



Announcements – May 6, 2018

**11 am Worship** - Hall of Worship - *Trending Towards Love*

Rev. Schuyler Vogel, Senior Minister. Fourth Universalist Society, NYC

We live in a world that is often more interested in dividing people than uniting them. Today, we'll talk about how to transcend our tendencies to see each other as adversaries and instead embrace one another as partners and allies

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

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

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

**Today:**

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

**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, 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).

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**Buildings & Grounds Committee** – Monday, May 7, 6-8 pm, Rear Lounge

**Church Council** – Tuesday, May 8, 6 pm Potluck, 6:30-8 pm Front Lounge

**Death Café** – Wednesdays, May 9 (Front Lounge) and May 16 (Rear Lounge), 6-8 pm

Join us for evenings 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](mailto:erosado@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 23. [Flyer](#)

**Gallery35 at Community – Opening Reception – Form & Formless** – Saturday, May 12, 6-8 pm, Gallery

Our final exhibit for the church year, **FORM & FORMLESS** (May 5-June 9), will feature contrasting styles ranging from figurative to fanciful, representational to totally abstract.

**Next Sunday:**

**11 am Worship** - May 13, Hall of Worship – *Reflections on Mothers Day*

Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister

**UN & Global Affairs Committee Forum and Luncheon** – Sunday, May 13, 12:45-2:15 pm, Assembly Hall

(Lunch available \$5 at 12:15 pm)

**UN Briefing on Water** – Hon Marcia Brewster, Guest Speaker

Currently president of UNA-Westchester, our UN expert has devoted most of her career to United Nations programs related to water, sustainable development and gender. Until 2006 she was Senior Officer for water resources in the Sustainable Development Division at United Nations headquarters in New York. [Flyer](#)

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### **Planning Ahead:**

#### **Congregational Meeting – Budget Hearing – Sunday, May 20, 12:45 pm, Assembly Hall**

Everyone is welcome to attend. Lunch will be available. If you have questions regarding voting eligibility contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at 212-683-4988, ext. 126 or [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org).

#### **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](mailto:jboyce@ccny.org) or call 212-683-4988, ext. 117 to reserve your spot today.

#### **Ordination of Emily DeTar Birt – Saturday, May 26, 1 pm, Unitarian Church of Staten Island**

Many Community Church members and friends will remember Emily who did a field education internship here a few years ago. Everyone is invited to this wonderful celebration of her ordination. Rev. Cheryl M. Walker will offer the homily. [Invitation](#)

### **Other Opportunities:**

**People's Voice Café – Most Saturdays, 8 pm – More information at [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org)**

May 5: Jean Rohe; Luci Murphy

May 12: Eric Levine 10th Anniversary Memorial Concert/Peoples' Voice Cafe Benefit

May 19: Gathering Sparks; Walkabout Clearwater Chorus (Last show before summer break)

**Esperanto Society – Third Fridays, 7-9 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:gagarland@gmail.com) or Fred Corden [fcorden@me.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.))