

The Pastoral Staff Letter

A Note From Jenny

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the southeastern region of our country is again waking up in the aftermath of a storm. Hurricane Michael swept through and left enormous amounts of devastation in its wake, including (as of this writing) 11 deaths. Entire towns have been leveled. Homes, and all the memories and security they held, are gone. I have mentioned before that, as Presbyterians, we are a deeply connectional church. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is another fine witness to this truth. When the worst happens, PDA shows up in ways that are safe, helpful, and timely. We watch the news and wish for ways to help; this is a very concrete way of doing so.

I have heard from many friends who serve churches in the areas hit hardest by the storm. I imagine you have heard from friends and family. There is a long road ahead. We can, and will, support them with our prayers. Those who are able and interested can also support them financially here: www.pda.pcusa.org. PDA's slogan, goal, and theology is summarized this way: "Out of chaos, hope." Let us be bearers of hope, for one another, and for the world. We can do this trusting in our Lord, Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer, who is with us in the midst of every storm.

Peace,

Jenny



Sunday Worship—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 14, 2018

Worship Schedule

9 am & 11:15 am

Nursery—4th Fl. Phillips Building, 8:30 am—1:00 pm

This Sunday Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett will be preaching her sermon entitled ***The Rich Man: What Gets in the Way*** which will be based on the lectionary texts: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16 and Mark 10:17-31. Preview the latest Sunday [bulletin](#), or [listen](#) to sermons and service highlights from previous Sundays on MAPC's website.

Quartet Rehearsal, 8:40 am, Choir Room

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, Church House Lobby

Intergenerational Christian Education Hour, 10:10 am, Parish Hall (see details [inside](#))

High School Fellowship, 10:10 am, 4th Floor Phillips Building

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

ESL Classes, 1 pm, Fifth Floor

Congregational Nominating Committee, 1 pm, Community Services Room

Music on Madison: Mannes College Concert, 3 pm, Sanctuary (see details [inside](#))

Confirmation Class, 4:15 pm, Youth Lounge

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/)

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Instagram!**

See you in church!
The Pastoral Staff

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This Sunday

Building Together: *A Time of Study and Conversation on the Tower of Babel*, An Intergenerational Christian Education Experience, 10:10 am, Parish Hall

During the summer, in June, we piloted a new, Sunday morning intergenerational curriculum, which centered on four concepts of the early church. The program strove to bring believers together to devote themselves to the Word of God, offer fellowship centered on structured recreational activities, provide table fellowship, and allow participants to share prayers. We feel that the program was a success and are implementing the idea again this Sunday! Join us this weekend for a collaborative Christian Education Hour at 10:10 am, where we will engage in discussion about the Tower of Babel in an intergenerational experience. We hope to see you there!



It's Time for Confirmation! Classes Begin This Sunday at 4:15 pm

Are you an 8th grader or High School Student wondering more about what it means to be a member of the Presbyterian Church and MAPC? Do you have big questions that you would like to ask church leaders and God? Then Confirmation is for you!

This year our Confirmation class will focus on asking big questions assured that our God is big enough to answer them. We will explore our Christian Faith as we engage with different faith communities in our city, and you will be able to meet other confirmands across our city. Come to get to know your God, come get to know your church, and come get to know your pastors!



Confirmation classes are from 4:15-5:30 pm, beginning this Sunday and ending April 28. The month of May will be used to prepare for Youth Sunday, which will be at the 10:30 am worship service on June 2, 2019.

If you would like to sign up or get more information, please contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Music on Madison: "Nature as Sound"



The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season begins this **Sunday, October 14 at 3 pm**, with students from Mannes College–The New School for Music, and guest organist Andrew Henderson, the afternoon's program features music inspired by nature, with keyboard works by Schumann, Tchaikovsky, Debussy, and Messiaen; vocal works by Joseph Haydn and Raphael Fusco; and Franz Schubert's *'Trout' Piano Quintet*. Admission to our *Music on Madison* concerts is \$25 (\$20 – students/seniors); children 12 and under: free. Will Call reservations may be made online in advance using a credit card, or admission can be paid at the door. Visit MAPC's website to view all 15 concerts taking place during our 2018-2019 season.

