

## From Your New Intern



*Hello!* It is with great delight that I greet you as your new intern minister. I am a multi-faith queer person who has been living in

New York City for approximately three weeks now. I use she/her and they/them pronouns. My fiancé, Tom, and I moved here from South Dakota and while I have moved around the country many times, this is perhaps the biggest change from one place to another!

I recently graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry and am excited to report that I have scheduled my MFC (Ministerial Fellow-

ship Committee) date to become an ordained UU minister for Fall 2020! I am so glad that Community Church can be my final step in coming into a new way of being in this amazing faith. May we have many exciting adventures together!

P.S. This picture of me is from General Assembly 2019 posing with one of the white supremacy elephants in the middle of the room "There is only one right way." May we continue to see many ways of being UU.

Satya Tabachnick

*"We are cups, constantly and quietly being filled. The trick is, knowing how to tip ourselves over and let the beautiful stuff out." ~ Ray Bradbury*

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September 8 & 15, 2019 Issue

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
11 a. m.

**Homecoming**  
September 8, 2019

**Homecoming: A House of Prayer for All People**  
Reverend Peggy Clarke

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
11 a. m.

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**House of Fire: Life During a Climate Emergency**  
Reverend Peggy Clarke

**Sunday School** ~ 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. 123 or email [erosado@ccny.org](mailto:erosado@ccny.org)

**Sunday Fellowship Hour** ~ Assembly Hall, 12:15 p.m. Please join us after worship.



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# Church Events

**Yoga with Nafisa**  
Tue., Sept. 10, 6:00 pm

**Breathing Exercises with Nafisa**  
By appointment  
Fri., Sept. 13, 2:00 pm

**Yoga with Nafisa**  
Sat., Sept. 14, 10:30 am

**Art & Card Making Circle**  
Sun., Sept. 15, 1:00 pm

**Yoga with Nafisa**  
Tue., Sept. 17, 6:00 pm

**Breathing Exercises with Nafisa**  
By appointment  
Fri., Sept. 20, 2:00 pm

**Yoga with Nafisa**  
Sat., Sept. 21, 10:30 am

**Gallery35 Opening Reception**  
Sat., Sept. 21, 5:00 pm

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Welcome returning and new families to our Religious Education and Family Ministries program. Homecoming is Sunday, September 8 and we look forward to seeing you then.

The RE program will begin the year with the spiritual practice of gratitude – holding on to what is good. Life can be full of difficulties and disappointments. We will be making "Back to the Future Boxes" so that rather than avoid discomfort we hope for the children to recall positive feelings and memories that might offset the challenges they experience.

We will be encouraging the children to practice looking for the positive: the compost worms we have been feeding vegetable and fruit scrapes have converted it to compost and it can be used to make the soil healthier – simple gratitude practices.

We will regularly write our positive memories and hold them as sacred and as regenerative materials when we are sad or need positive reinforcement. We will delve into the positive memories and then "Go Back to the Future".

Paz, Esther

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY–September 8

9:30 am Shelter Meeting  
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Religious Education  
12:15 pm Fellowship Hour  
1:00 pm UNGA Meeting

### MONDAY–September 10

6:30 pm Council Meeting

### FRIDAY–September 13

4:00 pm Board Retreat II

### SUNDAY–September 15

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Religious Education  
12:15 pm Fellowship Hour  
12:45 pm Volunteer Choir

### WEDNESDAY–September 18

6:00 pm Finance Meeting

### SUNDAY–September 22

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Religious Education  
12:15 pm Fellowship Hour  
12:45 pm Volunteer Choir

## THOSE WHO ALSO MINISTER—SEPTEMBER 8

**Pulpit Flowers**—In celebration of our new Sr. Minister, Rev. Peggy Clarke  
**Usher/Greeter**—Joe & Martha Wagner

**Welcome Table**—Nancy Jennings and Louise Brown  
**Hospitality**—Helene Summa  
**Bookstall**—Ken Wachtell

## THOSE WHO ALSO MINISTER—SEPTEMBER 15

**Pulpit Flowers**—Given by Ken Wachtell in loving memory of Dr. Sidney and Mrs. Norma Wachtell, married 1940-1992. For better or for worse! Till death did them part

**Usher/Greeter**—Elektra Birchall and Leslie McKenzie  
**Hospitality**—Board of Trustees  
**Bookstall**—Ken Wachtell

**September Coordinator Helene & BJ's Homeless Shelter**—Christie Jeffers—646-271-9345  
Shelter volunteers always welcome.

**Sunday, September 22**  
*Waging Peace: International Day of Peace*  
Reverend Peggy Clarke

**Sunday, September 29**  
*Ode to Joy*  
Reverend Peggy Clarke

## From Your Senior Minister



W e l c o m e  
h o m e !  
As I write, summer is beginning to wane with temperatures not quite able to hit those July highs any more while autumn sweaters

seem more palatable. I love the heat- the warmer the better, so the only thing that makes the end of summer bearable, in my opinion, is the joyful expectancy of September.

I don't care what our calendars tell us, September is the new year. In September, all things feel fresh again like sharpened pencils and brand new sneakers. The air is crisp and clean, the farmers markets are overflowing with the late summer harvest, children are excited about classes where they can start afresh and everyone is revitalized after those long, lazy summer days. I'm sure the squirrels and I have much in common at the end of every August as they gather acorns for the winter and I organize my closets and clean my desk and get ready for the new year.

Of course, for me, this year is more exhilarating than most. While you are all coming back after the summer respite, I'm arriving for the first time. The excitement in the building is palpable; we are all ready for what's next. For those of you who are curious, here are a few things we've been working on.

You'll see a new full time Ministerial Intern, Satya Tabachnick, who will introduce herself to you all in this newsletter and a part time Field Ed. Student, Jake Hearen, from Union who will be with us 15 hours a week. You'll see them on Sunday mornings along with our Worship Associates as we make worship more of a shared experience. Another example of our shared ministry is our Caring Team, folks from our congregation who have accepted the deep call to a life of love in community. You'll also see members of Extinction Rebellion roaming our halls as we embark on a partnership with this cutting edge, stunningly effective climate crisis team.

The biggest thing on my agenda in September is the Global Climate Strike. You'll hear much more about this, but mark your calendars now for Friday, September 20th. NYC is the center of a massive youth led movement and we are getting involved.

There's more. There's always more, but there's plenty of time to talk about it all. I admit to being even busier than I had anticipated as this year begins, but I want to meet you all and hear your stories nonetheless. Without authentic relationship within our congregation, what does anything else really mean? So, please make an appointment to see me this year. I want to know all of you.

In the meantime, welcome home.

Peggy



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