

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 9 am & 11:15 am
World Communion Sunday

Worship: Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, "It Takes a Village" based on the lectionary texts: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; and 2 Timothy 1:1-14.



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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: Act in Hope	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Roof Garden Play & Fellowship	Roof Garden
10:10 am	Youth Meet & Greet with April	5th Floor
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



Friday, October 4

Blessing of the Animals



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.

Sunday, October 6

Adult Education: Faithful Living in Challenging Times

On Sunday mornings, October 6 through November 10, our theme for the 10:10 Adult Education classes will be "Faithful Living in Challenging Times." We will reflect on Hope, Joy, and Gratitude during these weeks. We are living through a very challenging time both nationally and globally. It is easy to live in fear and give in to despair and cynicism, but as people of faith, God calls us to a different way. God calls us to Act in Hope, Cultivate Joy, and Live in Gratitude. Hope, joy and gratitude are not "Pollyanna" attitudes that deny the realities of the world around us, rather they empower us to live faithfully as Christ's body in this world. We will engage in a book discussion of Diana Butler-Bass's book *Gratitude* October 20, 27, November 3 and 10. You can purchase a copy of the book from Rev. Beverly Bartlett on Sunday mornings for \$13, or order a copy from your local, independent bookstore. It is also available on Kindle.

10/06

10:10 am

October 6, Act in Hope:

What is hope, anyway? Is it just wishful thinking? What do the Bible and our Christian faith teach us about hope? What role does hope play in our life of faith? Come discuss and reflect on these questions as Rev. Bartlett leads us in a discussion on hope during the Adult Education time.

Youth Meet-and-Greet with April Martin

Middle and high schoolers, come meet April for a special meet-and-greet with youth at 10:10 am on the 5th Floor. See page 4 to read more about April.

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10:10 am

Roof Garden Play & Fellowship

Families with children—and anyone in the church family—are invited to come up to the Roof Garden between services for playtime and fellowship. Bagels, fruit, and juice will be provided.

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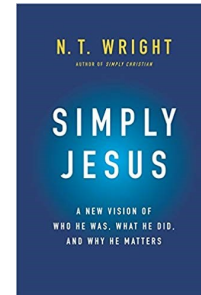
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October 2019

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



10/07
7 pm

Music on Madison Begins October 20

The first concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is on **Sunday, October 20** at 3 pm, featuring students from Mannes College—The New School for Music, and guest organist Andrew Henderson, in a program entitled "A Tribute to Felix Mendelssohn." The program includes a host of Mendelssohn's piano and organ works, songs, and the Piano Trio in C minor, along with works by J. S. Bach and Jihwan Yoon's Piano Trio in homage to Mendelssohn. [Tickets can be purchased in advance](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4315542) or at the door (\$25; \$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under: free).

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10/20
3 pm

Fridays for Children

Calling all families to a Friday night of fun at MAPC! On **October 25** at 5:15 pm, elementary age children and younger are invited to the 5th floor of the Church House Building for crafts, games and story time. And for 1st graders and older there will be time for music with Mary W. Huff, the Associate Director of Music at MAPC and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus. Our theme is Make It and Share It as we investigate how to harvest for a community...and also what it means to have fun with Halloween! So, don't forget your costume! At 6:15 pm, you're invited to stay a little longer by joining the Church Family Night Halloween Bash in the Parish Hall for dinner and more.

The next *Fridays for Children* will be Friday, November 15th at 5:15pm.

10/25
5:15 pm

Church Family Night Halloween Bash

Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join in the fun at our annual Church Family Night Halloween Bash on **Friday, October 25** at 6 pm! We'll have a yummy meal, a not-too-spooky Halloween movie, Halloween crafts, and a costume parade in the Sanctuary with spooky Halloween organ music. The suggested donation for Church Family Nights is \$20 for adults and youth over twelve, and a donation of your choosing for younger children. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza,

lgp@mapc.com.

10/25
6 pm

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.

Middle and high schoolers, come meet April on Sunday, October 6 for 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) 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!, cont.) **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.

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 officially reopened 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 desert! 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, October 7

10:00 am	Shelter Leaders	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Evening Bible Study	8th Floor

Tuesday, October 8

6:00 pm	Stewardship & Development Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	5th Floor
6:30 pm	East Side Synagogue High Holy Days	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, October 9

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Hood Library
9:45 am	East Side Synagogue High Holy Days	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Hood Library
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Adult Education Committee	8th Floor
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Thursday, October 10

6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, October 11

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 12

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 13

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	New Member Reception	8th Floor
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)	5th Floor
10:10 am	Adult Education: Cultivate Joy	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
1:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Phillips Lounge

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, 1 pm—Senior Fellowship Lunch
- Sunday, October 27, 3 pm—Organ Masterworks: Andrew Henderson, organ
- Thursday, October 31, 4 pm—Trick-or-Treating on the Sanctuary Steps

November

- Friday, November 1, 6 pm—Pizza & Game Night
- Saturday, November 2, 10 am-12 pm—Annual Women's Brunch
- Sunday, November 3—Daylight Saving Time ends; NYC Marathon; Memorial Sunday
- Thursday, November 14, 7 pm—Moms' Night Out, Canyon Road Restaurant
- Friday, November 15, 5:15 pm—Fridays for Children, 5th Floor
- Sunday, November 17—Pledge Dedication Sunday
- Sunday, November 24—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.