

MARBLE UPDATE

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APRIL 2011

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11AM

DR. MICHAEL BROWN
PREACHING

Schedule for Live Webcast
at www.marblechurch.org

10am – Bible Study with
Sr. Carol Perry

11am – Worship Service

12:15pm – Talkback with
Dr. Brown

12:45pm – Replay of
Bible Study

1:30pm – Adult Education

TV – Fridays @ 4:30pm,
MNN Time Warner Ch. 67
and RCN Ch. 85

Radio – Sundays @ 7pm,
WOR Radio/710-AM

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 6:15PM

Gracious Gifts

I don't need to educate you about The **Easter Offering**. It's been going on a lot longer than I've been here, touching, helping, and healing people in countless ways and countless places. But, while I cannot educate you about it, I do want to encourage you to continue supporting it.

Your gracious donations to The Easter Offering go to numerous charitable agencies in and around New York. Your gifts support groups that feed, house, clothe, educate, rehabilitate, advocate for, shelter, teach, and empower people who, for whatever reasons, find it momentarily difficult to provide for themselves. Your monies help share our Faith and its gospel of love. To put it simply, you will not find a better way to use the resources with which God has blessed you. Your Easter dollars actually do help change the world, one person at a time.

So, let me encourage you once again to step forward generously this year. I understand how hard times have been



economically. I surely know that all of our discretionary resources are far more limited than they used to be. But, most not-for-profit agencies do not have endowments substantial enough to keep them afloat if we stop giving. And the people on the receiving end of those agencies' work have nowhere else to turn. So, for those people who stand in need – the very young and the very old, the homeless and the hungry, the disabled and the disadvantaged, the ones

with potential but without resources to support it, the ones with tears that need to be replaced by smiles, the ones who hold onto a shred of hope with our face on it, for all those people and more I ask you to dig deeply for our Easter Offering. And as you do so, do not forget the words of Christ: **"When you expressed kindness to the least of these, who are my brothers and sisters, you did so likewise unto me."** (Matthew 25:40)

Thanks in advance for your love and your gifts!

-  MARBLE CURRICULUM FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH
-  PROGRAM MINISTRIES
-  SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT
-  OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
-  MARBLE MATTERS

Lenten Sermon Series: Common Clichés with Christian Content

DR. MICHAEL B. BROWN PREACHING

APRIL 3
4th Sunday in Lent
Misery Loves Company
Matthew 26:36-45

APRIL 10
5th Sunday in Lent
A Rock and a Hard Place
Mark 14:66-72

APRIL 17
Palm/Passion Sunday
Led Down the Garden Path
Mark 11:1-11
Services, 9 & 11am

APRIL 24
Easter Sunday
The Light at the End of the Tunnel
Luke 24: 13-35
Services, 9 & 11am

Lenten 2011

Wednesday Worship (WeWo) in Lent | 6:15pm

Our partnership with Rev. Susan Sparks and the members of Madison Avenue Baptist Church continues for our Lenten WeWo services. As our Sanctuary will not be available on Wednesdays due to the renovation project, **services will be held at Madison Avenue Baptist Church (on the Southeast corner of Madison Ave. and 31st Street).**

Please join us for inspiring music, Holy Communion, and brief meditations that will help us reflect on our Lenten journey toward God.



Marble Chancel at Easter

Holy Week at Marble

Our Lenten journey culminates in Holy Week when we pilgrims follow Jesus into Jerusalem, through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and to Easter morning. **We will be back in the Marble Sanctuary for all our Holy Week services.**

APRIL 17, PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Prayer Circle – Singing and prayer for individual and communal concerns in Poling Chapel. **8:30am**

Worship – “Led Down the Garden Path” (Mark 11:1-11) is Dr. Michael Brown’s message. Members are encouraged to attend the early service to ensure that there are seats in the Sanctuary for visitors during the second service. **9:00 & 11:00am**

Bible Study with Sister Carol Perry – One way to make Holy Week special is to take a fresh look at the last week Jesus spent in Jerusalem. Join us for a Bible study that promises to do just that. (This class will meet at Intersections, 274 Fifth Avenue, next to Marble Church) **10:30am**

