

The Pastoral Staff Letter

**Sunday Worship
October 22, 2017
20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Schedule 9 am & 11:15 am

**Infant Nursery—4th Fl. Phillips Building, 8:30 am—1 pm
Toddler Nursery—4th Fl. Church House, 8:30 am—1 pm**

This Sunday, The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted is preaching. His sermon entitled ***“Render Unto God”*** will be based on the texts: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; and Matthew 22:15-22, and the T(w)een, Children’s & Cherub Choirs will be singing at the 11:15 am worship service.

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 am & 11:30 am, Dana Chapel

Fellowship Hour, 10 am & 12:30 pm, Lobby

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Dana Chapel (*more info inside*)

Church School, 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Youth Hour, 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

Children’s, Cherub & T(w)een Choir Rehearsal, 10:15 am, Sanctuary

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

Confirmation Class, 1:00 pm, Youth Lounge

Congregational Nominating Committee, 1 pm, Community Services Room

ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space



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To Check out the Church’s Calendar:

Go to the website at
[http://www.mapc.com/
calendar/calendar/](http://www.mapc.com/calendar/calendar/)

MAPC is on Facebook!

*See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff*

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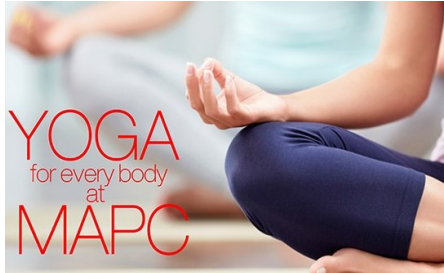
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Friday & Saturday

Yoga for Every Body Resumes, Tomorrow!! October 20, 9 am, 5th Floor



After a brief hiatus, while we searched for a new teacher, we are ready to resume our Friday morning yoga classes! Please join us this Friday, October 20, on the 5th Floor for “Yoga for Every Body!” This really is designed to be just that—yoga for EVERY body! If you are a beginner, unsure of your level of fitness, not up on the latest in yoga fashion, don’t know the difference between a down dog and cat/cow, this class is for you as much as it is for anyone who is

more experienced. Come enjoy this supportive class. It’s a great way to begin to wind down from the week and enter the weekend feeling restored and refreshed. We ask for a \$20 donation to help cover the fee for the instructor. We have a few mats if you need to borrow one, but we encourage you to bring your own if you have it. The November classes will be November 3 and 17.

Annual Women’s Brunch, Saturday, October 21, 10 am to Noon, Parish Hall

MAPC Women this is your last chance to sign up now for the Annual Women’s Brunch! This is a wonderful fellowship event, and a chance to learn the stories of some of our MAPC members. Once again, we have invited four women to share some of their stories about events/people/insights that have shaped their lives. We will have Families with Young Children con-

currently on The Roof Garden so spouses or caregivers and young children can play while Moms enjoy the brunch. RSVP to Wendy De Los Santos in the church offices, wlds@mapc.com, or sign up in the Church House Lobby during fellowship hour on the next two Sundays. The suggested donation for brunch is \$15.



Annual Women’s Brunch

Families with Young Children, Saturday, October 21, 10 am to Noon

As stated above, Families with Young Children will be a little different this time around—we hope Moms will attend the Women’s Brunch in the Parish Hall that morning, while spouses or caregivers spend time with the younger children on the Roof Garden. Please let us know if you will be coming, so we can provide bagels and beverages. RSVP to Wendy De Los Santos, wlds@mapc.com.

In My Father’s House

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of MAPC Day School teacher Lynn MacGregor, and to the entire Day School community. Lynn died Monday evening, October 16, after suffering a stroke. Lynn began teaching at the Day School in 1999 and has touched many lives of children, parents and co-workers over the last 18 years. She has left a beautiful imprint on the MAPC Day School.

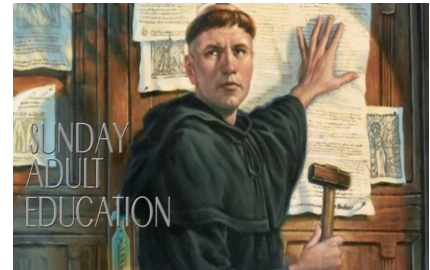
This Sunday

Adult Education: “Protestants and Catholics—Then and Now”

Dr. Eric Springsted is presenting a three-part series on the issues of the Reformation that divided the Church. This Sunday, we will look at the Catholic reaction to the Reformers at the Council of Trent. Next week, on Reformation Sunday, we will examine what the issues of Church unity are today. Dana Chapel, 10:10 am:

October 22
Catholic Reactions & Reformations

October 29
Unfinished Business



October marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Other Events & Announcements

The Congregational Nominating Committee Invites Your Suggestions

The Congregational Nominating Committee is beginning its work this Sunday to choose a slate of nominees for elders to serve on the Session, and members to serve as Deacons and on the Board of Trustees. These officers will be elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February. Your input is important to the nominating committee's work. If you feel a fellow member (or yourself) has the gifts, skills, time and energy to serve as an elder, deacon or trustee, please speak to Barbara Iverson (chair), Curtis Field (co-chair), Anne Connor, Emily O'Brock, Chris Trinkka, Art Peponis, or Kalpana David. You may also leave your suggestion in the Congregational Nominating Committee envelope with the receptionist.

