



If You are the Child of God . . .

✦ February is African American History Month

2026: A Year of Resilience!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

✦ 4th Sunday in African American History Month

✦ 1st Sunday of Lent

★ Birthday Sunday!

✦ Anniversary of Rev. Gayle's Ordination (2009)

♥ Happy Anniversary Corrine Bertram & Rev. Miller!

✦ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Gen. 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 & Mt. 4: 1-11)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, February 23: Office Closed

✦ Orthodox Lent begins

♥ Happy Birthday Richie Pampanella!

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, February 24

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, February 25

♥ Happy Birthday John Normile and Mike Hall!

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)

Wednesday, February 25 (continued)

7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study begins (see ad)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Thursday, February 26

♥ Happy Birthday Carolyn Parker Davis and Jo Schopper!

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, February 27

♥ Happy Birthday John Simonian!

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, February 28

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MARCH 01

✦ 1st Sunday in Women's History Month

✦ 2nd Sunday of Lent

✦ Lay Preacher Mary Elizabeth Poole, preaching
(Gen. 12: 1-4 & Mt. 17: 1-9)

9:00 am Lay Preachers Class

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!

✦ 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

February 22, 2026

✦ 4th Sunday in African American History Month

✦ 1st Sunday of Lent

MCC globally celebrates "57 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"

54th Anniversary Year at MCCNY: A Year of Resilience!

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

Carolyn Traore, Song Leader

Heidi Siegell, Soloist

PROCESSION

"Lift Every Voice and Sing!"

Printed

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

Génesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

The First Lesson

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

Dios formó a la persona de la tierra misma, y Dios soplo en el nariz de la persona y Dios dio vida a la persona. Así la persona se convirtió en un ser viviente. Después Dios el Señor plantó un jardín en la región de Edén, en el oriente, y puso allí la persona que Dios había formado. . . . Dios hizo crecer también toda clase de árboles hermosos que daban fruto bueno para comer. En medio del jardín Dios puso también el árbol de la vida y el árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal. La serpiente era más astuta que todos los animales salvajes que Dios había creado, y le preguntó a la mujer: "¿Así que Dios les ha dicho que no coman del fruto de ningún árbol del jardín?" Y la mujer le contestó: "Podemos comer del fruto de cualquier árbol, menos del árbol que está en medio del jardín. Dios nos ha dicho que no debemos comer ni tocar el fruto de ese árbol, porque si lo hacemos, moriremos." Pero la serpiente le dijo a la mujer: "No es cierto. No morirán. Dios sabe muy bien que cuando ustedes coman del fruto de ese árbol podrán saber lo que es bueno y lo que es malo, y que entonces serán como Dios." La mujer vio que el fruto del árbol era hermoso, y le dieron ganas de comerlo y de llegar a tener entendimiento. Así que cortó uno de los frutos y se lo comió. Luego le dio a su esposo, y él también comió. En ese momento se les abrieron los ojos, y los dos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. Entonces cosieron hojas de higuera y se cubrieron con ellas.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

God formed a person from the dust of the ground and breathed into the nostrils of the person the breath of life, and the person became a living being. And God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there put the person whom God had formed. . . . Out of the ground God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that God had made. God said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her spouse, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Mateo 4: 1-11

The Second Lesson

Matthew 4: 1-11

El Espíritu llevó a Jesús al desierto, para que el diablo lo pusiera a prueba. Estuvo cuarenta días y cuarenta noches sin comer, y después Jesús sintió hambre. El diablo se acercó entonces a Jesús para ponerlo a prueba, y le dijo: "Si de veras eres Niño de Dios, ordena que estas piedras se conviertan en panes." Pero Jesús le contestó a el diablo: "La Escritura dice: 'No sólo de pan vivirá la humanidad, sino también de toda palabra que salga de los labios de Dios.'" Luego el diablo llevó Jesús a la santa ciudad de Jerusalén, lo subió a la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: "Si de veras eres Niño de Dios, tírate abajo; porque la Escritura dice: 'Dios mandará que los ángeles te cuiden. Te levantarán con sus manos, para que no tropieces con piedra alguna.'" Jesús contestó a el diablo, "También dice la Escritura: 'No pongas a prueba a tu Dios.'" Finalmente el diablo lo llevó Jesús a un cerro muy alto, y mostrándole todos los países del mundo y la grandeza de ellos, le dijo: "Yo te daré todo esto, si te arrodillas y me adoras." Jesús le contestó a el diablo: "Vete, Satanás, porque la Escritura dice: 'Adora tu Dios, y sírvete sólo a Dios.'" Entonces el diablo se apartó de Jesús, y unos ángeles acudieron a servirle.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward was famished. The tempter came and said to Jesus, "If you are the Child of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and placed Jesus on the pinnacle of the temple, saying, "If you are the Child of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'God will command the angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to the devil, "Again it is written, 'Do not put your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the governments of the world and their glory, and said to Jesus, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to the devil, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship your God, and serve only God.'" Then the devil left Jesus, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

SELECTION

SERMON

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, Pastor
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 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

"Christ, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

#4/Purple Pages

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

#9/Purple Pages

"Yo te Amo"

#9/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Please stand as able

*Lead me, guide me, along the way
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Jesus, let me walk each day with thee
Lead me, my God, lead me . . .*

BENEDICTION



❖ *Everyone is welcome to a reception following the service!*

+ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

OVER →

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](https://www.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.

