



Woe there, Neighbor!

Sept. is Hunger Action Awareness/Hispanic Peoples Month!

2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

+ 1st Sunday after Homecoming!

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Darlene Garner!

+ Mary Elizabeth Poole, preaching

(Amos 6: 1-7 & Luke 16: 19-31)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

1:00 pm Movieola! (see flyer)

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, September 29: Office Closed

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, September 30

♥ Happy Birthday Dion Brown & Bob France!

7:30 am **Demo at Main Library/Manhattan**

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

**Oct. is Domestic Violence/Nat'l Arts & Humanities/
Queer History/Pastor Appreciation Month!**

Wednesday, October 01

♣ International Day of Older Persons

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, October 02

+ Feast of the Guardian Angels

♥ Happy Birthday Robert King!

9:00 am Food Pantry

Thursday, October 02 (continued)

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, October 03

♥ Happy Birthday Charles Bumgardner & Enez!

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, October 04

+ Feast of St. Francis/World Animal Day

♥ Happy Anniv. Lynn Domina & Sandra Jones!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 05

+ 2nd Sunday after Homecoming!

**+ 57th Anniversary of Founding of
Metropolitan Community Churches**

♣ World Teachers Day!

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. William Knight!

+ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching

(Hab. 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 & Luke 17: 5-10)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

+ Blessing of Animals

12:30 pm "Rise of the Resistance" ~

Training for Witnessing & Resisting with Alva Bostick

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

*** 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 28, 2025
✚ 1st Sunday after Homecoming

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

"It is Well"

#116/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

Amós 6: 1-7

The First Lesson

Amos 6: 1-7

¡Ay de los que llevan una vida fácil en Sión! ¡Ay de los que viven confiados en Samaria, los jefes de la nación más importante, a quienes recurren los israelitas! Vayan a Calné, y vean; de allí pasen a Hamat la grande, y bajen a Gat de los filisteos. ¿Son acaso ustedes mejores que esos países? ¿Es el país de ustedes mejor que el de ellos? Ustedes no quieren pensar en el día malo, pero están atrayendo el imperio de la violencia. Recostados en lujosos divanes de marfil, se tienden a sus anchas en sus fiestas; banquetean con corderitos y gordos becerros; tocan la flauta sin ton ni son; imitan a David, inventando instrumentos musicales; beben vino en grandes copas, usan los más finos perfumes, ¡y nada les importa la ruina del país! Ustedes serán los primeros en ir al destierro, y se acabará el alboroto de sus banquetes.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Cross over to Calneh and see; from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these dominions? Or is your territory greater than their territory, you who put far away the evil day and bring near a reign of violence? Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Lucas 16: 19-31

The Second Lesson

Luke 16: 19-31

Jesús dijo, "Había una persona rica, que se vestía con ropa fina y elegante y que todos los días ofrecía espléndidos banquetes. Había también un persona pobre llamado Lázaro, que estaba lleno de llagas y se sentaba en el suelo a la persona rica. Este persona pobre quería llenarse con lo que caía de la mesa de la persona rica; y hasta los perros se acercaban a lamerle las llagas. Un día la persona pobre murió, y los ángeles lo llevaron a sentarse a comer al lado de Abraham. La persona rica también murió, y fue enterrado. Y mientras la persona rica sufría en el lugar adonde van los muertos, levantó los ojos y vio de lejos a Abraham, y a Lázaro sentado a el lado de Abraham. Entonces la persona rica gritó: '¡Padre Abraham, ten lástima de mí! Manda a Lázaro que moje la punta de su dedo en agua y venga a refrescar mi lengua, porque estoy sufriendo mucho en este fuego.' Pero Abraham le contestó a la persona: 'Niño, acuérdate que en vida tú recibiste tu parte de bienes, y Lázaro su parte de males. Ahora Lázaro recibe consuelo aquí, y tú sufres. Aparte de esto, hay un gran abismo entre nosotros y ustedes; de modo que los que quieren pasar de aquí allá, no pueden, ni de allá tampoco pueden pasar aquí.' La persona rica rico dijo: 'Te suplico entonces, padre Abraham, que mandes a Lázaro a la casa de mi familia, donde tengo cinco hermanos, para que les llame la atención, y así no vengan ellos también a este lugar de tormento.' Abraham dijo a la persona: 'Ellos ya tienen lo escrito por Moisés y los profetas: ¡que les hagan caso!' La persona rica contestó: 'Padre Abraham, eso no basta; pero si un muerto resucita y se les aparece, ellos se convertirán.' Pero Abraham le dijo a la persona: "Si no quieren hacer caso a Moisés y a los profetas, tampoco creerán aunque algún muerto resucite."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Jesus said, "There was a rich person who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at the gate of the rich person lay a poor person named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich person's table; even the dogs would come and lick the sores of Lazarus. Lazarus died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich person also died and was buried. In Hades, where the rich person was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by the side of Abraham. The rich person called out, 'My parent Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now Lazarus is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' The rich person said, 'Then I beg you, my parent, to send Lazarus to my family's house—for I have five siblings—that Lazarus may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' The rich person said, 'No, my parent Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Abraham said, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