A Reminder About Fall Fellowship Gatherings



The Fall Fellowship Gatherings in the homes of MAPC members sponsored by the Stewardship & Development Committee began this week. Every member of the congregation has been invited to a gathering, in most cases, it is one in your neighborhood.

Thanks to the many members who have already responded through the Paperless Post reply or in other ways, we are off to a good start! If you have not responded, the easiest way is to reply electronically.

We understand that the time of your invitation may not be convenient. We encourage all to attend an event. The full list of all eight gatherings is posted on the MAPC [website](#). If your original invitation is on a difficult date, please select an event that is convenient

for your schedule and let us know your plans.

We want to combine congregational fellowship and stewardship through these gatherings. We will talk briefly about stewardship and development, have the chance to discuss other issues of interest, and have plenty of time for fellowship. Each gathering will include light refreshments.

The Stewardship & Development Committee

Church Family Night Halloween Bash! Friday, October 27, 6 pm, Parish Hall



The Annual Halloween party is coming right up! Please make sure you have RSVP'd. Children (and grown-ups) are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. We'll have dinner, a Halloween

craft, games, a costume parade with spooky organ music, and treats to take home. In addition, John Carr is once again busy making a beautifully cross-stitched trick-or-treat bag—we will raffle the bag off that evening to raise money for Presbyterian Disaster Relief. The suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and a donation for your child(ren) based on their appetites. RSVP to Wendy De Los Santos, wdls@mapc.com.

Senior Fellowship Lunch Sunday, October 29 1 pm in the Parish Hall

Seniors, please come downstairs for lunch and fellowship after coffee hour on October 29. The suggested donation for a tasty, light lunch is \$10. The conversation and fellowship, of course, is priceless.

Highlights of the September Session Meeting

The Session had its first meeting since the summer hiatus on September 26. Click [here](#) for more information.

Memorial Sunday, November 5



We are receiving the names of deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered during the services on **Memorial Sunday, November 5**. 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. **The deadline for the receipt of names is Tuesday, October 31.** The Church Choir will also sing excerpts from Herbert Howells' masterful *Requiem* during the 11:15 am service.

Reiki Level I Workshop, Saturday, November 4, 9 am to 4 pm, 5th Floor

The MAPC Deacons are sponsoring a Level I Reiki workshop for any who are interested on Saturday, November 4. Reiki is a spiritual, hands-on healing technique first developed in Japan. Reiki is a Japanese word meaning "universal life energy," and is helpful for relaxation, reducing stress and anxiety, easing pain, and promoting healing. Many hospitals use Reiki to complement medical treatment. Anyone can learn Reiki! It is not a religion and is practiced by people of

all religions.

Our instructor for the workshop is Wendy Wade, who is a Reiki Master and long-time active member of St. James' Episcopal Church. Wendy has given brief Reiki introductions to the MAPC Board of Deacons on more than one occasion, which led to the interest in offering a more in-depth Reiki Training Workshop.

The workshop will begin at 9 am and conclude at 4 pm, with an hour for lunch. Wendy will give

us a brief history and explanation of Reiki, teach us the basic technique, and lead us in practicing Reiki. There is no charge for this Level I training, but we do ask for a \$15 donation for coffee, snacks and lunch. You may sign up for the Reiki training by contacting Wendy De Los Santos in the church offices, wdls@mapc.com, or contact Associate Pastor Beverly Bartlett for more information, bab@mapc.com.

Give to Support Disaster Relief



A Texas National Guardsman carries a resident from her flooded home following Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

The destruction from recent hurricanes has been widely published and work has begun to help people recover. Residents of Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, Barbuda, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, and elsewhere will be impacted for years to come. Many are still trying to meet immediate and basic human needs. Fires in the Western United States have destroyed homes and displaced many. Natural disasters continue to affect people throughout the world—including famine in South Sudan. Please pray for those affected.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), an entity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), continues to accept donations to support its work and that of its partners to address needs throughout the world. If you would be willing to donate to this cause, you may do so online by selecting “Disaster Relief Fund” or by designating an additional gift in our Sunday offering for disaster relief.

