



# Celebrating The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King!

## 2026: A Year of Resilience!

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

+ **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**  
+ **Martin Luther King Sunday**

+ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**  
+ **Bishop Rose Hardy, preaching**

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

12:30 pm Rise of the Resistance!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

### Monday, January 19: Office Closed/MLK Holiday

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Tuesday, January 20

❖ **Free America Walk Out Day!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Linda DeTraglia!**

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, January 21

+ **Global Day of Prayer to End Famine**

❖ **Squirrel Appreciation Day!**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Robert & Placido!**

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, January 22

♥ **Happy Birthday Rich Walker!**

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

7:00 pm **ANNUAL MLK INTERFAITH SERVICE:**  
**"Resistance is an Act of Love"**

**Unity hosting at MCCNY**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Friday, January 23

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, January 24

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

+ **4th Sunday of Epiphany**

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniv. Rev. Margaret Aymer!**

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**  
(Is. 8: 23 - 9: 3 & Mt. 4: 12-23)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

12:30 pm **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (see ad)**

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](mailto:RvPatMCCNY@aol.com)

**MCCNY**   
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

January 18, 2026

✚ Epiphany III/Martin Luther King Sunday

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!”

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*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

Isaías 49: 3, 5-6

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Dios dijo: “Israel, tú eres mi siervo, en ti me mostraré glorioso.” He recibido honor delante de mi Dios, pues Dios ha sido mi fuerza. Dios, que me formó desde el seno de mi madre para que fuera el siervo de Dios, para hacer que Israel, el pueblo de Jacob, se vuelva y se una a Dios, dice así: “No basta que seas mi siervo sólo para restablecer las tribus de Jacob y hacer volver a los sobrevivientes de Israel; yo haré que seas la luz de las naciones, para que lleves mi salvación hasta las partes más lejanas de la tierra.”

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

God said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” And now God says, who formed me in the womb to be a servant, to bring Jacob back, and that Israel might be gathered to God, for I am honored in the sight of God, and my God has become my strength—God says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

The Second Lesson

Juan 1: 29-34

John 1: 29-34

Al día siguiente, Juan vio a Jesús, que se acercaba a él, y dijo: “¡Miren, ése es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo! A esta persona me refería yo cuando dije: ‘Después de mí viene uno que es más importante que yo, porque la persona existía antes que yo.’ Yo mismo no sabía quién era; pero he venido bautizando con agua precisamente para que el pueblo de Israel lo conozca.” Juan también declaró: “He visto al Espíritu Santo bajar del cielo como una paloma, y reposar sobre esta persona. Yo todavía no sabía quién era; pero Dios que me envió a bautizar con agua, me dijo: ‘Aquel sobre quien veas que el Espíritu baja y reposa, es la persona que bautiza con Espíritu Santo.’ Yo ya lo he visto, y soy testigo de que es el elegido de Dios.”

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes someone who ranks ahead of me because this one was before me.' I myself did not know this person, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on this one. I myself did not know this person, but God who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The One on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

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

## **SELECTION**

## **SERMON**

**Bishop Rose Hardy  
Restoration Temple Ministries**

## **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**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

#16/Hymnal

"Es la Vida"

#62/Hymnal

"Yo te Amo"

#9/Hymnal

## **CLOSING SONG**

**"Yes, God, Yes"**

*Please stand as able*

*Walk in the Light, the beautiful light  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright  
Shine all around us by day and by night  
Jesus, the Light of the World . . .*

## **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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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

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

**1-877-330-6366**

*Thank you, Canada!*



**CONNECT with MCCNY**

**Website:** [www.mccny.org](http://www.mccny.org)  
**Facebook:** MCCNY  
**Instagram:** @m\_c\_c\_n\_y  
**Youtube:** @MCCNewYork





## MCCNY ANNUAL



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

Please join members of MCCNY's Board of Directors on Sunday, January 25th following the 11am Celebration. Reports of the year will be received and a new budget presented.

**GIVE TO  
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**GIVE TO  
MCCNY**



### 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!

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.



## PASTORAL STAFF

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

LaDedra Brown	HYS Program Manager
Kailiah Hayes	Food Pantry Manager

## LAY DELEGATES

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

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Deacon Philip Pares
Deacon Tressie Carter	Deacon Len Richardson
Deacon Jen Heyward	Deacon Frances Wood
Deacon Les LaRue	

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bp. Pat Bumgardner	Moderator
Lyndsey Jones-McAdams	Special Events
Rob Franek	Public Relations/Outreach
Sam Davis	Scribe
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## PROGRAMMING

### Religious Education/Membership

Bishop Reg Richburg	Facilitator
Deacon Tressie Carter	Membership

### Christians of African Descent

Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Facilitator
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### E-Prayer Group

Deacon Jen Heyward	Facilitator
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Hospitality	Deacon Brenton Buchannan
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### Newsletter/Bulletin

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

### Audio & Virtual Ministries

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

Web Sites	Rev. Jim Merritt
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ASL Interpreter	Pat Dash
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### Instagram and Facebook