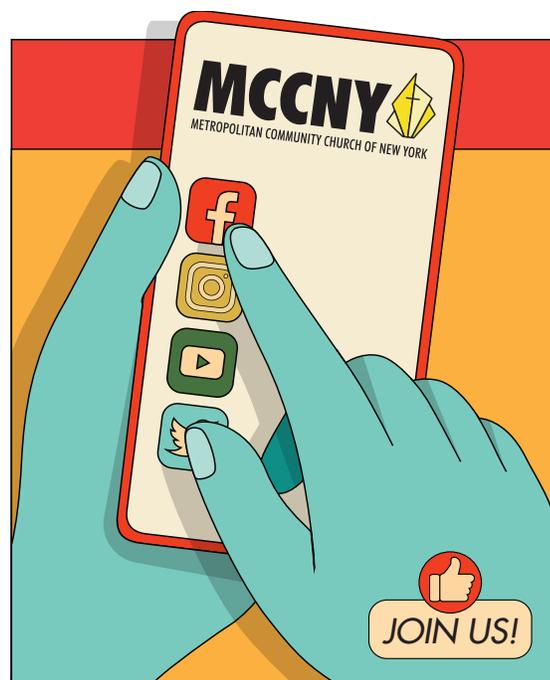
MCCNY has a new phone number! 332-400-7488

Join in a Lenten Bible Series,
**“Tell Me The Stories of Jesus
I Love to Hear”** 🎵🎵🎵

with author Amy Levine and Bp. Reg
**Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom
February 25th – March 25th**

Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/4tgX83D>
Passcode: 536020/Meeting ID: 834 0533 0821

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FEBRUARY is

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

2026 National Theme: *"A Century of Black History Commemoration"*

2026 marks the 100th anniversary since Dr. Carter G. Woodson established the first commemoration of "Negro History Week." This year we celebrate the resilience, achievements, and influence of African Americans on American History.



Freda Josephine Baker, dancer, singer, and actress, was the 1st Black woman to star in a major motion picture, the 1927 French silent film "Siren of the Tropics." Celebrated by fellow artists and intellectuals of the era, she renounced her U.S. citizenship and became a French national. She adopted 12 children, dubbing them her Rainbow Tribe, and raising them in France. During World War II she was part of the French Resistance, the British Secret Intelligence Service, and the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, earning the Resistance Medal and Croix de Guerre from France, and being named a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by General Charles de Gaulle. She was active in the U.S. Civil Rights movement and refused to perform before segregated audiences. In 2021, she became the 1st Black woman to be inducted in the Panthéon in Paris, one of France's highest honors.



MCCNY
ANNUAL



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

To be rescheduled due to snowstorm.
Watch for upcoming details.



PASTORAL STAFF

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| The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner | Pastor |
| The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi | Staff Clergy |
| The Rev. Reg Richburg | Staff Clergy |
| The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt | Staff Clergy |
| John Fischer | Director of Music |
| Carolyn Traore | Music Ministry |
| Heidi Siegel | Music Ministry |

MCCNY Charities

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| LaDedra Brown | HYS Program Manager |
| Kailiah Hayes | Food Pantry Manager |

LAY DELEGATES

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan | Deacon Jen Heyward |
| John Fischer | Mary Jane Gibney, alternate |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Bp. Pat Bumgardner | Moderator |
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PROGRAMMING

Religious Education/Membership

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| Bishop Reg Richburg | Facilitator |
| Deacon Tressie Carter | Membership |

Christians of African Descent

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan | Facilitator |
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E-Prayer Group

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| Deacon Jen Heyward | Facilitator |
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Hospitality

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan |
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Newsletter/Bulletin

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| Deacon Frances Wood | <i>The Query</i> Editor |
| Deacon Les LaRue | <i>The Query</i> /Bulletin Design |

Audio & Virtual Ministries

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| John Phelps | |
| Live-streaming | Bob Ferrara |
| Virtual Worship Leader | Margot Wagner |

Web Sites

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| | Rev. Jim Merritt |
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ASL Interpreter

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