



# The Truth We Live By

February is African American History Month! / 2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 09

### + 2nd Sunday in African American History Month

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**  
(Is. 6:1-8 & Lk. 5:1-11)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy**

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

## Monday, February 10: Office Closed

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

7:00 pm RTM Choir Rehearsal

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## Tuesday, February 11

+ **World Day of Prayer for Healing of the Sick**

♥ **Happy Birthday Kay Osborn & Juan!**

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 12

+ **Lincoln's Birthday**

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

6:00 pm Pastoral Staff Meeting via Zoom

6:00 pm Q Clinic (3rd floor)

## Thursday, February 13

♥ **Happy Birthday Ernesto Declet Ross!**

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 14: + St. Valentine's Day

\* **Anniversary of the Breach of City Hall for Marriage Equality (2005)**

♥ **Happy Birthday Gene Matarese!**

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 15

\* **Lunar New Year Celebrations end!**

\* **Nirvana Day (Death of Buddha)**

♥ **Happy Birthday Lala & Sybil Bruncheon!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

+ **3rd Sunday in African American History Month/Valentine's Sunday**

+ **Blessing of Relationships** ♥

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**  
(Jer. 17:5-8 & Lk. 6:17-26)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy**

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

\* **9am & 11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!**

\* **Pantry and shelter remain open.** + **For pastoral calls: 332-400-7488**

**CHANGE:**

MCCNY has a new phone#:

**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 09, 2025

✚ AAHM 2

MCC globally celebrates “55 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**

**“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**

**Isaías 6: 1-8**

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 6: 1-8**

El año en que murió el gobernante Ozías, vi a Dios sentado en un trono muy alto; el borde de el manto de Dios llenaba el templo. Unos seres como de fuego estaban por encima de Dios. Cada uno tenía seis alas. Con dos alas se cubrían la cara, con otras dos se cubrían la parte inferior del cuerpo y con las otras dos volaban. Y se decían el uno al otro: “Santo, santo, santo es Dios todopoderoso; toda la tierra está llena de la gloria de Dios.” Al resonar esta voz, las puertas del templo temblaron, y el templo mismo se llenó de humo. Y pensé: “¡Ay de mí, voy a morir! He visto con mis ojos al Soberano, a Dios todopoderoso; yo, que soy una persona de labios impuros y vivo en medio de un pueblo de labios impuros.” En ese momento uno de aquellos seres como de fuego voló hacia mí. Con unas tenazas sostenía una brasa que había tomado de encima del altar, y tocándome con ella la boca, me dijo: “Mira, esta brasa ha tocado tus labios. Tu maldad te ha sido quitada, tus culpas te han sido perdonadas.” Entonces oí la voz de Dios, que decía: “¿A quién voy a enviar? ¿Quién será nuestro mensajero?” Yo respondí: «Aquí estoy yo, envíame a mí.»

**+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios**

**TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

In the year that the ruler Uzziah died, I saw God sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of the robe of God filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above God; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts; the whole earth is full of the glory of God.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the Sovereign, the God of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of God saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**+ This is the Word of God**

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**MCCNY Choir**

**La Lección Segunda**

**Lucas 5: 1-11**

**The Second Lesson**

**Luke 5: 1-11**

En una ocasión, estando Jesús a orillas del Lago de Genesaret, se sentía apretujado por la multitud que quería oír el mensaje de Dios. Jesús vio dos barcas en la playa. Los pescadores habían bajado de ellas a lavar sus redes. Jesús subió a una de las barcas, que era de Simón, y le pidió que la alejara un poco de la orilla. Luego Jesús se sentó en la barca, y desde allí comenzó a enseñar a la gente. Cuando terminó de hablar, Jesús le dijo a Simón: “Lleva la barca a la parte honda del lago, y echen allí sus redes, para pescar.” Simón le contestó a Jesús: “Maestro, hemos estado trabajando toda la noche sin pescar nada; pero, ya que tú lo mandas, voy a echar las redes.” Cuando lo hicieron, recogieron tanto pescado que las redes se rompían. Entonces hicieron señas a sus compañeros de la otra barca, para que fueran a ayudarlos. Ellos fueron, y llenaron tanto las dos barcas que les faltaba poco para hundirse. Al ver esto, Simón Pedro se puso de rodillas delante de Jesús y le dijo: “¡Apártate de mí, Soberano, porque soy un pecador!” Es que Simón y todos los demás estaban asustados por aquella gran pesca que habían hecho. También lo estaban Santiago y Juan, niños de Zebedeo, que eran compañeros de Simón. Pero Jesús le dijo a Simón: “No tengas miedo; desde ahora vas a pescar las personas.” Entonces llevaron las barcas a tierra, lo dejaron todo y se fueron con Jesús.

