

# The Pastoral Staff Letter

## A NOTE FROM JENNY



Dear Friends,

We are quickly approaching what we refer to as Stewardship Season, a time each November where we focus very specifically on financial giving to our church. Truly, stewardship is something we should strive to think about in every season. A holistic approach to stewardship takes into account time, talent, service, and, yes, finances. We'll talk more about pledging and tithing and giving in the days and weeks to come. It's tempting to glaze over this; there are no shortage of very fine opportunities with which to share our resources. For now, I want to leave you with this thought from

the poet and author Wendell Berry, who said, "A budget is theological document." Looking at the way we spend our money, as individuals and as a congregation, communicates clearly our priorities.

For MAPC to maintain our ministry and outreach, and to think about expanding it, we will all need to make this place and all it stands for - a tangible expression of Christ's love in the world - a priority.

I am so very grateful for your partnership in the Gospel.

Peace,

*Jenny*

## Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Worship Schedule: 9 am and 11:15 am**

**Nursery - 4th Floor Phillips Building, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Worship: This Sunday one of our Seminary Interns, Chesna Hinckley, will be preaching her sermon entitled James and John: No Cheap Pity which will be based on the lectionary texts: Job 38:1-11, Psalm 104, Hebrews 5:1-10, and Mark 10:35-45. Preview the latest [Sunday bulletin](#), or listen to sermons and service highlights from previous Sundays on [MAPC's website](#).

**Children's Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am**, Phillips Lounge

**Youth Worship, 9:15 & 11:30 am**, Dana Chapel

**Fellowship Hour, 10 am & 12:30 pm**, Church House Lobby

**Adult Education, 10:10 am**, Dana Chapel

**High School Fellowship, 10:10 am**, 4th Floor Phillips Building

**Church School, 10:10 am**, Fifth Floor

**Youth Hour, 10:10 am**, Youth Lounge

**Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am**, Choir Room

**Senior Fellowship Lunch, 1 pm**, Parish Hall

**ESL Classes, 1 pm**, Fifth Floor

**Music on Madison: Andrew Henderson, organ recital, 3 pm**, Sanctuary

**Confirmation Class, 4:15 pm**, Youth Lounge

**Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm**, Shelter Space

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and [Instagram](#)



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calendar, go to [http://www.  
mapc.com/calendar/  
calendar/](http://www.mapc.com/calendar/calendar/)

## THIS SUNDAY

### Adult Education: Streams in the Desert, Dana Chapel, 10:10 am

Rev. Beverly Bartlett will lead a class looking at the Desert Dwellers of the 4th century—Christian men and women who moved into the desert seeking communion with God and a way of life free from the distractions, comforts and temptations of the cities. As the first monastics, they made a significant impact on the life of the church and our understanding of prayer and the life of the spirit. We will look for the parallels between their society and ours, and wisdom that reaches across the centuries.



### Music on Madison: Andrew Henderson in recital

The Saint Andrew Music Society's Music on Madison series season continues this Sunday, October 28 at 3 pm, with a performance by Andrew Henderson, MAPC's Director of Music & Organist and chair of the organ department of the Manhattan School of Music. He will play a varied program of 17th, 18th, and 20th Century works for the organ, including Bach's 'Dorian' Toccata and Fugue, the Praeludium in E minor by Nicolaus Bruhns, Mulet's Tu es Petra, and works by

Böhm, Marchand, Sowerby, and Duruflé.

Will Call reservations may be purchased in advance by [clicking on this link](#). Admission is also available at the door: \$25 (\$20 - Students & Seniors 62+); children 12 & under: free. Visit [MAPC's website](#) to view all 15 concerts taking place during our 2018-2019 season.

### Confirmation, 4:15-5:15 pm, Youth Lounge

Are you in 8th grade? Do you want to know more about the church and God? Then join us at 4:15 on Sunday afternoon as we discover what it means to be the church. If you are interested in joining Confirmation this year, email or call Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com) or 212-288-8920. We look forward to having you explore church membership with us.

### Church Family Night Halloween Party!

This Friday, Oct. 26, 2018  
6 pm in the Parish Hall



Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join in the fun at our annual Church Family Night Halloween Party! 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-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com.**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Fall Fellowship Gatherings - Sow Bountifully!

The following information is to assist people in planning to attend one of our MAPC Fall Fellowship Gatherings. To make a reservation and for exact location details, **please call the church at 212-288-8920, extension 8485.**

#### Date and Time

Tuesday, October 16 @ 6:00-8:00 pm Park Avenue about East 58th Street

Sunday, October 21 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Friday, November 2 @ 6:00-9:00 pm

Monday, November 5 @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Monday, November 12 @ 6:00-8:00 pm

#### Approximate Location

The home is wheelchair accessible.

West 92nd Street

The home is wheelchair accessible.

West 91st Street

The home has stairs.

Park Avenue about East 89th Street

This home is wheelchair accessible.

East 67th Street

The home is wheelchair accessible.



## OTHER EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Memorial Sunday

We are receiving the names of deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered during the services on Memorial Sunday, November 4. 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 service bulletin and included in the prayers, please contact our Office Manager, Lissette Perez-Eraza at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). The deadline for the receipt of names is Tuesday, October 30.

