

**Summer Schedule through August 31**  
**Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.**  
**Worship at 10 a.m.**

**Adult Sunday School**

<b>"Children in Second Kings: Prophetic, Blessed, Collateral"</b>	<b>June 7, 14, 21, and 28</b>	<b>Room 511</b>
This four-week series led by Reverend Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will examine the role of children in the Book of Second Kings wherein young ones assume a variety of roles. Our study will focus on three children's roles in this text. In the first, children are used as collateral for debt. In the second, children are seen to be a blessing/miracle from God. Finally, the child assumes a role in the office of the prophet. This new way to understand youthful and child characters within the Hebrew Bible raises a modern question: Do we in the church see children similarly or have we de-valued our children to the status of non-contributors in our spiritual lives?		
<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Lincoln Parlor</b>
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, which will meet in the Lincoln Chapel at 9 a.m., 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.		
<b>Bible Study with Cuba Partners</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Room 511</b>
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.		

**Announcements:**

**Youth Sunday Rehearsal** is today at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary/Worship Office.

**Choir rehearsals** are Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. until September 6.

**Save the Date! All Church Retreat in Meadowkirk Retreat Center in Middleburg, VA. Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1.** Meadowkirk is fully ADA accessible. We will have offerings for all ages including children of all ages. Registrations and more information to come in the fall. We hope you can come!

**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](mailto: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. Community Club will resume September 3. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Celebration of Worship**

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

**May 24, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Day of Pentecost**

**Prelude**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
 Dale Wood

“Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost”  
 Malcolm Archer

**Introit**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”  
 Adapted by Felix Mendelssohn

**\*Lincoln Chimes**

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Word comes, lively and liquid

**All: As wind on wildfire— out of control,**

Leader: Scary even— engulfing all

**All: In cleared possibilities from burned-out ends.**

Leader: Listen! Listen!

**All: Listen for the ways of the God who loves!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

#291, (verses 1-3)  
 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”  
 Spirit

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, by Your Holy Spirit You call us to live as members of one body, working together for the common good. Yet we stir up discord and division, squandering Your gifts, ignoring Your wisdom, living in fear instead of love. Forgive us, we pray. Breathe on us again with the power of Your Spirit, so that we may receive Your mercy, live according to Your way of grace and peace, and be sent forth in Your mission to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Please stand, if able*

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**"An inclusive-justice seeking church"**

### \*Response

#291, verse 4  
“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*Refrain* Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from  
placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from  
the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our  
women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new  
decisions Your people arise.

*Refrain*

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Ezekiel 37: 1-14, page 759, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”  
Spiritual, arr. Dawson  
Nathan Moon, Baritone

### Time for Children and Their Friends

### Second Lesson

Romans 8:22-27, page 148, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

“Groans” Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#286, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"  
Trentham

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Sylvan James Spearman

### Concerns of the Church

### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“Cause Us O Lord”  
Ron Nelson

### \*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

Living God, You sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into  
Your church. Let us no longer be captives to fear, but  
messengers of Your saving love. Show us how to use these  
gifts so that all may be reconciled in You; through Jesus  
Christ, our peace. 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

### \*Sending Hymn

#288, "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

*(Repeat)*

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

### Postlude

“Postlude in G”  
Gerald Peterson

\*The liturgy in today's service was adapted from the PCUSA prayers for  
Pentecost.

We wish to thank Nathan Moon and Daniel Stokes for their participation in  
worship this morning. Dr. Engebretson and several of the choir members are in  
New York City singing a concert led by John Rutter at Carnegie Hall this  
weekend.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Morris and Patricia Spearman to  
the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, **Sylvan  
James Spearman**.

“The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for the victims of the  
Amtrack crash, and for those in Nepal, India, and China displaced by the recent  
earthquake.”

Liturgist  
Tour Guide  
Worship Play

10:00 a.m.  
David Williams  
Chris Kelly  
Alice Tewell

### Preaching Schedule

#### 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 in the Narthex after the 10 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](mailto: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.

**Families with Infants and children:** Infants and toddlers under 4 are welcome in  
the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The  
Nursery is also open each Sunday we have two services from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
When we have one service at 10 a.m., the nursery is open from 8:45 a.m. -11:30  
a.m. During the services, **children's worship bulletins**, crayons and books are  
available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time during the 8:45 a.m.  
service or 10 a.m. service Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play in** Alice's  
office for children approximately ages 4-9. During this worship play time, the  
children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and related picture books,  
sing a song or do a simple craft. At the end of Worship Play, the children are  
offered a peanut free snack. We also offer the **Worship Center Space** directly  
across from the sanctuary (with the blue sofas next to Pastor Alice's office) especially  
for families and nursing mothers who might need a bit of a break or desire some  
privacy during the services. There is a **private bathroom** off of this space especially  
for families with young children. There is a changing pad, and extra diapers for your  
use.

**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.