



I Surrender All

March is Women's History Month! / 2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

SUNDAY, MARCH 09

+ 1st Sunday in Lent

+ 2nd Sunday in Women's History Month

* Time "springs forward" 1 hour

+ Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Judith 8: 9-15 & Luke 4: 1-13)

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, March 10: Office Closed

+ Nat'l Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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, March 11

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 March 12

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)

6:00 pm Pastoral Staff Meeting

Thursday, March 13

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, March 14: World Day of Prayer

♥ Happy Birthday Maria-Elena Grant & Jesse James!

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, March 15

♥ Happy Birthday Gerald Tucker!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

+ 2nd Sunday in Lent

+ 3rd Sunday in Women's History Month

♥ Happy Birthday Beth Kling!

+ Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Esther 4: 12-14 & Luke 9: 28-36)

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

MCCNY 
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

March 09, 2025
✚ WHM II/Lent I

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

“All to Jesus, I Surrender”

#7 Hymnal

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

Judit 8: 9-15

The First Lesson

Judith 8: 9-15

Judit oyó las duras palabras que la gente había dicho contra el jefe Ozías, al verse tan desanimados por la falta de agua. Supo también que Ozías les había prometido entregar la ciudad a los asirios al cabo de cinco días. Mandó entonces a la criada que estaba al frente de todos los bienes, a que llamara a Cabris y a Carmis, los ancianos de la ciudad, y cuando éstos llegaron, les dijo: “Escúchenme, jefes de los habitantes de Betulia: no está bien eso que ustedes han dicho hoy delante del pueblo, ni la promesa que han hecho, poniendo a Dios por testigo, de que entregarán la ciudad a nuestros enemigos si al cabo de ese tiempo Dios no nos ha ayudado. ¿Quiénes son ustedes para exigir a Dios que actúe hoy, o para ocupar el lugar de Dios entre las gente? Ustedes imponen condiciones a Dios todopoderoso, pero nunca lograrán comprender nada. Si ni siquiera pueden penetrar en los secretos del corazón humano ni entender los pensamientos de la persona, ¿cómo podrán entender a Dios, que hizo todas las cosas? ¿Cómo podrán captar el entendimiento de Dios y comprender los intenciones de Dios? ¡No, mi pueblo, no hagan enojar a nuestro Dios! Si Dios no quiere ayudarnos en estos cinco días, en la mano de Dios está el ayudarnos cuando quiera, como también Dios hacernos morir delante de nuestros enemigos.”

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

When Judith heard the harsh words spoken by the people against the ruler because they were faint for lack of water, and when she heard all that Uzziah said to them and how he promised them under oath to surrender the town to the Assyrians after five days, she sent her maid in charge of all she possessed to summon Uzziah and Chabris and Charmis, the elders of her town. They came to her, and she said to them, “Listen to me, rulers of the people of Bethulia! What you have said to the people today is not right; you have even sworn and pronounced this oath between God and you, promising to surrender the town to our enemies unless God turns and helps us within so many days. Who are you to put God to the test today and to set yourselves up in the place of God in human affairs? You are putting God Almighty to the test, but you will never learn anything! You cannot plumb the depths of the human heart or understand the workings of the human mind; how do you expect to search out God, who made all these things, and find out the mind of God or comprehend the thought of God? No, my people, do not anger God. For if God does not choose to help us within these five days, God has power to protect us within any time God pleases or even to destroy us in the presence of our enemies.

