

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday Worship 4th Sunday of Easter April 22, 2018



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Church**

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Worship Schedule

9 am and 11:15 am service

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. Jenny McDevitt will be preaching. Her sermon entitled *“Did You Say What I Think You Said?”* will be based on the texts: Acts 4:1-20; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; and John 10:11-18. 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 will not meet today. Please remain in the Sanctuary for worship.

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

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Parish Hall (see inside)

Church School, 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Youth Hour, 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

Library Literary Luncheon, 1 pm, Parish Hall (see inside)

Confirmation Class, 1 pm, Youth Lounge

ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor

Music on Madison: Nadejda Vlaeva, piano, 3 pm, Sanctuary

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space

To Check out the Church’s Calendar:

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

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and Instagram!**

*See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff*

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This Sunday

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Parish Hall

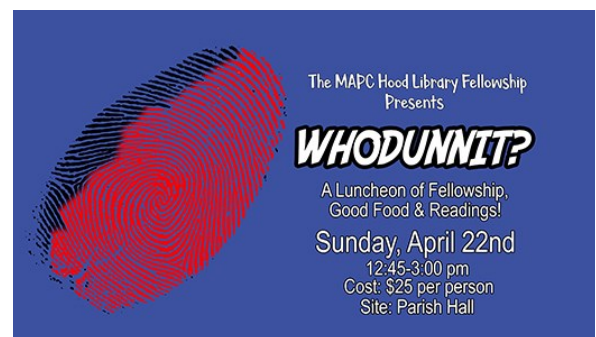
This Sunday, our Shelter Leaders Committee will lead our Adult Education class as we rediscover the many ways our congregation has been vital in helping the homeless population and has been a key influence in providing better services across our city. Did you know that MAPC, under the guidance of Fred Anderson, pushed the city to allow guests to come to faith-based shelters in order to ensure more people had a restful night while maintaining jobs?

Misa Criolla this Sunday at 11:15 am

The Church Choir will be joined by members of the Saint Andrew Chorale and guest instrumentalists in singing movements from the *Misa Criolla* by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramírez. A work based on South American folk music—particularly the rhythms and melodies of Argentina—we look forward to hearing this work with guitarist Oren Fader and a bevy of percussionists to enhance our worship!

This Sunday at 1 pm in the Parish Hall
Annual Hood Library Fellowship Literary Luncheon

The theme for this year's Library Luncheon is *Whodunnit?* with readings from some of our favorite mystery writers. We'll have a delicious meal, good fellowship, and a fun program of readings. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation is \$25.



Music on Madison: Nadejda Vlaeva



This Sunday, April 22 at 3 pm, pianist Nadejda Vlaeva returns to our *Music on Madison* series with a performance of Beethoven's *Thirty-two Variations in C minor*, WoO 80 and Schubert's *Wanderer-Fantasy*; along with Liszt's *Reminiscences of Don Juan* and works by Robert Volkmann and contemporary Bulgarian composer Pantcho Vladigerov. Admission is \$25 (\$20 – Students/Seniors); Children 12 and under: free. Will Call tickets are available in advance [online](#).

Other Events & Announcements

Music on Madison: Out of Bounds!

Next **Sunday, April 29 at 3 pm**, violinist Lydia Chernicoff and pianist Ronaldo Rolim will perform sonatas by Mozart, Schumann and Schnittke, as well as Sofia Gubaidulina's *Dancer on a Tightrope*. Of their program, Nadia writes: "Each of these works inhabit a distinct world of sound. But they also share something important: an engagement with risk. These works all explore an outer edge, whether of harmony, form, discourse, or the role of art itself." Admission is \$25 (\$20—Students/Seniors); Children 12 and under: free. Will Call tickets are available in advance [online](#).



Tween and Teen Brunch, April 29, 12:30 pm in the Youth Lounge



Youth in middle and high school, please join us on the 5th Floor in the Youth Lounge immediately following the 11:15 am worship service on April 29 for a time of

discussion and food. All are welcome, and please feel free to bring a friend. If you would like to attend, please email Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Youth Sunday Participants Wanted—Sign-up by May 1

The Confirmation Class has begun preparations for Youth Sunday, and they are excited to invite all children and youth, 3rd grade and older, to join them in leading worship on May 20th. ***If you are interested in signing your child up to participate, please email Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com, or Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com with their name, grade, and the service they wish to participate.***

There will be 4 rehearsals required for participation during our regularly scheduled Church School, Kids Club, and T(w)een Club programs. If you will be unable to attend these rehearsal, please indicate that information in your email as well.

