Gathered for Prayer

Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

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, Join us anytime.

Vision and Strategic Planning Update

Today, 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor

Members of the Vision and Strategic Planning Taskforce will lead an exercise that captures how they have begun their task of arriving at a vision, mission statement and strategic plan for the New York Avenue Church. There will be plenty of time for questions and advice from those who attend. Meg Hose and Paul Dornan will lead.

Downtown Day Services Center

September 16, 10:30 a.m., Lincoln Parlor

Join the Board of Trustees and Downtown Day Services Center Executive Director, Linda Kaufman, to discuss this exciting new initiative. We will discuss the plans for the center, its theological underpinnings, the partnership with the BID and city, and our conversations with the Presbytery, with a lot of fun for all.

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 Gibbons, spencergh@aol.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 Thursday nights during the school year. Contact Tom Karr or Shaniika Bradley at direction@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Education 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. Please contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com.

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. Donation baskets are at the rear of the Sanctuary and 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 Robinson, robinselenaur@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@gmail.com.

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@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@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 (slanthon@csuc.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison95@gmail.com).

NYAPC Parent’s Listserv – For more information for ministry about infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tweell (alice.tweell@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, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 20-30 minutes before Sunday service and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://bit.ly/1OFPh6r or contact Helen Anthony, helen@csuc.edu or Paul Dornan, pbdornanp@aol.com.

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderjas@gmail.com ( ushering) or Mark Zainelddn at zainelddn@gmail.com (trump) for more information.

Celebration of Worship

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

September 9, 2018
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Tune of Nettleton, John Wyeth

Introit “From All That Dwell Below The Skies”
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* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(Taken from Be Our Freedom, Lord, edited by Terry C. Falla)
Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord. Sing to the Lord all the earth.

To the Lord, bless his name.

(music)

Leaders: Proclaim God’s salvation day by day, Tell his glory among the nations, Tell his marvels to every people. The Lord himself made the heavens; In his presence are splendor and majesty, In his sanctity power and beauty.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, families of the people, Ascribe to the Lord the beauty and power. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name.

Leader: Bring an offering, bear it before him, Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth!

People: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, Let the sea thunder and all that is in it, Let the fields exult and all that is in them, Let all the trees of the forest cry out for joy.

Opening Hymn

We Will Sing Again 498, “Be Thou My Vision”
Slane

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*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

Psalm 46, verses 1-3: "How Firm a Foundation" Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Sinfonia from "Wir Danken Dir, Gott" J. S. Bach

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in loving memory and celebration of the life of Keisa Nol Golden by her friends in her NYAPC book group.

The Peace Candle in the Chancel reminds us to pray during this back-to-school season for children and students, that they may find challenge and love of learning in a happy environment; for teachers as they dedicate themselves to the education and safety of their students; and for parents who support their children, teachers, and schools.