

The Pastoral Staff Letter

This Sunday
Sunday, May 19, 2019
5th 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 Diet*, based on the sermon series *all things new* and lectionary texts: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

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
Youth Sunday Rehearsal, 10:10 am, Sanctuary
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

Sunday May 19, 2019

10:10
am

Adult Education: *The Bible and Gender Part II with Chesna Hinkley*

The second installment of The Bible and Gender. Part I included impressions of the biblical witness on gender and the messages the church has sent, an exegesis of the “helpmeet” and “Adam’s rib,” and stories of little-known women in the Old Testament. Sunday’s discussion focuses on the legacy of Mary in Christianity, submission and mutuality in Ephesians 5, and silence and false teaching in 1 Timothy 2.

May 26: Adult Education will not meet. (Memorial Day weekend)

May Events

5/16
6 pm

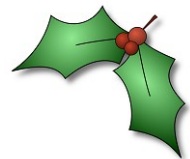
Artist Reception

Please join the MAPC Day School for a Roof Garden reception at 6 pm on **Thursday, 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.



It's Beginning to *Sound* a Lot Like Christmas

The two senior ensembles of MAPC's New York City Children's Chorus program are recording their second commercially released CD this week, which will be entitled *Christmas on Madison Avenue* when it is released on the MSR Classics label this coming fall. If you walk by the sanctuary on Thursday through Sunday evenings, peering through the glass doors you'll find the Concert Choir and In Harmony, along with guest instrumentalists, hard at work recording Christmas works and carol arrangements – including Randall Thompson's *The Place of the Blest* for treble chorus, string quintet and wind quartet.



MAPC Book Club

5/21
4 pm

For their May meeting, the MAPC Book Club will be discussing John Patterson's *First Love*. This is not Patterson's usual genre of detective fiction, but a coming-of-age love story and road story. The Book Club meets in the Hood Library and all are welcome!

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, May 26

5/26

On Sunday, May 26, we begin our summer Sunday worship schedule with one service at 10:30 am.

During the summer months, youth are encouraged to stay in the Sanctuary to worship with their families.

MAPC 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.

Guest Choir on May 26



The Parish Youth Choir of Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN, will be joining us and leading in worship on Sunday, May 26, at the 10:30 AM service, beginning with a prelude at 10:15 AM.

The choir is composed of singers in grades 6 through 12, as well as college-aged 'scholarship singers.' The choir sings weekly at

Church UMC's 8:30 AM service, and they also present an annual *Service of Choral Evensong* each May. In addition to their worship responsibilities, the choir takes a tour each summer and are led by Tim Ward and Edie Johnson.

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 & 19, 6:15 pm, Dana Chapel
Taizé chants, which are often sung as our congregational song during communion, were written as musical prayers/meditations. In the month of June we will have two Taizé prayer services on Wednesday evening in the Dana Chapel. Please come join in this time of mid-week reflection and prayer.
- * **Church Family Night**, June 7, 6 pm
We have one more Church Family Night before the fall! Come enjoy dinner, crafts, a movie and/or playtime in the gym or on the Roof Garden! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office, lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and a donation of your choice for children under 12.
- * **Pub Theology**, June 13, 6:30 pm
Come join in a time of fellowship and discussion at “Pub MAPC.” We’ll provide the main dish and the rest will be potluck. The discussion topic and sign-up information will be in next week’s Pastoral Staff Letter.
- * **Families with Young Children**, June 15, 10 am
Families with children ages 5 and under (older siblings welcome), come enjoy a play date on the Roof Garden on Saturday morning, June 15th from 10 to noon. We’ll have bagels and coffee, and water play if it’s warm enough. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com.
- * **Annual Summer Roof Garden Party**, Monday, July 15, 6 pm
Mark your calendars for the Summer Roof Garden Party! This is always a wonderful social event with the MAPC community. Good food, lively conversation, and the wonderful Roof Garden space! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation is \$40.
- * **MAPC On the Town: Staten Island Yankees, Thursday**, June 27, 6 pm, offsite
If you’ve never been to see the SI Yankees, the games are a lot of fun, family-friendly, and the view from the ballfield of New York Harbor and lower Manhattan is worth the price of the ticket alone! \$20, includes ticket and a \$10 concession voucher. We have 20 tickets behind the SI Yankees’ dugout. The game begins at 7 pm, and we’ll meet before then at the ferry terminal. Reserve your seat now! RSVP to Lissette in the church office, lgp@mapc.com. For MAPC folk of all ages!



Thank you again to MAPC Seminary Interns Audrey Webber and Chesna Hinkley for your contributions to MAPC life!

Photo from Sunday, May 12th at a special Fellowship Hour in their honor.

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.

On May 22, all families are invited to join us for ice cream as we celebrate the beginning of summer.

In June families are welcome to join us for Kids on The Roof! (see page 4)

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. 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. Contact Christina Cosby at cac@mapc.com.

Thursday, June 2, Thursday Open Table 6-8 pm

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 22](#).

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 23](#), 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, [June 10](#), Phillips Lounge. *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 20	6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter		Shelter Space
Tuesday, May 21	4:00 pm	ESL Evening Classes		5th Floor
	4:00 pm	MAPC Book Club		Hood Library
	6:00 pm	Stewardship & Development Comm		Pastor's Study
	6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter		Shelter Space
	7:00 pm	Congregational Nurture Comm		Phillips Lounge
Wednesday, May 22	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
Thursday, May 23	1:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	1	0th Floor
	6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter		Shelter Space
	6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table		Parish Hall
	6:30 pm	End-of-Year Choir Party		Roof Garden
Friday, May 24	6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter		Shelter Space
Saturday, May 25	6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter		Shelter Space
Sunday, May 26	9:30 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal		Choir Room
	10:10 am	Youth Sunday Rehearsal		Dana Chapel
	10:30 am	Worship		Sanctuary
	10:45 am	Children's Worship		Phillips Lounge
	11:45 am	Fellowship Hour		Lobby
	6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter		Shelter Space

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.