

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –
Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.**

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional staff members, supervised by Rev. Katie Cashwell
“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5	Doug House, Brian Dewhurst, Sally Davis, Karen Cook, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary ages 5 to 8 years	Marsha Renwanz, Molly Lauer, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles
Upper Extravaganza ages 9 to 12 years	Mike Smith, Kathy Doan, David Gillies
High School and “Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 12 th grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Rev. Katie Cashwell

**Adult Sunday School Sunday, April 21
10 a.m., Room 520**

“Planning Today For Whatever Tomorrow Brings” NYAPC member and Attorney Brian Schimming will review the basics of estate planning and administration for adults of all ages. Brian will present current information on federal and state estate tax law, topics to consider when preparing a will, titling of assets, beneficiary designations, planning issues for minor children, intestacy rules and probate procedures in DC, MD and VA, as well as uses of trusts, powers-of-attorney and medical directives. He will guide us in how to make our wishes for tomorrow known. Refreshments will be available in the classroom.

**Adult Sunday School Sunday, April 21
10 a.m., Room 511**

“The Universe Is Made of Stories, Not Atoms: Short Stories in the World of Faith” This class will consider short stories that touch in one way or other on the world of faith, stories of doubt, faith, forgiveness, grace, blessing, sign and symbol. Participants will read this week’s stories and be prepared to discuss them and compare them. Copies of the stories for April 21 will be available today. Led by Paul Dornan.

**Adult Sunday School Sundays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26
10 a.m., Room 511**

“Christ and Culture” H. Richard Niebuhr (1894-1962), a Sterling Professor at Yale University and one of the truly important Christian theologians of the 20th century, is probably best known for a book published in 1951, *Christ and Culture*. This book argues that Christians over the centuries have acknowledged that their loyalty to Christ and their loyalty to culture can be distinguished in various ways, but they have not agreed about the way in which these loyalties should be related. The dramatic claim of the book is that the history of the Christian church and the thought of major theologians have exemplified five enduring ways of sorting through these loyalties. Led by Charles M. Swezey, former professor of Christian Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. The book (\$10) is now available.

**Adult Sunday School Sunday, April 28
10 a.m., Room 520**

“Making Decisions about Retirement Communities” How do we make choices for ourselves, or those we love, about retirement living? There seems to be an ever- growing set of options available in retirement community living, but how do we think about what might work best for us? Can these various retirement living options give us new opportunities to live lives of faith as we age? Come explore these important questions and considerations. Led by Rev. Ann Rose Davie.

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 - A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public and charter school students, primarily in grades 7-12, meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! If interested, please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry - Non-perishable food donations are being requested to share with the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington metropolitan area. Your donations are welcome in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

New York Avenue Foundation - NYAF awards grants to the Community Club and other local non-profits which further its mission, which is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the District. . The Foundation is funded through individual contributions (Combined Federal Campaign #25839) and conducts its work through a volunteer Board of Directors. If you are interested in supporting or participating in the NYAF mission contact John Courson, ja.courson@yahoo.com or (202) 735-5005.

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

The Peace Candle - Visitors are invited 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 - Working 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.
Interim Associate Pastor:	Katie Cashwell, M. Div.
Associate Pastor:	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.
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Celebration of Worship

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

**April 21, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude “Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Madrid, arr. Mayo

Introit “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Royal Oak

English 17th Century

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters and gives us refreshment of soul.

All: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way to go, so the name of God will be glorified.

Leader: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid, for the Shepherd of our souls is with us.

All: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord, and we shall be with the Good Shepherd forever and ever.

***Opening Hymn**

#171 (*verses 1-5*), “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
St. Columba

Prayer of Confession

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but instead we have chosen paths of selfishness, anger, and finger pointing. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have resented others who seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for forgetting that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and extend our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response** #171 (*verse 6*), “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
St. Columba
**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.**

***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 Psalm 23, pages 474-475, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Wilberg
Meg House, flute

Time for Children

Second Lesson Revelation 7:9-17, page 235, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Shepherd”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon** #422, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Hymn Beach Spring

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *Legacy Sunday*

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 “The Earth Adorned (Sommarpsalm)”
Waldemar Åhlén
(Sung in Swedish and English)

***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** **Compassionate God, we offer You these gifts in
gratitude for Your care and generosity to us. Use
and multiply them to relieve the suffering of the
world, and may our lives and the work of this
church bring Good News to people near and far.
Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

***Passing of the Peace** 11:00

***Sending
Hymn** #272 (*verses 1, 3 and 6*), God of the Sparrow”
Roeder

**1 God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

**3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

**6 God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational** Alleluia! Amen!

Response

Postlude “Toccata in C Major”
Pietro Yon

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the volunteers who serve as *ushers* each Sunday by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank Meg House for her participation in worship this morning.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Courtney Spearman	Elisa Jillson
Greeters	Brian, Susan, Lauren and Ben Finlay	Edith and David Snyder
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	Len Shabman

Preaching Schedule

April 28	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 5	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 12	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 19	Confirmation Class – Worship Service at 10 a.m.
May 26	Rev. Roger J. Gench – Worship Service at 10 a.m.
June 2	Rev. Katie Cashwell – Worship Service at 10 a.m.
June 9	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader – Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Counters’ Schedule

April 21	Amy Gillespie and Kim Johnson
April 30	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
May 5	Barb Dornan and Amy Gillespie
May 12	Megan Erb and Shu Xian McKenna
May 19	Dan Stokes and Barb Dornan
May 28	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Information for Sunday Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors!

We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

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: The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

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, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

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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