “liturgy” means “the work of the people.” At MAPC, worship takes many people, up front and behind the scenes, to create a meaningful service during which we encounter the Holy One. There are a variety of ways to be involved — some old, some new(er). We will ensure that proper training or instruction is given so that you know exactly what to do. To indicate interest, or to ask any questions, email Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmm@mapc.com. In most cases, you will then receive an email link to sign up as your schedule allows.

- **READING SCRIPTURE (9 & 11:15 am)** Each week, we read multiple passages from Scripture. A theological degree is not required to read aloud in worship. The full text of your reading will be provided to you by the Wednesday prior. If you have not read in worship recently, a pastor will meet with you in advance to review and rehearse. Scripture reading sign up (no prerequisites): <https://signup.com/go/jzLorCa>
- **SERVING COMMUNION (9 & 11:15 am)** Anyone ordained as an elder or deacon (whether you are currently serving, or have served in the past) is invited to serve communion. Typically, we need anywhere from two to six servers for each service. Communion sign up (must be ordained as an elder or deacon): <https://signup.com/go/FPKymKv>

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All members of the MAPC community are invited to a Fall Fellowship Gathering. Both paper and electronic invitations are being sent out; if you cannot attend the gathering you were assigned, please contact us and we will help find a date and time that work for you.

Come together in the more intimate setting of a member's home, meet some new friends, and have a chance to hear from Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Members of the Stewardship Committee will also be present to share information about our upcoming giving campaign. Contact Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com to RSVP or get more information.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Approximate Location</u>
Wednesday, October 16 @ 6-8 pm	East 86th Street
Monday, October 28 @ 6-8 pm	East 57th Street
Tuesday, October 29 @ 6-8 pm	Park Avenue near East 89th Street
Monday, November 4 @ 6-8 pm	Fifth Avenue near East 98th Street
Sunday, November 10 @ 4-6 pm	West 92nd Street

All of the homes are wheelchair accessible.

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- (Worship Needs You!, continued from previous page) **ASSISTING WITH CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (9 & 11:15 am)** Following the Lesson with Children and Youth, children in second grade and younger are invited to the Phillips Lounge for time together geared specifically for them. Every lesson is planned in advance, and volunteers receive the lesson plan and all materials well in advance. For safety reasons, two adults (age 18+) are needed for each service. No theological training needed — only a love of children and a desire to help them know God. (Per MAPC's child safety policy, background checks are required for children's worship volunteers.) Email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com if you are interested in assisting with this important ministry.

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!

Evening Bible Study (new): See page 3
1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 7 pm.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, October 28)

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Library

Reading Through the Bible:

Wednesdays, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm, Phillips Lounge. This Wednesday we will be reading Ezekiel.

20s/30s Bible Study

1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday, 6 pm, 10th Floor.

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.

Thursday Night 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.

The Shelter Reopens

The shelter will officially reopen on Monday, September 30th. As we continue to transition into a more sustainable ministry (and we hope you will consider

hosting an early or overnight shift to help with this), we will only be open Mondays through Thursdays. Once our core hosts and volunteers are in place, we will gradually open more days for our guests. Thanks for your support and energy!

Host at the Shelter

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 dessert! If you would like to know more about the shelter please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

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.

Monday, September 30

8:00 am	East Side Synagogue High Holy Days	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter reopens	Shelter Space
7:15 pm	NYCCC Committee	Choir Room

Tuesday, October 1

8:30 am	Buildings and Grounds Committee	Phillips Lounge
5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Hood Library
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, October 2

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Deacons	Parish Hall

Thursday, October 3

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, October 4

5:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals	Sanctuary Steps
6:00 pm	Pizza & Game Night	5th Fl, Roof Garden

Saturday, October 5

9:00 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	Phillips Lounge
5:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat	FAPC

Sunday, October 6

9:00 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 & 11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 & 12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Roof Garden Play & Fellowship	Roof Garden
10:10 am	Youth Meet-and-Greet with April	5th Floor
10:10 am	Adult Education: Act in Hope	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor

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.

October

- Friday, October 4, 5-6 pm—Blessing of the Animals, Sanctuary Steps
- Friday, October 25, 5:15 pm—Fridays for Children, 5th Floor
- Friday, October 25, 6 pm—Annual Church Family Night Halloween Bash, Parish Hall
- Sunday, October 27, 3 pm—Organ Masterworks: Andrew Henderson, organ
- Thursday, October 31, 4 pm—Trick-or-Treating on the Sanctuary Steps

November

- Saturday, November 2, 10 am-12 pm—Annual Women's Brunch
- Thursday, November 14, 7 pm—Moms' Night Out, Canyon Road Restaurant
- Sunday, November 17—Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale
- Sunday, November 24, 3 pm—Choral Concert: Poulenc, Bernstein & Randall Thompson;
Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra

December

- Sunday, December 1, 10:30 am—One Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 am.
- Sunday, December 1, 11:45 am—Advent Festival
- Wednesday, December 4, 7 pm—Company of Deacons
- Wednesday, December 11, 6-8 pm—Congregational Dinner & Christmas Pageant
- Sunday, December 15, 4 pm—Annual Carol Sing, Sanctuary
- Wednesday, December 18, 6 pm—Blue Christmas, Dana Chapel



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.