



Announcements – December 3, 2017

11 am Worship – Hall of Worship - *The Season is Upon Us* - Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister
As the year closes our lives are filled with expectation of things past and things to come.

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

Messiah 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.

"From New York with Love" Art Party for Kids – Sunday, December 3, 2017, 11:30 am -1 pm, Gallery

A Special Sunday School Activity - Inspiring a child's creativity while encouraging an understanding and personal connection to refugee children affected by the Syrian civil war. Proceeds go to support the work of Camp Art Project. Have fun and be part of the solution to the global refugee crises. (No fee for children enrolled in our Sunday School but RSVP to Esther is needed.) All children are welcome so invite friends and neighbors. – Fee \$25 / <https://fromnywithlove.eventbrite.com> (Event partner: USA for UNHCR)

Classical Vocal Arts for Children – Sessions begin again in January

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:

Annual Holiday Craft Fair – Sunday, December 3 – 12:30-4 pm, Assembly Hall

We will once again feature food, fun, and fabulous crafts, affordable art and gifts made by artisan members and friends of Community Church. Lunch will be available at the Crafts Fair, with all contributions going to support the Shelter. We will also be accepting contributions of socks (new and machine-washable, please) for our Shelter guests. Please drop off socks at the Shelter/food table at the Crafts fair. For information contact Jody Leight at (973) 673.7354 or j_cyberbunny@yahoo.com.

Small Group Ministry – Sunday, December 3, 12:45-2:30 pm, Minister's Study

Registration is closed. New groups starting soon. Contact Esther Rosado for more information – erosado@ccny.org

Nominating Committee - Sunday, December 3, 12:45-2:45 pm, Chapel

This Week:

Christmas Eve Messiah Choir Rehearsals - Saturdays/Sundays, December 2-17, 12:45 -2 pm, Hall of Worship

Mandatory Rehearsal on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm.

Contact Jerry Brown, Director of Music, to join the Messiah Choir jbrown@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 33 - [Schedule](#)

Pranayama Breathing Exercises with Nafisa – New Offering – 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. Hatha yoga uses body postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. Please bring a yoga mat to the class. Requested Contribution \$15/\$5 Students

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom

The NYC Streetsingers are now doing community outreach with Sing for Hope, a volunteer artists program that performs in Healthcare facilities throughout NYC. 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.

Studying Humanism - Monday, November 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Gallery

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

Gallery35 at Community Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 6:30-9 pm, Gallery

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Holiday Gathering with the Transition Team – Thursday, December 7, 6:30-8 pm, Minister's Study
The Transition Team invites you to join them to celebrate the holiday season. It will be a chance to meet your team in a warm festive setting. **RSVP is REQUIRED!** vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 26.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club - Thursday, December 7, 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.shsny.org for titles.

Next Sunday:

11 am Worship – Sunday, December 10 – *Hanukkah: To Dream the Impossible Dream*
Rev. Charles Blustein Ortman, Minister Emeritus, The Unitarian Church of Montclair, Montclair NJ
The Jewish festival of lights beckons us to dream in a season is full of expectation.

Shelter Committee Meeting – Sunday, December 10, 9:30-10:30 am, Shelter

Small Group Ministry – Sunday, December 10, 12:45-2:30 pm, Minister's Study
Registration is closed. New groups starting soon. Contact Esther Rosado for more information – erosado@ccny.org

Art and Card Making Circle - Sunday, December 10, 1-4 pm, Front Lounge
Join us after Fellowship Hour for an afternoon of crafting fun. Create art and/or cards for the holidays or other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

UN & Global Affairs Committee Meeting – Sunday, December 10, 1-2 pm, Conference Room

Coming Soon:

Secular Humanist Society of NY & Community Church Holiday Coat Drive – Friday, December 15, 6-8 pm, Assembly Hall
Offer a gift of warmth. We will be collecting new and gently used coats for *New York Cares*.

Church Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 6-7:30 pm, Gallery

Community's Holiday Party -Sunday, December 17, 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. The children of the Classical Vocal Arts class are planning a concert and Santa will join us too!

Other Opportunities:

UU Christian Fellowship Advent Gathering for Metro NYC
Thursday, December 14, 6 pm at 4th Universalist, 160 Central Park West
Everyone is Welcome! More Info contact Rev. Mark Cutolo - Membership@4thu.org

People's Voice Café – Most Saturdays, 8 pm – More information at www.peoplesvoicecafe.org
Dec 2: Charlie King and Rick Burkhardt / Dec 9: Thea Hopkins and The Peace Poets
Dec 16: Gloria Matlock & Michael Nix + Jeremy Aaron

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 and Holidays
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. 19.

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 for more information.

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.

A Message from our Nominating Committee:

We are now 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, the Church Council, Nominating Committee or Search 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, Virginia Brody, Carla Corcoran (Chair), Eve Hazel, Nancy Jennings, Ellen Mandelbaum and Martha Wagner (Vice-Chair).

The deadline to contact the Nominating Committee is December 31. The slate will be published by February 3. Qualified Voting Members will also have the opportunity to run by petition (deadline March 4). (See the December/January issue of *Community Connections* for full list of open positions.)

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