

The Pastoral Staff Letter

This Sunday

Sunday, March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

Worship Schedule: 9 am and 11:15 am

Nursery: 4th floor 8:30 am—1 pm

Worship: This Sunday Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, *reconsider*, based on the lectionary texts and our sermon series, *reLent*: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35.

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, Lobby

Adult Education, 10:10 am, Parish Hall

New Member Reception, 10:10 am, 8th Floor

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

Spaghetti Luncheon Youth Fundraiser, 1 pm, Parish Hall

ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor

No 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 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 17, 2019

Adult Education, 1 pm, Parish Hall

10:10
am

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.”

A look ahead:

March 24th—Rev. Dr. Rebecca L. 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.

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon for Triennium, 1 pm, Parish Hall

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 mapc.com and select “Youth Mission Trip.”

March events

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

3/19
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.



a Lenten class series Wednesdays in the Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm
6:30-7 pm gathering time with coffee and cookies provided

March 13:	Contemplative Prayer: Centering Prayer and Labyrinth	Beverly Bartlett
March 20:	You are What You Love: So What Do You Love?	Jenny McDevitt
March 27:	Why We Do What We Do: Exploring the Myers-Briggs and the Enneagram	Jenny McDevitt
April 3:	Do You Have Time? Or Does Time Have You?: Analyzing Our Calendars	Jenny McDevitt
April 10:	Your Place in the Story: How Scripture Influences Our Choices	Jenny McDevitt

Register with Lissette Perez-Erazo at ljp@mapc.com or 212.288.8920.

Vocal Works in Honor of Women's History Month:
Tami Petty

3/24
3 pm

The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season continues Sunday, March 24 at 3 pm, with soprano Tami Petty and pianist Michael Sheetz presenting a treasure trove of German *Lieder*, French *mélodie*, and English and American songs. From Alma Mahler to Margaret Bonds, Pauline Viardot to Poldowski, and Clara Schumann to Clara Edwards, this program of music written by female composers celebrates Women's History Month. Admission to our *Music on Madison* concerts is \$25 (\$20 – students/seniors); children 12 and under are 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.

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?"

Children's Worship and Youth Worship Volunteer Opportunities

Come experience worship in a new way. Visit [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer in March.

** Afterschool Programs will not meet this week, due to school breaks.*

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!

Join MAPC on [Facebook](#) -
156 new likes
in the last month!

Donations Needed for Hygiene Kits on Palm Sunday



We are one day closer to Palm Sunday (April 14th) and assembling Hygiene Kits for people all over the world. Donate items now via our [Amazon Wishlist](#). It's easy! Click on the [link](#), choose your item, and buy as many items as you would like. They will automatically ship to MAPC, so you don't have to drop it by the church.

Hygiene Kits require particular items, so if it's easier for you to go to the store, we recommend the following:

- standard size washcloths
- wide-tooth combs
- finger or toenail clippers
- bath-size bar of soap
- toothbrushes
- standard (not mixed) sized Band-Aids.

Our goal is to stuff as many bags as we can. All items need to be bought and at the church by Tuesday, April 9th.

Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman with any questions or concerns. You can find the link here:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PS1EDR4KUB23>

Stewardship Update

We continue to make progress toward our 2019 stewardship goal of \$750,000. As of March 14, 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.

Please prayerfully consider a faithful, financial commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. You can pledge [online](#) or by calling the church office at 212-288-8920.



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

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 25th**, 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!"

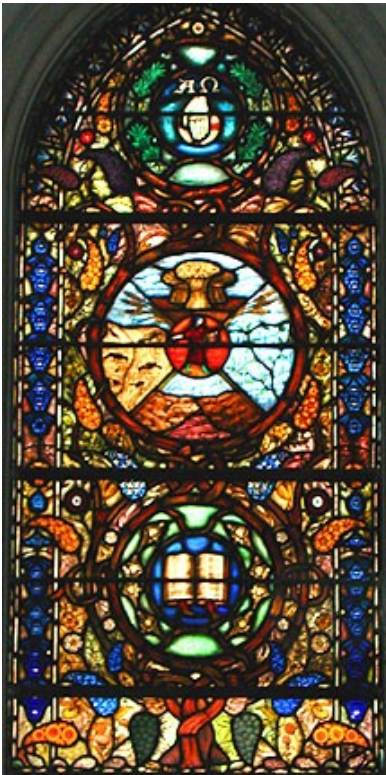
For All the Saints

Several weeks ago we learned of the death of former MAPC member, **Katherine (Kay) Larson Stanton**. Kay died on January 6, and we now have the date for her memorial service, June 1 at 11 am in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Kay was married to former MAPC Associate Pastor, Norman Stanton and taught at MAPC's Day School. Kay and Norman's children, Tamera, Terry and Alice were raised at MAPC from 1969 to 1977.

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

—Rev. 14:14

Next 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 18

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, March 19

4:00 pm	MAPC Book Club	Hood Library
5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Hood Library
6:00 pm	Stewardship & Development Comm	Pastor's Study
6:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge

Wednesday, March 20

Afterschool Programs will not meet this week.

8:00 am	Trustees	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 21

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
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	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, March 22

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, March 23

10:00 am	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	5th Floor
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