

The Pastoral Staff Letter



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Sunday Worship Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day June 17, 2018

Worship Schedule 10:30 am Service

Nursery—4th Fl. Phillips Building, 9:15 am-12:15 pm

This Sunday, Rev. Beverly Bartlett will be preaching her sermon entitled ***“The Value of the Least”***, which will be based on the lectionary texts: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; and Mark 4:26-34. Preview the latest Sunday bulletin, or listen to sermons and service highlights from previous Sundays on MAPC’s website.

Sunday LIFT, 9:15 am, 8th AR

Summer Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Choir Room

Children’s Worship, 10:45 am, Phillips Lounge

Fellowship Hour, 11:45 am, Lobby

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/)

**MAPC is on Facebook
and Instagram!**

*See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff*

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This Saturday

Tell Me More About MAPC! - Saturday, June 16 at 9:30 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, June 16 from 9:30 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 us. Led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com with questions or to sign up.



This Sunday

Summer Choir



You're invited to sing on Sundays during the summer at MAPC! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for church members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Continuing through Sunday, July 29, the Summer Choir will meet on Sunday mornings for a rehearsal at 9:30 am in preparation for our 10:30 am services. This is a great way to join in on the music-making at MAPC on an informal level; just come as you can. To peruse this summer's choral music repertoire and further information, click on [this link](#) to MAPC's website. Please contact Andrew Henderson at aeh@mapc.com for more information.

Sunday Nursery, Throughout the Summer, 4th Floor Phillips Building

This summer the nursery will be in the B's & T's room on the 4th Floor of the Phillips Building, to accommodate for the sprinkler work taking place throughout the Church House. Signs will guide the way, and our friendly, professional nursery staff will be there to greet you!

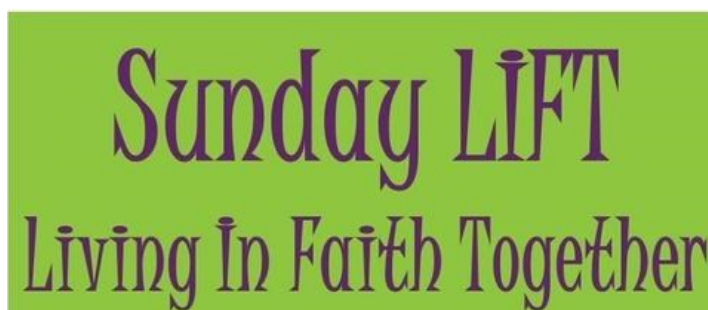
For more information regarding the sprinkler work schedule, see [page 4](#).



SUNDAY LIFT, a Christian Education Summer Opportunity, Sunday Mornings Throughout June, in the Atrium on the 8th Floor

Five-years-old or one-hundred and five, we have the perfect summer educational experience for you!

MAPC has been chosen to pilot a new educational curriculum this summer. *Sunday Lift* is an intergeneration educational experience that focuses on faith formation and cultivating community within congregations. This goal is accomplished through bible study, games, and sharing a meal together. We hope that you will join us for this exciting summer Christian education opportunity for all ages.



This Sunday, June 17 join us for *Play Ball!* where we will be explore what it means to live with the peace of Christ in our lives.

Going forward we will be exploring:

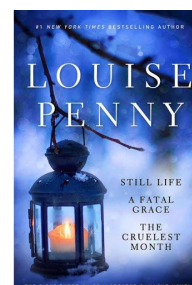


Sunday, June 24: *Breakfast with Jesus!* Discover the many ways Jesus provides for us as we share who Jesus is in our lives.

Other Events & Announcements

The MAPC Book Club Meets Tuesday, June 19, at 4 pm
in the Hood Library

We will be discussing *Still Life*, the first book in Louise Penny's award-winning and wildly-popular Inspector Gamache series. If you have not met Inspector Gamache, his team, family and the village of Three Pines, this is a good chance to get acquainted. All are welcome!



Spiritual Growth and Faith Sharing Group, June 21, 1 pm, James Lenox House Library

This is an open group, and any are welcome to join in this time of fellowship, prayer and reflection on a passage of scripture. Beverly Bartlett facilitates the group which is comprised of MAPC members and James Lenox House residents.



Faith and Fermentation—An Informal Gathering for Conversation About Faith



On Thursday, June 21st, from 6:30 to 8:30 at Ryan's Daughter Pub (350 East 85th Street), come enjoy beverage and conversation on faith. The springboard for our conversation will be Krista Tippett's *On Being* interview with Irish priest, author, poet and philosopher John O'Donohue. Listen to the podcast or read the transcript here: www.onbeing.org/programs/john-odonohue-the-inner-landscape-of-beauty-aug2017/ Everyone will be responsible for their own food and beverages. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at each of these gatherings. RSVPs are essential to hold our reservation with adequate space for everyone. Sign up during fellowship hour after worship or through Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Summer Sprinkler Work at MAPC

As you've surely noticed by now, our sprinkler project is well underway. Protective coverings have been put down in the Church House Lobby, as well as in the larger elevator. While they are not especially attractive, their purpose is practical and necessary. The work of installing city-required sprinklers on each floor will take place in stages, listed below. Please note that for the duration of time work is underway, these floors are strictly off-limits for safety reasons.

