Opportunities for Service

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

Community Club – Washington D.C.’s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult volunteers to make a difference in a child’s life. Students and volunteers meet at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Please contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyafoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

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.

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robbins, robbineleanor@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, gin124land@bellsouth.net

Triangular 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, gin124land@bellsouth.net Beth DuMace, linda.mcelroy@comcast.net, or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

NYAFC’s Young Adults – For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylor@roamny wpływ@gmail.com)

Annual Stewardship – Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else the church does, is supported by the church budget. Many of the church’s members, friends, and visitors are involved in the stewardship committee. Contact Matt Simms, steeple@nyapc.org to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place for our visitors and members by staffing the welcome table in the narthex before and after services. Welcome table volunteers arrive about 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service to greet worshipers and then hang out for about 15-20 minutes after the service to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit http://bit.ly/103RPl9. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) services, please contact Alison Kosztara Nowak at alisonkosztara@gmail.com or Paul Doman at pbdornanp@aol.com

Celebration of Worship

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

July 16, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

Prelude

"Bist du bei mir," (Be Thou with me), BWV 508 J. S. Bach

Introit

“Let All Things Now Living”

Traditional English Setting

Summer Choral Ensemble

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: God is the source of our life.

All: God journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is the giver of all that is good.

All: God journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is our strength and our hope.

People: God journeys with us in love.

*Opening Hymn

#32, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Ellison

Prayer of Confession

We know the seeds we have sown, O God: anger which springs from our unyielding hearts; bitterness which flows like a rushing river into another’s heart; hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars around a friend’s kindness; passion which poisons an innocent relationship. Forgive us, Loving God, and have mercy. Your grace can turn our froward hearts into rich fields of love. Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way, so we can go to be reconciled to another. Your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, can untangle the thorny mess we have made of our lives, we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Response

#432, (verse 1), “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Reptor

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fail.

*Please stand, if able
Prayers

*Prayer of Dedication

Tone: O Come, Ye Children of Jerusalem

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Down to the River to Pray”

Traditional American Tune

Summer Choral Ensemble

Time for Children and Their Friends

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, page 13, NRSV

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Second Lesson

Concerns

People: Loving God, we seek to follow Your example of compassionate love and generosity. We are thankful for the blessings You have showered upon us, and seek to extend our gifts beyond ourselves. Use these gifts for Your glory and the glory of Your people, and use us, body and soul, in the fulfillment of Your work in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13, page 645, NRSV

Prayers

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Offertory

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

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G. F. Handel

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*Sending Hymn

#544, “Bless the Lord”

Precious Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul,

and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul

who leads me into life. Repeat twice

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

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