

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday Worship 5th Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

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 ***“Room Enough for Everyone”*** will be based on the texts: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; and John 15:1-8. 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, Lectionary Bible Study

Church School, 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Youth Hour, 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

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

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

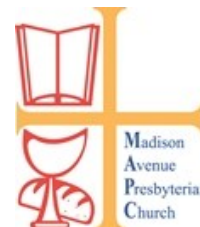
Teen Brunch, 12:45 pm, Youth Lounge (*see inside*)

Confirmation Class, 1:15 pm, Youth Lounge

ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor

Music on Madison: Lydia Chernicoff & Ronaldo Rolim, 3 pm, Sanctuary

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/
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**MAPC is on Facebook
and Instagram!**

*See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff*

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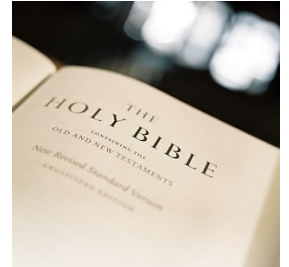
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This Sunday

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Parish Hall, Lectionary Bible Study



Beverly Bartlett will lead a lectionary Bible Study in the Parish Hall at 10:10 am this Sunday. We will use both “informational” and “formational” approaches to study the passage and discern what God might be saying to us through it.



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

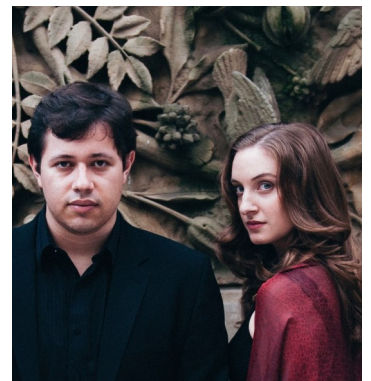


Youth in middle and high school, please join us on the 5th Floor in the Youth Lounge immediately following the 11:15 am worship service on April 29 for a time of

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.

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 Tight-rope*. Of their program, Lydia 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](#).



Other Events & Announcements

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

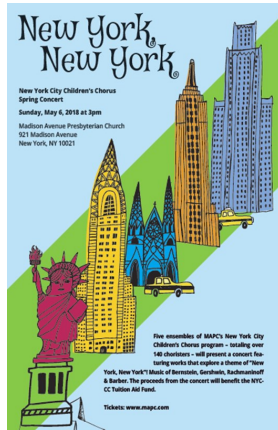
May 16 from 4:5:30 pm

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.



Music on Madison: New York City Children's Chorus



“*New York, New York*” is the theme of the Music on Madison concert **next Sunday, May 6 at 3 pm**, featuring five ensembles with over 145 choristers of MAPC’s New York City Children’s Chorus program. Music of Bernstein, Thompson, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff, Barber and Broadway. Admission is by suggested donation at the door: \$25 (\$20 – Students/Seniors 62+); Children 12 and under: Free! Will Call tickets may be purchased online in advance. Admission proceeds to benefit the NYCCC Tuition Aid Fund.

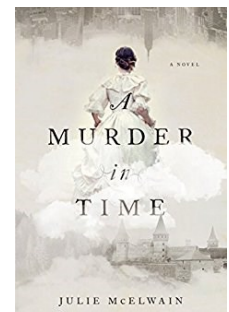
Moms’ Night Out, Monday, May 14, 7 pm at the Upper East Side Restaurant



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-Eraza 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.

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!!



Highlights of the March Session Meeting

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

Tell Me More About MAPC! - Saturday, May 19 at 9 am



New to MAPC? Thinking about joining, or just curious about who we are and why we do things the way we do? Not sure how to spell *Presbyterian*, never mind, know what Presbyterians believe? Looking for ways to get connected and get involved? Join us on Saturday, May 19 from 9 to 11:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. Attendance at one of these gatherings is required before officially joining, but attending doesn't commit you to joining. RSVPs are helpful so we can have enough snacks and coffee on hand for you, but consider yourself invited and welcome even if your presence is a surprise to you. Led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com with questions or to sign up.

Roof Garden Party, Thursday, May 31 from 6 to 9, on the Roof Garden, of course!

We normally have our summer Roof Garden party in July, but the sprinkler installation project that will be happening in the Church House this summer will make the Roof Garden inaccessible as of June 1. Chef Jim will be cooking for us and is planning a Mexican menu. So, come enjoy an "almost summer" Roof Garden Party! We will offer childcare again. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com, or watch for sign-up opportunities during fellowship hours on Sunday mornings.

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 an 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 29th. There will be NO Youth Worship this Sunday.

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](#), 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](#).

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 May 2, we will pick up with Psalm 136.

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting is Thursday, May 10)

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, May 14)

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

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!"