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. Tewell
Preschool Class ages 3-5 Doug House, Elizabeth Scipuc, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class Kindergarten-1st Grade Molly Lauer, Marsha Kenwanz, 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, Jesse Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betty Merritt, Rev. Tewell

Adult Sunday School – Sundays, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

"Reading the Bible with People on the Move" Migration of various sorts —including immigrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, temporary workers, and victims of human trafficking—is a permanent reality on an enormous scale—the "new normal" of the 21st century. One in seven of the world’s population is a migrant. What might we learn about biblical stories of migrants by reading them with people on the move in our own time and place? How might this inform our reflection, as Christians, on the "new normal"? Rev. Frances Taylor Gench will lead.
April 12: Abram and Sarai Cross the Border (Genesis 12) April 19: Hypophenating Joseph: Life in Exile (Genesis 39-41) April 26: Immigrant Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20)

"Adventures in Prayer" Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. "Adventures in Prayer" – A one-on-one tutorial 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 directed@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, nyafesfoundation@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@bellsouth.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@bellsouth.net Beth DuMeez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Hindle, barryhindle@verizon.net

NYAF’s Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, faith talk, 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 giving. Please contact Jane Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June. Guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencerx02x02@gmail.com

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Celebration of Worship

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

April 19, 2015
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter

Preclude
"Gavotte" from Suite No. 3 of Bach
J. S. Bach

Introit
"Hail Thee, Festival Day" Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
One: This is the day which the Lord has made.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
One: Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God’s wonderful deeds.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

#234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" St. Kevin

Prayer of Confession

O God, You search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to You. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We search for life in places of death, and we bring death to places of life. We have been deaf to Your voice, and we have turned away from the needs of others. In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us, and heal us. We turn to You, O God of infinite grace. We renounce evil. We claim Your love. We choose to be made whole.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand, if able
Response  

"232, (verse 2), “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”  
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God
First Lesson  
Psalm 4, page 464, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem  
"Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me"  
Adoro te Devote, arr. K. Lee Scott

Time for Children and Their Friends
Second Lesson  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon  
“New Life”  
Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

III. The Community Responds to the Word
*Sermon Hymn  
#249, "Because You Live, O Christ“  
Vrechten

Concerns of the Church  
Minute for Mission  
Rev. Joachim Troestler

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings
Offertory  
"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"  
Lobe den Herren, arr. Willberg

*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  
(hand on John 20:19-22)  
O Lord, our God, all we have comes from You. Take these offerings, and use them to bring wholeness and joy to those in need. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may use Your gifts for Your glory. May we truly be the Body of Christ in this world. In the name of Our Risen Lord, 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  
#240 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”  
Alleluia No. 1

Refrain  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

2 Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

3 We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

4 Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude  
"Lobe den Herren“  
Stralsund Gesangbuch, arr. Swann

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today have been given to the glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection. HE IS RISEN! Hallelujah!