

# The Pastoral Staff Letter

**Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 9 & 11:15 am**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

**Worship: Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt** will preach her sermon, “Washing Up” from the sermon series *Sacred Ordinary Days* based on the texts Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; and Matthew 3:13-17.

8:30 am	Nursery Opens	4th Floor
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Coloring for Kids	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education: <i>Victor Salama</i>	Parish Hall
	<i>“The Alien in Your Land” (Lev. 19:34)</i>	
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th gr)	2nd Floor Gym
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	Lobby
12:30 pm	Coloring for Kids	Lobby
1:00 pm	Confirmation: Reading Scripture	8th Floor
1:00 pm	Senior Fellowship Lunch	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	Shelter Open House	Shelter Space
1:00 pm	SAMS: Longleash Piano Trio	Sanctuary



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## Tomorrow

### Church Family Night

The next Church Family Night is tomorrow! Come enjoy a delicious dinner in the Parish Hall, conversation, a craft activity, movie and playtime in the gym—you can do it all, or simply enjoy sitting with friends.

This is for everyone in the MAPC church family, not just families with kids at home! It's a great way to unwind on a Friday evening—and you don't have to worry about what's for dinner and whose preparing it!



The suggested donation for adults is \$20, and we ask that you make a donation for children under 12 based on their appetite! Chef Jim needs to know how many to cook for, so please let us know if you are coming. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

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## This Sunday

### Senior Fellowship Lunch

Seniors, join us in the Parish Hall at 1 pm this Sunday to share lunch together!

### Music on Madison: Longleash Piano Trio

The next concert of the Saint Andrew Music Society's 55th Season is this Sunday, January 12 at 3 pm, marking the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth with an innovative program featuring two of the composer's celebrated trios alongside two contemporary musical responses. The "expert young trio" (*Strad Magazine*) will perform Beethoven's Piano Trios in C minor, Op. 1, No. 3, and D major, Op. 70, No. 1, coupled with John Zorn's *Ghosts* (inspired by Beethoven's "Ghost" Trio) and the premiere of a new work by Reiko Fūting. [Tickets](#) can be purchased in advance or at the door (\$25; \$20 – Students/62+; children 12 & under: free).



### Shelter Open House

Interested in our Men's Shelter? Visit our shelter space this Sunday at 1 pm 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](mailto:rmh@mapc.com).

## Looking Forward: Additional January Events

### Moms' Night Out—Thursday, January 16

Every couple of months, MAPC Moms get together for a night out, usually at an Upper East Side restaurant, from 7-10 pm. Moms' Night Out helps create a strong community among MAPC moms with children of all ages, and provides a valuable opportunity to share our wisdom on various parenting issues, and perhaps even have a non-child-related conversation! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza in the church offices, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

### Fridays for Children—Friday, January 24



All elementary age children and younger are invited to the Parish Hall for our Fridays for Children program on January 24 from 5 to 6 pm! We will read the book *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner and connect it to the world we live in. There will be crafts and games, as well as choir for all ages with Mary Huff, MAPC's Associate Director of Music and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus.

Following Fridays for Children, MAPC's Fireside Jazz (see below) will commence in the Front Lobby with delicious food and excellent jazz tunes! Your child(ren) are welcome to join you or we will provide childcare on the 5th floor. Email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) to sign up early or for more information. You're also welcome to sign your child(ren) up at the church on the night of the 24th. All forms will be provided.

### Fireside Jazz—January 24

Come enjoy an evening of good food, great music and lively fellowship in the Church House Lobby on January 24 from 6-9 pm. Chef Jim is preparing a wonderful menu, the jazz trio is booked, there will be a fire in the fireplace, and childcare will be offered on the 5th Floor if that makes it easier for you to attend. The suggested donation for the evening is \$40, and we ask for a donation of \$15 per child if you need childcare.



Sign up in the Church House Lobby after worship on Sundays in January, or respond to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com). Please indicate if you will need childcare. This is an evening you won't want to miss!

## Looking Forward: February Events

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation—February 2



The annual meeting of the congregation will take place following the 11:15 am worship service on February 2. We will gather in the Parish Hall, with a light lunch provided. The purpose of the meeting is to hear highlights from 2019, elect officers, hear a presentation on the 2020 budget, and look toward the future together. Pizza and activities will be provided for children and youth. All are welcome to attend, but only members have voice and vote.

### Young Adult Gathering at the Manse—February 21

All young adults—whether single, married, or a young family with children—are invited to the Manse (where MAPC's senior pastor lives) on Friday, February 21 from 6-8 pm to enjoy a light dinner and time to connect with other young adults in the congregation. Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) to RSVP, or get directions, or ask questions. Hope to see you there!