Marble Matters: An Informational Series by the Church Board – Today’s focus is on Church Programs: Marble Staff and Lay Leadership. **1:30pm**

APRIL 21, MAUNDY THURSDAY

Stations of Love – A musical pilgrimage retracing the footsteps of Jesus and contemplating both His sacrificial love and His parting commandment to love. Includes Holy Communion. **7:00pm**

APRIL 22, GOOD FRIDAY

Music for Meditation – Voxare String Quartet. **11:30am**

Worship – “It’s Not Over Till It’s Over” (John 19:28-37) is Dr. Michael Brown’s message. Music Director Kenneth Dake leads the Marble Festival of Voices, Sanctuary Choir and chamber orchestra. **12 Noon**

Prayer Vigil – Join the Spiritual Enrichment Ministry Team in the Sanctuary to pray for members and friends of Marble Church. Come when you can, leave when you wish. *Prayer Request cards may be found in the pews or 29th Street lobby; please complete them and return to Marble by Wednesday, April 13. 1:00–3:00pm*

April 6 – at Madison Avenue Baptist Church
LIFE AND LONELINESS

Dr. Michael Brown

April 13 – at Madison Avenue Baptist Church
SECOND CHANCES

Rev. Susan Sparks

Our regular WeWo services in Bay Hall return on April 27. Join us for our worship of contemporary praise, prayer, with messages by Dr. Brown and others.

APRIL 24, EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service – “One Incredible Morning!” (Mark 16:1-8), Rev. Steven D. Pierce preaching. *Location to be announced. 7:30am*

Worship – “The Light at the End of the Tunnel” (Luke 24:13-35) is Dr. Michael Brown’s Easter message at two identical services. Music by the Marble Sanctuary Choir with festival brass ensemble. Families attend early worship with special activities for children following the service. **9:00 & 11:00am**

EASTER LILIES

Lilies decorating our Sanctuary at Easter are made possible by the contributions of members and friends in honor or memory of those they love. The name of each donor, along with the person honored, is listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 24. To pay tribute to someone in your life while adding to the beauty of the Sanctuary, please use the Easter Lilies card in the pew racks or 29th Street lobby, and return with your contribution by Sunday, April 10.

NATIONAL EASTER SPECIAL ON ABC TV

“Hope Is Back!” is a dynamic, joyful celebration of Easter – filled with touching music, life-changing stories of faith, and a powerful sermon by Dr. Michael Brown. Special music features Marble’s renowned Sanctuary Choir and Tony-Award winner Ben Vereen singing a Gospel favorite, “Oh Happy Day!” *Check your local listings for ABC broadcast information. Tell your family and friends around the country!*

At Marble You Are Wanted, Welcomed, Loved.

SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, April 3 | 10:00am – 3:00pm

If you’ve been thinking about membership – take that step. This class will be received into membership on Sunday, April 10. **Sign up required by March 27.** Please stop by the Welcome Center in Peale Parlor after Sunday worship, or contact Kim Sebastian Ryan for more details, 212-686-2770, ext. 475, or KRyan@marblechurch.org. (The following class will be June 5).

Marble's Annual Easter Offering

In 2010, more than 1000 congregants and friends of Marble together donated more than \$155,000 to our annual Easter Offering with gifts ranging in amount from under \$20 to more than \$10,000. Every dollar of the Offering was awarded in 2010 as grants to a diverse group of non-profit organizations making significant contributions to the relief of suffering and the creation of opportunity and hope, both in our New York City neighborhoods and across the globe.

These are two of the many agencies that we will hear from during Sunday worship:

SEARCH AND CARE

Search and Care's mission is to aid those in the senior community on the Upper East Side of Manhattan who need help in managing life's daily activities or accessing essential services, and to provide them the support and companionship they require to live with security and dignity in the manner they choose, doing so in a way that is not only cost effective but compassionate. Many of Search and Care's clients are frail, and often low income, isolated and homebound. Accepting the help of Search and Care is often preferred over the necessity to relocate to an alternative housing setting such as assisted, enriched, or nursing facilities.

www.searchandcare.org

PALMS FOR LIFE FUND

This not-for-profit corporation is dedicated to ending poverty by addressing its root causes and providing the poor with new opportunities to make the right choice for a better future. The Fund helps to alleviate hunger, support education and adult literacy, and offer health care for mothers and children. Marble supports an Ecuadorian soup kitchen

project and the African Burkina Faso program for women's health and education.

www.palmsforlifefund.org

To make a donation, use the envelope that you will receive in the mail or find in a pew rack. You may also make an online contribution by going to www.marblechurch.org and click on [Outreach/Easter Offering](#), or by mail to Marble Church, attn: Easter Offering.

