

**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 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	TODAY 10 a.m., Room 511
"Fear and Trembling" Soren Kierkegaard, an eccentric Danish Lutheran, was one of the most creative and brilliant thinkers of the 19th century and an important influence on 20 th Century theologians, including Karl Barth. This class will read and discuss "Fear and Trembling." The book is available in the Church Office (M-F, 9-5) or reserve a book by email to judith.mcgovern@nyapc.org . Led by Dewey Wallace.	
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 Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more 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, barytindall@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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The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
welcomes all people into community,
worship, service and leadership.

**March 3, 2013
8:45 and 11 a.m.
The Third Sunday of Lent
Communion Sunday**

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

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude	“Fugue in C Major” G. F. Handel
Introit	“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” Spiritual
*Lincoln Chimes	
*Call to Worship	<i>From Psalm 63</i>
Leader:	Come let us seek the Lord in the sanctuary: Behold God's power and glory!
All:	O God, You are my God. My soul thirsts for You, as in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.
Leader:	Let us bless the Lord as long as we live and call upon God's mighty name.
All:	My soul clings to You, O God. Your right hand upholds me. Your steadfast love is better than life.
Leader:	My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises the Lord with joyful lips.
All:	For You, O God, have been my help. In the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy!
*Opening Hymn	#464, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn to Joy
Prayer of Confession	Merciful God, we have trifled with Your blessings, putting You to the test with our complaints. We try to manage without You, seeking fulfillment in all the wrong places—and then we think we are beyond hope. Forgive our arrogance. Thank You that You are ever faithful, ready to provide a way out of the wilderness. We choose now to walk with You, our source of joy, light, and life itself.
Silent Confession	
*Assurance of Pardon	
*Response	#316 (verse 1), "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (verse 1) Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
*A Brief Statement of Faith	<i>(May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal)</i>

**Please stand, if able*

