

The Pastoral Staff Letter

This Sunday
Sunday, April 21st, 2019
Easter Sunday



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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, **recreate**, based on the lectionary texts and our sermon series, **relief**: Isaiah 65:917-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18.

Adult Education and Sunday morning youth groups will not meet. ESL classes will also not meet.

Church Choir Rehearsal, 8:15 am, Choir Room.

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

Easter Fest, 10 am, Parish Hall

Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space

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

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:

- 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.

More information on the labyrinth, and suggestions on how to use it as a form of prayer, will be available in the gym during the times the labyrinth is available.

Easter Sunday, April 21



Easter Fest, Roof Garden

10:10
am

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

Sunday April 28, 2019

Annual Hood Library 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?’” Enjoy lunch, fellowship and a program of readings. Suggested donation is \$25, which includes a ticket to MAPC member Margaret (Maggie) Mills’s recital, part of the *Music on Madison* series, at 3 pm in the Sanctuary (read more below). 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.

Music on Madison: Margaret Mills

**4/28
3 pm**



The Saint Andrew Music Society’s *Music on Madison* season continues next **Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm**, with a performance by pianist Margaret Mills entitled: “To Be Inspired: The Old and The New.” Her program will combine beloved piano works with two exciting new commissions by American composers: Debussy’s *Suite Bergamasque* and works by Robert and Clara Schumann will be interspersed with new works by Brian Schober and Richard Wilson.

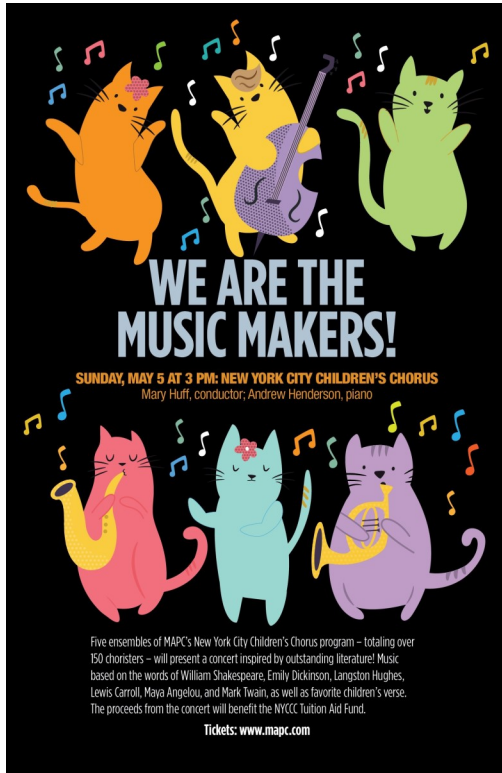
Admission to our *Music on Madison* concerts is \$25 (\$20 – students/seniors); children 12 and under are free. [Will Call reservations](#) may be made online

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.

May Events

Moms' Night Out

MAPC moms gather periodically at an Upper East Side restaurant for dinner and conversation. The next gathering is Thursday, **May 2** at 7 pm. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com.



NYCCC Spring Concert

(left) The New York City Children's Chorus presents a concert, "We are the Music Makers!" on **May 5** at 3 pm.

CROP Hunger Walk

High school and middle school youth of the congregation raised over \$500 this past fall to help end hunger in New York City and around the globe. On **May 5**, all ages are invited to walk with our team as we strive to spread awareness and raise funds to assist the needs of those who go hungry each day. Meet at 12:30 pm in the Church House Lobby. To sign up reach out to Christina Cosby, cac@mapc.com or (212)-288-8920.

Pub Theology

On Monday, **May 6** at 6:30 pm, come to the 8th Floor and weather permitting, the Roof Garden for a spirited conversation about theology and faith. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com.

Artist Reception

Please join the MAPC Day School for a Roof Garden reception at 6 pm on **May 16** to celebrate a new collaboration with Buenos Aires-based artist Mariano Ferrante. The artist, known for his geometric abstract work, has designed early childhood education workshops in Argentina. His new work for the Roof Garden is based on the idea of beginning the learning process with a simple line.

New Sermon Series



all things new

May 5	A New Vision Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am
May 12	A New Job Description Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am
May 19	A New Diet Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am
May 26	A New Community Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am
June 2	Youth Sunday & Confirmation Sebastien L. J. Nordenson / 10:30 am Isabella N. Winckler / 10:30 am
June 9	A New Jerusalem Pentecost Ordination & Installation of Officers Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am

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.

Mark Your Summer Calendars!

Church Family Night, Friday, June 21, 6 pm
Annual Summer Roof Garden Party, Monday, July 15, 6 pm

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Children's Worship

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 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 24th, there will be no Kids Club. Happy Spring Break!

Youth Worship, 9 am and 11:15 am

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

On Easter Sunday, families are invited to the Annual Easter Fest on the Roof Garden.

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

This coming week, April 24th, there will be no T(w)een Club. Happy Spring Break!

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

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.

Upcoming dates to serve:

Thursday Open Table on May 2 from 4-6 pm

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

The next opportunity for youth to assist with leading worship is Youth Sunday, which will be held this year on June 2 at 10:30 am! If your child is interested in participating now is the time to sign-up by emailing Christina Cosby, cac@mapc.com. In May, we will follow the rehearsal schedule below deciding exact roles and responsibilities as a group.

Rehearsal Schedule:

- May 5, 2019 at 10:10 am Discussion on Worship and Leading Worship
- May 8, 2019 at 6 pm Liturgy Writing in Small Groups
- May 12, 2019 at 10:10 am Reading Through the Worship Service and Roles Determined
- May 15, 2019 at 6 pm Reading Through the Worship Service
- May 19, 2019 at 10:10 am Mandatory Rehearsal
- May 26, 2019 at 10:10 am Rehearsal
- May 29 at 4 pm Mandatory Rehearsal

Children's Worship and Youth Worship. Volunteer Opportunities Come experience worship in a new way. Visit [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer this Spring.

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 **May 9th**, 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 22

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, April 23

4:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, April 24

Afterschool programs will not meet.

6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Thursday, April 25

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall

Friday, April 26

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, April 27

No events scheduled.

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education	Parish Hall
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
12:45 pm	Hood Library Literary Luncheon	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
3:00 pm	SAMS: Margaret Mills, Piano	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

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.