

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, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

	Ministers: The Entire Congregation
	Pastor: Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Associate Pastor for Congregational Life:	Tara Spuhler McCabe, M. Div.
Pastoral Associate:	Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
Director of Planned Giving:	Evelyn S. Ying, J.D.
Parish Associates:	J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A.
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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.

December 11, 2011
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Raymond H. Haan

Dan Stokes, organ

Introit

"Magnificat anima mea," from **Magnificat**

J. S. Bach

Dominick Izzo, conductor

_____, _____, _____, trumpets

Translation - My soul doth magnify the Lord.

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*The Lighting of Advent Candles and Call to Worship

Leader: As we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, the word for today is **Worship**.

All: As Mary magnified you, let us also worship and follow you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Eternal and Gracious God, as we meet you in worship today, let us rejoice in your good news. Help us to bring our hearts to you and to trust in your justice, your peace, and your salvation. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#12 (*verses 1-3*), “People, Look East”

Besancon

Prayer of Confession

**Please stand if able*

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

***Response** # 12 (*verse 5*), “People, Look East”

Besancon

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth, Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

***Apostles Creed** (*May be found on page 14 in front of the pew hymnal*)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL always beginning in the Park Level at 10 a.m.	
Class	Teachers
Nursery <i>(8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)</i>	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
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“A Promise to Abraham” Because he has no children, Abram questions God’s promise. The Lord reassures him that his descendants will be too many to count. Abram also sees a terrifying vision of the journey his descendants will endure, including oppression for 400 years. Today’s lesson is from Genesis 15:1-6,12-18. Teacher: Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader, Prayer Leader: Yomi Faniyi.

Adult Sunday School	TODAY 10 a.m., Room 520
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“Taking our Faith to the Office” This series will explore how we reconcile our faith and the everyday challenges our work lives present us. Does our faith really affect our work? NYAPC members and friends will share some of their on-the-job experiences and reflect about how what they believe impinges, or does not, on the workday decisions they make. **TODAY** --Architecture and Engineering

Adult Sunday School	TODAY, December 11 at 10 a.m. December 18 at 9 a.m. January 8 and 15 10 a.m., Room 511
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“Steadfast Hope” This study challenges common myths and misperceptions about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, presents a compelling snapshot of the present situation on the ground and offers a guide to the challenges that lie ahead in the quest for peace. The materials offer an inspiring view of the activities currently being undertaken by Muslim, Jewish and Christian peacemakers working for justice and reconciliation. It also gives helpful guidance on how our congregation can contribute to the cause of just peace for the people who share the Holy Land.

NYAPC History Event (extended parking available)	TODAY 12 Noon, Lincoln Parlor, JQA Room, Radcliffe Room
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Join us in celebrating the publication of *Capital Witness: A History of The New York Avenue Church of Washington DC*, our first comprehensive history in 50 years, at an authors and editors signing event. Participating will be former clergy whose service spans the fifty years since the publication of our last history in 1961, led by former senior pastor Rob Craig (1990-1999), who headed the history committee that first conceived of the history in the early 1990s. Copies of *Capital Witness* may be prepaid online at www.nyapc.org or by check (sorry, no cash) when picking up at the church office (3rd floor) during business hours or today during the Christian education hour or following second service in the entryway. To volunteer to help with the sales/distribution or hospitality for next Sunday's event, please contact the church office or Wilson Golden (wilsongolden@aol.com 703-201-6025).

