



Announcements – April 15, 2018

11 am Worship – *Deferred Gratification* - Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister
We invest ourselves in transforming a future that we may never see.

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

Volunteer Choir Rehearsal – 12:45-2 pm, Hall of Worship

Room Locations: The Assembly Hall, Chapel and Conference Room are downstairs. The Gallery and Rear/Front Lounges 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 . The electronic version of announcements has active links.

For Children:

Sunday School for Children and Youth

We begin with worship in the Chapel of Peace at 11 am. For details contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education at 212-683-4988, ext. 23 or email erosado@ccny.org .

Classical Vocal Arts for Children – Next Sessions April 29, 1-2:30 pm, Gallery

Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as *MOREOpera*, offers a series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility). There is no tuition fee. New children always welcome. Questions - Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

Today:

Small Group Ministry

New groups are being formed. For more information see the brochure available at the Welcome Table on Sundays or on the homepage of our website – www.ccnny.org

Art and Card Making Circle - Sunday, April 15, 1-3 pm, Front Lounge

Join us after Fellowship Hour for an afternoon of crafting fun. Create art and/or cards for holidays or other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

Blessing of the Animals Service - Sunday, April 15, 4:00 pm – Share a [Flyer](#)

The Blessing of the Animals service will be led by the church's clerical staff and Director of Music. While this service is free, the church welcomes cash donations which will go to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) which was founded in April 1866 by Henry Bergh, a Unitarian. Children, parents and the littlest members of your family are invited to this special service. Bring your household pet(s) and join us in celebrating the interdependent web of life as we bless our animal family with our love. For more information please contact Jamie Boyce, Student Minister, jboyce@ccny.org or call 212-683-4988, ext. 117.

Congregational Spring Retreat at Stony Point – Scheduled for Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22-Last Day to Register!

Registration is now open for our Spring Retreat at beautiful upstate [Stony Point Retreat Center](#). Stop by the Welcome Table or visit our homepage for the information/registration flyer. We are now looking for volunteers to help with the planning and/or to facilitate classes/workshops/hikes. Contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education at erosado@ccny.org or Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, vlynch@ccny.org or call us at 212-683-4988. [Flyer](#)

This Week:

Pranayama Breathing Exercises with Nafisa – Mondays, 4-5:30 pm, 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, 12:30-2 pm, Rear 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, 3rd 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.

Church Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 17, 6 pm Potluck, 6:30-8 pm Meeting

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The Hearing Loss Association of America, NYC Chapter Meetings - Tuesday, April 17, 6:30-8:30, Assembly Hall (HLAA NYC holds their monthly meetings here at Community Church on the 3rd Tuesdays of most months and Community members and friends are warmly invited to attend to learn more.

Death Café – Wednesday, April 18, 6-8 pm, Rear Lounge

Join us for an evening of sharing stories, wisdom and lively discussion on conscious awareness of the life cycle. Discussions concerning death, aging and how we can make the most of our 'finite' lives. Facilitators are Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, and Jean Boudwin, a certified yoga and meditation instructor. Attend as your schedule permits. Contact Esther if you have questions - erosado@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 23. [Flyer](#)

Next Sunday:

Mark Your Calendar! ***Want more information about Developmental and Called Ministry?*** - [Flyer](#)

11 am Worship – Sunday, April 22 – ***Between Yesterday and Tomorrow*** -Rev. Roberta Finkelstein
The sermon will speak to the opportunities which lay ahead.

Forum Talk: *Going Developmental, eh?* - Sunday, April 22, 12:30-2 pm, Assembly Hall

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein, joined by Patricia Infante, UUA Congregation Life Staff, will lead conversation.

Interim Start-up Check-In for Transition Team and Board Members – 2-4 pm, Gallery

Planning Ahead:

Energy & Me – The Big Picture

Sunday, April 29, 12:45-2:45 pm, Assembly Hall

How do I energize my home using renewable energy? How does it work and how do I choose renewables? Everyone is invited to this Green Sanctuary sponsored forum. You will have opportunity to meet local renewable installers.

Community Women Field Trip to Roosevelt Island scheduled for May 6 is being postponed. A new date will be announced soon.

Marriage Equality Day -Sunday, May 20, 4:00 pm - ***One Day. Seven Weddings.***

We are celebrating the 7th Anniversary of New York's Marriage Equality Act (2011) by offering free weddings to seven lucky couples! Join us as we affirm love and the sacred bond of marriage for all people. Couples of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to join us in the celebration of love. Those interested in renewing their vows are welcomed to join us in reaffirming their love and commitment as well. Community Church of New York invites ALL couples with a valid New York City Wedding license to participate and to be wed free of charge. Couples beyond the initial seven are invited to make a donation to the community or congregation of their choice. Community Church's Clerical staff and Director of Music will joyfully officiate the service. Please contact Jamie Boyce, Student Minister, jboyce@ccny.org or call 212-683-4988, ext. 117 to reserve your spot today.

Other Opportunities:

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

Apr 7: Emma's Revolution / Apr 14: An Evening with Holly Near: A Talk with Song / Apr 21: Ray Korona Song Night

Apr 28: David Dodson & Mary Kate Small; Ben Tousley

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

Ushers, Greeters and Fellowship Hour Hosts – Needed for Sundays

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. 26.

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.

Visiting and Writing to Homebound Members and Friends of Community

We are now seeking volunteers who would like to visit and/or write notes to our homebound Members and Friends. Please contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 26, for more 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.)