Stage One: 4th, 5th, 6th Floors and Roof Garden (June 4—July 28)

Stage Two: 7th, 8th and 9th Floors (July 1—August 25)

Stage Three: Ground Floor and Mezzanine (July 23—August 30)

The 5th Floor will be used for staging and storing equipment and will be off-limits from June 11 through September 1.

These dates are our best estimate at present. Roger Pierce, our Director of Administration & Finance, along with members of the building staff, will meet weekly with the contractors. Should any schedule changes be made, we will keep you up to date.

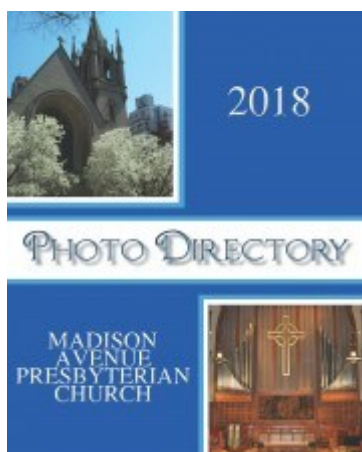
Thank you, in advance, for your help in keeping away from the involved floors as listed. This project is essential for everyone's safety. You matter to us, and we want to make sure this important work can be completed as smoothly as possible!



New Leadership for Our Partners in the Synod of Harare, Zimbabwe

Our ministry partners in the Synod of Harare in Zimbabwe elected new leaders at their May Synod meeting. Our friend Rev. Aston Galanti, who was the first pastor-in-residence from Zimbabwe a few years ago, has been elected Synod Moderator, and Rev. Kingstar Chipata is the newly-elected General Secretary. We wish our friend Libias Boloma, who was also at MAPC as a pastor-in-residence, God's blessings as he finishes his service as General Secretary this month and returns to pastor a church—the calling most dear to his heart. It has been a privilege to work with Libias as General Secretary for the past six years, and we look forward to developing a similar relationship with Kingstar. Please keep our partners in your prayers during this time of transition.

New Church Directory is Ready!



Our new church directory is ready and available to members of MAPC! We are using an online church directory, which you may print if you would like a paper copy. Here is how you access it: go online to <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>.

Click on “Church Member Sign In” then click on “create a login now”. You will need to enter the email you use to receive church communications and create a password. If you are blocked from creating a log in, it means the email you are using is not what we have in our records for you! If that is the case, please contact Carmen Olmeda in the church offices with your correct email address, so she can update it in the system, at co@mapc.com. If you find that any of your information is incorrect, or out of date, please send the correct information to Carmen, and we will ensure that it is updated.

If you did not have your photo taken, or would like to provide an updated one, please send your photo to Arnaldo Pitre at aap@mapc.com.

Please keep this directory confidential to the MAPC community, and refrain from using it for any marketing or solicitation purposes.

We hope you will find this a helpful tool for being in touch with one another and getting better acquainted with other MAPC members.

Highlights of the May Session Meeting

The Session met in regular session on May 22, 2018. For more information click [here](#).

Installation Service for Jenny McDevitt

On September 23, at 3 pm, Rev. Jenny McDevitt will be installed as our Senior Pastor. Join the Presbytery of New York City for worship and a celebratory reception to follow. Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Senior Pastor of Village Presbyterian Church (Jenny's previous congregation) will preach.



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

Help Needed This Summer for Children's Worship

One of the Christian education ministries of MAPC that runs year-round is Children's Worship. This is an interactive time of worship during our 10:30 am service for our youngest constituents—third graders and younger. During the summer months, this ministry is completely volunteer-led. We need your help in July and August to teach and assist with this ministry!



The lessons are straight forward and laid out in detail for you. You will receive them on Thursday afternoon the week you are teaching. Minimum advance preparation is required as all of the materials are provided, and the space will be already set-up for you. All you need to do is familiarize yourself with the weekly lesson and come to worship on the given day.

Here is a link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b45aaa623a4f49-summer>.

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com or by calling the church office.

Children and Family Ministries

Children's Worship

Children's Worship takes place during our at our summer worship service at 10:30 am. This is an interactive worship service designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under.

Kids Club is on hiatus for the summer and will resume on September 12, 2018.



Middle and High School Ministries

Youth Worship is on hiatus for the summer and will resume on September 9, 2018.

All children and youth older than 3rd grade should stay in the sanctuary with their parents during worship.

T(w)een Club is on hiatus for the summer and will resume on September 12, 2018.



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

Reading Through the Bible is on hiatus for the month of June. The next meeting will be on July 11, as we continue to read the Book of Proverbs.

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting is Today, Thursday, June 14)

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, Apt. #10C

Join us for food and Bible Study on God's calling upon our lives. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, June 25)

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

Hospitality takes many forms, but how does God call us to engage with those we are called into community with? Join us as we continue our study on *Hospitality: A Journey Through Scripture and History*. Bible study begins at 6:30, and all are welcome to bring dinner for fellowship at 6 pm. We look forward to seeing new faces at our next session.



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

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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 Dinner)

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!"