

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Reminder! Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 2:00 am, so “fall back” one hour. November 3 is Memorial Sunday and also Marathon Sunday, so plan ahead.

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 9 am & 11:15 am All Saints’ Day/Memorial Sunday

Worship: Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon, “A Taste of Paradise” based on the texts: Isaiah 25:1-10; Psalm 23; and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education: Gratitude	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)	5th Floor
10:10 am	Open Playtime Toddlers-11 yrs	Gym/Roof Garden
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor



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Come to the Table
Sermon Series

The sermon series continues Sunday, November 3.

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Trick-or-Treating on the Church Steps

On **Thursday, October 31**, the doors of the narthex will be open from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm 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!

10/31
4 pm

Pizza and Game Night

Attention 6th through 12th graders - On **Friday night, November 1** from 6 to 8 pm, come enjoy a pizza dinner followed by organized and free recreation (Basketball, Apples to Apples, Minute to Win It Prompts, Jenga & more). 5th floor for food, Gym for games. Please RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com so we know how much pizza to provide.

11/01
6 pm

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 1** at 6 pm. 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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6 pm

Annual Women's Brunch

MAPC women, come join us for brunch on **Saturday, November 2** at 10 am in the Parish Hall. And bring a friend! This year the women of the pastoral staff will be sharing their stories with us—Come hear about the significant turning points in their lives that landed them here, in ministry at MAPC. The suggested donation for brunch is \$20. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com. In lieu of childcare, the Roof Garden will be open for spouses and/or caregivers and children to play while moms enjoy brunch.



11/02
10 am

Sunday, November 3

Faithful Living in Challenging Times: Live in Gratitude Through November 10

This coming Sunday continues the Faithful Living in Challenging Times series with the theme, “Live in Gratitude.” We will discuss *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass.

11/03
10:10 am

Rev. Beverly Bartlett and Elders Linda Field and Natalie Pennington will lead the discussions. This coming Sunday, we will discuss Part Three 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 mornings for \$13, or order a copy from your local, independent bookstore. It is also available on Kindle.

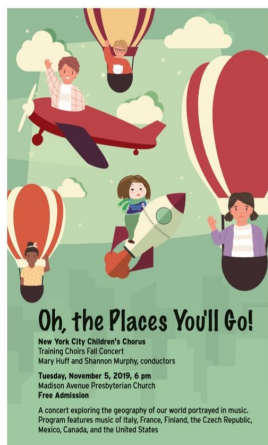
The Newly Formed Adult Education Committee Seeks Your Input! Survey

The former Christian Education Committee has been divided into two separate committees: Children and Youth Ministries and Adult Education. The Adult Education Committee has created a quick survey and encourages all MAPC members to fill it out. Are you a regular at our Sunday morning Adult Education classes? Have you never been able to attend? Is Evening Bible Study your thing? Is there a particular topic you would like to discuss or learn more about? Are there times that would be more convenient for you? We want to know all of this and more! Please click on the link below and fill out the form on the church’s secure website.

If you would rather fill out a hard copy, they will be available on Sunday morning, November 10th during fellowship hours. MAPC has a rich history of high quality adult education. We want to build on that and welcome your input as we work to grow this ministry and grow in faith together.

Link to Survey: <https://www.mapc.com/education/adult-education/mapc-adult-education-survey/>

Coming Soon



New York City Children's Chorus Training Choirs

On **Tuesday, November 5**, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary, three ensembles of the New York City Children's Chorus Training Choirs will perform a program exploring the geography of our world portrayed in music. The program features music of Italy, France, Finland, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Admission is free.

11/05
6 pm

November 2019

Christmas Angels

Sunday, November 10, during Fellowship Hour in between services and after the 11:15 am service.

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For many years, MAPC has partnered with the Church of Gethsemane in Brooklyn to provide gifts to families who need a little extra help during the Christmas season. Stop by the Church House Lobby during both Fellowship Hours on November 10th to learn more about this ministry and pick up an angel (or two!) so that families will have a few gifts to open Christmas morning. Wrapped gifts must be returned to MAPC by Sunday, December 1st. Please drop all gifts off with the receptionist. Questions or concerns? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Shelter Open House

November 10th at 1 pm, Shelter Space

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Interested in our Men's Shelter? Visit our shelter at 1 pm on **Sunday, November 10** to learn more about the volunteer opportunities. The shelter leaders are specifically in need of overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 6:30 am) and are always looking for early shift hosts (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm). Questions? Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com.

