

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 9 am & 11:15 am
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Worship: Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, “Gratitude Is a Spiritual Practice” based on the lectionary texts: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66; and Luke 17:11-19.

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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: Cultivate Joy	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)	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	Shelter Open House	Shelter Space
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
1:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Phillips Lounge

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Sunday, October 13

Adult Education: Faithful Living in Challenging Times

On Sunday mornings through November 10, our theme for the 10:10 Adult Education classes is “Faithful Living in Challenging Times.”

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We will reflect on Hope, Joy, and Gratitude during these weeks.

10:10 am

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.

October 13: Cultivate Joy

On the final Sunday of her sermon series, “Surrounded by Joy,” Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads us in a discussion on joy during the Adult Education time.

Shelter Open House

Interested in our Men’s Shelter? Come to the shelter today 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). Questions? Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

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1 pm

October 2019

MAPC Day School Application and Open House

MAPC families with young children are invited to apply to The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School, which offers innovative programming for children ages 4 month through 5 years old. Our classes for babies and toddlers are open to the public. Our preschool application deadline (for children who will be between two and five years old by August 31, 2020) is **November 30th**. Apply now to secure a place at our next Open House on **October 16th at 6pm**.

Please see our website at <https://www.mapcads.org> for information and our online application.

October 2019

Music on Madison

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

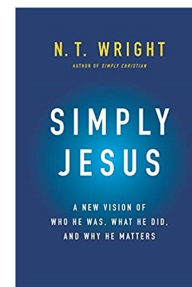


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3 pm

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](#) or at the door (\$25; \$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under: free). <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4315542>

Evening Bible Study

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 pm, 8th Floor
We will continue 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 21** meeting. If you have any questions, please Rev. Beverly Bartlett at bab@mapc.com.



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7 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 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.

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5:15 pm

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



Rev. Rebecca Heilman blesses a sweet pup during MAPC's Blessing of the Animals service on Friday, October 4. Nearly 40 pets were blessed, including a cat and two hamsters.

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-Erao, lgp@mapc.com.

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6 pm

Donate Halloween Candy now and...trick or treat at MAPC on October 31!

We need candy! The MAPC Pastoral Staff will open the Narthex doors on the evening of Halloween, October 31, to hand out candy to passers-by, so donate candy now. Drop it by the receptionist or hand it to Rev. Rebecca Heilman as you leave church on Sunday. And don't forget to stop by around 4:00 pm on Halloween with you family, pets, or just because you want to see your pastors dressed up! We hope to see you there!

Memorial Sunday

We are receiving the names of deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered during worship on **Memorial Sunday, November 3**. It is particularly appropriate to remember those who have died in the last year. If you have someone whose name you would like listed in the worship bulletin and included in the prayers, please contact our Office Manager, Lissette Perez-Erao at lgp@mapc.com. **The deadline for submitting names is Tuesday, October 30.**

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Fall Fellowship Gatherings

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. Contact Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com to RSVP or get more information.

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 16 @ 6-8 pm

Monday, October 28 @ 6-8 pm

Tuesday, October 29 @ 6-8 pm

Monday, November 4 @ 6-8 pm

Sunday, November 10 @ 4-6 pm

Approximate Location

East 86th Street

East 57th Street

Park Avenue near East 89th Street

Fifth Avenue near East 98th Street

West 92nd Street

All of the homes are wheelchair accessible.

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 14

6:30 pm	Church House closed - Columbus Day Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, October 15

No events scheduled

Wednesday, October 16

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Hood Library
5:30 pm	Middle School Youth Wednesdays	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Gathering	East 86th Street
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Children & Youth Ministries Committee	Phillips Lounge

Thursday, October 17

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
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 18

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 19

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 20

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: Live in Gratitude	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
3:00 pm	SAMS: Mannes College Concert	Sanctuary

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 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.