

THE NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF GENEROSITY

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

1. **Annual Pledge Contributions.** Annual stewardship commitment.
2. **Pew Envelopes.** Plate offerings or other offerings from pew or special envelopes near the doors of the sanctuary.
3. **Per Capita Apportionment.** Members donate per capita funds (\$35.35 in 2012 for each member) given by the NYAPC in support of the National Capital Presbytery, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and General Assembly.
4. **Memorial Gifts and Special Gifts.** Gifts in memory or in honor of loved ones to general or designated funds or other special gifts.
5. **Funds to Reduce the Annual Operating Budget Deficit.**
6. **Sunday Worship Flower Fund:**
 - Weekly Sanctuary flowers, Easter lilies, and Christmas poinsettias
7. **Fourth Sunday: Food Basket Donations.** Food donations for the Capital Area Food Bank.
8. **Radcliffe Room:**
 - Donations of clothes and shoes for Radcliffe Room Clothing Store
 - Money and METRO cards for the “Piggy Bank” on the front desk for transportation funds
 - Donations of toiletries such as soap, shampoo, lotion and razors
9. **7-2-9 Club:**
 - Donations of time and talent by providing 30-minute programs for guests
10. **Beyond the Budget Challenge List.** Items not funded in the current budget that may be supported by donations, memorial or special gifts.
11. **Special Appeals.** One-time needs in the city or the world. Appeals often initiated by the Deacons.

SPRING:

1. **Lenten Season & Easter Giving:**
 - **One Great Hour of Sharing:** PC(USA) Special Offering that benefits the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of Peoples, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.
 - **Easter Lilies and Flowers:** Contributions for flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones
2. **Late April and Early May: Legacy Sunday.** Worship service focused on legacies and planned gifts to the church. Sermon, Minute for Mission, Time for Children, Adult Christian Education classes, bulletin inserts are all related to the subject.

SUMMER:

1. **Annual Ice Cream Social and “Silent Auction” held by the NYAPC Choir to benefit the choir and music program on June 5, 2011.** Other ice cream socials organized by the choir in 2009 and 2010 raised funds for the Capital Campaign and the music program..

2. **Summer Coffee Hour:** Host and provide refreshments for the coffee fellowship hour after the worship service.

FALL:

1. **First Sunday of October: World Communion Sunday**

- **Peacemaking Offering:** PC(USA) Special Offering benefits peacemaking programs where 25% of the collection is retained by the NYAPC for its peace and justice work, and the remaining 25% and 50% are given to the National Capital Presbytery and PC(USA), respectively, for their peacemaking programs.

2. **Mid-October to Mid-November: Annual Stewardship Campaign**

- Mission Fair in Mid-October
- Minute for Mission & Time for Children on Stewardship
- Second or Third Sunday of November: Pledge Dedication Sunday

3. **First Sunday of November: All Saints’ Sunday.** Acknowledgment of bequests and memorial gifts from the past year in bulletin insert. Minute for Mission & Legacies of the Saints brochure related to stewardship and legacy gifts.

4. **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)** of the National Capital Area, where members of the congregation who work for the federal government can consider giving to NYAPC-related organizations: New York Avenue Foundation (CFC # 25839) and the McClendon Center (CFC #67679)

WINTER:

1. **Care Packages for College Students:** Donations of baked items, candy, tea, popcorn or other snacks to send in care packages to NYA members who are in college around the holidays.

2. **Advent Giving:**

- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Contributions in memory or in honor of loved one for Christmas flowers
- **Alternative Christmas Store:** Donations to local, national, and international missions selected by NYAPC Peace and Justice Committee.
- **Mitten Tree:** Contributions of mittens, gloves, scarves and hats. Donations to the Central Union Mission and Radcliffe Room

3. **Christmas Joy Offering:** PC(USA) Special Offering where half of the donation benefits retired clergy through the Board of Pensions’ assistance programs and half benefits students at our racial and ethnic schools and colleges.