**+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios**

**TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, Jesus saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishers had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked Simon to put out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Teacher, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Sovereign, for I am a sinful person!" For Simon and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, children of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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

## SELECTION

## SERMON

**The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner  
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 Buchannan  
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

"Tal Como Soy/Just as I Am"

#128/Hymnal

"Precious Jesus, Take My Hand"

Insert

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

#109/Hymnal

## CLOSING SONG

**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

**#99/Hymnal**  
*Please stand as able*

## BENEDICTION

❖ *Everyone is welcome to a reception following the service!*  
*Thank you Deacon Brenton and all our volunteers!*

✚ *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://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.

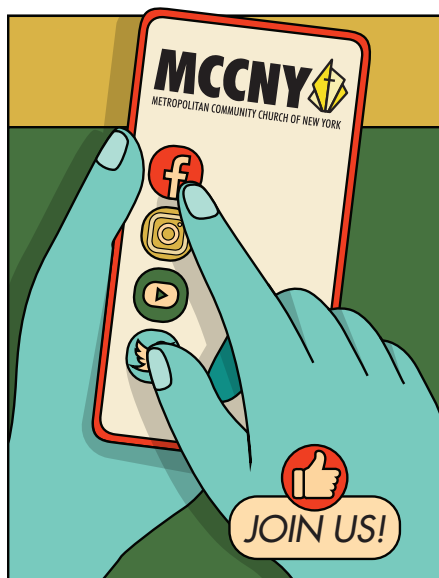
Contact: [lambseeker@hotmail.com](mailto:lambseeker@hotmail.com)

**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**

**GIVE TO  
MCCNY**



## Connect with MCCNY

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 MCC GENERAL CONFERENCE  
 3-6 JULY 2025



**REGISTER HERE**

Are you anxious about the intensified hostility toward marginalized communities following the election?

**REMEMBER THIS:**

**MCCNY is here.**  
**We will love you,**  
**celebrate you,**  
**and support you**  
**as we**  
**work together to**  
**build God's infinitely**  
**diverse commonwealth.**

**MCCNY is here and**  
**we're Queer as ever.**

**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 . . . . .	<b>Pastor</b>
The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi . . . . .	<b>Staff Clergy</b>
The Rev. Reg Richburg . . . . .	<b>Staff Clergy</b>
The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt . . . . .	<b>Staff Clergy</b>
John Fischer . . . . .	<b>Director of Music</b>
Heidi Siegell . . . . .	<b>Music Ministry</b>
The Little Big Band	

### MCCNY Charities

LaDedra Brown . . . . .	<b>HYS Program Manager</b>
Kailiah Hayes . . . . .	<b>Food Pantry Manager</b>

### 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 . . . . .	<b>Moderator</b>
Jessie Daniels . . . . .	<b>Special Events</b>
Lyndsey Jones-McAdams . . . . .	<b>Special Events</b>
Theresa Pascoe . . . . .	<b>Finances</b>
Rob Franek . . . . .	<b>Public Relations/Outreach</b>
Sam Davis . . . . .	<b>Scribe</b>

## PROGRAMMING

### Religious Education/Membership

Bishop Reg Richburg . . . . .	<b>Facilitator</b>
Deacon Tressie Carter . . . . .	<b>Membership</b>

### Christians of African Descent

Deacon Brenton Buchannan . . . . .	<b>Facilitator</b>
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### E-Prayer Group

Deacon Jen Heyward . . . . .	<b>Facilitator</b>
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Hospitality . . . . .	<b>Deacon Brenton Buchannan</b>
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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

### Web Sites . . . . .

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### ASL Interpreter . . . . .

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### Instagram and Facebook