## Adult Education

### Sunday Morning: A Faithful Response to “The Alien in Your Land” (Lev. 19:34)

On January 12, Victor Salama, Executive Director of First Friends of NJ and NY will be our guest speaker. Mr. Salama will speak about the situation at the southern border, how detainees end up in the jails in northern New Jersey, and the work of First Friends in providing support while they are in prison and upon release. 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

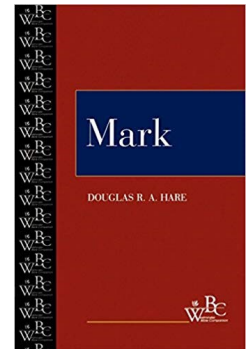
### Sunday Morning: *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* Discussion

On January 19, Elder Natalie Pennington will lead a discussion on Martin Luther King, Jr.’s *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*. We encourage you to read (or re-read) the letter prior to the discussion, as it is too lengthy to read in its entirety during the class. We will have a few hard copies on hand, and you can find it online here:

[https://web.cn/edu/kwheeler/documents/Letter\\_Birmingham\\_Jail.pdf](https://web.cn/edu/kwheeler/documents/Letter_Birmingham_Jail.pdf) Dr. King’s 1963 letter is still relevant today, still gives us much to wrestle with, and we encourage you to come join in this discussion. 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

### Monday Evening Bible Study

The Evening Bible Study will begin studying the Gospel according to Mark on January 22. This is a good time to join this group as we are beginning a new study! We are using Douglas Hare’s commentary on Mark as a resource. Rev. Bartlett has a couple of copies available (for \$25 each), [or you may order a new or used copy on Amazon](#).



**Please note the change in our normal schedule due to the MLK, Jr. holiday!** The Evening Bible Study normally meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, but due to the long weekends in January and February, the dates are Wednesday, January 22; Monday, February 3; and Wednesday, February 19 (7 pm on the 8th Floor).

All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bartlett at [bab@mapc.com](mailto:bab@mapc.com). There are beverages, snacks, fellowship and good discussion, and there is always more room at the table, so please join us!

### Women’s Bible Study

Women’s Bible Study is meeting Mondays, January 13 and 27. The group meets at 6:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge and you are welcome to bring a sack lunch.

### 20s/30s Bible Study

Be on the lookout for our next gathering! Please contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto:rmh@mapc.com) with any questions.

## Service Opportunities

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).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Youth Information

### MAPC Serves

Youth meet at the MAPC church lobby at 4 pm, Monday, January 13. We will walk around the corner to the James Lenox House to help the elderly residents there. Youth can earn service hours by interacting with the elderly residents. Projects include helping them trouble-shoot technology/phone issues and playing board games and chatting with them. Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin, will sign documents so that the hours you spend serving can be counted as either Confirmation Service Hours or as Service Hours for School requirements. Join us once a month at James Lenox House from 4 pm to 5:30 pm.

### Shake Shack Sundays

Meet in the lobby and walk to Shake Shack to eat lunch and catch-up with other youth who attend MAPC and with the Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin.  
**Next two dates: Jan. 19th & Feb. 16th**

## Youth Information

### NEW!

Come to the 2nd Floor Gym to play basketball with April Martin in between services on Sunday mornings. 10:10-ish to 11:00 am every Sunday. Get to know other youth and practice your Basketball skills.

### Pizza & Game Night

Email April Martin at [aem@mapc.com](mailto:aem@mapc.com) to reserve a spot. Enjoy pizza, soft drinks, board games, time to play in the 2nd Floor Gym and fellowship.

**Next two dates: Feb. 7th & Mar. 6th (6 pm—8 pm)**

## Weekly Calendar

### January 13 — January 19 at MAPC

Monday, January 13	<b>Session Packet Reports Due</b>	
4:00 pm	MAPC Serves at James Lenox House	Lobby (to meet)
6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Tuesday, January 14		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Library
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study
Wednesday, January 15		
7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Library
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Youth Choir and Fellowship	Choir Room, Phillips Lng.
5:30 pm	Children & Youth Ministries Committee	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Day School Committee	8th Floor
6:30 pm	Adult Education Committee	7th Fl. Conference Room
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Thursday, January 16		
1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Night Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Moms' Night Out	Offsite—TBA
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Friday, January 17	No MAPC Events Scheduled	
Saturday, January 18	No MAPC Events Scheduled	

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am	Nursery Opens	4th Floor Nursery
9 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 & 11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:10 am & 12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am & 12:30 pm	Coloring for Kids	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education	Parish Hall
	<i>Letter from a Birmingham Jail</i>	
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th Grades)	2nd Floor Gym
12:30 pm	Shake Shack Sunday for Youth	Lobby (to meet)

A number of recovery groups meet regularly at the church throughout the week. For a current list of groups and meeting times, please see [mapc.com/supportgroups](http://mapc.com/supportgroups).

**Baptism:** Interested in having your child baptized at MAPC? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at [rmh@mapc.com](mailto: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.

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

### Stewardship Update: Pledge 2020

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge for 2020. As of January 9, we have received **125** pledges totaling **\$689,332.10**. 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. You can pledge [online](#) or by calling the church office at 212-288-8920.



## Worship Needs You!

At MAPC, worship takes many people, up front and behind the scenes, to create a meaningful service during which we encounter the Holy One. There are a variety of ways to be involved, and signing up is easy. We will ensure that proper training or instruction is given so that you know exactly what to do.

**READING SCRIPTURE (9 & 11:15 am)** Each week, we read multiple passages from Scripture. A theological degree is not required to read aloud in worship. The full text of your reading will be provided to you by the Wednesday prior. If you have not read in worship recently, a pastor will meet with you in advance to review and rehearse. Sign up for scripture reading (no prerequisites): <https://signup.com/go/jzLorCa>  
**SERVING COMMUNION (9 & 11:15 am)**

**Anyone ordained as an elder or deacon (whether you are currently serving, or have served in the past)** is invited to serve communion. Typically, we need anywhere from two to six servers for each service. Sign up to serve communion here:

<https://signup.com/go/FPKymKv>

## MAPC on Social Media

### 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/)



### 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. Download the SoundCloud app or listen on the web:

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

On iTunes, download the podcast app and search for Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.



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