



Announcements –Late December, 2018

Christmas Week

Reflections on Christmas – Sunday, December 23, Assembly Hall

A lay-led service embracing the spirit of the holidays sharing stories and carols.

Christmas Eve Services - Monday, December 24

A Community Christmas – 6 pm, Hall of Worship

Join us A Community Christmas - Join us for a warm and festive holiday service with seasonal music and stories. Bring a gift of warmth, such as gloves, socks or mittens, for children in need served by Nido de Esperanza. We are partnering with the Maryel School for this holiday project. A reception follows in the Assembly Hall.

Annual Handel's Messiah Concert - 8 pm

No Tickets Required-Free Will Offering Taken

Kwanzaa Sunday - December 30, Assembly Hall

Who Do I Say That I Am: A Black Queer Christian Minister's Quest for Religious Identity through the Lens of Kwanzaa

Rev. Michael J. Crumpler - (UUA) LGBTQ and Intercultural Programs Manager /Multicultural Growth and Witness, will be our guest preacher.

Sunday Fellowship Hour – 12:15 - 1 pm, Assembly Hall

For Children and Youth:

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Join us in the RE Room downstairs at 11 am. For details contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education at 212-683-4988, ext. 23 or email erosado@ccny.org.

This Month:

Gifts of Warmth – We are collecting mittens, hats and socks for children in need served by [Nido de Esperanza](#). We are partnering with the Maryel School for this holiday project. Look for the collection boxes in the Assembly Hall and the Hall of Worship.

Ushers and Greeters for Christmas Eve – Will you be attending either Christmas Eve service? Be part of the team to welcome the many members, friends and visitors who attend our annual celebrations. Please contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 126.

How to Make Electronic Contributions to Community Church:

* Set up a payment with your **bank** for one-time gift or automatic payments -just like your auto-pay bills.

* **Text Giving** - Text **ccugive** to 73256. Follow the prompts.

* **On-Line Giving** from website- There is a quick link just below the JOIN US box. Use this link and sign in as guest if you do not have an assigned password. Everyone is welcome to use this feature. If you have questions, contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at 212-683-4988, ext. 126 or vlynch@ccny.org. Thank you for your gifts!

Regular Weekly Activities:

Please Note – The Church Office will be closed December 24-25 and December 31-January 1. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Pranayama Breathing Exercises with Nafisa – Fridays by appointment, Chapel

Learn the breathing technique which improves breathing capacity, opens the upper chest muscles, strengthens the lungs and opens air passages while releasing tension through the spine and shoulders. Requested Contribution: \$20

Hatha Yoga - Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm, Front Lounge (Canceled Dec 25 and Jan 1)

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Please bring a yoga mat to the class. Requested Contribution \$15/\$5 Students

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (Canceled Dec 25 and Jan 1)

Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite. Contact Cheryl clisbin25@aol.com.

Planning Ahead:

Local Inspiration – Closing Reception – Saturday, January 5, 6-8 pm, Gallery

Join us to view Gallery35 at Community's latest exhibit – Enjoy work celebrating NYC and surrounding areas. [Flyer](#)

Donate to Community Church while Shopping:

Holiday Shopping on Amazon? – Use the Amazon Smile feature. When you shop at smile.amazon.com and you choose *The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist*, a portion of your sale is sent to the church. An easy way to offer a free donation! smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1663218

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A Message from our Nominating Committee:

We will soon be working on nominations to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in March. These and any nominations by petition will then be voted on for Church-wide positions. We invite anyone with suggestions for openings on the Board of Trustees, Church Council, or Nominating Committee to contact a member of our committee or leave a message for us with Valerie Lynch at the church office. Members are: Louise Brown, Fay Bennett Lord, Nicole Lord and Martha Wagner (Chair).

The deadline to contact the Nominating Committee is December 31. The slate will be published in early February. Qualified Voting Members will also have the opportunity to run by petition.

(See the December/January issue of *Community Connections* for full list of open positions.)

Other Opportunities:

People's Voice Café – Most Saturdays, 8 pm – More information at www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

Dec 22: Thelma Thomas Tribute Night

Dec 29: No show-Holiday Break

Esperanto Society – Third Fridays, 7-9 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (Oct-May) – Everyone is welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Office Volunteers - Do you have a few free weekday hours? The office staff could use your help! Please contact Jeff Loveland, our Church Administrator, or Thea Trent, jloveland@ccny.org or ttrent@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

Sunday Ushers, Greeters and Fellowship Hour Hosts - We invite everyone to consider serving on Sundays. It is a fun way to meet visitors, members and friends. Please contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 126.

BJ's and Helene's Place Needs Your Help - Shelter Volunteers are always needed – They work in teams and training is provided. Please contact George Garland gagarland@gmail.com or Fred Corden fcorden@me.com for details.

Book Stall Volunteers - The bookstall needs volunteers to staff the table on Sundays. Please contact Ken Wachtell at 201-963-7763 or kenw54@hotmail.com.

Please put your order of service papers in the recycling bin if you are not going to take them with you.