



# A Colored History

✦ February is African American History Month

2026: A Year of Resilience!

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 01

✦ 1st Sunday in African American History Month

✦ National Day of Prayer for African American and African Families

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Don Eastman!

✦ Ms. Tonie Boykin, preaching  
(Zeph. 2:3, 3:1-13 & Mt. 5:1-12)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

## Monday, February 02: Office Closed

✦ Presentation of Jesus

♥ Happy Birthday Chris Baker  
& Jerome Moreira-Dumaine!

♥ Happy Anniversary Rev. John Gill & John!

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## Tuesday, February 03

♥ Happy Birthday Florin Buchereau, Wyatt Tan,  
and John Hassell!

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 04

✦ Anniversary of Rev. Pat's Call to Pastor MCCNY

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, February 05

♥ Happy Birthday Jaymes Grace, Kareem Murphy,  
and Rev. Pat!!

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 06

♥ Happy B'day Myrleen Knight & Charlie Chiarelli!

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 07

♣ National Black AIDS Awareness Day

♥ Happy Birthday Chris Heinz!

♥ Happy Anniversary Rev. Jim & Al Leach!!

7:30 pm Lavender Light Concert "Unbreakable!"  
(15th Street Friends Meeting House)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08

✦ 2nd Sunday in African American History Month

✦ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching  
(Is. 58:7-10 & Mt. 5:13-16)

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](mailto:RvPatMCCNY@aol.com)

**MCCNY**   
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

February 01, 2026

✦ 1st Sunday in African American History Month

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

Sofonías 2:3, 3: 1-13

Zephaniah 2:3, 3: 1-13

Busquen a Dios todos ustedes, los humildes de este mundo, los que obedecen los mandatos de Dios. Actúen con rectitud y humildad, y quizás así encontrarán refugio en el día de la ira de Dios. ¡Ay de Jerusalén, la ciudad rebelde, manchada y opresora! No escuchó la voz de Dios ni aceptó ser corregida; o confió en Dios; no recurrió a su Dios. Sus jefes son como leones que rugen; sus jueces, como lobos del Desierto que no dejan ni un hueso para la mañana. Sus profetas son insolentes, traidores; sus sacerdotes profanan el Santuario y violan la ley de Dios. Pero Dios está en la ciudad; Dios hace lo bueno, no lo malo. Cada mañana, sin falta, Dios establece la juicio. En cambio, el malo ni siquiera conoce la vergüenza. Dice Dios: "He destruido naciones, he arrasado las torres de sus murallas y he dejado desiertas sus calles, sin gente que pase por ellas. ¡En sus solitarias ciudades no queda un solo habitante! Pensé: "Así Jerusalén me temerá y aceptará que la corrija; así no quedará destruido su hogar por haberla yo castigado." Pero ellos se apresuraron a cometer toda clase de maldades. Por eso, espérenme ustedes el día en que me levante a hablar en su contra. Yo, Dios, lo afirmo: He decidido reunir las naciones y los reinos para descargar sobre ellos mi enojo, mi ardiente ira. ¡Toda la tierra va a quedar destruida por el fuego de mi furor! Cuando eso llegue, purificaré el lenguaje de los pueblos, para que todos me invoquen, para que todos a una me sirvan. Del otro lado de los ríos de Etiopía, mi pueblo disperso vendrá suplicante a traerme ofrendas. En aquel tiempo, pueblo mío, ya no te avergonzarás de ninguna de las acciones con que te rebelaste contra mí, pues entonces quitaré de ti a los altaneros y orgullosos, y nunca volverás a mostrar Orgullo en mi santo monte. Yo dejaré en ti gente humilde y sencilla, que pondrá su confianza en mi nombre. Los sobrevivientes del pueblo de Israel no cometerán injusticias, ni dirán mentiras, ni llenarán de embustes su boca. Podrán alimentarse y descansar sin miedo alguno.

