Opportunities for Service

7-29 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 Gibbons, openegr@iaol.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. Contact Tom Kurt or Shamin Bradley at directions@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 Jasmine 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 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, mjlw2@gmail.com.

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 4-5 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjlw2@gmail.com Beth DuMont, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall14@verizon.net.

NYAPC’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 (shluntchoon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com).

NYAPC Parent’s Listserve – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Twess (alice.twess@nyapc.org).

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 Lance Jameson, the church book keeper, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gensch, 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, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://bit.ly/1OFPh6r. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more) services, please contact Helen Anthony at shluntchoon@ncsu.edu or Paul Doman at pbdomanq@iaol.com.

Celebration of Worship

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

December 31, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Christmastide

Prelude
“Carol Prelude”
Traditional

Introit
“New Year’s Carol”
Benjamin Britten

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this time of quiet expectation.
People: We have come here from extremely busy times.
Leader: Come and find rest. Come and find hope.
People: This is the last day of this year; we do not know what is to come.
Leader: Do not fear. Look with eager joy for the presence of the Lord in your life.
People: Open our eyes, ears, and hearts.
O Lord, to receive your message of hope for us.

*Opening Hymn
#366, (verses 1-3) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Hymnody

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have asked us to feed and give drink to those who hunger, to clothe those who are naked, to welcome the stranger, to visit those who are sick and imprisoned. When we look back on this year we might be able to say we did some of those things. We remember the enthusiasm with which we started this waning year, ready to do your work and witness to your love. But you know how things got in our way. We allowed ourselves to be swallowed up by worries and fear. We placed comfort of self before service to others. We took the easy way out whenever we could. Now we are on the brink of the new year. We cannot change what we did not do, but we can make a covenant with you to be your witnesses in our words, thoughts and deeds to your people so that when you say, “Have you given food and drink to those who hunger and thirst, have you clothed the naked, welcomed the stranger, visited the sick and imprisoned?” We can respond with a joyful “Yes! Lord, we have done these things with joy and love!” Forgive us what we have not done. Inspire us as to what you would have us do. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Please stand, if able.

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Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to pray for one another, for the people on the prayer/care list, for the church and the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

January 7 and 14, 10:00 a.m., Room 511
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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

#136, “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Go Tell It

Refrain

Go; tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

Postlude

“Toccata in F Major”

Daniel Gawthrop

The poinsettias in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory and honor of friends and family of the congregation as listed in the bulletin insert.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for a New Year of peace, concern, and caring for everyone, that love will guide our actions and words toward others.