

The Pastoral Staff Letter

This Sunday
Sunday, April 14th, 2019
Palm Sunday



Worship Schedule: 9 am and 11:15 am
Nursery: 4th floor 8:30 am—1 pm

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Worship: This Sunday Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, *recreate*, based on the lectionary texts and our sermon series, *reLent*: Zechariah 9:9-12; Luke 19:28-40. *Adult Education and Sunday morning youth groups will not meet.*

Children's Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Phillips Lounge
Youth Worship, 9:15 am & 11:30 am, Dana Chapel
Palm Sunday Brunch & Outreach, 10:10 am, Parish Hall
Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room
Palm Sunday Brunch & Outreach, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
ESL Classes, 1 pm, 5th Floor
Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space

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<div><div>reLent</div><div>[ri-lent], verb</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

Church Family Night

4/12
6 pm

On April 12th at 6 pm, come enjoy a hearty meal, a movie, a craft, and play time in the gym. 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! 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.

Tell Me More About MAPC, April 13

4/13
9 am

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, we periodically host a “Tell Me More About MAPC” conversation. The next gathering will be held April 13th at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo lgp@mapc.com.

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

4/14



During worship on Sunday, April 14th, MAPC will take up the Special Offering of **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which will go directly towards the people affected by the cyclone in Southern Africa.

Following both services, you are invited to the Parish Hall for brunch to **help assemble Hygiene Kits** for people who are experiencing poverty or the aftermaths of a natural disaster. Almost half of the items on our Amazon Wishlist were bought by members of MAPC, and the Outreach Committee can't thank you enough! Truly, thank you.

Additionally, there will be an opportunity to participate in the **2019 Bread for the World letter writing campaign** titled, *Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow*. A table will be set up for you to write a personal letter or email to our elected officials of Congress so that we are a voice in improving nutrition for mothers and children across the world. Suggested brunch donation is \$10. Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman (rmh@mapc.com) with any questions or concerns.

Children, Youth, and Teen Processional, Church House Lobby at 8:50 am and 11:00 on Palm Sunday

As we remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem, children of all ages are invited to join the choir in the Church House Lobby for the palm procession into the Sanctuary. If your child would like to participate, look for Christina Cosby in the Church House Lobby at 8:50 am or 11:00 am.

Holy Week at MAPC

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 Service of Remembering — Church House Lobby

includes hand washing and a shared meal

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

12-3 pm Service of Devotion — Sanctuary

4:30 pm Worship for Children & Families — Church House Lobby

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

Donations for Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for the flowers that will beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Gifts may be made in memory or in honor of loved ones. To make a donation, please use the special envelopes inserted into the bulletins for the next two Sundays, and [fill out the form here](#). The suggested donation for each name is \$40. In order to include the names of loved ones in the bulletin on Easter, **we must receive your donation by Monday morning, April 15.**

4/15

Labyrinth Available During Holy Week in the MAPC Gym

The labyrinth will be available for use during Holy Week on the following days and times:

- Palm Sunday, April 14, after each morning worship service
- Maundy Thursday, April 18 beginning at 5 pm through Saturday, April 20 at noon. During these days the labyrinth will be left up in the gym on the 2nd floor and you may come walk it whenever the building is open and there is not a worship service happening concurrently.

The labyrinth is a centuries' old form (millennia, even) of walking prayer or meditation. The most famous example in the Christian tradition is on the floor of the Chartres Cathedral. More information on the labyrinth, and suggestions on how to use it as a form of prayer,

MAPC Book Club, Tuesday, April 16 at 4 pm in the Hood Library

4/16
4 pm

At its upcoming meeting, the MAPC Book Club will discuss the *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. All are welcome!

Easter Fest, April 21, Roof Garden

4/21
10:10

Members and friends of MAPC are invited to the Roof Garden on Easter morning between the worship services for a time of fellowship and crafts. Children will have opportunity to play, pastries will be provided, and adults are welcome to enjoy the company of their church family. Contact Christina Cosby, cac@mapc.com with any questions. Though sign-up in advance is not required, it helps with planning food. Sign up by emailing Lissette Perez at lgp@mapc.com.

