

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 9 am & 11:15 am
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship: Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, "What's the Point of Prayer?" based on the lectionary texts: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; and Luke 18:1-8.



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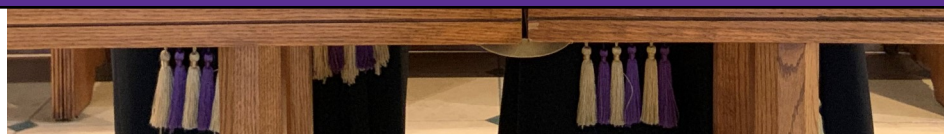
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| 3:00 pm | SAMS: Mannes College Concert | Sanctuary |

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Sermon Series

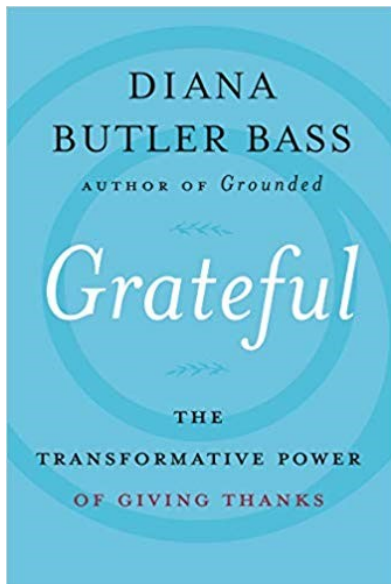


The next sermon series begins Sunday, October 27.

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Sunday, October 20

Faithful Living in Challenging Times: Live in Gratitude October 20, 27, November 3, 10



This coming Sunday continues the Faithful Living in Challenging Times series with the theme, “Live in Gratitude.” We will begin a four-week book discussion of *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Rev. Beverly Bartlett and Elders Linda Field and Natalie Pennington will lead the discussions. This coming Sunday, we will discuss Part One of the book. If you do not have a chance to read it beforehand, please come anyway—the leader will summarize the main points. You can purchase a copy of the book from Rev. Beverly Bartlett on Sunday

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mornings for \$13, or order a copy from your local, independent bookstore. It is also available on Kindle.



Music on Madison

The first concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society’s 55th Season is on **Sunday, October 20** at 3 pm, featuring students from Mannes College—The New School for Music, and guest organist Andrew Henderson, in a program entitled “A Tribute to

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Felix Mendelssohn.” The program includes a host of Mendelssohn’s piano and organ works, songs, and the Piano Trio in C minor, along with works by J. S. Bach and Jihwan Yoon’s Piano Trio in homage to Mendelssohn.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at

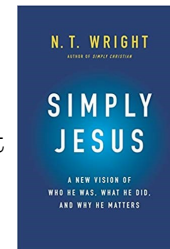
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4315542> or at the door (\$25; \$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under: free).

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Evening Bible Study

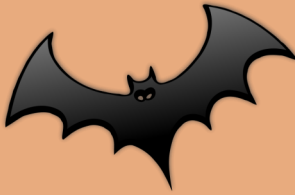
1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 pm, 8th Floor

We will read chapters 6-8 in N.T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did and Why He Matters*, at the **October 21** meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Beverly Bartlett at bab@mapc.com.



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7 pm

Halloween at MAPC—October 25 & October 31



Fridays for Children

On October 25 at 5:15 pm, elementary age children and younger are invited to the 5th floor of the Church House Building for crafts, games and story time. First graders and older there will be time for music with Mary Huff, the Associate Director of Music at MAPC and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus. At 6:15 pm, join the Church Family Night Halloween Bash in the Parish Hall.

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5:15 pm

Church Family Night Halloween Bash

Dress up in your Halloween costume and come join in the fun at our annual Church Family Night Halloween Bash on **Friday, October 25** at 6 pm! We'll have a yummy meal, a not-too-spooky Halloween movie, Halloween crafts, and a costume parade in the Sanctuary with spooky Halloween organ music. The suggested donation for Church Family Nights is \$20 for adults and youth over twelve, and a donation of your choosing for younger children. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com.

