

# The Pastoral Staff Letter

## This Sunday

Sunday, May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

**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, *a new vision*, based on the sermon series *all things new* and lectionary texts: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**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, Parish Hall**

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

**Youth Sunday Rehearsal, 10:10 am, 5th Floor**

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

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

**Shelter Open House, 1 pm, Shelter Space**

**SAMS: NYCCC Spring Concert, 3 pm, Sanctuary**



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## 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

## Moms' Night Out

5/2  
7 pm

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).

## Sunday May 5, 2019

### Adult Education

10:10  
am

This Sunday everyone is invited to join Chesna Hinkley, our seminary intern, at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall for a conversation on *Bible and Gender*. During the conversation, Chesna will draw from her seminary coursework on gender throughout scripture.

A Look Ahead:

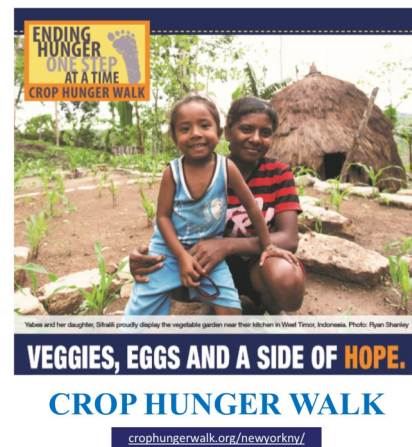
May 12: GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) this is an integrational experience that brings people of all ages together to share in conversations of faith.

May 19: *Bible and Gender Part II*, Chesna Hinkley

### CROP Hunger Walk

12:30  
pm

This Sunday, **May 5**, everyone is 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. For more information, reach out to Christina Cosby, [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com) or (212)-288-8920.



On Sunday, **May 5**, all ages are invited to walk with our MAPC 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.



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### 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.

**1 pm**

### 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 in need for overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) and always looking for early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm). Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com).

**1 pm**

## Music on Madison: NYCCC Spring Concert

“We are the Music Makers; We are the Dreamers of Dreams” is the theme of final *Music on Madison* concert of the 2018-2019 season **this Sunday, May 5 at 3 pm**, featuring five ensembles with over 150 choristers of MAPC's [New York City Children's Chorus](#) program, celebrating the timeless connection between poetry and music.

This program explores a broad spectrum of 20<sup>th</sup> Century musical settings of poetry by Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Lewis Carroll, Christina Rossetti, Robert Frost, as well as adaptations of words by William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. Admission is \$25 (\$20 – Students/Seniors 62+); Children 12 & Under are Free! Will Call tickets may be purchased [online](#) in advance. Admission proceeds to benefit the NYCCC Tuition Aid Fund.



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

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, 8th Floor.  
Food, fellowship, faith talk,  
and a beverage.



### PUB THEOLOGY

(formerly Faith & Fermentation)

Food will include a meat and a vegetarian entrée; the rest will be potluck and BYOB. Learn about sign-up options and what to read in advance in this week's Pastoral Staff Letter.



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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](https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0e49a8ab2ea1fa7-pubtheology) 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, [ljp@mapc.com](mailto:ljp@mapc.com).

### Tell Me More About MAPC

5/11  
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 May 11, 2019, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

### A Little Jazz Mass on Sunday, May 12

5/12  
11:15  
am

At the 11:15 am service on Sunday, May 12 the Church Choir and members of the Saint Andrew Chorale will sing Bob Chilcott’s *A Little Jazz Mass*. Written by one of the foremost choral composers of our day, the five movements embrace a variety of jazz styles and will be interspersed throughout the liturgy. We will be joined by a jazz trio featuring pianist Simon Mulligan, Mark Lewandowski, bass, and percussionist Dani Markham.

### Artist Reception

5/16  
6 pm

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.

### Mark Your Summer Calendars!

Church Family Night, Friday, June 7, 6 pm  
Annual Summer Roof Garden Party, Monday, July 15, 6 pm

### Stewardship Update

We continue to make progress toward our 2019 stewardship goal of \$750,000. As of May 1, 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. **Please pledge [online](#) or by calling the church office at 212-288-8920.**



## 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 designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under.

### 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.

### 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),

## MAPC Serves Opportunities: Youth Service Group for High School Students

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. Three diverse populations are the focus of their service together: the elderly, the homeless, and children. Each month, three service opportunities are offered that reach these three populations. Madison Avenue Presbyterian

Church and its youth are always looking for more ways to be involved in the neighborhood. If you want to know more about service opportunities for youth or have an organization to serve with Christina Cosby organizes these opportunities, please reach out to her at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com).

### Monday, James Lenox House Technology Assistance, May 13 from 4-5:30 pm

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

Children and Youth ages 7 through 18 are invited to participate in Youth Sunday on June 2 as we lead worship together. 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). Sign-ups are due by May 6, 2019. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

May 5, 2019 at 10:10 am Discussion on Worship and Leading Worship (Required)

May 8, 2019 at 6 pm Liturgy Writing in Small Groups

May 12, 2019 at 10:10 am Reading Through the Worship Service

May 15, 2019 at 6 pm Reading Through the Worship Service

May 19, 2019 at 10:10 am Rehearsal (Required)

May 26, 2019 at 10:10 am Rehearsal

May 29 at 4 pm Rehearsal (Required)

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: Next meeting is May 8.**

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

Everyone is invited to join Reading Through the Bible as we begin reading Jeremiah. Feel free to bring a bag lunch, or a snack to share.

**20s/30s Bible Study:** Next Meeting is Thursday, **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, May 13th**, 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, May 6		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Pub Theology	8th Floor
Tuesday, May 7		
4:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Hood Library
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Wednesday, May 8		
7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Phillips Lounge
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
Thursday, May 9		
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	10th Floor
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
Friday, May 10		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Saturday, May 11		
9:00 am	Tell Me More about MAPC	Phillips Lounge
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.