### Donate Halloween Candy and...trick or treat at MAPC!

A few of MAPC's staff members are dressing up and handing out candy on the evening of Halloween! The doors of the narthex open at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. So, bring your dressed-up family, pets, or even self to get some treats! The deadline to donate candy is by October 27th so we can make sure we have enough to hand out. We hope to see you and your clever costumes!

### MAPC Serves, Thursday Open Table November 1st, 6-8 pm, Parish Hall

We have reached 10% of our 300 hours of service for the year! We need your help as we keep climbing to the top. On November 1st we will serve a warm meal to our neighbors in need. If you want to join there is plenty of space available, just email Christina Cosby, [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com), to reserve your spot!

### Music on Madison: Bach Concertos & Sonatas with Juilliard415

Next Friday, November 2 at 7:30 pm, musicians from The Juilliard School's historical performance program, prepared by the distinguished British harpsichordist and conductor Richard Egarr, will perform varied and inventive chamber works by Bach. The program



includes duo and trio sonatas for flute and violin, as well as Bach's beloved "Brandenburg" Concertos No. 3 and 5. Will Call reservations may be purchased in advance by clicking on this link. Admission is also available at the door: \$25 (\$20 - Students & Seniors 62+); children 12 & under: free. Visit [MAPC's website](http://MAPC's website) to view all 15 concerts taking place during our 2018-2019 season.

### Faith and Fermentation, Monday, October 29, 6:30 pm



Come join us at an Upper East Side pub at 6:30 pm for conversation, food and beverage.

We will be discussing Krista Tippet's recent conversation with sociologist and author Arlie Hochschild, "The Deep Stories of Our Time," about reaching across political and ideological divides to build connections. Please listen to the podcast or read the transcript of the conversation here: <https://onbeing.org/programs/arlie-hochschild-the-deep-stories-of-our-time-oct2018/> **RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza in the church offices, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). We will contact you with the location. We will also announce it on Sunday.**

### Fall Dates for Your Calendar:

#### Sunday, November 11

Hood Library Fellowship  
Annual Book Sale

#### Sunday, November 18

Stewardship Dedication Sunday,  
with brunch following the  
services

#### Sunday, November 30

Church Family Night, 6 pm

#### Saturday, December 1

Advent Retreat/Quiet Day  
9 am to 3 pm

#### Sunday, December 9

Senior Fellowship Lunch, 1 pm

#### Sunday, December 16

4th Annual Carol Sing, 4 pm



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MAPC



### Children's Worship

Children's worship takes place during both worship services at 9 am and 11:15 am. This is an interactive worship service designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under.

### Church School, Sunday Mornings at 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Our Church School teachers have planned an exciting fall. Join us as we share in a joint opening time and engage the Bible in our peer groups. We look forward to learning and exploring God's creation and our role in taking care of it together this year! To sign-up or get more information please reach out to Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com)

### Kids Club and Wee Kids, Wednesday afternoons 4-6 pm, Church House

Kids and families, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm for Kids Club. It's never too late to sign up, visit our website or contact Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com) to register.

### Middle School Ministries

#### Youth Worship, 9 am and 11:15 am!

Worship with your peers and friends in an interactive way in the Dana Chapel during both worship services every Sunday morning. Youth grades 4-7 are invited to join Christina Cosby for a time or worship as they learn about our worship practices at MAPC and lead their worship experience!

### Sunday Youth Hour, Sunday Mornings at 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

What characters inspire you in movies, books, and music? How do they show love toward God and others in an inspirational way? Join us on Sunday Mornings as we discover Faces of Our Faith as they appear in popular culture! We will use popular movie clips, characters from books, and people we personally know to explore how they live into their faith and how God calls us to do the same! Middle and High Schoolers are invited to join

Christina on Sunday morning at 10:10 am. Hope to see you on Sunday.

### T(w)een Club, Middle School Mid-Week Youth Group Wednesday afternoons 5-6:30 pm, Church House

Middle schoolers, we're trying something new just for you! Join us for T(w)een Club Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 pm. We'll share dinner and study the Bible with Rev. Jenny McDevitt (bring all your tough questions—she's ready for you!) Haven't joined us on Wednesday nights before? This is the perfect chance to change that and it's never too late to sign up! For more information contact Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com) or visit our website to find the registration form.

### High School Fellowship, Sunday Mornings 10:10 am, 4th floor Philips Building

Have you been looking for a space to call your own and re-connect with your church friends after a summer away or at camp? MAPC is excited to premiere our brand-new High School Fellowship this coming Sunday. This will be a time that you help design. This Sunday seminary interns, will lead us as we explore Luke in conversation and through art.

### Volunteer this Fall with Children's Worship and Youth Worship

Are you passionate about worship at MAPC? Worship is a time that we share a set liturgy as a way to reconnect with God and one another. Moreover, worship teaches us valuable patterns that we use across many areas in our lives. Each Sunday, we share the importance of this liturgy and pattern of life with our younger generation as we worship in an interactive way. This valuable time for our families is made possible by your help! Sign-up and come experience worship in a new way! If you have any questions or want to learn more, please feel free to reach out to Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com) or by calling 212-288-8920.

