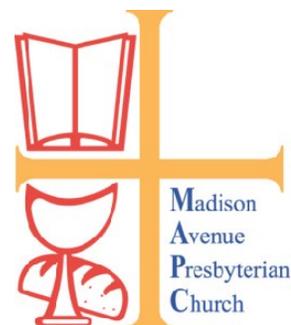


The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 9 & 11:15 am
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship: Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett will preach her sermon, "Called to be Prophets" based on the texts Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; and John 1:29-42.



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>Letter from a Birmingham Jail</i>	Parish Hall
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
12:30 pm	Shake Shack Sunday for Youth	Meet in Lobby

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This Sunday

Sunday Morning: *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* Discussion

This Sunday, 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

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.

Shake Shack Sunday



MAPC Youth meet in the lobby at 12:30 this Sunday and walk to Shake Shack to eat lunch and catch-up with other youth who attend MAPC, with the Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin.

This will be a fun time of fellowship and food! Join us. (aem@mapc.com)

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Looking Forward: Additional January Events

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 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-Eraza in the church offices, 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 to RSVP, or get directions, or ask questions. Hope to see you there!

Shelter Open House

Interested in our Men's Shelter? Visit our shelter space on Sunday, February 23 at 1 pm to learn more about the volunteer opportunities. The shelter leaders are specifically in need of overnight hosts (8:30 pm – 7:00 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.

Church Family Night

The next Church Family Night is Friday, February 28! Come enjoy a tasty dinner, fellowship, a craft, movie, or gym time. It's a relaxing evening and a great way to get to know members of the MAPC community.

RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, a donation of your choosing for children under 12.



Adult Education

Sunday, January 26 & February 2: Micah the Prophet

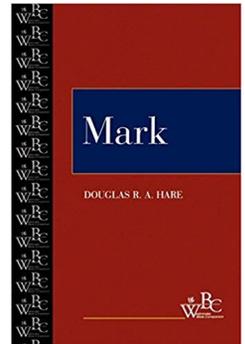
On Sunday, January 26 at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall, the Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett will lead a class on the prophet Micah. One of the prophet's most treasured lines, "do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God," is the inspiration behind an anthem recently commissioned by MAPC. On the following Sunday, February 2, we will hear the new anthem and meet the composer (see below).

Meet the Composer & Hear the Premiere!

On Sunday, February 2 at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall, composer Fred Gramann, Director of Music at the American Church in Paris, will be the guest presenter on our Christian Education series, describing his work as a composer and his approach to setting texts. The Church Choir will be on hand to offer a special "sneak preview" of his new work, *Walk Humbly with Your God*—a commission made possible through Gordon and Lillian Hardy Music Endowment Fund. The anthem is based on a familiar text from the prophet Micah appointed for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany and is dedicated to longtime MAPC member Josephine McFadden. The composer will conduct the official 'premiere' of his new work at the 11:15 am service.

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! They are using Douglas Hare's commentary on Mark as a resource. Rev. Bartlett has only one copy available (for \$25), [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. 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

The next Women's Bible Study meeting is Monday, January 27. They are currently studying the Psalms. 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 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.

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.

Youth Information

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 (see page 1) & Mar. 1



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 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 20 — January 26 at MAPC

Monday, January 20 6:30 pm	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Church House Closed Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Tuesday, January 21 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Joint Session & Trustees Dinner Overnight Shelter Joint Session & Trustees Meeting Trustees Session	5th Floor Shelter Space 5th Floor 8th Floor 5th Floor
Wednesday, January 22 12:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Reading Through the Bible Youth Choir and Fellowship Overnight Shelter Evening Bible Study	Phillips Lounge Choir Room, Phillips Lng. Shelter Space 8th Floor
Thursday, January 23 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:30 pm	Overnight Shelter Thursday Night Open Table Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal Church Choir Rehearsal	Shelter Space Parish Hall Sanctuary Choir Room
Friday, January 24 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Fridays for Children Fireside Jazz Night	Parish Hall Lobby, 5th Floor
Saturday, January 25 9:30 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	Phillips Lounge
Sunday, January 26 8:30 am 9 & 11:15 am 9:15 & 11:30 am 10:00 am 10:10 am & 12:30 pm 10:10 am & 12:30 pm 10:10 am 10:10 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Nursery Opens Worship Children's Worship Library Awareness Fellowship Hour Coloring for Kids Adult Education <i>Micah the Prophet</i> Youth Fellowship (6th-12th Graders) Shake Shack Sunday for Youth Confirmation Class: <i>When Bad Things Happen—Theodicy & Prayer</i> ESL Classes	4th Floor Nursery Sanctuary Phillips Lounge Lobby, Library Lobby Lobby Parish Hall 2nd Floor Gym Lobby (to meet) Parish Hall 5th Floor

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.

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.

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-Erao at 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 16, we have received **124** pledges totaling **\$685,332.10**. 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/

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

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

Instagram

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