

**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, Pastor Katie Cashwell

Adult Sunday School	Sundays 10 a.m., Room 520
“A Chat with Matt: Studying St. Matthew's Gospel” Have you ever wondered what mysteries lay within the Sermon on the Mount? What does it mean to live a successful and meaningful life in today's time? Was Jesus speaking to us concerning our actions or character because He wanted us to change? Or was Jesus in a sarcastic way revealing to us the way the law shaped and structured our lives in the hopes that we would realize that, in the end, our way of living according to the law in many ways constricts and hinders us from being free and walking in our destiny? Led by Samario Anthony of Howard University's Divinity School.	
Adult Sunday School	Sunday, March 10 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 March 10 will be available today. Led by Paul Dornan.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, March 17 and 24 April 7 and 14 10 a.m., Room 511
Desperate Housewives? 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 Frances Taylor Gench.	

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, spencegib@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, robinsseleanor@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.

**March 10, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude “O People, Mourn Your Great Sin”
J.S. Bach

Introit “King Maker of the World”
Fleurs des Noëls, 1535

***Lincoln Chimes**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O people.

All: We come with joy to worship the Lord!

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is good.

All: We give thanks to the Lord for all things!

***Opening Hymn**

#267 (verses 1-3), “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Royal Oak

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that too often we have complained instead of giving thanks. We have wandered from Your ways, wasted Your gifts, and turned from Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin. Open our eyes to see the needs of others, and lead us into acts of kindness and service. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may honor You in all we do.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** #267 (verse 4), “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Royal Oak

**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.
God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.**

***A Brief Statement of Faith**

8:45 a.m.

(May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal)

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Psalm 32, pages 479-480, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Now the Savior Stands”
arr. Hopkins

Time for Children

Second Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32, pages 73-74, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Underside”
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon** #413, “All Who Love and Serve Your City”
Hymn Charlestown

Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism 11:00 a.m.

Minute for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing

Concerns of the Church

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 “O Thou Who Has My Sorrows Borne”
arr. Ehret

***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 as
signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering
of our lives so that the ministry of Christ might
continue and all Creation might find unending
life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Sending
Hymn** #495 (verses, 1, 2, 4),
“We Know That Christ Is Raised”
Engelberg

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
As living members of our Savior Christ.
Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude “Postlude in G Major”
Gerald Peterson

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the volunteers on the **nominating committee** by members and friends of the Congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank *Daniel Stokes, Chantel Pomerville* and *John Kim* for their music leadership this morning while Dr. Engebretson is away at a National Choral Conference in Dallas, Texas.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Greeters	Scott, Diane, Malcolm and Philip Douglas	Koloina Randrianarivony and Liana Razafindrazay
Liturgists	Jillian Hertzberg	Kathryn Sparks
Tour Guides	Jay Davenport	John Davies

Preaching Schedule

March 17	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench
March 31	Rev. Roger J. Gench
April 7	Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
April 14	Rev. Katie Cashwell

Counting Schedule

March 10	Amy Gillespie and Adam Bain
March 17	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
March 26	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
March 31	Janet Wessling and ShuXian McKenna

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VERY IMPORTANT: The Management and security personnel of the Sunday parking garage remind us that the garage CLOSES promptly at 1 p.m. (unless prior arrangements have been made for special events).

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 at 8:30 a.m.. 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 and 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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