Music in Exile

Music in Exile founders, Alice Ebsary and Sasha Ingber, will lead a class reporting on their efforts to record the music of refugee musicians from Iraq and Syria. With support from a NYAPC Peace & Justice grant, Alex and Sasha traveled to Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey to record the music and songs of displaced Yazidis of northern Iraq. This followed their trip to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in October 2016 to record music of Iraqi and Syrian refugees. They will report on their trips and we will hear some of the Yazidi and other Arab and Persian music that they recorded. Alex is a Presbyterian from Buffalo, NY and a Middle East expert. Sasha is a multimedia journalist. Music in Exile is a DC-based non-profit that documents musicians whose homes have been displaced from their homes by war and violence.

Crucifying Violence and the Justice of God

June 25, 9:00 a.m. PMH
Informal Dialogue with Professor Kelly Brown Douglas, McClendon Scholar in Residence

Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Friday night during the school year at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencegib@msn.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 Thursdays during the school year. Please contact Tom Kerr 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. It solicits proposals and awards grants to grass-roots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyafdevelopment@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 largest 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 Robins, robinseleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle

– Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their communities. 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, gis11493@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 month, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, gis11493@bellsouth.net Beth DuMerez, bethdumerez@erols.com, or Barry Tindall, hamilton602@verizon.net

NYAPC’s Young Adults

– For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony (shakumcmillan@verizon.net), Phil Bolles (philbolles@gmail.com), or Katherine Leiden (rfgench@mindspring.com)

Annual Stewardship

– Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything 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 expression of faith, 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 Lance Jameson, the church book keeper, Rachel Browning and Karen Johnson, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gschwender, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place for our visitors and members by staffing the welcoming 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://nyac.org/103P10P1. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) services, please contact Alion Kootstra Nouel at alionkootstra@gmail.com or Paul Dorman at pdorman@aol.com

Celebration of Worship

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

June 18, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Father’s Day

Prelude

Meditation on " Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Wayne L. Wold

Introit

“God, Reveal Your Presence”
Tune of Arnsberg

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all earth.
All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are his. We are God’s people, and the sheep of his pasture.

All: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; her steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Opening Hymn

#401, verses 1-3, “Here in This Place”
Gather Us In

Prayer of Confession

*We have been alienated from the poor, from the earth, from the survival of future generations, and, at root, from God. The cost of our much-touted style of life has been higher than any of us could have realized. Family life, community spirit, and mutual aid have all been replaced by the lifeboat ethic of protecting, defending, and competing for scarce resources. Our sense of covenant with our neighbor, with the earth, and with God has been lost. We need a new beginning. We yearn for the conversion that comes with repentance, the repentance that means to face up honestly from the past and turn from it. We yearn to leave old values and habits behind as we set our feet on a new faith. “For the former things have passed away,” says the Lord. “Behold I make all things new”

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

*Please stand, if able
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.

*Sending Hymn

#65, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand.

2 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

4 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Lead me all my journey through.

5 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. Here in this place the new light is shining; Not in the dark of buildings confining,

6 Gather us in and make us your own; Not in the dark of buildings confining,

7 Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in and make us your own.

8 Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in and make us your own.

9 Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in and make us your own.

10 Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in and make us your own.

Translation:

Hans Leo Hassler

“Agnus Dei,” from *Missa Secunda*

Leoni

Dr. Engebretson is presenting a Conducting Workshop in the Musikhochschule of Saarbrücken, Germany. We wish to thank Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship this morning while Dr. Engebretson was presenting the workshop. A special thank you to the Saturday night group that taught at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for their ministry and appreciate the support and concern they provide, the nurture and selfless giving that make their role models for our children—all are loved and appreciated.

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.

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 josephenthiierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Tours: Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary following the service to tour the building and learn about our congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Families with Infants and Children: Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the Park Level nursery. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. During the services, children’s worship bulletins, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and helpers offer Worship Play for ages 3-10.

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.

If you have been worshipping regularly at NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have misplaced your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank form with your name in the envelopes on either of the nametag kiosks in the narthex and the church entryway on the first floor. You will find your nametag on one of the next two Sundays. Nametags are just one more way NYAPC strives to be a welcoming presence in Washington.