SELECTION

SERMON

Mary Elizabeth Poole, Lay Preacher
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 Buchanon
Deacon Len Richardson
The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner

+ *In Memory of Maureen Waite*

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

"Ven a Mi Ser"

#218/Hymnal

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

#219/Hymnal

"Ubi Caritas"

#245/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Caridad y Comprensión"

#34/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.

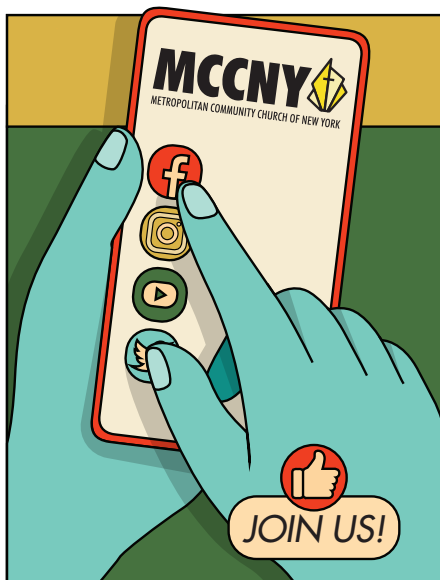
PLEASE REMEMBER to list the Church and our phone number among those to be contacted in case of illness or an emergency. Church Pastors will contact and visit you.

MCCNY has a new phone number! 332-400-7488

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MCCNY**



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

1-877-330-6366

Thank you, Canada!

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

FLOOD RELIEF



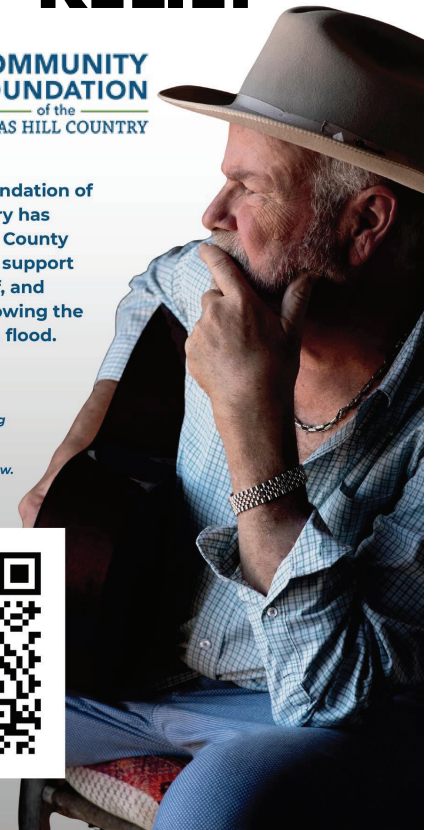
**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of the
TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

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!

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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.



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Text **KnowYourPower 877-877**

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
Heidi Siegel	Music Ministry
The Little Big Band	

MCCNY Charities

LaDedra Brown	HYS Program Manager
Kailiah Hayes	Food Pantry Manager

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

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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

Web Sites

	John Phelps
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ASL Interpreter

	Pat Dash
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Instagram and Facebook