

The Pastoral Staff Letter

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 9 & 11:15 am
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship: Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt will preach her sermon from the sermon series *Sacred Ordinary Days*, “Going to Work” based on the texts 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; and Matthew 4:12-23.

8:30 am	Nursery Opens	4th Floor
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:00 am	Library Awareness	Lobby, Library
10:10 am	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
10:10 am	Coloring for Kids	Lobby
10:10 am	Adult Education: Prophet Micah	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	Library Awareness	Lobby, Library
12:30 pm	Fellowship Hour	Lobby
12:30 pm	Coloring for Kids	Lobby
1:00 pm	Confirmation: When Bad Things Happen (Theodicy & Prayer)	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	5th Floor



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Tomorrow

Fridays for Children—January 24

All elementary age children and younger are invited to the Parish Hall for our Fridays for Children program tomorrow 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 next page) 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 tomorrow night. All forms will be provided.

Tomorrow

Fireside Jazz—This Friday, January 24! RSVP Now!



Come enjoy an evening of good food, great music and lively fellowship in the Church House Lobby tomorrow 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.

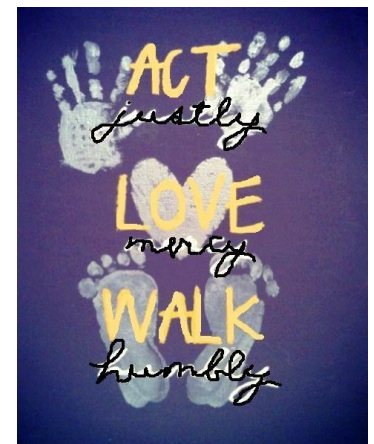


Please RSVP ASAP to Lissette Perez-Eraza in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com. Please indicate if you will need childcare. This is an evening you won't want to miss!

This Sunday

Adult Education: Sunday, January 26 & February 2 Micah the Prophet

This 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 page 4).



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.

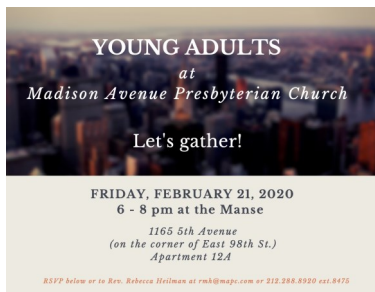
February Events

Music on Madison: A Bernstein Celebration—February 9

The Saint Andrew Music Society's *Music on Madison* season continues on Sunday, February 9 at 3 pm, with a performance featuring the music of Leonard Bernstein. British pianist Simon Mulligan has been described by *The Times of London* as "the most abundantly gifted of pianists." Equally at home in classical repertoire and popular genres, he will perform his own transcriptions and improvisations of excerpts from Bernstein's *Candide*, *On the Town*, *Wonderful Town*, and *West Side Story*. Admission to our *Music on Madison* concerts is \$25 (\$20—seniors/students); children 12 and under: free. [Tickets](#) may be purchased online in advance, or at the door.



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—February 23

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—February 28

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-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, a donation of your choosing for children under 12.



Adult Education

Meet the Composer & Hear the Premiere!—February 2

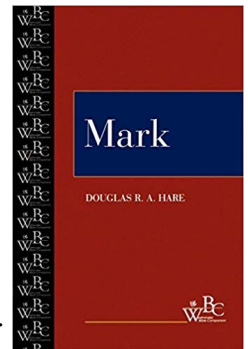


On Sunday, February 2 at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall, composer Fred Gramann, Director of Music at the American Church in Paris, will be the guest presenter on our Christian Education series, describing his work as a composer and his approach to setting texts. The Church Choir will be on hand to offer 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 has just begun to study the Gospel according to Mark. They are using Douglas Hare’s commentary on Mark (the Westminster Bible Companion series) as a resource. [You can find a new or used copy on Amazon.](#)

The Evening Bible Study normally meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The schedule has been adjusted to accommodate the holiday weekends. The dates for February are Monday, February 3 and Wednesday, February 19 (7 pm on the 8th Floor). All are welcome! You can jump in at any time. 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!



Women’s Bible Study

The Women’s Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. This long-running group meets at 6:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge. You are welcome to bring a sack dinner at 6 pm and enjoy a time of fellowship before the Bible Study begins. They are currently studying the Psalms and all MAPC women and friends are welcome.

Reading Through the Bible

For several years now, a small group has been meeting on Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge to read through the Bible, cover to cover, skipping nothing, the whole thing! They are currently making their way through the minor prophets—the end of the Old Testament is in sight! Even if you have not been with them from the beginning, you are welcome to join in this adventure at any point. Drop in as you can!

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.

MAPC Serves

February 10 is the next chance for youth to help the residents of the James Lenox House trouble-shoot with technology/phone issues and play board games or cards. To sign up, email Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin at aem@mapc.com. Once a month from 4-5:30 pm. Meet in the lobby.

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: March 1st & March 29th

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 27 — February 2 at MAPC

Monday, January 27		
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Tuesday, January 28		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
Wednesday, January 29		
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Youth Choir and Fellowship	Choir Room, Phillips Lng.
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Adult Education Committee	7th Fl. Conf. Room
Thursday, January 30		
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Night Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Friday, January 31	No MAPC events scheduled.	
Saturday, February 1	No MAPC events scheduled.	
Sunday, February 2		
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: Meet the Composer	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th Graders)	2nd Floor Gym
1:00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	Lunch for Children & Youth	Shelter Space, Gym
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	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.

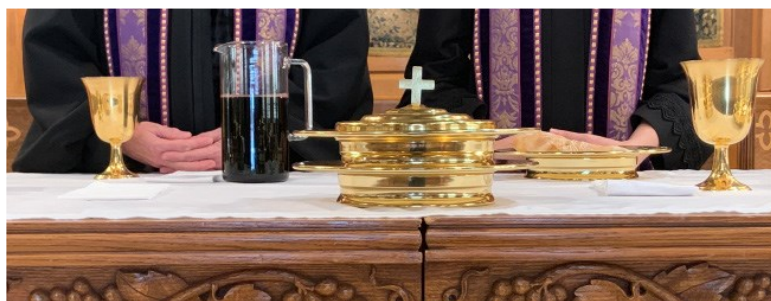
Baptism: Interested in having your child baptized at MAPC? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com about attending an orientation session. Baptisms are then scheduled in conversation with Senior Pastor Rev. Jenny McDevitt to ensure the timing meets the needs of your family.

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-Erazo 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 23, we have received **125** pledges totaling **\$685,572.10**. 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.



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