



It's not the years in your life that count.
It's the life in your years.

September is Hunger Action Awareness Month!

2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 07

+ 10th Sunday after Pride!

**+ Day of Remembrance of
Archbishop Carl Bean (d. 2021)**

+ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Ps. 90: 3-6, 12-17 & Lk. 14: 25-33)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am on summer recess

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** on summer recess

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, September 08: Office Closed

+ Nativity of Mary

♥ Happy Anniv. Jérôme & Andre Moriera-Dumaine!

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, September 09

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, September 10

*** World Suicide Prevention Day**

♥ Happy Birthday Cathy Marino-Thomas!

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, September 11

+ Anniversary of September 11th (2001)

**♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Pressley, Rev. Kristen,
and Colleen Sovory!**

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, September 12

♥ Happy Birthday Jane Syftestad!

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, September 13

♥ Happy Birthday David Gibney!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

+ 11th Sunday after Pride!

+ Exaltation of the Cross

+ Commemoration of "September 11th"

+ National Pet Memorial Day

+ Deacon Les LaRue, preaching

(Amos 8: 4-7 & Luke 16: 1-13)

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*** 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

September 07, 2025
✚ 10th Sunday after Pride!

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

"Sing Praise to God the All-Loving"

#202/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
The First Lesson

Salmos 90: 3-6, 12-17
Psalm 90: 3-6, 12-17

Haces que la persona vuelva al polvo cuando dices: "Vuelvan al polvo, seres humanos." En verdad, mil años, para ti, son como el día de ayer, que pasó. ¡Son como unas cuantas horas de la noche! Arrastras a las personas con violencia, cual si fueran sólo un sueño; son como la hierba, que brota y florece a la mañana, pero a la tarde se marchita y muere. Enséñanos a contar bien nuestros días, para que nuestra mente alcance sabiduría. ¡O Dios, vuélvete a nosotros! ¿Cuánto más tardarás? ¡Ten compasión de estos siervos tuyos! Llénanos de tu amor al comenzar el día, y alegres cantaremos toda nuestra vida. Danos tantos años de alegría como los años de aflicción que hemos tenido. ¡Haz que tus siervos y sus descendientes puedan ver tus obras y tu gloria! Que la bondad de nuestro Dios, esté sobre nosotros. ¡Afirma, O Dios, nuestro trabajo! ¡Afirma, sí, nuestro trabajo!

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

You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O God! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Lucas 14: 25-33
Luke 14: 25-33

Mucha gente seguía a Jesús; y él se volvió y dijo: "Si alguno viene a mí y no me ama más que a su padre, a su madre, a su esposa, a sus niños, a sus hermanos y a sus hermanas, y aun más que a sí mismo, no puede ser mi discípulo. Y la persona que no toma su propia cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo. Si alguno de ustedes quiere construir una torre, ¿acaso no se sienta primero a calcular los gastos, para ver si tiene con qué terminarla? De otra manera, si pone los cimientos y después no puede terminarla, todos los que lo vean comenzarán a burlarse de la persona, diciendo: 'Este persona empezó a construir, pero no pudo terminar.' O si algún gobernante tiene que ir a la guerra contra otro gobernante, ¿acaso no se sienta primero a calcular si con diez mil soldados puede hacer frente a quien va a atacarlo con veinte mil? Y si no puede hacerle frente, cuando el otro gobernante esté todavía lejos, le mandará mensajeros a pedir la paz. Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no deje todo lo que tiene, no puede ser mi discípulo."

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and Jesus turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether you have enough to complete it? Otherwise, when you have laid a foundation and are not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what ruler, going out to wage war against another, will not sit down first and consider whether they are able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against them with twenty thousand? If they cannot, then while the other ruler is still far away, they send a delegation and ask for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

**+ 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 Buchanan
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

"Alegres Tomamos"

#2/Hymnal

"Seek Ye First"

#196/Hymnal

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

#142/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Ain't Gonna' Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round"

Please stand as able

*Ain't gonna' let nobody turn me 'round, turn me 'round, turn me 'round
Ain't gonna' let nobody turn me 'round, marchin' up to free—dom land . . .
Verses . . .*

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

TRANSGENDER SUICIDE HOTLINE
(Trans Lifeline): 877-565-8860

GIVE TO MCCNY



Eco-Ministry *The Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline*

Please join me and others in a new venture, Eco-Ministry, as we learn together about the lives of other-than-human beings and our intimate relationship with them.

In eco-ministry all beings are kin living in the same house, namely Earth. And eco-ministry is focused on helping humans understand more about the relationship among all our kin, including how we can overcome traditions and practices of harm to our kin (both other than human and human) and help all of us to live more whole and vibrant lives.

I will be sharing meditations and guides written by me, as well as wisdom from others, and even periodic book studies, all designed to widen our horizons and deepen our commitment to justice and full life for all. In the process I hope we will discover new relationships with kin we may already know (trees, e.g.) as well as relationships with others we have never known. We may even think of it as enlarging our community of faith.

I hope and pray you will join me on this journey to share in living with and celebrating all sacred beings. Contact The Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline for more information or to participate at:

writer@robinhawleygorsline.com



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*"Celebrate
Me Home"*

on September 21st

**HOME-
COMING
SUNDAY!**

Tons of wonderful music!
Gala feast after service!

Don't miss it!

A Note from Rev. Miller:

hey there.

a few of us have put together a fund for trans health. we can't do a ton, but we've already supported a few people with some hormone prescriptions, body forms, and a few other necessities.

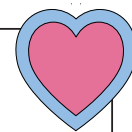
i'd really love your help. there's a bunch of ways to make a difference, and i know most of you are tapping in already. give me some money, anyway?

the harrisburg center is housing the fund for us:

centralpalgbtcenter.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate

be sure to enter TRANS HEALTH FUND in the donor note/fund designation.

peace.
miller



NEW Special Toll Free
Suicide & Mental Health Hotline
for LGBTQ+ Community:

1-877-330-6366

Thank you, Canada!

FLOOD RELIEF

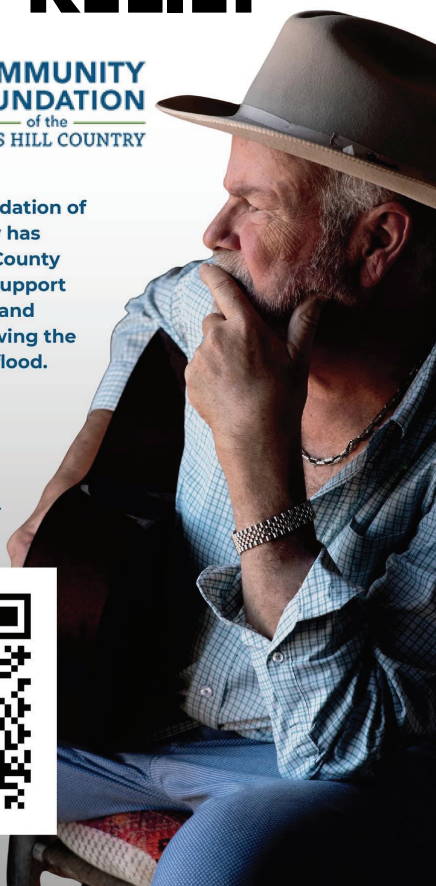


The Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country has established the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund to support local response, relief, and recovery efforts following the devastating July 4th flood.

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!

unitedwedream.org/end

@UnitedWeDream



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The Little Big Band	

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Deacon Tressie Carter	Membership

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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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Instagram and Facebook