



Do I Hear God's Voice?

*Oct. is Domestic Violence/Nat'l Arts & Humanities/
Queer History/Pastor Appreciation Month!*

2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

✦ **3rd Sunday after Homecoming!**

✦ **Día de la Raza!**

✦ **World Communion Sunday**

♥ **Happy Birthday John Miskell!**

✦ **Maribelle Vazquez, preaching**
(II Kings 5: 14-17 & Luke 17: 11-19)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, October 13: Office Closed

✦ **Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day**

♥ **Happy Birthday David Prettyman!**

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, October 14:

✦ **Anniversary of Matthew Shepherd**

♥ **Happy Anniv. Brad Chilcoate & Rich Walker!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Mary Elizabeth Poole!**

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)

7:00 pm Lavender Light Rehearsal (sanctuary)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, October 15

♥ **Happy Birthday Billy Ackerman!**

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)

6:00 pm **Q Clinic (3rd floor)**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Thursday, October 16

✦ **World Food Day**

✦ **St. Oscar Wilde born**

9:00 am Food Pantry

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)

6:00 pm **Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, October 17

✦ **Spirit Day!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Sheila Marino-Thomas
& Brenna!**

12:15 pm Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett (Facebook)

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Saturday, October 18

✦ **NO KINGS MARCH!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Candy Holmes
& Rev. Earl Ball!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

✦ **4th Sunday after Homecoming!**

✦ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**
(Ex. 17: 8-13 & Luke 18: 1-8)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

✦ **11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY! (9am ON SUMMER RECESS)**

✦ **Pantry and shelter remain open. ✦ For pastoral calls: 332-400-7488**

Please make sure the Church has your cell phone number and email address!

Send to: RvPatMCCNY@aol.com

MCCNY 
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

October 12, 2025

✚ 3rd Sunday after Homecoming/
Día de la Raza!

MCC globally celebrates "57 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"
53rd Anniversary Year at MCCNY: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

The Community at Worship 11am

ASL Interpreter (First, second, and third Sundays of the month and special celebrations)

Pat Dash



PRELUDE

John Fischer, Music Director
Heidi Siegel, Song Leader

PROCESSION

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

#261/Hymnal

Please stand as able

WELCOME

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner
Metropolitan Community Church of New York

✚ The Sign of Peace

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

The First Lesson

II Reyes 5: 14-17

II Kings 5: 14-17

Naamán fue y se sumergió siete veces en el Jordán, según se lo había ordenado el profeta, y el carne de Naamán se volvió como la de un jovencito, y Naamán quedó limpio. Entonces él y todos sus acompañantes fueron a ver a Eliseo. Naamán al llegar ante Eliseo, Naamán dijo a Eliseo, "¡Ahora estoy convencido de que en toda la tierra no hay Dios, sino sólo en Israel! Por lo tanto, te ruego que aceptes un regalo de este servidor tuyo." Pero Eliseo le contestó a Naamán, "Juro por Dios, que me está viendo, que no lo aceptaré." Y aunque Naamán insistió, Eliseo se negó a aceptarlo. Entonces Naamán dijo a Eliseo, "En ese caso permite que me lleve dos cargas de mula de tierra de Israel; porque este servidor tuyo no volverá a ofrecer holocaustos ni sacrificios a otros, sino a tu Dios.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the prophet of God; the flesh of Naaman was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then Naaman returned to the prophet of God, along with all his company; Naaman came and stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." But Elisha said, "As God lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" Naaman urged Elisha to accept, but Elisha refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule loads of earth be given to your servant, for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any except your God."

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

The Second Lesson

Lucas 17: 11-19

Luke 17: 11-19

En su camino a Jerusalén, pasó Jesús entre las regiones de Samaria y Galilea. Y Jesús llegó a una aldea, donde le salieron al encuentro diez personas enfermos de lepra, los cuales se quedaron lejos de Jesús gritando: "¡Jesús, Maestro, ten compasión de nosotros!" Cuando Jesús los vio, les dijo: "Vayan a presentarse a los sacerdotes." Y mientras iban, quedaron limpios de su enfermedad. Uno de ellos, al verse limpio, regresó alabando a Dios a grandes voces, y se arrodilló delante de Jesús, inclinándose hasta el suelo para darle las gracias. Este persona era de Samaria. Jesús dijo: "¿Acaso no eran diez los que quedaron limpios de su enfermedad? ¿Dónde están los otros nueve? ¿Únicamente este extranjero ha vuelto para alabar a Dios?" Y le dijo a la persona, "Levántate y vete; por tu fe has sido sanado."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As Jesus entered a village, ten people with a skin disease approached. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Teacher, have mercy on us!" When Jesus saw them, Jesus said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, seeing that they were healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. This person prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and gave thanks. And the person was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to the person, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD**

SELECTION

SERMON

Maribelle Vazquez, Lay Preacher
Metropolitan Community Church of New York

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offering Call

+ Please consider an extra gift to the Global Justice Institute!

~ Please prayerfully consider direct donations through your bank or credit card giving.

THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

Deacon Brenton Buchanon
Deacon Len Richardson
The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner

God is with you
AND ALSO WITH YOU
Let us open our hearts
WE OPEN THEM TO GOD
Let us give God thanks and praise
IT IS A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING TO DO

MCCNY celebrates an OPEN COMMUNION. Everyone is welcome to share in the Gifts of God for the People of God. (Grape juice is used so that all may freely share in this meal. For those with health concerns, distributors sanitize their hands immediately before the service. Communion wafers for those with wheat or gluten allergies are available upon request. Please let your server know if you need this service.) A prayer of blessing will be offered, unless you request the sacrament only.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE SACREDNESS OF THIS SACRAMENT by praying silently or by joining in the singing of hymns.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"De Colores"

#50/Hymnal

"Amor de Jesús Nos Unio"

#15/Hymnal

"Cristo, Cristo"

#47/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"You've Got the Whole World"

#286/Hymnal
Please stand as able

BENEDICTION

❖ Everyone is welcome to a reception following the service!

+ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

PROGRAMMING at MCCNY

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM: Spiritual Direction is a process in which a mentor accompanies one person - the directee - for an extended period of time. Through conversation, prayer, and spiritual exercises, the mentor helps the directee clarify spiritual issues so that s/he can move toward a deeper experience with the Divine. To seek Direction, contact Bishop Reg at 332-400-7488.

LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY: All worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) are now live-streamed. Go to facebook.com/mccny and celebrate with your family of faith!

BIBLE STUDY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Queer Life & Faith religious education program is led by Bishop Reg Richburg every Thursday at 5 pm. Our discussions connect the Scriptures, our faith, and queer Life. We use educational materials and methodologies that will help look at life from different perspectives: art, videos, and dialogue, among others. Come to one session, some sessions, or all sessions on Zoom.
Contact: lambseeker@hotmail.com

MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry: If you would like to participate in the prayer ministry or send prayer requests, please contact prayers@mccny.org. You will receive a weekly list of prayer concerns about members and friends of our congregation, the wider MCC community, and social justice issues.

PLEASE REMEMBER to list the Church and our phone number among those to be contacted in case of illness or an emergency. Church Pastors will contact and visit you.

MCCNY has a new phone number! 332-400-7488

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MCCNY** →



NEW Special Toll Free
Suicide & Mental Health Hotline
for LGBTQ+ Community:

1-877-330-6366

Thank you, Canada!

**TRANSGENDER
SUICIDE HOTLINE**
(Trans Lifeline):
877-565-8860



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10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

Thursday,
October 16, 2025
6PM to 8PM

Church of the Holy Apostles
Chelsea, NYC



NYC LGBTQ
Historic Sites
Project



HELP RESIST THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY'S ERASURE FROM HISTORY.

Our first-ever fundraiser comes at a time when LGBTQ rights and funding are facing renewed challenges. For ten years, the NYC LGBTQ Historic Sites Project has made an invisible history visible—documenting LGBTQ places across New York City, educating the public, and engaging tens of thousands of people each year.

Please help us reach (and surpass!) our \$40,000 goal and ensure our trailblazing work continues into the next decade.



FLOOD RELIEF



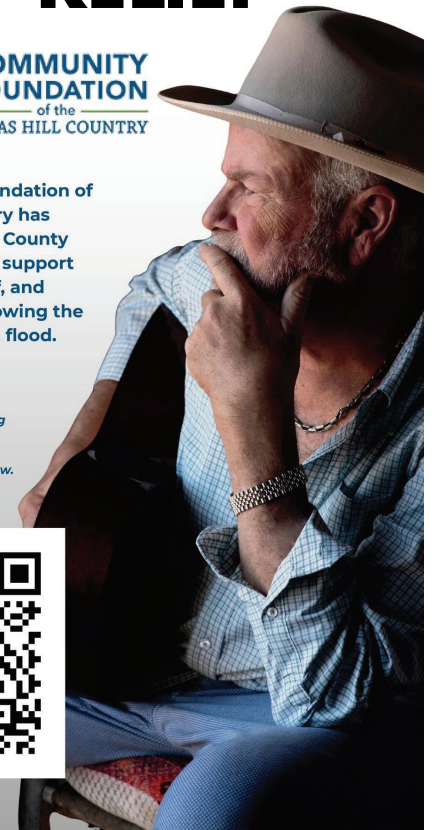
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of the
TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

The Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country has established the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund to support local response, relief, and recovery efforts following the devastating July 4th flood.

All donations will directly benefit organizations working on the front lines of this emergency. Full details are available at the QR code below.



<https://tinyurl.com/KerrFloodRelief>



WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR



DO NOT OPEN DOORS

ICE cannot come in without a signed warrant by a criminal court judge. They can only come in if you let them.



REMAIN SILENT

ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case so claim your right to remain silent!

**Say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent".*



DO NOT SIGN

Don't sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.



REPORT & RECORD!

Report immediately: UWD hotline 1-844-363-1423.

Take pictures & video unless you're on federal government property.
Take notes of badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car and exactly what happened!



FIGHT BACK!

Get a trustworthy attorney & explore all options to fight your case. If detained, you may be able to get bail - don't give up hope! Join your local team to defend yourself from enforcement!

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@UnitedWeDream



Know Your Power Record and Report:



Step 1 - Ensure Audio and recording is on and ready to be used and linked to a cloud.

Step 2 - Get information of the officer's, name, badge and agency.

Step 3 - Narrate the date, time and location of event.

Step 4 - Do not disclose the information of your loved ones or yourself to the agents.

Step 5 - Report it to the **MigraWatch** Hotline and send your video/pics to migrawatch@unitedwedream.org

Always remember you have the power to make choices, you have a choice over your safety, how you respond and what you choose to share.

To learn more about your power and your rights visit:
unitedwedream.org/knowyourpower

While asserting our rights does not guarantee the stop of arrest at the moment, it is important to exercise our rights to facilitate our defense. You are not alone. Our movement is ready to support you, fight for your freedom, and reclaim the humanity of our community.



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Text **KnowYourPower** 877-877

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The Rev. Reg Richburg	Staff Clergy
The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt	Staff Clergy
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Heidi Siegel	Music Ministry
The Little Big Band	

MCCNY Charities

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Virtual Worship Leader	Bob Ferrara

Web Sites

	John Phelps
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ASL Interpreter

	Pat Dash
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