The rehearsal dates are as follows:

May 6 from 10:10-11:10 am

May 9 from 4-5:30 pm

May 13 from 10:10-11:10 am

May 16 from 4:5:30 pm

Thursday Open Table, Youth Service Opportunity, May 3, 6 pm



We need your help to ensure that our neighbors in need can receive a warm meal in a relaxed environment! Our Thursday Open Table meal program focuses on feeding anyone who comes to our church on Thursday evenings in need of a meal. We serve about 100 people each week. If you would like to sign up for this service event, please email Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. This is a great way to get service hours while helping the vulnerable in our community.

Moms' Night Out, Monday, May 14, 7 pm at the Upper East Side Restaurant



MAPC moms, we have a Moms' Night Out coming up in a few weeks. Please put it on your calendars! Jenny McDevitt will join us, so we will have a chance for further conversation with her. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com. When we know how many people are coming, we will choose a restaurant and let you know the location. Come enjoy a relaxing evening with other MAPC moms.

Highlights of the March Session Meeting

The Session met in a regular called meeting on March 27, 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

MAPC Book Club, Tuesday, April 17, 4 pm in the Library

Start reading now so you can join in the book club to discussion on May 15 of *A Murder in Time* by Julie McElwain. The MAPC Book Club would love to have you join them!!



New Member Class led by Jenny McDevitt, Saturday, May 19 at 9 am, Phillips Lounge



Jenny McDevitt will be leading a New Member class for those interested in membership at MAPC. More information to come later.

All Church Retreat September 28-29 at Holmes Camp and Conference Center



Mark your calendar now for the All Church Retreat in the fall! We are having it a little earlier this year and are hoping for beautiful weather for outdoor activities. We'll have plenty of room for those who want to come up and enjoy and evening of fellowship on Friday, and we will plan to start the program around 9 or 9:30 on Saturday for those who come for the day. We'll have more details as we get closer to summer.

Christian Education at MAPC

Volunteers Needed for Children's Worship

Children's Worship needs your help! If you can help assist in Children's Worship this year, please sign up for the 9 am worship service, or the 11:15 am worship service here. This ministry is a success thanks to your willingness to volunteer. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Christina Cosby at (212) 288-8920 x8480, or by email at cac@mapc.com.

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

This interactive worship service takes place at both of our regularly-scheduled worship services (9 am and 11:15 am) and is designed to teach youth about the elements of Presbyterian Liturgy while offering leadership opportunities in worship each Sunday.

Important Note: Youth between grades 4 and 8 are encouraged to stay in worship on April 22nd and April 29th. There will be NO Youth Worship on those two Sundays.

Kids Club

Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-6 pm

Families are invited to join Kids Club at any time! For more information, please visit our [website](http://www.mapc.com), or contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Kids Club schedule for the remainder of the year:

May 16—last Kids Club for this school year



Middle and High School Ministries

T(w)een Club

Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm
T(w)eens are invited to join Tween Club at any time during the year! For more information please visit our [website](http://www.mapc.com).

T(w)een Club's last day will be May 16th, followed by Youth Sunday on May 20th.



Please stay tuned for more service opportunities coming up, or go to the MAPC website for a complete list or click here to find an easy-to-print calendar.

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:

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

On April 25, we will pick up with Psalm 133.

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

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, Youth Lounge

Join us in the Youth Lounge for food and Bible Study. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, April 23)

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Phillips Lounge

On Monday, April 23, the Rev. Jenny McDevitt will join us for a time of conversation as she shares Biblical passages that are meaningful to her. We hope that you can join us for this time of fellowship and conversation!

Bible study begins at 6:30 pm, but everyone is invited to bring dinner for fellowship at 6 pm.

Men's Bible Study:

The Men's Bible Study is currently on hiatus.

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.

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 val-

uable 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.

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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 Christina Cosby at cac@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 to volunteer for this opportunity (formerly known as Shelter Diner)

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 Christina Cosby at cac@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!"