

The Pastoral Staff Letter

**Sunday Worship—18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018**

**Worship Schedule
10:30 am Service**

Nursery—4th Fl. Phillips Building, 9:30 am-12:15 pm

This Sunday, Rev. Jenny McDevitt will be preaching her sermon entitled ***These Are Not Childish Times***, which will be based on the lectionary texts: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; and John 6:24-35. This being the first Sunday of the month, prayers for healing and wholeness will be offered during communion. Preview the latest Sunday [bulletin](#), or [listen](#) to sermons and service highlights from previous Sundays on MAPC's website.

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

Fellowship Hour, 11:45 am, Parish Hall

ESL Classes, 12 pm, Shelter Space, Community Services Room

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space

**Sunday Worship—19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018**

**Worship Schedule
10:30 am Service**

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

This Sunday, Rev. Jenny McDevitt will be preaching her sermon entitled ***It's Okay to be Angry***, which will be based on the lectionary texts: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25—5:2; and John 6:35, 41-51. Preview the latest Sunday [bulletin](#), or [listen](#) to sermons and service highlights from previous Sundays on MAPC's website.

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Fellowship Hour, 11:45 am, Parish Hall

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space



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**This is a two-week
Pastoral Staff Letter.**

**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 Sunday

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



The nursery will be in the Babies and Toddlers 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!

See updates on the sprinkler work schedule, see [page 5](#).

Fellowship Hour is in the Parish Hall

The sprinkler work has now made its way to the church house lobby and the library, so our Fellowship Hour on Sundays after worship will now take place in the Parish Hall. This will be the case through the Sunday before Labor Day. We appreciate your patience through the completion of this important project.

In My Father's House

Our long-term member Ruth Weir died Monday, July 30th at the age of 92 at Hebrew Home in Riverdale after a lengthy illness. Ruth joined the church in 1962, and for several years headed up the Thursday evening meal, then called Shelter Dinner (now Thursday Open Table). We give thanks to God for Ruth's life and all she gave to this church. A memorial service is being planned, and the date will be announced here.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They will rest from their labors, and their deeds will follow them." —Rev. 14:13



Other Events & Announcements

Sign Up Now for the All-Church Retreat
September 28-29 at Holmes Camp and Conference Center



The all-church retreat at Holmes Camp and Conference Center will be here before you know it! In fact, we will need to give Holmes our numbers shortly after the summer holidays are over. Please look at your calendars and sign up now!

There are two options:

1. You may come up on Friday evening (with sleeping bag and towels) and enjoy dinner and a relaxed evening of fellowship and breakfast the next morning before the rest of the folks arrive, or
2. Come for the day on Saturday.

The evening meal on Friday begins at 7, and we'll enjoy games, conversation and evening prayer afterwards. We will plan on starting the program around 9:30 am on Saturday, depending on when the bus arrives.

The cost for those coming overnight is \$90 (includes lodging, three meals, and day use fee on Saturday).

The cost for those coming up on Saturday is \$30 (includes morning coffee and snacks, lunch and day use fee).

The cost of transportation is additional!! We have reserved a bus for those coming for the day on Saturday. The bus will leave MAPC at 7:45 am and depart Holmes to return to NYC at 4 pm. The roundtrip cost for the bus is \$50.

For those coming up on Friday evening, we will arrange carpooling, or you may take Metro North and someone will pick you up from the Southeast Station.

We will have a separate children's program on Saturday morning, while the adults share in discussion, then everyone will enjoy lunch together and afternoon activities of their choice: hiking, visiting the farm, sitting on the porch, or playing games.

If you have questions, please contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com
You may sign up during coffee hour after worship on upcoming Sunday, or by contacting Lissette, or through Sign Up Genius: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F44A5AF2DA1FE3-holmes

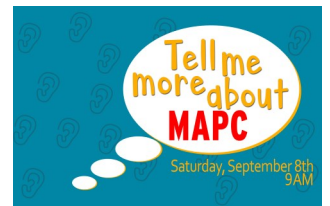
Spiritual Growth and Faith Sharing Group, August 16, 1 pm in the James Lenox House Library



This small group that meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month is continuing through the summer. Please join us in the library of the James Lenox House, just around the corner from the church on 73rd Street, at 1 pm. We will reflect on a passage of scripture, both silently and in conversation. The September dates are 9/6 and 9/20.

Tell Me More About MAPC! - Saturday, September 8 at 9:00 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? Our next *Tell Me More About MAPC* class is Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 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. The class is led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor. Contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at ljp@mapc.com with questions or to sign up.



Fall Congregational Picnic, September 9 at 1 pm



Save the date! Say goodbye to summer and hello to this next season of our life together at the Fall Picnic in the Park following the 11:15 am worship service on Sunday, September 9. Look for more details in the next Pastoral Staff Letter, but mark your calendars now !

Updates on the Sprinkler Work at MAPC

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.

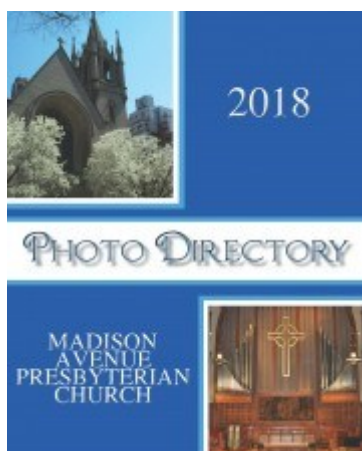


Recently, the work in the lobby and mezzanine began, and Sunday fellowship hour will be taking place in the Parish Hall through the rest of the summer. The 7th Floor is almost complete, but work is continuing on the Roof Garden, 8th and 9th Floors.

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!

The 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.

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.

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 perpetration 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 until September.

20s/30s Group: (Next Meeting is Thursday, August 9)

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

Join us for food, fellowship and discussions on faith at our 20s/30s Bible Study. If you would like more information, email Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, August 13)

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Library

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 high-lights (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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www.mapc.com**

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!"