✦ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Seek God, all you humble of the land who do the commands of God; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of God's wrath. Woe, soiled, defiled, oppressing city! It has listened to no voice; it has accepted no correction. It has not trusted in God; it has not drawn near to its God. The officials within it are roaring lions; its judges are evening wolves that leave nothing until the morning. Its prophets are reckless, faithless persons; its priests have profaned what is sacred; they have done violence to the law. God within it is righteous; God does no wrong. Every morning God renders judgment, each dawn without fail, but the unjust knows no shame. I have cut off nations; their battlements are in ruins; I have laid waste their streets so that no one walks in them; their cities have been made desolate, without people, without inhabitants. I said, "Surely the city will fear me; it will accept correction; it will not lose sight of all that I have brought upon it." But they were the more eager to make all their deeds corrupt. Therefore wait for me, says God, for the day when I arise as a witness. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble governments, to pour out upon them my indignation, all the heat of my anger, for in the fire of my passion all the earth shall be consumed. At that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call on the name of God and serve God with one accord. From beyond the rivers of Cush my suppliants, my scattered ones, shall bring my offering. On that day you shall not be put to shame because of all the deeds by which you have rebelled against me; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain. For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of God — the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.

✦ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

The Second Lesson

Mateo 5: 1-12

Matthew 5: 1-12

Al ver la multitud, Jesús subió al monte y se sentó. Los discípulos se le acercaron, y Jesús tomó la palabra y comenzó a enseñarles, diciendo: "Dichosos los que tienen espíritu de pobres, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos. Dichosos los que sufren, porque serán consolados. Dichosos los humildes, porque heredarán la tierra prometida. Dichosos los que tienen hambre y sed de la justicia, porque serán satisfechos. Dichosos los compasivos, porque Dios tendrá compasión de ellos. Dichosos los de corazón limpio, porque verán a Dios. Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz,

porque Dios los llamará niños de Dios. Dichosos los perseguidos por hacer lo que es justo, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos. Dichosos ustedes, cuando la gente los insulte y los maltrate, y cuando por causa mía los ataquen con toda clase de mentiras. Alégrese, estén contentos, porque van a recibir un gran premio en el cielo; pues así también persiguieron a los profetas que vivieron antes que ustedes.”

**+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios  
TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after sitting down, the disciples came to him. And Jesus began to speak and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the reign of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the reign of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

## SELECTION

### SERMON

**Ms. Tonie Boykin, Lay Preacher**  
**Metropolitan Community Churches 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

“Cristo, Cristo”

#47/Hymnal

“Deep River”

#53/Hymnal

“Oh, Freedom”

#152/Hymnal

### CLOSING SONG

#### “Keep Your Eyes on the Prize”

*Please stand as able*

1) *Paul and Silas bound in jail  
Had no money for to go their bail  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on  
Hold on (Hold on), Hold—on (Hold—on)  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on  
(Hold on)*

2) *Freedom’s name is mighty sweet  
And soon we’re go—na meet  
Keep your eyes on the prize,  
hold on . . .*

3) *I got my hand on the gospel plow  
Won’t take nothing for my journey now  
Keep your eyes on the prize,  
hold on . . .*

### 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://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!*



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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.

**Claudette Colvin** (9/5/1939 – 1/13/2026)

was a nurse aide by profession and a pioneer of the 1950s Civil Rights Movements. Arrested as a teenager in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to give up her seat to a white woman on a bus, she laid the foundation for the actions of Rosa Parks 9 months later. She was 1 of 4 plaintiffs in the first federal court case to challenge the segregated bus system in Alabama. On June 13, 1956 a district court determined state laws mandating segregation were unconstitutional. The decision would be challenged all the way to the Supreme Court, where on November 13, 1956 the state of Alabama was issued a mandate to end segregation. Because she was a teenager, pregnant and unmarried, her actions never received the acclaim of those of Rosa Parks.



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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

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



## 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
Montel Cherry-Holmes	Member at Large

## 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