For All the Saints

The memorial service for our longtime member Vera Gordon is tomorrow, Saturday, October 13 at 11 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Please come join in this service of witness to the resurrection and celebration of Vera's life.



Other Events & Announcements

Fall Fellowship Gatherings—Sow Bountifully!

The following information is to assist people in planning to attend one of our MAPC Fall Fellowship Gatherings. To make a reservation and for exact location details, please call the church at 212-288-8920, extension 8485.



Date and Time

Tuesday, October 16 @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, October 21 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Friday, November 2 @ 6:00-9:00 pm

Monday, November 5 @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Monday, November 12 @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Approximate Location

Park Avenue about East 58th Street
The home is wheelchair accessible.

West 92nd Street
The home is wheelchair accessible.

West 91st Street
The home has stairs.

Park Avenue about East 89th Street
This home is wheelchair accessible.

East 67th Street
The home is wheelchair accessible.

Last Chance to Sign Up for Dinner with Mayada! This Monday, October 15 at 6 pm—You Don't Want to Miss It!

Please sign up for Dinner with Mayada today! Far more of you have indicated that you are coming than have actually signed up. Mayada needs to purchase the food, and we have to have a count today! If you haven't gotten around to it—now is the time!

Mayada has a wonderful meal planned for us, and will be signing copies of her beautiful new cookbook. We also have to know how many books to have on hand, so please give us that information as well!

You can sign up by using the Brown Paper Tickets link:

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3631389>

OR, send an email to Lissette Perez-Erazo: lgp@mapc.com

Further Details:

Mayada Anjari is a refugee from Syria, who, along with her family, has resettled in Jersey City with the help of Rutgers Presbyterian Church and Church World Service. Mayada is a wonderful cook, and Dinners with Mayada are one way she helps support her family as they establish their lives in the United States.

Food and Wine lists Mayada's cookbook as one of the best cookbooks coming out this fall: <https://www.foodandwine.com/news/fall-cookbooks>. The book is \$24.95. You can preview it here: <https://www.breadandsaltbetweenus.org/>

The cost of dinner is \$40 for adults, and \$20 for children under 12. Since this is a benefit dinner, please pay the full price, if possible. If the full \$40 is not possible for you, please pay what you can, and the Congregational Nurture Committee will subsidize the rest. This event is BYOB, and we invite you to bring a bottle of wine to share—we also encourage you to invite friends!



Annual Women's Brunch, Saturday, October 20, 10 am to Noon



Our annual women's brunch is coming right up! Once again, we look forward to hearing from MAPC women about their stories—what helped shaped their lives and led them to this point—and sharing our own stories around the table. This is a wonderful time of fellowship, and we encourage the women of the congregation to be there—and invite a friend! We will open the Roof Garden for spouses or caregivers and children to go play while mothers enjoy the brunch. The suggested donation for this event is \$20 (there will be mimosas). RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com, or sign up during fellowship hour after worship.

CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 21, 1 pm, Church House



You're invited to help end hunger in any way you feel you can give!

For the past several years, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Christian Education Committee has helped organize the CROP Hunger Walk, which is run by local congregations or groups to help raise funds to end hunger around the world, one step at a time. Please join our team as we make our way down the streets of NYC, or to donate funds for the event in order to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs.

MAPC receives several grants through our participation. By donating or taking part in the Walk, you also lend a helping hand to our own Thursday Night Open Table, which feeds about a hundred people experiencing homelessness each week.

We hope to give you more information in the coming weeks about the Walk! Until then, please visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/newyorkny/MAPC> to sign up or donate to CROP Hunger Walk.

You Still Have Time to Donate to The Peace and Global Witness Offering!

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near" (Ephesians 2:14-17). The Peace and Global Witness Offering exists to support the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. This special offering allows the congregation to give twenty-five percent of the money received to a local organization. The remaining donation will be given to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and our mid council.

This year, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church has chosen to give our 25 percent to New Life of New York City (newlifeofnyc.org), which is a local organization that seeks to engage at-risk and vulnerable youth to resist unhealthy environments in order to encourage them to make good decisions while living in the city.



