

**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	Sundays, April 7 and 14 10 a.m., Room 511
“Desperate Housewives? Engaging Tyrannical Texts” The Bible is full of embarrassing, offensive, problematic texts that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? These class sessions will consider the importance of engaging them directly and publicly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. Texts in the Pauline corpus that have proved oppressive in the lives of many Christian women will serve as test cases, providing glimpses of struggles in which foremothers in the faith were engaged in early Pauline churches. Led by Rev. Frances Taylor Gench.	
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 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 - The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the District. NYAF awards grants to the Community Club and other local non-profits which further its mission. 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.
Parish Associates:	Elizabeth P. Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. J. Riley McDonald, M.Div. Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D. Glenn Myers, M. Div., M.A.

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Celebration of Worship

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

**April 7, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday**

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude	“Christ lag in Todesbanden” J. S. Bach
Introit	“Christ the Lord is Risen Again” Christ lag in Todesbanden
*Lincoln Chimes	
*Call to Worship	<i>(From Psalms 34 and 118)</i>
Leader:	O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together!
All:	I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Leader:	O taste and see that the Lord is good.
All:	Yes, God's steadfast love endures forever!
Leader:	None of you who take refuge in the Lord will be condemned.
All:	We give thanks to the Lord, who is good. We praise God's name together!
*Opening Hymn	#118 (<i>verses 1-2</i>), “The Day of Resurrection!” Lancashire

Prayer of Confession **Mighty God, by Your power Christ is raised and all things are made new. Yet we cling to our fears and failures, thinking we have to make it on our own. We lack gratitude and abuse Your good gifts. Too often we have turned away from the cries of the needy and shut our hearts to those around us. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Build us into the people You created us to be, that others would see You in our love for one another.**

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** #118 (*verse 3*), “The Day of Resurrection!”
Lancashire

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin, Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein; Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.

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

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson John 20:19-25, page 108-109, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Rise Up, my Love, My Fair One”
Healey Willan

Time for Children

Second Lesson Acts 1:12-14, page 110, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Together”
Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn** #438, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
Dennis

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer 8:45

***Passing of the Peace** 8:45

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 11:00 “O Sons and Daughters”
15th Century French Melody
arr. Shaw-Parker

***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.**

Service of Communion

Invitation

Litany of One: The Lord be with you.

Thanksgiving **All: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, and to worship You in every place where Your glory abides.

You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose Your way. You promised Yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us Your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called

for justice in the cry of prophets. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response #140 “Holy, Holy”

Holy, Holy (Irregular)

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.

We praise You, most holy God, for sending Your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told Your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying You, He took up His cross and died that we might live. We praise You that He overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust Him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when He comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with Him.

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

8:45 *We gather around the table at the front of the Sanctuary for Communion this morning. We will serve one another with the words, “The bread of life and the cup of salvation.” Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.*

11:00 *Please partake of bread when received, then pass it on to the next person with the words, “The bread of life.” We hold the cup until all have been served so that we may commune together, and we pass the tray saying, “The cup of salvation.”*

(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for Your service. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived and died for us. By Your Spirit draw us together and join us to Christ, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer 11:00

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

***Sending Hymn** #111 (*verses 1 and 4*),
“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”
Gelobt sei Gott

**1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**4 Thy name we bless O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Awake, Thou Wint’ry Earth,” from **Lobet den Herrn**
J. S. Bach

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of **Alexander G. and Delia J. Amor** by their children, **Adlai J. Amor and his siblings.**

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Karen Milam	John Quinn, Jr.
Greeters	The Hiemstra Family	Youssoupha Nyam
Tour Guides	Paul Dornan	Len Shabman

Preaching Schedule

April 14	Rev. Katie Cashwell
April 21	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 28	Rev Roger J. Gench

Counters’ Schedule

April 7	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
April 16	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
April 21	Amy Gillespie and Kim Johnson
April 30	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein