

# The Pastoral Staff Letter

**This Sunday**

**Sunday, April 28th, 2019**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Worship Schedule:** 9 am and 11:15 am

**Nursery:** 4th floor 8:30 am—1 pm

**Worship:** : This Sunday Chesna E. Hinkley will preach a sermon based on the lectionary texts: Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 or PS. 150; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.

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

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

**Overnight Shelter,** 6:30 pm, Shelter Space

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

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

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

**Adult Education, 10:10 am,** Dana Chapel

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

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

**Church School, 10:10 am,** 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am,** Choir Room

**Library Literary Luncheon, 12:45-2:45 pm,** Parish Hall

**ESL Classes, 1 pm,** Fifth Floor

**Shelter Orientation, 1 pm,** Shelter Space

**SAMS Concert: Margaret Mills, piano, 3 pm,** Sanctuary



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## Sunday April 28, 2019

### Adult Education

4/28

10:10  
am

Christina Cosby will lead an Adult Education Lecture as we begin Eastertide. Everyone is invited to the Dana Chapel at 10:10 am as we delve deep into what it means to be Christian in a post-Resurrection world.

### Annual Hood Library Literary Luncheon

4/28

12:45  
pm



The Hood Library Fellowship will hold its annual literary luncheon on Sunday, April 28 at 12:45 pm. 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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com)

4/28

3 pm



### Music on Madison: Margaret Mills

The Saint Andrew Music Society’s *Music on Madison* season continues on **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.

## Coming soon in May

### 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. RSPV to Lissette Perez-Erazo, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

### 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](mailto:cac@mapc.com) or (212)-288-8920.

### Senior Fellowship Lunch

MAPC Seniors and friends will have lunch together in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **May 5** at 1 pm following fellowship hour. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

### Shelter Open House

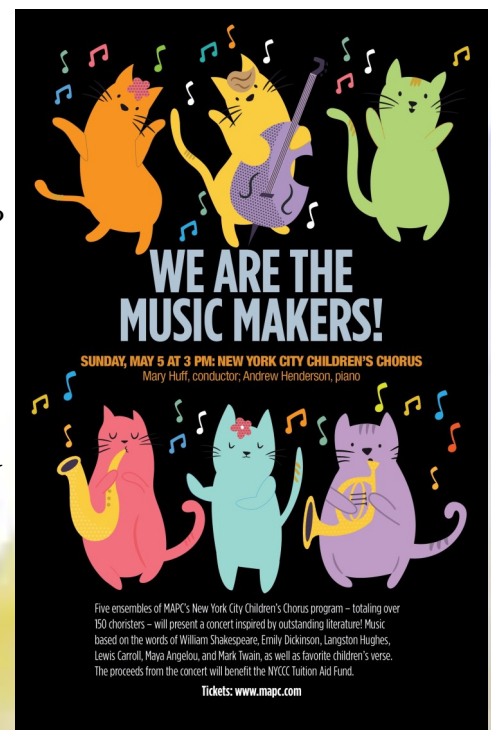
Interested in our Men's Shelter? Come to the shelter on Sunday, **May 5** at 1 pm to learn about volunteer opportunities and our guests who stay in our building each night. The shelter leaders are specifically in need for overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) and are always looking for early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm), if that works better for you. Questions? Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com).

### NYCCC Spring Concert

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

### Pub Theology

See the following page for details.





## Pub Theology, Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Please come to “Pub Theology” (formerly called Faith & Fermentation) on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Church House\*, **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm**, and enjoy a time of fellowship, food, a beverage of your choice and a conversation on faith. Since pub venues have been a challenging environment for group conversation, we decided to create our own “pub”!

Chef Jim will prepare both a meat and a vegetarian entrée, and the rest will be potluck and BYOB. Please use sign-up genius to let us know you are coming and indicate what you can bring: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0e49a8ab2ea1fa7-pubtheology>.

The springboard for our conversation will be an article by Rebecca Solnit on the meaning and power of hope:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/jul/15/rebecca-solnit-hope-in-the-dark-new-essay-embrace-unknown>

Your response to Sign-Up Genius will be your RSVP! We encourage you to bring a friend! This is a great opportunity to introduce them to the MAPC community.

If you prefer, you can also RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

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happening  
at 921 Madison Ave.**



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## New Sermon Series Begins May 5

# all things new



<b>May 5</b>	<b>A New Vision</b> Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am
<b>May 12</b>	<b>A New Job Description</b> Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am
<b>May 19</b>	<b>A New Diet</b> Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am
<b>May 26</b>	<b>A New Community</b> Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Youth Sunday &amp; Confirmation</b> Sebastien L. J. Nordenson / 10:30 am Isabella N. Winckler / 10:30 am
<b>June 9</b>	<b>A New Jerusalem</b> 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 7, 6 pm  
Annual Summer Roof Garden Party, Monday, July 15, 6 pm

## 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 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to come to Church School on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. This time allows kids to explore the lectionary text for the week with their friends and teachers. For more information reach out to Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com).

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

The 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. Contact Christina Cosby.

### Youth Worship, 9 am and 11:15 am

Youth Worship takes place during both worship services every Sunday with an interactive worship service in the Dana Chapel.

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

Middle schoolers are invited to come and explore identity together, *Our* next focus, "*Who Am I as a Child of God?*"

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

All youth grades in 6th-8th grades are invited to join the fun and discussion. 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 Bible study with games at 6 pm. Email Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com),

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

All high schoolers are welcome to join in creative activities and faith-centered conversation.

### Youth Service Group for High School Students—MAPC Serves

All High School Students are invited to serve the vulnerable across our City. Upcoming dates announced here. Contact Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com).

### 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](mailto: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

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](http://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](mailto:cac@mapc.com).

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

Please note schedule change due to Easter.)

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) for more information.

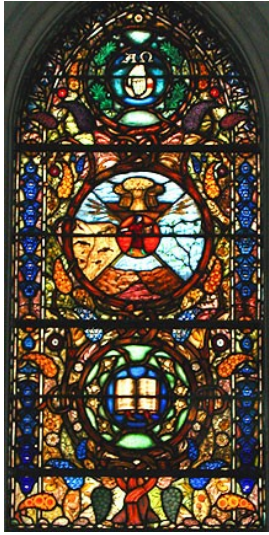
### Search and Care

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](mailto: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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com) or 212-288-8920. The cost for Sunday flowers is \$110.

#### Monday, April 29

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge

#### Tuesday, April 30

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
4:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Session	8 <sup>th</sup> Floor

#### Wednesday, May 1

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
1:30 pm	Shelter Leaders	Shelter
4:00 pm	Kids Club & Wee Kids	PH, 4th, 5th Floor, Gym
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	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Deacons	8 <sup>th</sup> Floor

#### Thursday, May 2

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table MAPC Serves	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Moms Night Out	To be determined

#### Friday, May 3

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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#### Saturday, May 4

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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#### Sunday, May 5

<sup>3rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## 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.