For years and years the Easter Offering has given us a unique opportunity to share our many blessings with others. It enriches our life as a community of the faithful. Please join us by giving as generously as you can.



SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND

Monday, April 4 | 7:00pm

John Marks

The Marble Benevolence Committee welcomes John Marks, Founder and President of Search for Common Ground, for an inspiring presentation on its international peace-building work. Search for Common Ground, a past recipient of funding from the Marble Easter Offering, is working to transform the way the world responds to conflict, with programs in 25 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the US. There will be a special focus on their work to promote justice especially through successful and innovative TV and radio programs for peace, that bring people who are often arch enemies together around their common interests.

Spiritual Enrichment and Support

Bible Study with Sister Carol Perry

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

WHY FIVE SERMONS?

April 3 & 10

Matthew's gospel is structured around five important sermons of Jesus. What does that tell us about the community that compiled that gospel and about ourselves as the modern listeners?

PALM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

April 17 | 10:30am

See Holy Week schedule on page 2. This class will meet at Intersections, 274 Fifth Avenue, next to Marble Church.

TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM

THE ONE-SIDED CONVERSATION

April 5, 12, 19 & 26

We forget that the Apostle Paul's letters are just one side of an ongoing conversation with early church communities. We continue working together to see what lies behind his later letters. Join Sister Carol Perry for an intriguing look at first-century society and culture.



Sr. Carol Perry

WEEKDAYS, NOON–1PM

Spirituality in the Workplace

BOOST YOUR SPIRIT OVER LUNCH

Bring your lunch and join interactive Bible study in three Manhattan locations with Sr. Carol Perry. Return to work with a new attitude.

TUESDAYS

April 12 & 26: Downtown at 2 Wall Street, Law Offices of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, 18th floor.

April 5 & 19: Marble Collegiate Church, 3 West 29th Street (*check lobby schedule for room*).

THURSDAYS

April 7 & 21: St. Bartholomew's Church, 325 Park Avenue (*at 51st Street*). Enter through Park Avenue doors and proceed to the Vestry Room, directly behind the chancel to the right.

Marble Curriculum for Spiritual Growth

THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION

Wherever you are on the Road to Resurrection, we hope you will join us every Sunday at 1:30pm for this month's Spiritual Growth Hour. Make a rest stop, refuel your inner gas tank, or charge up your spiritual engine so that you will be ready to roll away the stone from the tombs in your lives on Easter morning!

SUNDAYS AT 1:30PM

THE DAY JESUS ATE MATZAH: WHEN EASTER MEETS PASSOVER

April 3

Rabbi Perry Berkowitz & Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

Passover and Easter are the two great holy festivals of Judaism and Christianity. While at first glance they seem to be very different, a closer look reveals that they are in fact connected. Find out how the first century Jews who followed Jesus saw the Christian story through the lens of Passover. What is Passover? What are its rituals and mean-

ings? Find out why this is the most widely observed Jewish festival among Jews, even those who are distant from faith. Discover why its message is one for all people of any faith or background.

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz and Rabbi Perry Berkowitz, a brother and sister team, head the American Jewish Heritage Organization, a national New York based organization, dedicated to combating hatred and bigotry, advancing spirituality and Jewish renewal and promoting interfaith relations. They also are the rabbis of East Side Synagogue.