We hope we have piqued your interest in supporting this special offering, in order to put an end to hostilities and seek peace for those not only in NYC, but throughout the world. You can donate online at mapc.com/giving/ (after logging in, pull down the tab and look for "Peace"). Or you can drop your donation by the church! Thanks for your support of this Special Offering!

Do You Have a Student Away at School?



If you have a student away at boarding school or college we want to know about it! A church community is often a second family to children as they grow into young adults and we want to continue to let your student know that they are important to our community. If your student is no longer at home, please share their address with Christina Cosby by email at cac@mapc.com, so that their church family can send words of encouragement and care packages as they continue to mark important milestones in their lives.

Memorial Sunday

We are receiving the names of deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered during the services on **Memorial Sunday, November 4**. 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-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. **The deadline for the receipt of names is Tuesday, October 30.**



Fall Dates for Your Calendars

Monday, October 15 (6 pm)—Dinner with Mayada

Saturday, October 20 (10 am)—Annual Women's Brunch

Friday, October 26 (6 pm)—Annual Church Family Night Halloween Bash!

Monday, October 29 (7 pm)—Faith & Fermentation

Sunday, November 4 (1 pm)—Senior Fellowship Lunch, Parish Hall

Sunday, November 11—Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale

Sunday, November 18—Stewardship Dedication Sunday

(with brunches following the services)

Sunday, November 30 (6 pm)—Church Family Night, Parish Hall

Saturday, December 1 (9 am to 3 pm)—Advent Retreat/Quiet Day

Sunday, December 9 (1 pm)—Senior Fellowship Lunch, Parish Hall

Sunday, December 16 (4 pm)—14th Annual Carol Sing, Sanctuary

Please feel welcome to join us for our events!

Donate Halloween Candy and...trick or treat at MAPC!

A few of MAPC's staff members are dressing up and handing out candy on the evening of Halloween! The doors of the Narthex open at 4 pm, and will be open until 6 pm. So, bring your dressed-up family, pets, or even yourself to get some treats! The deadline to donate candy is by October 27th, so we can make sure we have enough to hand out. We hope to see you and your clever costumes!



Look What's Happening at MAPC This Week!

Monday, October 15

All Day	SESSION PACKET MATERIALS DUE	
6:00 pm	Dinner with Mayada	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:30 pm	NYCCC Committee	Choir Room

Tuesday, October 16

8:00 am	Long Term Planning Committee	Room 608
4:00 pm	MAPC Book Club	Library
6:00 pm	Day School Open House	Day School
6:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Gathering	East 58th & Park Avenue
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge

Wednesday, October 17

8:00 am	Trustees	
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
3:45 pm	Kids Club	PH, PL, Gym, 5th Floor
3:45 pm	Wee Kids	4th Floor
4:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Youth Lounge
6:00 pm	Day School Committee	8th AR
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge

Thursday, October 18

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, October 19

5:30 pm	Day School Potluck	Parish Hall
6:00 pm	New Member Reception	Manse
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Saturday, October 20

10:00 am	Annual Women's Brunch	Parish Hall, Roof Garden
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Christian Education at MAPC

Volunteer this Fall with Children's Worship & Youth Worship



Are you passionate about worship at MAPC? Worship is a time that we share a set liturgy as a way to reconnect with God and one another. Moreover, worship teaches us valuable patterns that we use across many areas in our lives. Each Sunday, we share the importance of this liturgy and pattern of life with our younger generation as we worship in an interactive way. This valuable time for our families is made possible by your help! Sign-up and come experience worship in a new way!

If you have further questions or want to learn more, please feel free to reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com or by calling 212-288-8920.

Children and Family Ministries

Children's Worship

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



Church School Sunday Mornings at 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Our Church School teachers have planned an exciting Fall. Join us as we share in a joint opening time and engage the Bible in our peer groups. We look forward to learning and exploring God's creation and our role in taking care of it together this year! To sign up or get more information, please out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Kids Club and Wee Kids, Wednesdays, 4-6 pm, Church House

Kids and families, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm for Kids Club! Join us for Bible Study, Choir, Recreation and Dinner. To register, visit our [website](http://www.mapc.com) or contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com. Please note that for Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, there will be NO Kids Club.



Middle and High School Ministries

Youth Worship September-May, from 9 am to 11:15 am!

