

The Pastoral Staff Letter

This Sunday
Sunday, May 12, 2019
4th 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 Job Description*, based on the sermon series *all things new* and lectionary texts: Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23; Rv 7:9-17; Jn 10:22-30

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
Church Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 am, Choir Room
ESL Classes, 1 pm, Fifth Floor



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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

5/11 Tell Me More About MAPC

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. Rev. Rebecca Heilman will lead the next gathering on May 11, 2019, at 9 am in the Hood Library. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Sunday May 12, 2019

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

10:10 am

Adult Education, This Sunday, 10:10 am, Parish Hall

People of all ages are invited to join together this Sunday for our monthly gathering of *GIFT: Growing in Faith Together* led by the Director of Christian Formation, Christina Cosby. This time is intentionally inter-generational and allows the youngest participants in our congregation and older members to learn from one another. This Sunday the lectionary text of Psalm 23 will be explored. To many this Psalm is familiar; however, this time will offer an opportunity to experience it in a new interactive way.

A look ahead:

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

May 26: No Adult Education for Memorial Day weekend

A Little Jazz Mass At the

11:15 am

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.



For a sneak preview of the mass, listen to this performance on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/Woz9FRkrqSU>

**12:30
pm**

Seminarian Farewell

Join us for a special coffee hour May 12, immediately following the 11:15 am worship service, to share our gratitude and best wishes to our Chesna Hinkley and Audrey Webber. Chesna and Audrey have helped lead Kid's Club each Wednesday and rotated between Children's worship and Sanctuary worship each Sunday. They will both graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 18.



**5/16
6 pm**

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 (*right*).

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.



5/26

On Sunday, May 26, we begin our summer Sunday worship schedule with one service at 10:30 a.m. During the summer months, youth are encouraged to stay in the Sanctuary to worship with their families.

Summer Choir: You are invited to sing on Sundays during the summer at MAPC! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for church members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Beginning Sunday, May 26, and continuing through Sunday, July 28, the Summer Choir will meet on Sunday mornings for a rehearsal in the Choir Room at **9:30 am** in preparation for our **10:30 am** services.

All that is required is attending the rehearsal on the Sunday(s) for which you would like to sing. There is no regular commitment and a choir robe will be provided.

For further information, please contact Andrew Henderson at ae@mapc.com.

Youth Sunday and Confirmation Luncheon, June 2, 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to come to worship and lunch on June 2 at 10:30 am. This service will celebrate our confirmation class this year, Sebastien Nordenson and Isabella Winckler, as they become full active members of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. From the written and spoken liturgy to music, the service will be led entirely by the young people of MAPC as they are hard at work to make this a meaningful service for all.

Kids on the Roof:

Special Wednesday afternoon June program for MAPC kids

The last official day of Kids' Club is May 22, but a couple of you have said, "Hey! Let's do something on Wednesdays in June before everyone disperses for the summer."

On Wednesdays June 5th and 12th there will be children's play time on the Roof Garden, from 4 pm to 6 pm, for children grades 5 and under. This is for all MAPC families—not just those currently participating in Kids' Club!

In addition to play, we'll have crafts, a Bible story, and dinner at 5:30 (served on the Roof Garden). Parents are encouraged to come for dinner, if you can't be there earlier. Donations for dinner will be welcome!

On June 5th, there will be a Taizé prayer service at 6:15 in the Dana Chapel that people of all ages can attend.

On June 12th, we will hope for warm weather so that we can enjoy water play on the Roof Garden. On that day, families are welcome to stay until 7 to enjoy splashing, playing and conversation.

This is not a drop-off program so please ensure that a caregiver will accompany your child(ren) and can join in the activities on the Roof Garden. Please let us know if you plan to attend—Chef Jim needs to know how much food to prepare! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, lgp@mapc.com

Come enjoy some June fun on the Roof Garden!





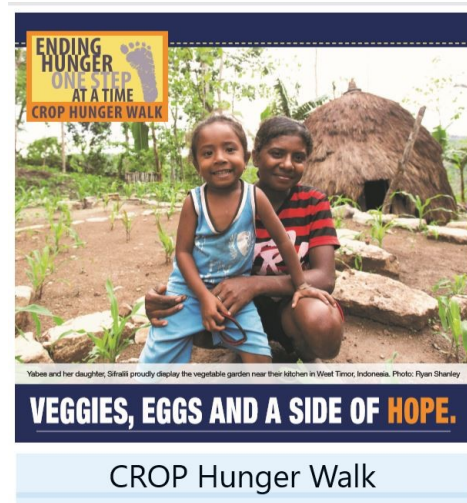
Mark Your Summer 2019 Calendars!

- * Taizé Worship Service, June 5, 6:15 pm, Dana Chapel
- * Church Family Night, June 7, 6 pm
- * Pub Theology, June 13, 6:30 pm
- * Families with Young Children, June 15
- * Taizé Worship Service, June 19, 6:15 pm, Dana Chapel
- * Annual Summer Roof Garden Party, Monday, July 15, 6 pm

Crop Hunger Walk Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this year's Crop Hunger Walk sponsored by Church World Services. Last Sunday was a rainy day, yet many people across New York City continued to walk helping spread awareness and raise funds to end hunger in our community and around the globe. In every scenario there is a silver lining and last Sunday allowed walkers to experience more fully the challenge weather often causes to those who struggle with housing and hunger.

If you wish to make a constitution there is still time <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/newyorknyc/>. Everyone is invited to save the date and join us next year on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 1 pm.



Stewardship Update

We continue to make progress toward our 2019 stewardship goal of \$750,000. As of May 8, 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,

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.

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. 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.

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.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is **Monday, May 13th, 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.

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.

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



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, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

4:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Youth Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
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	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Saturday, May 18

6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry is always looking for donations! Please help through gifts of **canned or dried beans, canned chicken/salmon/tuna, rice, dried pasta, canned vegetables, and peanut butter** (no glass containers). Your gifts may be dropped off in the grocery cart found in the Church House Lobby. You may also order groceries to be delivered to their site: 8 East 109th St. New York, NY 10029. They are not only looking for donations, but volunteers as well! Help pack and distribute food any day of the week. For more information, contact NYCP at 917.720.9700.