

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

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional staff members, supervised by Rev. Tewell
Preschool Class ages 3-5	Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class Kindergarten- 1st Grade	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles, Carter Coker
Upper Elementary Class 2nd Grade-5th Grade	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class and Confirmation 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt, Rev. Tewell

Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10 a.m. Lincoln Parlor
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, which will meet in the Lincoln Chapel from 10:20-10:50 on two-service Sundays, is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We will learn together and we will pray together. All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. The adventure awaits. Led by Miriam Dewhurst.	

Bible Study with Cuba Partners	May 17 (10am) & May 24 (9am) Room 511
The Cuba Partners Bible Study will spend two weeks with Paul's intriguing and much debated letter to Philemon, which negotiates complicated relationships between an apostle [Paul], a slave owner [Philemon] and a slave [Onesimus]. Join us for an engagement with Paul's shortest letter, as we consider what it has to say to believers today -- what it urges the church to believe, to hope for and to do. Led by Rev. 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, spencerjib@aol.com

Community Club – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! 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 needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

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 Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:30 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinseleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net

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

NYAPC's Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@gmail.com)

Annual Stewardship – Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Jan Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
	Pastoral Associate:	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:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
	Parish Associates:	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D.
	Director of Dance:	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.

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Celebration of Worship

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

May 10, 2015
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Arioso"
J. S. Bach

Introit

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"
Tune of Abbot's Leigh

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come together on this day our hearts wide open with love.

All: We come ready to nourish our spirits.

One: We come together that we may strive to be peace bearers and peacemakers.

All: We come together that we might show God's love to one another.

One: Come, let us celebrate God's presence among us, who challenges us to see new visions for ourselves and for the whole world.

All: Praise be to God, who calls us each by name as disciples. Let us worship God! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

#298 (verses 1-4)
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Confession *(adapted from the United Church in Australia for their service to remember refugees)*

God, whose peace passes all understanding, we pray to You this day. Sometimes we feel people are very different from us, in culture, in looks, in ways of relating, in their politics, in their religion. Or we feel as though there is not enough to share with them in work, in houses, in schools, in money, in services. Sometimes we are tired and cannot find the energy to give the care or the time we could give to others, especially others who are far away. Forgive us, O God, if we have been less than generous. We remember Your grace in relating to us as we long to be as gracious to others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#298, (verse 5), "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
Abbot's Leigh

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Exodus 16:1-4, page 60, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Gloria in Excelsis," from **Coronation Mass in C Major**
W. A. Mozart

Time for Children and Their Friends Njoro, Kenya Ministry

Second Lesson

Mark 6:30-44, pages 38-39, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Sharing Community" Rev. Joachim Tröestler

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#509, "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
Holy Manna

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission Njoro, Kenya Ministry

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer (please bring your bulletins with you)

11:00 "Agnus Dei," from **Coronation Mass in C Major**
W. A. Mozart
Whitney McColley, Soprano

***Response**

#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Accept these gifts, O God, for Your work of peace and love. We offer these gifts because we know that change is possible. We know we can make a difference in this world when we believe in your love and compassion. Help these gifts do Your work that brings enduring love to the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** 11:00 a.m.

***Sending Hymn**

#293, "Loving Spirit"
Omni Die

- 1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be, you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**
- 2 Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own, feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.**
- 3 Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye, hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.**
- 4 Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed: in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Finale," from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**
G. F. Handel

We wish to thank our solo quartet for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Margery Carpenter's 95th birthday on May 13, by her loving husband, Ken Carpenter.

Liturgists
Tour Guides
Worship Play

8:45 a.m.
Miriam Dewhurst
Meg Neil
Alice Tewell

11 a.m.
Benno Lauer
Paul Dornan

Preaching Schedule

May 10	Rev. Joachim Tröestler
May 17	Rev. Roger J. Gench
One Worship Service Begins Sunday, May 24th at 10 a.m.	
May 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 31 – Youth Sunday	Julia Hiemstra
June 7	Rev. Alice Tewell
June 14	Rev. Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church (PCUSA)

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.

Please stay for coffee and fellowship at the side of the Sanctuary after the 8:45 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. service.

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.

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.

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 bulletins are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our Youngest Worshipers: We love having all the babies in the church! Babies and children are always welcome in the services. If you would ever like a bit of privacy, or if your infants would like a break, parents -- and nursing mothers especially -- are very welcome to use the Worship Center space directly across from the Sanctuary with the blue sofas. The Nursery is also open each Sunday from 8:30-12:30.

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.