Music on Madison: Misuzu Tanaka, piano



The next concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is on **Sunday, November 10** at 3 pm, featuring virtuosic Japanese pianist Misuzu Tanaka. Her performance on the *Music on Madison* series features a program including her critically lauded performance of Prokofiev's Sonata No. 2 in D minor, with Bach's "Italian Concerto" and selections from Rachmaninoff's *Preludes*, alongside works by Beethoven and Janáček.. [Tickets](#) can be purchased in advance or at the door - \$25; \$20

11/10

3 pm

– Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under are free.

Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun its work of considering people to nominate for offices of Elder, Deacon and Trustee for the class of 2023. As a part of its work, the committee always asks members of the congregation to suggest potential candidates. If you wish to suggest one or several people to the committee, please email or speak with its Chair, Elder Nickie Christin (nickie@aol.com), or Vice Chair, Elder Curtis Field (family_field@earthlink.com). Your suggestion will be appreciated and taken seriously in the nomination process. Please ensure that your suggestions are in the committee's hands no later than **Wednesday, November 13**.

due

11/13

Moms' Night Out

MAPC Moms, come enjoy a relaxing, low-key night out before the rush of the holiday season begins! You deserve it! We will meet at 7 pm on **Thursday, November 14** at Canyon Road restaurant, 1st Ave and 77th St., for dinner and conversation. Moms' Night Out is for mothers with children of all ages, and is an opportunity to get to know one another and share stories and experiences. Please let us know you are coming so we can adjust the reservation accordingly. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church office at lgp@mapc.com. 11/14 7 pm

Fridays for Children – Thanksgiving Edition

On **Friday, November 15** at 5:15 pm, elementary age children and younger are invited to the Parish Hall for our Fridays for Children program. Gratitude will be the theme of the night! So, expect games, story time, crafts and choir for first graders and older with Mary Huff, the Associate Director of Music at MAPC and the Director of the NYC Children's Chorus. Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com to register early. You're also welcome to register your child(ren) at the church on the night of the 15th. All forms will be provided. Join us! 11/15 5:15 pm

Tell Me More About MAPC

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, we are hosting a "Tell Me More About MAPC" conversation on **Saturday, November 16** at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. 11/16 9 am

Hood Library Fellowship

On **Sunday, November 24**, the Hood Library Fellowship will have tables full of books for sale in the Church House Lobby during the fellowship hours between services. Please come browse the books while you enjoy your coffee, tea, cookies and conversation! You'll find fiction and non-fiction, and "coffee table" books. Come buy Christmas gifts for the readers and book lovers on your list, or stock up on your own reading material for the winter months. The Library Fellowship uses the proceeds to keep their collection current. 11/24

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 **Saturday, November 30**. Please see our website at <https://www.mapcds.org> for information and our online application. due 11/30

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, 8th Fl. (The next meeting is **November 4**.) The group is currently reading N.T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus*. For November 4, we will be discussing chapters 9 – 11.

Women's Bible Study: 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, 8th Fl.
The next meeting is **November 5**.

The Church House will be closed
Veterans Day—Monday,
November 11, 2019.

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.

Host at the Shelter

Take this time to consider being a host for the shelter! Two shifts are offered each evening, Mondays through Thursday. 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, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

5:00 pm	Hood Library Fellowship	Hood Library
6:00 pm	20s/30s Bible Study	8th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, November 6

12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Hood Library
5:30 pm	Middle School Fellowship Dinner	Choir Room; Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Cocaine Anonymous	5th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Deacons	8th Floor

Thursday, November 7

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
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, November 8

No events scheduled

Saturday, November 9

10:00 am	Saint Andrew Chorale Extra Rehearsal	Choir Room
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Sunday, November 10

9:00 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 & 11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 & 12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour—Christmas Angel Sign-up	Lobby
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)	5th Floor
10:10 am	Adult Education: Live in Gratitude	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	Shelter Open House	Shelter Space
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor
1:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Grace & Gratitude)	Parish Hall
3:00 pm	SAMS Concert: Misuzu Tanaka, piano	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Fall Fellowship Gathering	W. 92nd St.

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

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

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.