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6 pm

Youth Halloween Party

All youth in 6th – 12th grades are invited to join Mary Huff and April Martin on October 30 from 5:30-6:30 pm for Halloween games, food, music and more at the church. Please RSVP to Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin, at aem@mapc.com. Hope to see you there!

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5:30 pm

Trick-or-Treating on the Church Steps

On October 31, the doors of the narthex will be open from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for Halloween fun. The pastoral staff and friends will be in costume to hand out treats. Bring your dressed-up family, pets, or even self and join us for a couple of fun hours on Madison Avenue!

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4 pm

Donate Halloween Candy now and...trick or treat at MAPC on October 31!

We need candy to hand out to passers-by on Halloween! Buy some candy—no peanuts, please!—drop it by the receptionist, or hand it to Rev. Rebecca Heilman as you leave church on Sunday. And don't forget to stop by around 4:00 pm on Halloween with you family, pets!

Senior Fellowship Lunch

MAPC seniors and friends are invited to come downstairs to the Parish Hall at 1 pm to enjoy a light lunch and conversation. After lunch, stay for Andrew Henderson's recital at 3 pm. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10.

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1 pm

Music on Madison: Andrew Henderson, organist



The second concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is on Sunday, October 27 at 3 pm, featuring Andrew Henderson, MAPC's Director of Music & Organist and chair of the organ department of the Manhattan School of Music. He will play a program of 18th, 19th, and 20th Century works for the organ, including Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E minor ("Wedge"),

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3 pm

Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 3, Louis Vierne's Carillon de Westminster, and works by and works by Hailstork, Langlais and Mägi. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door (\$25; \$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under: free).

[Tickets](#)

Dinner for Confirmands

Confirmands and their families are invited to the Manse for dinner on October 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm.

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New Member Reception

All new members and confirmands who have joined MAPC in 2018 - 2019 are invited to join the leadership of the church at the Manse on Friday, November 1st at 6pm. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com or (212)288-8920 ext. 8475.

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Memorial Sunday

We are receiving the names of deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered during worship on **Memorial Sunday, November 3**. It is particularly appropriate to remember those who have died in the last year. If you have someone whose name you would like listed in the worship bulletin and included in the prayers, please contact our Office Manager, Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. **The deadline for submitting names is Tuesday, October 30.**

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MAPC Day School Application

MAPC families with young children are invited to apply to The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School, which offers innovative programming for children ages 4 month through 5 years old. Our classes for babies and toddlers are open to the public. Our preschool application deadline (for children who will be between two and five years old by August 31, 2020) is **November 30th**. Please see our website at <https://www.mapcds.org> for information and our online application.



Come to the Table

Fall Fellowship Gatherings

All members of the MAPC community are invited to a **Fall Fellowship Gathering**. Both paper and electronic invitations are being sent out; if you cannot attend the gathering you were assigned, please contact us and we will help find a date and time that work for you.

Come together in the more intimate setting of a member's home, meet some new friends, and have a chance to hear from Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Members of the Stewardship Committee will also be present. Contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com to RSVP or get more information.

Remaining Gatherings:

Monday, October 28 @ 6-8 pm

East 57th Street

Tuesday, October 29 @ 6-8 pm

Park Avenue near East 89th Street

Monday, November 4 @ 6-8 pm

Fifth Avenue near East 98th Street

Sunday, November 10 @ 4-6 pm

West 92nd Street

All of the homes are wheelchair accessible.

Bible Studies at MAPC

Looking for a place to read Scripture together and get to know people at MAPC? Come to one of our Bible Studies; newcomers are always welcome!

Evening Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 7 pm. (The next meeting is **October 21.**) See page 3.

Women's Bible Study: (Next Meeting is **Monday, October 28.**)

2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm, Library

Reading Through the Bible:

Wednesdays, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm, Phillips Lounge. This Wednesday we will be reading Ezekiel.

