



# You gotta stay bright ♫♪♪

+ February is African American History Month

2026: A Year of Resilience!

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08

+ 2nd Sunday in African American History Month

+ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching

(Is. 58:7-10 & Mt. 5:13-16)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

### Monday, February 09: Office Closed

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Tuesday, February 10

❖ Sanctuary as holding for SVU

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 11

+ World Day of Prayer for Healing of the Sick

♥ Happy Birthday Kay Osborn and Juan Ramos!

♥ Happy Anniversary Rev. Steve & John Hernandez!

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 12: Lincoln's Birthday

9:00 am Food Pantry

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

### Thursday, February 12 (continued)

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

7:00 pm **Service for Peace** (see flyer)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Friday, February 13

♥ Happy Birthday Ernesto Declet Ross!

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 14: St. Valentine's Day ♥

+ Anniversary of City Hall Wedding Chapel Break-in (2005)

♥ Happy Birthday Gene Matarese!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

+ 3rd Sunday in African American History Month

+ Blessing of Relationships

❖ Lunar New Year celebrated!/Nirvana Day

♥ Happy Birthday Raoul Reyes and Rev. David Williams!

+ Lay Preacher Shawn Wilson debuts!

(Sir. 15: 15-20 & Mt. 5: 17-37)

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)

February 08, 2026

+ 2nd 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

Isaías 58: 6-10

The First Lesson

Isaiah 58: 6-10

¿Acaso no es este el tipo de ayuno que me, agrada—dice Dios—romper las cadenas injustas, desatar las correas del yugo, dejar en libertad a los oprimidos y romper todo yugo, compartir tu pan con el hambriento y recibas en tu casa al pobre sin techo; en que vistas la persona que no tiene ropa y no dejes de socorrer a tus semejantes. Entonces brillará tu luz como el amanecer y tus heridas sanarán muy pronto. Tu rectitud irá delante de ti y mi gloria te seguirá. Entonces, si me llamas, yo te responderé; si gritas pidiendo ayuda, yo te diré: "Aquí estoy." Si haces desaparecer toda opresión, si no insultas a otros ni les levantas calumnias, si te das a ti mismo en servicio del hambriento, si ayudas al afligido en su necesidad, tu luz brillará en la oscuridad, tus sombras se convertirán en luz de mediodía.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Is this not the sort of fast that pleases me—it is God who speaks—to break unjust fetters, and undo the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of God shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and God will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the night and your gloom be like the noonday.

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Mateo 5: 13-16

The Second Lesson

Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesús dijo, "Ustedes son la sal de este mundo. Pero si la sal deja de estar salada, ¿cómo podrá recobrar su sabor? Ya no sirve para nada, así que se la tira a la calle y la gente la pisotea. Ustedes son la luz de este mundo. Una ciudad en lo alto de un cerro no puede esconderse. Ni se enciende una lámpara para ponerla bajo un cajón; antes bien, se la pone en alto para que alumbe a todos los que están en la casa. Del mismo modo, procuren ustedes que su luz brille delante de la gente, para que, viendo el bien que ustedes hacen, todos alaben a Dios que está en el cielo."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven."

+ 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

- + Please consider an extra gift to the Global Justice Institute!
- ~ Please prayerfully consider direct donations through your bank or credit card giving.

Offering Call

### 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

"For the Healing of the Nations"

#67/Hymnal

"Es la Vida"

#62/Hymnal

"Dios, Tú Eres Nuestra Luz"

#55/Hymnal

## CLOSING SONG

### "I Can See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash

*Please stand as able*

1) *I can see clearly now, the rain is gone  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind*

*It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright sun-shiny day  
It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright sun-shiny day*

2) *I think I can make it now, the pain is gone  
All of the bad feelings have disappeared  
Here is the rainbow I've been prayin for  
It's gonna be a bright . . .*

## 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

**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**

*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>

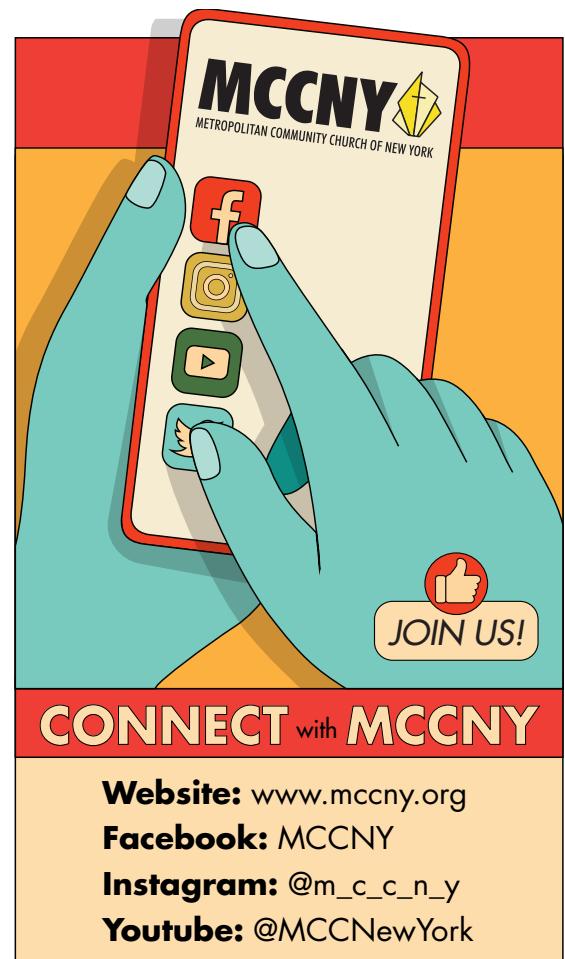
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FEBRUARY is

# 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.



**Maria W. Stewart** (1803 – 1879) was the first African American woman to speak before a mixed audience publicly. She wrote for *The Liberator*, making the case for the abolition of enslavement and for women's rights long before it was safe or popular to do so.



**Sarah Mapps Douglass** (1806 – 1882) co-founded the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society, and together with Grace Douglass, her mother, and Lucretia Mott, helped center black women in the abolitionist movement.



**Sarah Forten** (1814 – 1893), along with her mother, Charlotte, and sisters, Margaretta and Harriet, laid the foundation for generations of black womanist activism by organizing fairs, circulating petitions, and supporting people who escaped enslavement.



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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 Siegell . . . . .	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 DIRECTORS

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Montel Cherry-Holmes . . . . .	Member at Large

## BOARD OF DEACONS

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

## PROGRAMMING

### Religious Education/Membership

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

### Newsletter/Bulletin

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

### Audio & Virtual Ministries

Live-streaming . . . . .	Bob Ferrara
Virtual Worship Leader . . . . .	Margot Wagner

### Web Sites

Facilitator . . . . .	Rev. Jim Merritt
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### ASL Interpreter

Facilitator . . . . .	Pat Dash
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### Instagram and Facebook

### 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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