

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:00 am. Spring forward!

The Pastoral Staff Letter

This Sunday

Sunday, March 10, 2019

1st Sunday in Lent

Worship Schedule: 9 am and 11:15 am

Nursery: 4th floor 8:30 am—1 pm

Worship: This Sunday Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett will preach her sermon, **resist**, based on the lectionary texts and our sermon series, **reLent**: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

Children's Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Phillips Lounge

Youth Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Dana Chapel

Fellowship Hour, 10:00 am & 12:30 pm, Lobby

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Parish Hall

High School Fellowship, 10:10 am, 4th Floor Lounge

Middle School Youth Hour, 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

Church School, 10:10 am, 5th Floor

Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room

Shelter Open House, 1:00 pm, Shelter Space

ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor

Music on Madison, 3 pm, Sanctuary

Confirmation Class, 4:15 pm, 5th Floor

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space



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<div><div>[ri-lent], verb</div><div>reLent</div><div>1. to become less severe or to relinquish</div><div>2. to become more compassionate or to soften</div></div>			
March 6 / Ash Wednesday	"receive"	Rev. Rebecca Heilman	12, 5:15, & 7 pm
March 10 / Lent 1	"resist"	Rev. Beverly Bartlett	9 & 11:15 am
March 17 / Lent 2	"reconsider"	Rev. Jenny McDevitt	9 & 11:15 am
March 24 / Lent 3	"repent"	Rev. Jenny McDevitt	9 & 11:15 am
March 31 / Lent 4	"reconcile"	Rev. Jenny McDevitt	9 & 11:15 am
April 7 / Lent 5	"rejoice"	Rev. Jenny McDevitt	9 & 11:15 am
April 14 / Palm Sunday	"recreate"	Rev. Jenny McDevitt	9 & 11:15 am
April 18 / Maundy Thursday	"remember"	Church House Lobby	7 pm
April 19 / Good Friday	"release"	Pastoral Staff & guests	12, 4:30, & 7:30 pm
April 21 / Easter	"relief"	Rev. Jenny McDevitt	9 & 11:15 am

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Adult Education: GIFT

10:10
am

People of all ages are invited to come to the Parish Hall this Sunday at 10:10 am as we explore the temptations Jesus faced and the temptations of daily life. Christina Cosby will lead a time of story, play, and worship as we share a light meal together. Luke's gospel has a lot to say about the temptations Jesus faced, and Dr. Seuss shares a modern story about the temptations people today share. Together participants will reflect on these two stories as we listen for God's voice today.

A look ahead:

March 17th, the Rev. Elizabeth H. N. Link of Second Presbyterian in Roanoke, VA will lead a discussion on "These 40 Days": An Exploration of the History and Meaning of Lent.

March 24th—Becky Davis, Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC and the 2017 Educator of the year of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators.

Chamber Works in Honor of Women's History Month: Neave Piano Trio

3 pm

The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season continues this **Sunday, March 10 at 3 pm**: in celebration of Women's History Month, the Neave Piano Trio will perform works by four distinguished women composers spanning the Romantic era through the modern day, including Rebecca Clarke's *Piano Trio*; Amy Beach's *Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 150*; Cécile Chaminade's *Piano Trio No. 1, Op. 11*; and Jennifer Higdon's *Piano Trio*. Since forming in 2010, the Neave Trio – violinist Anna Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov, and pianist Eri Nakamura – has earned enormous praise for its engaging, cutting-edge performances. 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.

March events

Church Family Night

3/8
6 pm

This Friday evening, March 8 at 6 pm, come enjoy a hearty meal, a movie, a craft, play time in the gym, and conversation. This is a great time to get to know other members of the MAPC family. All members of the MAPC community are welcome, whether you have children at home or not—it is **Church** Family Night, not Church **Family** Night! Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and a donation of your choice for children under 12. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Lenten Adult Education series: *Cultivating and Letting Go*
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 7 pm Parish Hall

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7 pm

The Lenten Adult Education series begins Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

6:30 pm — The Parish Hall will open for gathering and fellowship. Please feel free to bring your dinner; coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided.

7-8:30 pm — Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett begins the series with a presentation on contemplative prayer, including Centering Prayer and an opportunity to walk the labyrinth.

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon for Triennium, March 17th,
1 pm, Parish Hall

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1 pm

The High School youth planning to attend Triennium are hosting a spaghetti luncheon at 1 pm on Sunday, March 17th to help cover the cost of their 2019 summer trip.

Triennium is a global conference of the Presbyterian Church for high school youth, drawing 5,000 youth together from around the world to worship, play, and study scripture. In order to attend this year's event, the participants need to raise \$3,000. To accomplish this goal, they will prepare and serve lunch for the congregation.

There is no set cost to attend; instead, the youth have elected to offer the lunch for a free-will contribution. In addition, there will be interactive activities to help them raise the needed funds. Everyone is invited to come eat, enjoy fellowship with church friends, and get to know the youth of the church more personally.

To sign-up, please email or call Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com or 212-288-8920.

"Here's My Heart" is the summer event's theme. To learn more, visit [Triennium's event website](#).

Gifts of support for Youth Ministries are welcome at any time. Give online via the portal at mpac.com and select "Youth Mission Trip."

MAPC Book Club, Tuesday, March 19 at 4 pm in the Hood Library

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4 pm

The MAPC Book Club will be discussing Alexander McCall Smith's *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party* at their March meeting. This is book number twelve in Smith's beloved *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series, set in Botswana. If you have not met Precious Ramotse yet (the No. 1 lady detective), then your introduction is long overdue! All are welcome.