Annual Hood Literary Luncheon

4/28
1 pm

The Hood Library Fellowship will hold its annual literary luncheon at 1 pm on Sunday, April 28th. The theme this year is, "What Makes the World Go 'Round.'" Come enjoy a delicious lunch, fellowship and a program of readings. Suggested donation is \$25, which includes your ticket to MAPC member Margaret (Maggie) Mills' recital, part of the Music on Madison series, at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Good food, conversation, literature and music all in the same afternoon! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, lgp@mapc.com, or sign up on Sunday morning following either worship service.

Stewardship Update

We continue to make progress toward our 2019 stewardship goal of \$750,000. As of April 11, we have received pledges totaling **\$660,609**. 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.



Upcoming Dates—Mark Your Calendars!

MAPC Book Club, Tuesday, April 16, 4 pm
 Annual Hood Library Literary Luncheon, Sunday, April 28, 1 pm
 Moms' Night Out, Thursday, May 2, 7 pm
 Crop Hunger Walk, May 5, 12:30 pm
 Pub Theology (formerly Faith and Fermentation), Monday, May 6, 6:30 pm
 Church Family Night, Friday, May 17, 6 pm
 Church Family Night, Friday, June 21, 6 pm
 Annual Summer Roof Garden Party, Monday, July 15, 6 pm

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.

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.

On Easter Sunday children are invited to worship in the Sanctuary with their parents. There will be no Children's Worship.

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

This Sunday, Church School families are invited to join our larger church family in the Parish Hall for food, fellowship, and outreach activities. On Easter Sunday, families are invited to the Easter Fest on the Roof Garden.

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 in 3-5th grade. This coming week, April 17th, Kids Club will meet from 4-5 pm. Kids and their teachers will explore the 12th century practice of making hot cross buns. Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 5:00 pm; the entire family is invited to share the meal together.

Youth Worship, 9 am and 11:15 am

Youth Worship takes place during both worship services every Sunday morning and offers a time for peers to encounter God through an interactive worship service in the Dana Chapel. Youth in 4th-7th grades are invited to join Christina Cosby to learn about our worship practices at MAPC and lead their own worship experience. **On Easter Sunday, youth are invited to worship with their parents in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus as a congregation.**

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

This Sunday, middle school families are invited to join our larger church family in the Parish Hall for food, fellowship, and outreach activities. On Easter Sunday, families are invited to the Annual Easter Fest on the Roof Garden.



Sign-Up for Youth Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 am, Sanctuary

All Middle and High School youth are invited to sign-up to participate in Youth Sunday on June 2, 2019 at 10:30 am. **The deadline is April 14th.**

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

Join Christina Cosby this Wednesday, April 17th to explore the 12th century practice of making Hot Cross Buns. Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 5:00 pm; the entire family is invited to share a meal together.

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

This Sunday high school families are invited to join our larger church family in the Parish Hall for food, fellowship, and outreach activities. On Easter Sunday, families are invited to the Annual Easter Fest on the Roof Garden.

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. Contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Children's Worship and Youth Worship
Volunteer Opportunities

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

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 until May.

20s/30s Bible Study: Next Meeting is **April 17th**, 6:00 pm, 10th floor.

Anyone in their 20s or 30s is invited to come enjoy Bible study, dinner, and a special Easter tradition. If you want to know more about 20's and 30's Bible Study email Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is **Monday, April 29th**, Hood Library.

Please note schedule change due to Easter.)

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 learn more about the history of God's people and invite their inspiration to influence lives.

Follow MAPC on [Facebook](#) for updates and to share news and events.

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!"



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, April 15

4:00 pm	MAPC Serves	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
4:00 pm	Kids Club & Wee Kids	PH, 4th, 5th Floor, Gym
4:00 pm	T(w)een Club	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Church House Lobby

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

10:30 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Good Friday 3-hr Service of Devotion	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Good Friday Family Service	Church House Lobby
5:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:30 pm	Good Friday Service of Tenebrae	Sanctuary

Saturday, April 20

9:00 am	Sanctuary Decorating	Sanctuary
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Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday