

Adult Sunday School

Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.	
Njoro Kenya Visitors	May 8, 10 a.m., Room 511
Eight persons from the Orphans & Vulnerable Children Committee of the Njoro Presbyterian Church in Njoro, Kenya will be visiting NYAPC from April 28 – May 9. They will be telling stories about the lives of “our” orphans, their joys and struggles. Through their commentaries, we will see their vision for the future.	
Planned Giving at NYAPC	May 15, 10 a.m., Room 520
The Planned Giving Committee will explore the ways in which members and friends of this congregation can plan and structure the church’s financial future with their own. Cathy and John Schultheis will lead.	
The Presbyterian Churches in Iraq and Syria	May 15, 10 a.m. Lincoln Parlor
Learn about the status of the Presbyterian Churches in Iraq and Syria—both their struggles to survive and their inspiring stories of thriving missions in the midst of wars. Marilyn Seiber will lead a class to relay the latest stories of Presbyterian Churches in these war-torn and ISIS-challenged congregations. You will see recent photos of the churches and congregations, as well as hear reports from our church partners, our PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker in Beirut, and The Outreach Foundations’s (Presbyterian) April trip to the region.	
Muslim Young Professionals in the District With Farha Tahir	May 22, 10 a.m., Room 520
DC is home to a thriving network of Muslim young professionals who engage in local activism and service, convene for study and prayer, and provide support to one another. Farha Tahir will discuss her experiences as a member of this community and the broader Muslim community in DC. The goal of the session will be to gain a glimpse into the life, activities, and activism of NYAPC’s young Muslim neighbors.	

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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, spencergib@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’s mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Grant proposals are solicited and awarded annually to Community Club and other grassroots non-profits that further its mission. A volunteer Board of Directors conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com. CFC #25839.

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 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, or other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Helen Anthony (shanthon@ncsu.edu), Phil Bolles (philbolles@gmail.com), or Katherine Leiden (keleiden@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.

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/1OFPh6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services please contact Alison Kootstra Nowak at amkootstra@gmail.com or Paul Dornan at pbdornan@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

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

May 8, 2016

8:45 and 11 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

“The Lord’s My Shepard”
Scottish Tune of Crimond, 1872
Arr. Callahan

Introit

“Siyahamba” (We are Marching in the Light of God)
South African Song

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship *(based on Ephesians 4:3-4)*

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

All: Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

All: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we share the grace offered to us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

#450, “Be Thou My Vision”
Slane

Prayer of Confession *(from the Abington Worship Book 2009)*

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of Your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be Your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

*Response

Zimbabwe Alleluia

*A Brief Statement of Faith

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 97:1-12, page 521, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
 John Rutter

Time for Children and Their Friends Njoro Vulnerable Children
 and Orphans Ministry

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16, page 182, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Oneness in Christ” Rev. George Kariuki

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#300, “We Are One in the Spirit”
 They’ll Know We Are Christians

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission Njoro Vulnerable Children and Orphans
 Ministry

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
 the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. Kenyan Songs
 Sung by the OVC Committee

*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

God of grace, we come with joy and thankfulness for the
 many blessings we have been given. May these gifts,
 given here and in the service of our hands, make a
 difference as we seek to follow Jesus’ way. 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

#408, “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
 Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

**Refrain Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
 stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
 and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
 without a doubt we’; know that we have been revived
 when we shall leave this place.**

- 1 **There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
 and I know that’s the Spirit of the Lord;
 there are sweet expression on each face,
 and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Refrain**
- 2 **There are blessings you cannot receive
 Till you know him in his fullness and believe;
 You’re the one to profit when you say,
 “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” Refrain**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Festival Postlude on Westminster Abbey”
 Setting by George Towers

We wish to thank each of the visitors from Njoro, Kenya for the leadership in
 Christian education and participation in worship this morning. We hope that you
 have enjoyed your trip and fellowship with our congregation, staff and friends.
 We pray for your safe return home.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation
 for the Board members of the New York Avenue Foundation, by members
 and friends of the congregation through their gifts to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for our Kenya
 Partnership, the Njoro orphans and vulnerable children, and our visiting Kenyan
 guests.

Preaching Schedule	
May 15	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 22	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 29	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Karen Milam	Rev. Beth Braxton
Tour Guide	John Schultheis	Wilson Goldon
Worship Play	Rev. Alice Tewell and Karen Dunlap	Rev. Alice Tewell

Counters	
May 10	Jim Martin and Nancy Dickinson
May 17	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
May 24	John Schultheis and Martha Davis
May 29	Dan Stokes and ShuXian McKenna

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.

Parking in the 1399 New York Avenue garage has been extended to 3:00 p.m.

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.

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.–12:30p.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. During this
 worship playtime, 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.

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 the New York Avenue Church and do
 not yet have a permanent nametag or have somehow mislaid 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 permanent nametag on one of the kiosks on one of the next two
 Sundays. Nametags are just one more way New York Avenue strives to be a
 welcoming presence in Washington!

Church Hours of Operation

Summer hours at NYAPC will go into effect June 27. The new hours will be:

- Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – Building Closes at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday – Building closes at 9:00 p.m.
- If no meetings or events are scheduled for Tuesday, the building will close at 5:00 pm. We will send a notification through email and on the website.