Lent and Easter at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Saturday, March 2

Pre-Lenten Mini-Retreat: *A Lenten Feast*

9 am-12:30 pm Parish Hall
The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

7:30-9:30 am Ashes on the Church Steps
12 pm and 7 pm — Sanctuary
The Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman preaching
5:15-5:30 pm Family-friendly Worship — Dana Chapel

Sundays in Lent

March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7

9 am and 11:15 am — Sanctuary

Wednesday Evening Classes: *Cultivating and Letting Go*

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

7-8:30 pm — Parish Hall
See p. 3 for more information.

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

9 am and 11:15 am — Sanctuary
The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

7 pm — Church House Lobby
The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

12-3 pm Service of Devotion — Sanctuary
4:30 pm Worship for Children & Families — Sanctuary
7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae — Sanctuary

Sunday, April 21

Easter

9 am and 11:15 am Festival Services — Sanctuary
The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

Children, Youth, 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 lead by our seminary interns, Audrey and Chesna, designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under.

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

Anyone age 3-5th grade is welcome to come to Church School on the 5th floor. This time allows kids to explore the lectionary text for the week with their friends and teachers. If you are interested in being a church school teacher, we need your help! For more information reach out to Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Kids Club and Wee Kids, Wednesday afternoons, 4-6 pm, Church House

It is never too late to sign up for Kids Club, an afterschool program on Wednesday for kids age 3-5th grade. This Wednesday program runs from 4 to 6 pm and includes a time for play, a Bible Story, and choir. The program concludes with dinner at 5:30 p.m. for the whole family. More information can be found on our [website](#) or by contacting Christina Crosby.

Youth Worship, 9 am and 11:15 am Youth Worship is a time for peers to encounter God through an interactive worship service in the Dana Chapel and takes place during both worship services every Sunday morning. Youth grades 4th-7th are invited to join Christina Cosby for a time of worship as they learn about our worship practices at MAPC and lead their own worship experience!

Sunday Youth Hour (Middle School), Sunday Mornings at 10:10 am, Youth Lounge

This Winter middle schoolers are invited to come and explore identity together, "*What Makes Me Who I Am?*" This time allows students to reflect on the factors that make them unique and the many variables that influence their personhood. This study will feed into our next focus, "*Who Am I as a Child of God?*"

Save the Dates: Preparation for Youth Sunday will begin April 7th. Youth Sunday will be on June 2 at 10:10 am.

T(w)een Club: Middle School Mid-Week Youth Group, Wednesday afternoons 5-6:30 pm, Church House

Join Christina Cosby and Rebecca Heilman on Wednesday afternoons to explore what matters and does not matter in Jesus' eyes. "*Jesus Doesn't Care: Jesus Accepts Everyone for Who They Are*" is our new topic for discussion this winter. All youth grades 6th-8th grades are invited to join the fun and discussion.

This Wednesday's afterschool program includes study hall from 4-5 pm, choir at 5 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm for the whole family, and a time of Bible study with games at 6 pm.

Newcomers are always welcome. Email Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com, and she will assist you.

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

This March Chesna and Audrey along with the youth will be preparing for their Triennium luncheon fundraiser. All high schoolers are welcome to join the time of creativity and faith centered conversation. Come and bring your friends for a time of art, Bible Study, and fellowship. Your presence makes our group better!

Youth Service Group for High School Students—MAPC Serves

All High School Students are invited to serve the vulnerable across our City. In fact, their help is needed to reach our service goal of 300 hours of service this year. So far, they have made it half way as together they served for 150 hours thus far. Contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Stewardship

We continue to make progress toward our 2019 stewardship goal of \$750,000. As of March 7, we have received pledges totaling **\$656,637**.



To put this in perspective: **if each of our members increased their pledge by only \$200, we would surpass our goal.** While many have given, and given generously, we need everyone's participation to continue our legacy of ministry in and to the city.

<http://www.mapc.com/pledge-2019>

Children's Worship and Youth Worship

Volunteer Opportunities

Come experience worship in a new way.

Visit [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer in March.

Bible Studies at MAPC

Looking for a place to read Scripture together and to get to know people at MAPC? Come to one of our Bible Studies. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information, visit the Adult Education page at mapc.com.

Reading Through the Bible:

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

Reading Through the Bible is on hiatus and will resume in May.

20s/30s Bible Study: Next Meeting is **March 14th**, 6:00 pm, 10th floor.

Anyone in their 20s or 30s is invited to come and explore Philippians this Thursday through a short video clip, bible study, and conversation. Together participants will enjoy dinner, fellowship, and Bible study. If you want to know more about 20s and 30s Bible Study email Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is **Monday, March 11th**, Hood Library)

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm

The minor prophets—who are they? What do they have to say today? These are the same questions Women's Bible Study asked inspiring a study of the minor prophets in the Old Testament. The minor prophets are full of wisdom and insight into the Biblical world.

Women's Bible Study invites women of the church to come to learn more about the history of God's people and invite their inspiration to influence lives.

Hands-on Ministries

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, email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com. Let's put our faith into action!

The Thursday Open Table

Can you spare two 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.

Host at the Shelter

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 7:00 am. Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com for more information.

Search and Care

Can you spend an afternoon with an elderly person on the Upper East Side 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!"

This Week at MAPC



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.

Monday, March 11

6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Hood Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Tuesday, March 12

6:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
4:00 pm	Kids Club	PH, PL, 5th Floor, Gym
4:00 pm	Wee Kids	4th Floor
4:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, March 14

6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Recovery Group	Hood Library
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, March 15

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, March 16

No events scheduled

New York Common Pantry Grocery Carts

The New York Common Pantry works each year to reduce stress in people's lives by providing a pantry to those in need. Please help through your gifts of canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, canned vegetables, and peanut butter. No glass containers. You may drop your items off in the provided grocery carts found in the Church House Lobby or the Sanctuary Narthex. 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.