



Eyes on the Prize! The Vision Lives On

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

2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 05

✦ **2nd Sunday after Homecoming!**

✦ **Blessing of Animals at 11am**

✦ **57th Anniversary of Founding of
Metropolitan Community Churches**

♣ **World Teachers Day!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. William Knight!**

✦ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**

(Hab. 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 & Luke 17: 5-10)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

✦ Blessing of Animals

12:30 pm "Rise of the Resistance" ~
Training for Witnessing & Resisting with Alva Bostick

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, October 06: Office Closed

✦ **Founding of MCC Churches in 1968**

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniversary Rev. Brael**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, October 07: ✦ Feast of Serge & Bacchus

♥ **Happy Anniv. Cathy & Sheila Marino-Thomas!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Barb Crabtree!**

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, October 08: Internat'l Lesbian Day

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 09

♥ **Happy B'day Carolyn Traore & Rev. Gale Jones!**

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 10: National Coming Out Day!

♣ **International Homeless Day**

♣ **World Mental Health Day**

♣ **Day Against Death Penalty**

♥ **Happy Birthday Al Leach!**

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 11

♣ **Anniv. LGBT March on Washington (1981)**

♣ **International Day of the Girl!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

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!

12:30 pm "Rise of the Resistance" ~
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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 05, 2025

+ 2nd Sunday after Homecoming

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
Carolyn Traore, Song Leader

PROCESSION

"Coming to Our Own"

Printed

Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

+ *The Blessing of Animals*

+ The Sign of Peace

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

The First Lesson

Habacuc 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

O Dios, ¿hasta cuándo gritaré pidiendo ayuda sin que tú me escuches? ¿Hasta cuándo clamaré a causa de la violencia sin que vengas a librarnos? ¿Por qué me haces ver tanta angustia y maldad? Estoy rodeado de violencia y destrucción; por todas partes hay pleitos y luchas. Dios me contestó: "Escribe en tablas de barro lo que te voy a mostrar, de modo que pueda leerse de corrido. Aún no ha llegado el momento de que esta visión se cumpla; pero no dejará de cumplirse. Tú espera, aunque parezca tardar, pues llegará en el momento preciso. Escribe que los malvados son orgullosos, pero los justos vivirán por su fidelidad a Dios."

+ **Esta es la Palabra de Dios**

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

O God, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. Then God answered me and said: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness."

+ **This is the Word of God**

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

The Second Lesson

Lucas 17: 5-10

Luke 17: 5-10

Los apóstoles pidieron a Jesús: "Danos más fe." Jesús les contestó: "Si ustedes tuvieran fe, aunque sólo fuera del tamaño de una semilla de mostaza, podrían decirle a este árbol: 'Arráncate de aquí y plántate en el mar', y les haría caso. Si uno de ustedes tiene un trabajador que regresa del campo después de haber estado arando o cuidando el ganado, ¿acaso le dice: 'Pasa y siéntate a comer'? No, sino que le dice: 'Prepárame la cena, y dispónete a atenderme mientras yo como y bebo. Después podrás tú comer y beber.' Y tampoco le da las gracias a le trabajador por haber hecho lo que le mandó. Así también ustedes, cuando ya hayan cumplido todo lo que Dios les manda, deberán decir: 'Somos inútiles, porque no hemos hecho más que cumplir con nuestra obligación.'"

+ **Esta es la Palabra de Dios**

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith!" Jesus replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to a worker who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank those working for you for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

+ *In Memory of Maryann Goldstein*

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

#287/Hymnal

"O Holy City, Seen of John"

#156/Hymnal

"No Hay Otro Nombre"

#143/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Pueblo Libre"

#189/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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**GIVE TO
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



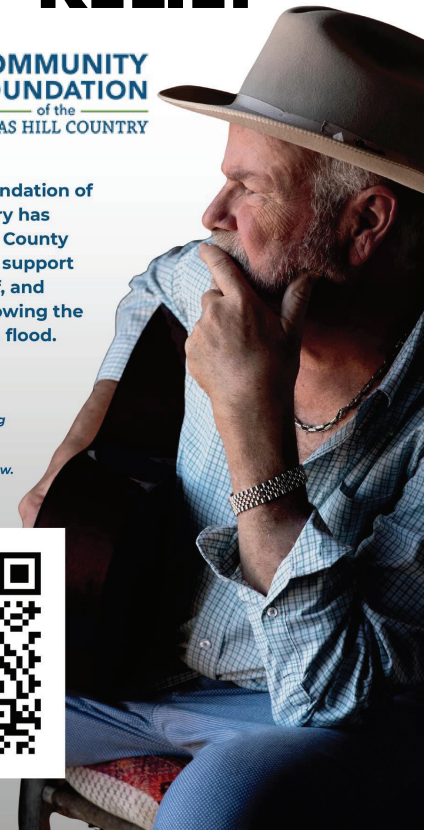
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of the
TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

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

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
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Heidi Siegel	Music Ministry
The Little Big Band	

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John Fischer	Mary Jane Gibney, alternate

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Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Facilitator
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Deacon Jen Heyward	Facilitator
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Deacon Les LaRue	<i>The Query</i> /Bulletin Design

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Live-streaming	John Phelps
Virtual Worship Leader	Bob Ferrara

Web Sites

	John Phelps
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ASL Interpreter

	Pat Dash
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