

Watch this Sunday's worship service at 10:30 am live on Facebook! See page 4 for more.

# The Pastoral Staff Letter

**This Sunday**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2019**  
**Pentecost**

**Worship Schedule:** 10:30 am  
**Nursery:** 4th floor 9:15 am—12:15 pm

**Worship:** This Sunday Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, *A New Jerusalem* based on the sermon series *all things new* and lectionary texts: Genesis 11:1-9; John 14:8-18, 25-26; Acts 2:1-21.

New Members Breakfast, 9 am, Roof Garden  
Summer Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Choir Room  
Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour, 11:45 am, Parish Hall  
ESL Classes, 12 pm, 5th Floor  
Senior Fellowship Lunch, 12 pm, Parish Hall  
Zimbabwe Partnership Committee, 12 pm, Pastor's Study  
Overnight Shelter, 6:30 pm, Shelter Space



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*immerse yourself*  
in worship this summer 10:30 am

June 9	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
June 16	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
June 23	Rev. Jessica E. Tate, 2007 David H. C. Read Scholar
June 30	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
July 7	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
July 14	Rev. Brian D. Ellison, 1999 David H. C. Read Scholar
July 21	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
July 28	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
August 4	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
August 11	Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow
August 18	Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center
August 25	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
September 1	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

## Sunday June 9, 2019



The [National Puerto Rican Day Parade](#), one of the largest annual celebrations in the city, takes place this Sunday on Fifth Avenue between 42nd and 79th Street. Please be mindful of the street closures as you plan your trip to Sunday worship.

**10:30  
am**

### **Ordination and Installation of Officers**

This Sunday, June 9, we will ordain two new deacons and install Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for the Class of 2022. It is a wonderful celebration in the life of MAPC and a chance to recognize and give thanks for those serving in these leadership roles.

**12  
pm**

### **Senior Fellowship Lunch**

MAPC Seniors and friends will have lunch together in the Parish Hall at 12 pm following Fellowship Hour. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

## June events

### **Kids on the Roof:**

### **Special Wednesday afternoon program for MAPC kids**

**6/12  
4 pm**

On Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> there will be children's play time on the Roof Garden, from 4 pm to 7 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 pm (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!

We will hope for warm weather so that we can enjoy water play on the Roof Garden. Families are welcome 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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com)

Come enjoy some June fun on the Roof Garden!

## Give to Communities Affected by the Recent Storms, Floods, and Tornadoes

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in touch with all of the presbyteries affected by the recent flooding, storms and tornadoes in the U.S. to offer assistance. According to the PDA, one National Response Team is being deployed and they are processing several initial response grants.



Photo: Nebraska National Guard

Donations to support the PDA response in the U.S., designated to DR000015, are greatly appreciated.

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000015/>

## June events

### Pub Theology

**6/13**  
**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. Our discussion will center on the role of the Holy Spirit (in light of Pentecost), and to spark our discussion we’ll read an article by Rachel Held Evans, [“Breath, Fire, Wind, Womb: A Reflection on the Holy Spirit.”](#) Sign up for Pub Theology at [this link on SignUpGenius](#).

### Taizé Worship Service

**6/19**  
**6:15**  
**pm**

Taizé chants, which are often sung as our congregational song during communion, were written as musical prayers/meditations. Join us on Wednesday evening in the Dana Chapel. Please come join in this time of mid-week reflection and prayer.

## Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church on Social Media

*Like, friend, follow, listen, and watch MAPC on social media channels.*



### Facebook

Follow MAPC on Facebook for news, reminders, events, and pictures from everyday life at the church. It's a good way to engage in fellowship and to know what's going on each week.

[facebook.com/MadisonAvenuePresbyterian/](https://facebook.com/MadisonAvenuePresbyterian/)

**Facebook Live!** Beginning in June, MAPC will broadcast the Sunday worship services live on Facebook! At 10:30 am every Sunday this summer, tune into the MAPC Facebook page for the live video and audio of the service. After the event, the sermon will be posted for later viewing. Look for any announcements or updates about live streaming on the MAPC Facebook page.

### SoundCloud and iTunes

Listen to Sunday sermons from MAPC on the streaming platforms SoundCloud and iTunes. SoundCloud also allows users to share the audio files and compile playlists.

#### SoundCloud

Download the SoundCloud app or listen on the web:

[https://soundcloud.com/mapc\\_sermons](https://soundcloud.com/mapc_sermons)



#### iTunes

Download the iTunes podcast app and search for Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

### Instagram

Expect the MAPC Instagram social media account to pick up steam this coming summer as we have so many events planned! Look for mapc\_nyc in the app and follow us.

[https://www.instagram.com/mapc\\_nyc](https://www.instagram.com/mapc_nyc)

## Mark Your Summer 2019 Calendars!



\* **Church Family Night**, Friday, 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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and a donation of your choice for children under 12.

\* **Pub Theology**, Thursday, 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. Our discussion will center on the role of the Holy Spirit (in light of Pentecost), and to spark our discussion we'll read an article by Rachel Held Evans, "[Breath, Fire, Wind, Womb: A Reflection on the Holy Spirit.](#)" Sign up for Pub Theology via [this link on SignUpGenius](#).

\* **Families with Young Children**, Saturday, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

\* **Taizé Worship Service**, Wednesday, June 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.

\* **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 at the ferry terminal at 5:45 to take the 6 pm ferry together. Reserve your seat now! RSVP to Lissette in the church office, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). For MAPC folk of all ages!

\* **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](mailto:lgp@mapc.com) Suggested donation is \$40.



## Youth Sunday: Thank You



We are very proud of our young people and the hard work they put into preparing, rehearsing, and leading worship last Sunday. Each one of them along with our volunteers who worked with them at rehearsal and Kids Club put in countless hours to ensure the day ran smoothly. The dedication, support, and encouragement from our volunteers goes beyond one Sunday as they work with the young people of MAPC all year long. We are especially grateful to their families who support them along the way and to the congregation who endlessly nurture their faith through caring words of encouragement.

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

### Children's Worship

Children's worship takes place during worship at 10:30 am. This is an interactive worship service led by Christina Cosby, the Director of Christian Formation, designed specifically for children 3rd grade and under. All are welcome to come encounter God and worship together.

### 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. So far we have reached 250 hours and with one service project to go we need your help! To lend a helping hand email Christina Cosby at [cac@mapc.com](mailto:cac@mapc.com)!

Tonight will be our final evening of service as we serve a meal at MAPC's Thursday Open Table.

## 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 **June 12**.

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

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

**20s/30s Bible Study:** Next Meeting is Thursday, **June 27**, 6:00 pm, 10th floor. Anyone in their 20s or 30s is invited to come explore *Questions of Our Faith*. 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, **June 10**, Phillips Lounge. *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.

## 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).

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

## Next Week at MAPC



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

Monday, June 10		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
Tuesday, June 11		
4:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library
Wednesday, June 12		
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
4:00 pm	Kids on the Roof	Roof Garden
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Evangelism Committee	Offsite
Thursday, June 13		
6:30 pm	Pub Theology	8th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
Friday, June 14		
6:30 pm	Triennium Meeting	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Saturday, June 15		
10:00 am	Families with Young Children	Gym, 5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Sunday, June 16		
9:30 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:45 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
11:45 am	Fellowship Hour	Parish Hall
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 109<sup>th</sup> 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.