

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 a.m.

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional staff members, Supervised by Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5	Sally Davis, Karl Hoffman and Doug House
“Sunday Extravaganza” ages 5-11	Kathy Doan, Marsha Renwanz, David Gillies and Mike Smith
“Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 9 th grade	Christopher Rehling, Kevin Guy and Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
“High School Rocks!” Sr. High School	Phil Hanna, Betsy Merritt and Mary Spatz

Goodpasture Class **Sundays,
10 a.m., Lincoln Chapel**

Adult Christian Education **Sunday, April 15
10 a.m., Room 511**

“Jesus and the Third Way: A Spirit of Co-existence and the Refusal to be Enemies in Modern Israel and in the West Bank of Palestine.” Bill Plitt, a recent traveler to areas of Israel and Palestine, will share his experiences in two distinct settings. The first setting is a more detailed look within the life of the community of international volunteers and the Nassar family described in a earlier series offered at NYAPC. The second setting includes experiences visiting an Israeli Kibbutz where Argentinean émigrés established a co-existent relationship with a nearby Arab village in 1953. Participants will also become aware of theologian Walt Wing’s view of Jesus and a non-violent approach to injustices of his day and how it might apply within the nonviolent movement today.

Adult Christian Education **Sundays, April 15-May 13
10 a.m., Room 520**

“One DC?” This four-week series will inquire into the state of our city, especially as it relates to whether we are becoming more one community or more divided by race, class and income. Our four distinguished speakers will analyze aspects of disparity and community in four areas: April 15: Demographics, Martha Davis; April 22: Housing, Dominic Moulden (One DC); May 6: Education, Mark Hecker (Reach, Inc.); and May 13: Politics, Mark Plotkin.

Adult Christian Education **Sunday, April 22
10 a.m., Room 511**

“The Costs of the Occupation by Israel on the Souls of Israeli Jews and Palestinians” Bill Plitt will give an introduction to life in Israel/Palestine from the point of view of a recent traveler there who witnessed the pain and suffering of both Israelis and Palestinians as a result of the occupation. Fakhira Halloun, a Palestinian woman and citizen of Israel, will share her experiences growing up in Israel in a small Druz village where her family was among a minority of Christians living there. Later, her experiences as a social worker in an Israeli prison in Jerusalem brought her face to face with Palestinians of the occupied territories, and the experience was transforming for her.

Adult Christian Education **Sunday, April 22
10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor**

“Endowment and Benevolence Funds: Ministries that Make a Difference.” How do we live today to prepare NYAPC for tomorrow? What is the human, transformative side of the church’s endowment and benevolence funds? Join Phil Hanna and Leigh Hildebrand as they share stories of the church’s endowment and benevolence funds, their role in growing the church’s mission and meeting immediate needs of individuals and our dreams for the future. Gifts to the new NYAPC Birthday Fund will grow ministries through these funds, so come learn more about how they can change lives.

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club - Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencergib@aol.com

Community Club - is a one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public high school students meeting at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Contact Tom Karr at directors@communityclub.org, or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry - Every 4th Sunday bring non-perishable food for the Capital Area Food Bank, a large nonprofit hunger and nutrition resource in the DC metropolitan area. Place donations in baskets at the back of the sanctuary.

New York Avenue Foundation - Its mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it awards over \$30,000 to grassroots non-profits which further that mission. An all-volunteer board conducts the work of the Foundation and selects grantee organizations. Contact Jennifer McIver, jenzan@msn.com or 703-785-4762.

Radcliffe Room Ministry - Sunday fellowship with our homeless guests, 8:30-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of clothing, toiletries, as well as money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinsleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle - An opportunity for visitors to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the rear, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note pad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Fritz von Fleckenstein, fritz@alumni.reed.edu

Triangle Park Committee - works with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall. We meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjswan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
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	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
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“An inclusive and justice seeking church”



Celebration of Worship
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

**April 8, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Easter Sunday**

Prelude

Introit “This is the Day” (Haec est Dies)

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

One: This morning we shout with joy, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn** #123 (*verses 1-3*), “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
Easter Hymn

Prayer of Confession

One: Lord, You are our strength and our might;

All: You have become our salvation. Alleluia!

One: We who were dead have been raised with Christ, and we seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

All: We do so imperfectly, Lord — bearing wounds of our own, hindered by doubt and fear, unsure where to look for You, still tempted to sin.

One: The prophets testify that everyone who believes in You receives forgiveness of sins through Your name.

All: This day we rejoice in the pardon and hope You give to us.

One: Dry our tears, O God. Speak to us a word that reveals Your presence.

All: Open to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them, giving thanks and praise to You.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response** #123 (*verse 4*), “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
Easter Hymn

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God’s love Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (*May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal*)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Ps 118:1-2,19-24, page 534, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “We Know the Christ is Raised”
Engelberg
arr. Hopson

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson John 1:1-18, page 86 , NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “_____”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #119, “The Strife is O'er, Tune of #111
Gelobt sei Gott, Vulpius,
arr. Wright

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing*

One Great Hour of Sharing and Dedication

- One No matter who we are, no matter what comes our way, we have something to give, for we carry God in our hearts.
- All Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**
- One When storms arise, when wars take their toll, we are called to share the light of hope. Christ is present.
- All Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**
- One We have been blessed abundantly so that we may share in every good work, in obedience to the gospel.
- All Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**
- One When we sow bountifully, the harvest of righteousness feeds all God's people; the seeds of transformation blossom and bear fruit.
- All Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**
- One The blessing of generosity is the capacity to kindle the fires of joy, where brothers and sisters share an abundance of enough.
- All Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**
- One When we give with the heart of God, thanksgivings overflow.
- All Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Festival Hymn on Grafton”
Tune of Grafton, arr. K. Lee Scott

***Response** #591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Dear God, who has shared Your great gifts of life, love and joy with us, we dedicate to You this day our gifts to Your church and to One Great Hour of Sharing. May these gifts feed, educate and care for Your sheep throughout the world. Bless them on their way to do Your work, that all may feel your presence and love. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

***Sending Hymn** #122, “Thine is the Glory”
Judas Maccabeus

1 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won; Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son, Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom; Let the church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing; For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
(Refrain)

3 No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life; Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love: Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
(Refrain)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “The Hallelujah Chorus,” from **The Messiah**
G. F. Handel

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Easter Egg Hunt on Fifth Floor at 10:30 a.m.

We wish to thank the **New York Avenue Sanctuary Choir and Brass Ensemble** for their special music in worship this morning.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today have been given to the glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection.

HE IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!
(Please note special insert, “Easter Floral Remembrances”)

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Mary Spatz	Wilson Golden
Greeters		
Tour Guides	James Martin	Chuck West

Counters' Schedule:

April 10	Jim Martin and Barb Dornan
April 15	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
April 24	Nancy Dickinson and Phil Hanna
May 1	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
May 6	Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie
May 13	John Schultheis and Martha Davis

Information for Sunday Visitors

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Radcliffe Room Ministry: Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the Radcliffe Room on Sunday mornings. This is a vibrant NYAPC ministry and we would love to have you join us: meet our friends for coffee, conversation, bagels and hymn singing.

Restrooms: Facilities are available on the second floor (in the hallway behind the sanctuary), on the fifth floor and on the first floor.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** During the services, children's worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation's heritage and current ministry and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins: Available at the front of the Sanctuary.

When bulletins are waved during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action which we learned from our partner church, the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, as an alternative to clapping. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.

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