November Congregational Fellowship Events

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming November fellowship events:

Monday, November 6, Moms Night Out, 7 pm

Sunday, November 12, Annual Library Fellowship Book Sale during Fellowship Hour

Monday, November 13, Dinner with Mayada and Friends, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Congregational Dinner with Syrian meal prepared by Mayada Anjari, one of the Syrian refugee families Rutgers Presbyterian Church has helped to resettle. *Please note, the date listed for this event in the fall issue of MAPC Life was incorrect. November 13 is the correct date.*



Christian Education at MAPC

Call for Children's Worship and Youth Worship Volunteers

MAPC believes in the importance of incorporating children in worship through an interactive environment tailored to their needs. For this reason, we provide a time during the regularly scheduled worship services for children to engage in a liturgy designed for them, and a Bible lesson that mirrors the Sunday sermon. Our hope is this experience allows parents and children the opportunity to discuss the day's scripture passage together. This ministry of MAPC heavily depends on your willingness to volunteer. If you would like to sign-up or have questions, please contact Christina Cosby, cac@mapc.com or (212) 288-8920 x8480.

Children and Family Ministries

Children's Worship

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

Youth Worship

Youth worship occurs during both Sunday Services (9 am and 11:15 am). All children 4th grade and up are invited to attend.

Kids Club

It is not too late to sign up for this year's after school program at MAPC. Kids Club this year takes place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-6:00 pm. More information can be found on the MAPC [website](#).



Church School

Church School takes place each Sunday morning during the 10 am hour. This time is designed for elementary-aged children to join together in song and Bible study. To register, please fill out the Children Ministries' form that can be found [here](#) on the website. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!



Christina A. Cosby,
Director of Christian
Formation at MAPC

Middle and High School Ministries

T(w)een Club

This after-school program is for students in 6th grade and older, and takes place on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 pm. More information can be found

on the [website](#).

Sunday Youth Hour

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is founded on the motto "Reformed and ever reforming." This year commemorates the

500th anniversary of the Reformation. This fall we will join together to study Scripture and history, as we learn what it means to be part of the reformed faith. Through our time together

we will reflect on the church's past, discuss the church today, and share our dreams for the future of the church. We hope to see you this Sunday at 10:10 am in the Youth Lounge on the 5th Floor!

Confirmation

This year's confirmation classes will take place on Sunday afternoons at 1 pm from October 15 to May 13, 2018. This is a course for students in eighth grade or older to discern what it means to be a

member of Christ's body, the Church. If your child would like to participate in this year's confirmation classes, please reach out to Christina Cosby for more information. She can be reached by phone at 212-288-8920 x8480, or by email at cac@mapc.com.

James Lenox House Service Project—Note Date Change

We have a service opportunity coming up on Monday, October 30th, from 4-6 pm at James Lenox House. James Lenox House

is a residential community for older adults ages 55+, and a neighborhood outreach partner of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. The purpose of this project is to form inter-generational community while assisting residents with technology, reading mail, and engaging in conversation.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Christina Cosby, cac@mapc.com.

Please stay tuned for more fall service opportunities coming up, or go to the MAPC [website](#) to find a complete list.

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 <http://www.mapc.com/christian-ed/adultclasses/>.

Reading Through the Bible:

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

Reading Through the Bible meets every Wednesday in the Phillips Lounge. Next week we will pick up with Psalm 27!

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting is Thursday, October 26, 2017)

5:30-8 pm, in the 4th Floor apartment

If you are in your twenties or thirties, join us for a time of fellowship and food as we enjoy Fall festivities.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, October 30, 2017)

3rd and 5th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Phillips Lounge

Currently, we are studying Paul's letters. Come join us for an enriching conversation as we read the Second Letter to the Thessalonians! We welcome all to a time of fellowship beforehand beginning at 6 pm. Bring your dinner and engage in conversation as we learn more about faith and each other.

Men's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 1, 2017)

The Men's Bible Study meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm in Phillips Lounge. We are currently reading Galatians.

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 re-

source today! Once ready for print, our Sunday bulletins are also uploaded to our website on Thursday afternoons and are made permanently available for download.

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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 lgp@mapc.com or 212-288-8920. The cost for Sunday flowers is \$110.

Thank You for Filling the New York Common Pantry Grocery Carts

The New York Common Pantry, the city's largest private food pantry and long-time MAPC Outreach partner, is asking for your continued support: canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, fresh or canned vegetables, and peanut butter. Please—no glass containers. You can drop off items in the grocery carts in the Church House Lobby or the Sanctuary Narthex, or you could even order groceries to be delivered through one of your grocers. (8 East 109th Street, New York, NY 10029, Phone: 917-720-9700). Thank you for taking seriously Christ's command to "feed my sheep!"

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-8pm 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 of the MAPC Church House Lobby.

Hands-on Ministries

Ways to get involved at MAPC with hands and hearts!

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." 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, e-mail Andy Smothers at ads@mapc.com. Let's put our faith into action!

The Thursday Shelter Dinner 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.

Host at the Shelter

Hosts are needed for the Shelter! 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 am. Contact Andy Smothers at ads@mapc.com for more information.

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.

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!"