## SMALL GROUPS



### MAPC Serves Opportunities

#### Youth Service Group for High School Students MAPC Serves

Join us as we embark on a new program tailored to serving the vulnerable across our City with high school students in mind. This year we will share in service and fellowship as we meet the needs of three communities: the elderly, the homeless, and children. Each month, we will offer three service opportunities that reach these three populations. We look forward to having you join us in service beginning in October.

#### Save these dates:

**November 1 at 6 pm** Thursday Open Table—serving a meal to our neighbors in need.

**November 5 at 4 pm** James Lenox House—helping residents better learn to understand and use personal electronic devices (computer, cell phone, iPad, kindle....)



### Give Some Love to the New York Common Pantry Grocery Carts

Far too often, a basic human necessity like food is expensive and scarce, especially in New York City. The New York Common Pantry works each year to reduce stress in people's lives by providing a pantry to those in need. The pantry continues to ask for your help! They need canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, fresh or canned vegetables, and peanut butter. We simply ask for no glass containers! You may drop your items off in the provided grocery carts found in the Church House Lobby or the Sanctuary Narthex. Or, since we are busy people in a busy city, you may also order groceries to be delivered to the **New York Common Pantry (8 East 109th Street, New York, NY, 10029, Phone: 917-720-9700)** by one of your grocers. Know that any items you give will not only impact a family, but also a child's life. And we are most thankful for that!



### Clothing Donations Needed for Women and Men

The Homeless Outreach Program at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, one of MAPC's long-term outreach partners, continues to see a dramatic increase of homeless persons seeking assistance. Both casual and business clothing for men and women, as well as new undergarments, are among their most urgent needs. If you have clothing items in clean and neat condition, we encourage you to take them to the **Jan Hus Clothes Pantry at 351 East 74th Street at 1st Avenue. The clothes pantry is available to take donations Monday through Saturday from 8 am-8 pm and on Sunday from 9 am-3:30 pm. NOTE: Please bring all clothing to Jan Hus directly—clothing may no longer be left in the coatroom off the MAPC Church House Lobby.**



## 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! **For more information, go to the [MAPC website](#)**

### Reading Through the Bible:

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

### 20s/30s Bible Study:

**(Next Meeting is Today, Thursday, October 25th)**

Across culture and time, food and wine have been enjoyed by many. This is no different throughout Scripture. This fall we are going to look at the importance of table fellowship and the production of wine in scripture as we begin a new year. Come as we sample food, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages from different regions around the world and discover their Biblical roots.

### Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, November 5) 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Phillips Lounge

The minor prophets, who are they? What do they have to say to us today? These are the same questions we asked as we wondered what to study next. Come learn with us as we begin this new study! Joel has already surprised as he values the rituals of worship. Join us at 6:30 pm every other Monday or come early with a bit to eat as we enjoy fellowship with one another. We cannot wait to see you there!



## OUTREACH

### Ways to get involved at MAPC with hands and hearts!

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 Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com). Let's put our faith into action!

### The Thursday Open Table Needs YOU!

Can you spare 2 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](mailto:kfhoffman@earthlink.net) to volunteer for this opportunity.

The Shelter is comfortable and the experience of helping these men get their lives back on track is one that will change your heart. 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 Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) for more information.

### Hosts are needed at the Shelter



### Search and Care

Can you spend an afternoon with an elderly person on the Upper Eastside 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](mailto:SandC@searchandcare.org).

### New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry offers opportunities for volunteers to help pack and distribute food to the working poor on Saturday mornings and other times each week. MAPC has supported this very well organized and effective organization since its inception 30 years ago. This is a wonderful way to follow Christ's command to "feed my sheep!"

## STAY CONNECTED

### Stay Connected to Worship at MAPC

Did you know that even if you're away or unable to make it to church that you can listen to Sunday worship services at MAPC? Sermons and service highlights (including scripture lessons, hymns and anthems) are uploaded afterwards, and are permanently accessible. They can be downloaded to your electronic device or listened to directly on MAPC's website: peruse this valuable online resource today! Once ready for print, our Sunday bulletins are also uploaded to our website on Thursday afternoons and are made permanently available for download.

### 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 [lqp@mapc.com](mailto:lqp@mapc.com) or 212-288-8920. The cost for Sunday flowers is \$110.



## THIS WEEK AT MAPC

### Monday, October 29

6:00 pm	Faith and Fermentation	Offsite
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Long Term Planning Committee	Room 608

### Tuesday, October 30

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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### Wednesday, October 31

 Note: NO Kids Club, Wee Kids, T(w)een Club or Children's Choir

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
4:00 pm	Trick or Treat at MAPC (Candy)	Narthex, Sanctuary Steps
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

### Thursday, November 1

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table MAPC SERVES	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Meeting of the Session and Trustees	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### Friday, November 2

6:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Gathering	West 91st Street
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:30 pm	SAMS Concert: Juilliard415	Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 3

10:00 am	Saint Andrew Chorale Extra Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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