

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

## PASTORAL STAFF LETTER

announcements, updates, and information for the weeks ahead



**April 15, 2021**

### **A Letter from Rev. J. Patrick Vaughn**

*I always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in my prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)*

Dear Friends,

If I haven't mentioned it lately, I want you to know that I am really enjoying my time with you at MAPC.

Thank you.

That's really all I have to say this week.

Thank you.

Grace and peace,

Patrick

P.S. Gospel Gatherings is continuing to discuss the second volume of Luke, the book of Acts. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am via zoom for this fun discussion. For April 18, please read Acts 8-14!

[Click Here to Join Rev. Vaughn's Gospel Gathering at 9 am](#)

**Meeting ID: 875 9406 5461**

**Passcode: 908581**

Dial by your location  
+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)  
Sundays at 9 am

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## Worship

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**Please join us for online worship.**

The Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn will be preaching Sunday, April 18.  
Her sermon is entitled "And the Walls Fell."

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**Join us for in-Person Service of the Word at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.**

We have expanded our in-person worship from a  
30-minute Morning Prayer service to a 45-minute Service of the Word.  
The service includes a sermon in addition to the prayers, scripture and music  
that have been part of our Morning Prayer services for the past seven months.

We continue to follow the same stringent safety guidelines: masks completely covering  
the nose and mouth are required, physically-distanced seating will be observed, and we  
will refrain from greetings and conversation until we are out in the fresh air on the  
sidewalk after the service.

Please sign up for the service by clicking the link below  
so that we may monitor numbers.

[Sign Up Here](#)

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### Sunday Worship

Join us for pre-recorded services of worship on Sunday mornings.  
Find all our services here:

[Click Here to Watch](#)

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## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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Since Easter the total giving for the OGHS has reached \$2,067! Thank

you for caring for Christ in our neighbors in need. Read more about the impact of OGHS here: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>.

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## Wednesday Prayer

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Weekly devotions will be posted on Wednesdays. We hope that with Mid-week devotions, Morning Prayer in person on Sundays and our recorded Sunday worship service you will find devotions and worship opportunities that help sustain you during these times. Click on the button below to find all of our videos.

[Click Here to Watch](#)

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## Opportunities for Fellowship & Study

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Zoom invites are sent regularly by email.

### Virtual Fellowship Hour

*Sundays at 12 noon*

We will continue to hold Virtual Fellowship Hour through the end of April.

**\*\*NOTE:** An email with the Zoom link will be sent out on Sunday mornings at 8 am.

### A Walk in the Park - Saturdays at 9 am

Join April Martin for a masked walk in the park on Saturday morning at 9 am. We will meet at the 72nd St. and 5th Ave entrance. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com), so we know who to look for this Saturday.

### Young Adult Gatherings on Zoom

*Mondays from 7 to 8 pm: Apr. 26, May 10 & 24, June 14 & 28*

Young Adults are reading and discussing *Faith Unraveled: How a Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask Questions* by Rachel Held Evans. Bring your drink for a mid-evening happy hour and join us for fellowship and discussion. For April 26, read Chapters 8-10.

Chesna Hinkley & April Martin will lead this group on Zoom. Please watch your email for the link and more information. You can find it on Amazon or Bookshop, or email Chesna Hinkley ([ceh@mapc.com](mailto:ceh@mapc.com)) or April Martin ([aem@mapc.com](mailto:aem@mapc.com)) and we will get you a copy.

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## Easter Fest in Central Park

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**We had a wonderful Easter Fest at Cedar Hill in Central Park last Saturday with an intergenerational gathering of MAPC members from age 1 to 85!**

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## **Mystery Book Group!**

### **Meeting Tonight at 7 pm via Zoom**

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The Mystery Book Group is meeting tonight Thursday, April 15 at 7 pm to discuss Jane Harper's, *The Dry*. Watch this space for information on the next book and meeting date!

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## **Adult Education Opportunities**

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### **Anti-Racism Discussion Group, Sunday Afternoons at 5 pm**

The next group meeting is Sunday, April 18th. We'll discuss Chapter 3 of Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s book, *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*. This is the book the recent two-part PBS series on The Black Church was based on.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Beverly Bartlett at [bab@mapc.com](mailto:bab@mapc.com).

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## **Bible Studies**

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**Monday Evening Bible Study, April 19 at 7 pm**

The Monday Evening Bible Study group is reading and discussing 1 and 2 Samuel which contain the stories about the prophet Samuel, King Saul and King David, and the transformation that happened to Israel when they moved from a company of tribes to a nation ruled by a monarchy. Newcomers are always welcome! Please read 2 Samuel, chapters 1-6 and Chapters 3-4 of Geraldine Brooks' book *The Secret Chord* in preparation for the discussion. Questions? Email Rev. Bartlett at [bab@mapc.com](mailto:bab@mapc.com).

### **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study will meet by teleconference Monday, April 26 at 5:30 pm to continue their study of the Psalms. Please contact Lissette Perez-Erazo for more details: [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com)

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## **Youth and Children at MAPC**

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### **Youth (Ages 6th - 12th Grade)**

#### CONFIRMATION:

Our confirmation class meets bi-monthly on Tuesday nights via zoom.

#### YOUTH IN 2021:

Wednesdays from 6-7 pm

Middle and High school youth groups will meet with April and Chesna and adult volunteers for bible discussion and games on Zoom.

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### **Virtual Children's Ministry**

Questions about Children's Ministry at MAPC? Contact Chesna Hinkley ([ceh@mapc.com](mailto:ceh@mapc.com)) for more information or to be added to the mailing list.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

During every Sunday service, one of our pastoral staff teaches on the sermon text in a short time just for kids.

#### RECORDED CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(Designed for 3-8 years old) Every Sunday, a member of the staff or congregation leads a 8-10 minute chat about the lectionary Bible reading and a related children's book.

#### PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

(2-4 years old) We encourage you to **download** the Bible App for Kids at <https://www.bible.com/kids> and use it for at-home Christian Education for preschoolers. Search for fun, musical, 25-minute episodes in the app or watch in your browser at <https://bibleappforkids.com/parents/videos>. The video for April is "A Happy Sunday." Four weekly accompanying lesson plans and

coloring pages can be printed below.

### Printable Coloring Pages

#### MONDAYS FOR KIDS

(K-2nd grade) **on Zoom**. Our Spring Session entitled, "Going to Church," will run April 26, May 10 & 24, and June 7 & 21 at 4:30-5:15 pm.

#### PRETEEN CONNECT

(3rd-5th grade) **on Zoom**. The last class of our Winter Session is April 7 at 4:30-5:15 pm. Our Spring Session will run April 21, May 5 & 19, and June 2 & 16 at 4:30-5:15 pm. We will learn about worship, sacraments, and being members of the local congregation.

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## Four Ways to Give to MAPC During this Time

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We are grateful to all of you for your financial support of the church during this time. As you know, the church continues to be the church, with staff to pay, buildings to maintain, and ministries to carry out even though our buildings are closed. We understand that with job losses and furloughs, many people are not able to contribute financially. For those of you who are able to continue your financial pledges and offerings, click on the link below to see the four ways you can give:

[Give Now](#)

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

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## Links for MAPC Worship Services

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### **Sunday Worship**

See pre-recorded services of worship below.

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### **Children's Worship**

Find all of our children's worship videos here:

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# MAPC on Social Media

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## Facebook

Follow MAPC on Facebook for news, reminders, events, and pictures from everyday life at the church. It's a good way to engage in fellowship and to know what's going on each week.

[facebook.com/MadisonAvenuePresbyterian/](https://facebook.com/MadisonAvenuePresbyterian/)

