



Announcements –November 25, 2018

**11 am Worship** – Assembly Hall

**A Caring Community** – Dr. Janice Marie Johnson, Commissioned Lay Minister Candidate

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

**Room Locations:** The Assembly Hall, Chapel and Conference Room are downstairs. The Gallery and Front Lounge are next door in the John Haynes Holmes Community House at 28 E. 35th Street, the building with the red door! Always check the signs at the front doors as room assignments are changed occasionally.

**Linking:** To use links found in these announcements, please go to the Sunday Announcements section on our homepage, located under the sermon description- [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org) . The electronic version of announcements has active links.

**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](mailto:erosado@ccny.org) .

**How to Make Electronic Contributions to Community Church:**

**We have been receiving requests to learn more about electronic giving** – Here is information to get you started.

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

**Text Giving** - Text [ccuugive](http://ccuugive) to 73256. Follow the prompts.

**On-Line Giving** from website- [Link Here](#) (Look for Giving Tab on homepage). **Use this link and sign in as guest if you do not have an assigned password.** Members and visitors are welcome to use this feature.

If you have questions, contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at 212-683-4988, ext. 126 or [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) .

Thank you for your gifts to Community!

**Today:**

**Pipe Organ Tour** – Sunday, November 25, 12:45-2 pm, Hall of Worship

A "tour" of the Madeleine Hosmer Holmes Pipe Organ in the Hall of Worship will be offered once again. Jerry Brown will be demonstrating the instrument after Fellowship Hour on November 25, beginning at 12:45 pm. Everyone is invited to join him as he explains the wonderful features of the organ.

**This Week:**

**Pranayama Breathing Exercises with Nafisa** – Mondays, 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

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom

Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information, please contact Cheryl Lisbin- [clisbin25@aol.com](mailto:clisbin25@aol.com).

**Next Sunday:**

**11 am Worship** – Sunday, December 2, Hall of Worship

**Thanks Receiving** – Rev. Craig Schwalenberg, Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta, will be our guest preacher.

**Annual Holiday Craft Fair** – Sunday, December 2 – 12-4 pm – **Vendor Inquiries Now Being Accepted**

We will once again feature food, fun, and fabulous crafts and gifts made by artisan members and friends of Community Church. Lunch will be available (proceeds benefit the shelter) and a craft table for all ages will add to the fun. For information about tables, contact Jody Leight at [j\\_cyberbunny@yahoo.com](mailto:j_cyberbunny@yahoo.com) or at (973) 673.7354.

**Christmas Eve Messiah Choir Rehearsals** - Saturdays/Sundays, December 2-22, 12:45 -2 pm, Hall of Worship

Mandatory Rehearsal on Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 pm. Contact Jerry Brown, Director of Music, to join the Messiah Choir [jbrown@ccny.org](mailto:jbrown@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext.133.

**Planning Ahead:**

**Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club** - Thursday, December 6,7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free! See [www.shsnny.org](http://www.shsnny.org) for upcoming titles.

Dec 6 - ***The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*** by Jonathan Haidt (OVER)

**"From New York with Love" Art Party for Kids** – Sunday, December 9, 11:30 am -1 pm, Gallery

Following worship in the RE room (11 am) Camp Art Project will offer a special Sunday School program – Inspiring a child's creativity while encouraging an understanding and personal connection to refugee children affected by the Syrian civil war. [www.campartproject.org](http://www.campartproject.org)

**Community's Holiday Party** - Sunday, December 16, 12:15-2 pm, Assembly Hall

We invite you to a special Fellowship Hour as we celebrate the Holidays together. Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share.

**Donate to Community Church while Shopping:**

**Holiday Shopping on Amazon?** – Use the Amazon Smile feature. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1663218)

**A Message from our Nominating Committee:**

We will be 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: Fay Bennett Lord, Nicole Lord, Ellen Mandelbaum 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](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org)

Nov 24: Closed for Thanksgiving // Dec 1: Kristin Lems; Sally Campbell // Dec 8: Charlie King; Deborah Silverstein

Dec 15: Toby Tobias: Journey from Johannesburg; Rupert Wates: The Lights of Paris

**Esperanto Society** – Third Fridays, 7-9 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jloveland@ccny.org) or [ttrent@ccny.org](mailto:ttrent@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:gagarland@gmail.com) or Fred Corden [fcorden@me.com](mailto: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](mailto:kenw54@hotmail.com).

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