20s/30s Bible Study

1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday, 6 pm.

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.

Thursday Night 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.

The Shelter Reopens

The shelter officially reopened on Monday, September 30th. As we continue to transition into a more sustainable ministry (and we hope you will consider hosting an

early or overnight shift to help with this), we will only be open Mondays through Thursdays. Once our core hosts and volunteers are in place, we will gradually open more days for our guests. Thanks for your support and energy!

Host at the Shelter

Take this time to consider being a host for 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. If being a host is not for you, drop off some dinner, breakfast, or desert! If you would like to know more about the shelter please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

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.

Monday, October 21

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| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | Shelter Space |
| 7:00 pm | Evening Bible Study | 8th Floor |

Tuesday, October 22

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| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | Shelter Space |
| 7:00 pm | Session | 8th Floor |

Wednesday, October 23

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| 12:30 pm | Reading Through the Bible | Hood Library |
| 5:30 pm | Middle School Youth Wednesdays | Choir Room |
| 6:00 pm | Cocaine Anonymous | 5th Floor |
| 6:00 pm | Day School Committee | 8th Floor |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | Shelter Space |
| 6:30 pm | Budget Meeting | Parish Hall |

Thursday, October 24

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| 6:30 pm | Thursday Open Table | Parish Hall |
| 6:30 pm | Overnight Shelter | Shelter Space |
| 7:00 pm | Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 8:30 pm | Church Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |

Friday, October 25

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| 5:15 pm | Fridays for Children | 5th Floor |
| 6:00 pm | Church Family Night Halloween Bash | Parish Hall |

Saturday, October 26

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 27

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| 9:00 & 11:15 am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 9:15 & 11:30 am | Children's Worship | Phillips Lounge |
| 10:10 & 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hour | Lobby |
| 10:10 am | New Member Reception | 8th Floor |
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| 1:00 pm | ESL Classes | 5th Floor |
| 1:00 pm | Senior Fellowship Lunch | Parish Hall |
| 3:00 pm | SAMS: Andrew Henderson, organ | Sanctuary |
| 6:30 pm | Confirmant Dinner | The Manse |

Baptism: Interested in having your child baptized at MAPC? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com about attending an orientation session. Baptisms are then scheduled in conversation with Senior Pastor Rev. Jenny McDevitt to ensure the timing meets the needs of your family.

October

Friday, October 25, 5:15 pm—Fridays for Children, 5th Floor

Friday, October 25, 6 pm—Annual Church Family Night Halloween Bash, Parish Hall

Sunday, October 27, 1 pm—Senior Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, October 27, 3 pm—Organ Masterworks: Andrew Henderson, organ

Thursday, October 31, 4 pm—Trick-or-Treating on the Sanctuary Steps

November

Friday, November 1, 6 pm—Pizza & Game Night

Saturday, November 2, 10 am-12 pm—Annual Women's Brunch

Sunday, November 3—Daylight Saving Time ends; NYC Marathon; Memorial Sunday

Thursday, November 14, 7 pm—Moms' Night Out, Canyon Road Restaurant

Friday, November 15, 5:15 pm—Fridays for Children, Parish Hall

Sunday, November 17—Pledge Dedication Sunday with congregational brunches

Friday, November 22—NYCCC Benefit Concert

Sunday, November 24—Hood Library Fellowship Annual Book Sale

Sunday, November 24, 3 pm—Choral Concert: Poulenc, Bernstein & Randall Thompson;
Saint Andrew Chorale & Orchestra

December

Sunday, December 1, 10:30 am—One Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 am.

Sunday, December 1, 11:45 am—Advent Festival

Wednesday, December 4, 7 pm—Company of Deacons

Wednesday, December 11, 6-8 pm—Congregational Dinner & Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15, 4 pm—Annual Carol Sing, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 18, 6 pm—Blue Christmas, Dana Chapel

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.