Worship with your peers and friends in an interactive way in the Dana Chapel during both worship services every Sunday morning. Youth grades 4-7 are invited to join Christina Cosby for a time of worship as they learn about our worship practices at MAPC and lead their worship experience!

Sunday Youth Hour, Sunday Mornings at 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

What characters inspire you in movies, books, and music? How do they show love toward God and others in an inspirational way? Join us on Sunday Mornings as we discover *Faces of Our Faith* as they appear in popular culture! We will use popular movie clips, characters from books, and people we personally know to explore how they live into their faith and how God calls us to do the same! Middle and High Schoolers are invited to join Christina on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am. Hope to see you on Sunday.



T(w)een Club: Middle School Mid-Week Youth Group, Wednesday Afternoons, 5-7 pm, Church House

Middle Schoolers, we're trying something new just for you! Join us for T(w)een Club Wednesday evenings from 5-7 pm. We'll share dinner and study the Bible with Rev. Jenny McDevitt (bring all your tough questions—she's ready for you!) Haven't joined us on Wednesday nights before? This is the perfect chance to change that, and it's never too late to sign up! For more information, contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com or visit our [website](http://www.mapc.com) to find the registration form. **Note: No T(w)een Club on Halloween!**



High School Fellowship, Sunday Mornings, 10:10 am 4th Floor Phillips Building

Have you been looking for a space to call your own and re-connect with your church friends after a summer away or at camp? MAPC is excited to premiere our brand-new High School Fellowship this coming Sunday. This will be a time that you help design.

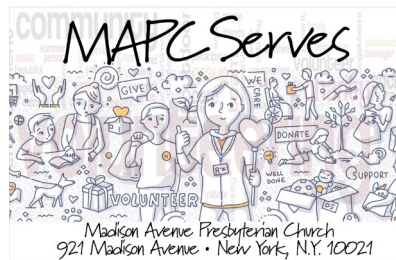
This Sunday, seminary interns, will lead us as we explore Luke in conversation and through art.



MAPC SERVES

New Youth Service Group for High School Students—MAPC SERVES

Join us as we embark on a new program tailored to serving the vulnerable across our City with high school students in mind. This year, we will share in service and fellowship as we meet the needs of three communities: the elderly, the homeless, and children. Each month, we will offer three service opportunities that reach these three populations. We look forward to having you join us in service this fall.



Save the Dates:

October 21st at 1 pm, CROP Hunger Walk: a walk to raise awareness about hunger needs across our City and around the world. (See page 6 for more information)



November 1st at 6 pm, Thursday Open Table: serving a meal to our neighbors in need.



November 5th at 4 pm, James Lenox House: helping residents better learn to understand and use personal electronic devices (computer, cell phone, iPad, Kindle...)



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 picks up with Proverbs 25 on Wednesday, October 17.

20s/30s Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Thursday, October 25)

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 pm, Apt. 10C

Across culture and time, food and wine have been enjoyed by many. This is no different throughout Scripture. This fall we are going to look at the importance of table fellowship and the production of wine in scripture as we begin a new year. Come, as we sample food, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages from different regions around the world and discover their Biblical roots.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is Monday, October 22)

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

The minor prophets, who are they? What do they have to say to us today? These are the same questions we asked as we wondered what to study next. Come learn with us as we begin this new study! Joel has already surprised us as he values the rituals of worship.

Join us at 6:30 pm every other Monday or come early with a bit to eat as we enjoy fellowship with one another. We cannot wait to see you there!

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.

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.

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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.

Give Some Love to the New York Common Pantry Grocery Carts

Far too often, a basic human necessity like food is expensive and scarce, especially in New York City. The New York Common Pantry works each year to reduce stress in people's lives by providing a pantry to those in need. The pantry continues to ask for your help! **They need canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, fresh or canned vegetables, and peanut butter.** We simply ask for no glass containers! You may drop your items off in the provided grocery carts found in the Church House Lobby or the Sanctuary Narthex. Or, since we are busy people in a busy city, you may also order groceries to be delivered to the New York Common Pantry (8 East 109th Street, New York, NY, 10029, Phone: 917-720-9700) by one of your grocers. Know that any items you give will not only impact a family, but also a child's life. And we are most thankful for that!

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!"