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Lucas 4: 1-13

The Second Lesson

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, volvió del río Jordán, y el Espíritu lo llevó al desierto. Allí estuvo cuarenta días, y el diablo lo puso a prueba. Jesús no comió nada durante esos días, así que después sintió hambre. El diablo entonces le dijo a Jesús, “Si de veras eres Niño de Dios, ordena a esta piedra que se convierta en pan.” Jesús contestó: “La Escritura dice: No sólo de pan vivirá la humanidad.” Luego el diablo lo levantó y, mostrándole en un momento todos los países del mundo, y dijo a Jesús, “Yo te daré todo este poder y la grandeza de estos países. Porque yo lo he recibido, y se lo daré al que quiera dárselo. Si te arrodillas y me adoras, todo será tuyo.” Jesús contestó: “La Escritura dice: ‘Adora a Dios, y sírvele sólo a Dios.’” Después el diablo lo llevó a la ciudad de Jerusalén, lo subió a la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: “Si de veras eres Niño de Dios, tírate abajo desde aquí; porque la Escritura dice: ‘Dios mandará que los ángeles te cuiden y te protejan. Los angeles te levantarán con sus manos, para que no tropieces con piedra alguna.’” Jesús contestó: “También dice la Escritura: ‘No pongas a prueba a tu Dios.’” Cuando ya el diablo no encontró otra forma de poner a prueba a Jesús, se alejó de Jesús por algún tiempo.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. Jesus ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Child of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led Jesus up and showed Jesus in an instant all the governments of the world. And the devil said to Jesus, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Worship God, and serve only God.'" Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said, "If you are the Child of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It is said, 'Do not put the your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

**+ 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 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

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| "Christ Who Throughout . . ." | #4/Purple Pages |
| "Cristo, Cristo" | #47/Hymnal |
| "My Jesus, I Love Thee" | #9/Purple Pages |

CLOSING SONG

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

#127/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

**GIVE TO
MCCNY**



February 28th - Total Economic Blackout

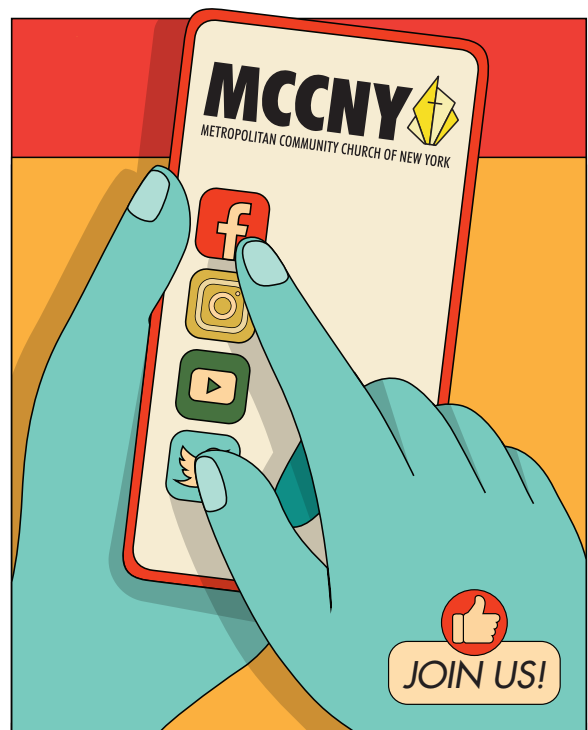
March 7 - 14 Amazon Boycott

March 21 - 28 Nestlé Boycott

April 7 - 14 Walmart Boycott

April 18th - Economic Blackout #2

April 21 - 28 General Mills Boycott



CONNECT with **MCCNY**

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REUNION | REFRESHMENT | REVIVAL
 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

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.



PASTORAL STAFF

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| 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 |
| Heidi Siegell | Music Ministry |
| The Little Big Band | |

MCCNY Charities

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| LaDedra Brown | HYS Program Manager |
| Kailiah Hayes | Food Pantry Manager |

LAY DELEGATES

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Bp. Pat Bumgardner | Moderator |
| Lyndsey Jones-McAdams | Special Events |
| Theresa Pascoe | Finances |
| Rob Franek | Public Relations/Outreach |
| Sam Davis | Scribe |
| Montel Cherry-Holmes | Member at Large |

BOARD OF DEACONS

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| 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

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

Christians of African Descent

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan | Facilitator |
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E-Prayer Group

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

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

Audio & Virtual Ministries

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| Live-streaming | John Phelps |
| Virtual Worship Leader | Bob Ferrara |

Web Sites

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| | John Phelps |
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ASL Interpreter

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Instagram and Facebook