HOW DOES THE MARBLE EASTER OFFERING MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

April 10

Elise Hanley, Director of Mission and Outreach, panel moderator

The Marble Benevolence Committee presents a panel discussion of organizations serving the formerly incarcerated who have been Easter Offering recipients. This hour will aim to educate our community how incarceration and recidivism rates affect us all, and how these organizations work with the formerly incarcerated to secure the employment, housing and attitudes they need to succeed, reconnect with their families, and fully integrate back into mainstream society. Hour Children and Exodus Transitional Community will participate, along with other organizations.

MARBLE MATTERS: AN INFORMATIONAL SERIES BY THE CHURCH BOARD

April 17

Please join us for the last session in this interactive series hosted by the Elders and Deacons. Today's focus is on **Church Programs: Marble Staff and Lay Leadership**.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Sundays, April 3 & 10 | 10:00am

Palm Sunday, April 17 | 8:30am

This informal gathering centers on prayer and singing. Holy Communion is celebrated April 3.



Rabbi Leah Berkowitz and Rabbi Perry Berkowitz

Program Ministries



Children, Youth & Families Ministry (CYF)

FAMILY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 3 | 10:00am

Family Worship is a creative and spiritually-moving service in which the children and youth participate. You don't have to be a parent or child to benefit from this inspirational celebration of prayer and music. All are invited; meets in Rm 600.

PARENTS' GROUP

Sundays, April 10 & 17 | 10:00am

Parents and guardians get together Sunday mornings while children attend Sunday School. Through book discussions, scripture, and sharing real-life parenting experiences, parents and guardians are equipped with the spiritual tools needed to raise their children with Christian values in a secular world.

On Easter Sunday, join our regularly-scheduled Sunday School classes. Special Easter activities and snacks are included. No choir rehearsals.

Entrepreneurs

THE ART OF PERSEVERANCE: FINDING WATER

Thursday, April 28 | 6:30-8:30pm

All rising to a great place is by a winding stair.
— Francis Bacon

Join Nancy Kitchen, owner of Flower Loft, and Gilbert Santiago, CEO of Total Event Limousine, as they describe enduring unexpected upsets and their ability to proceed as business owners through thick and thin. Both are seasoned professionals specializing in flawless customer service with heart. Our inspired leadership series is an opportunity to learn from people who have not only a gift for business but the resilience to be here to talk about it.

\$10, suggested donation (includes refreshments).

GIFTS: A Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Fellowship

THE HISTORY OF THE GIFTS FELLOWSHIP

Monday, April 11 | 6:00pm

When were LGBT people first fully embraced at Marble? Who were the key individuals that made it happen? And what does GIFTS stand for? Join us as we reminisce and celebrate the Marble GIFTS Fellowship and those who made it possible, and talk about who God is calling us to be in a world where LGBT people still experience spiritual and physical violence.

This program, which is open to the entire Marble community, will feature beloved members of our church family, including: Minister Emeritus Dr. Arthur Caliandro, Dr. Rob Williams, Rev. Gregory Johnson, Jean Silva and others. The evening will be moderated by activist, documentarian and GIFTS member Brian Murphy.

We expect a sizable crowd for this special program, so please register early. Dinner program; see column on page 6.

Marble Connection (20s & 30s)

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, April 6 & 13 | 7:15-8:15pm

20s & 30s from Marble join 20s & 30s from Madison Avenue Baptist Church in a Lenten Bible Study following WeWo. Worship and Bible study will be at MABC. (SE corner of Madison Ave. and 31st Street) Our guide is *The Power of Small Choices* by Hillary Brand. Books available for purchase through Sammy Shecter, ext. 477.

Check the [Connection page](#) at www.marblechurch.org, or call [Sammy Shecter](#) for details about these upcoming events: **Connection Passover Seder – April 20; Spring Day Retreat with Rev. Shari Brink – April 30.**

40s & 50s Ministry

GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF CENTRAL PARK

Sunday, April 10 | 12:30-2:30pm

Enjoy the cherry blossoms as we explore Central Park's west side, former site of Seneca Village, the first known community of African-American property owners. Group departs from Marble at 12:30pm and heads up by subway to 85th Street and Central Park West for a guided walking tour. Tour is \$12 per person. Subway cost on your own. [Register online](#) or contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext 453 or CCosgrove@marblechurch.org).

HANDS ON NEW YORK DAY

Saturday, April 16

The 40s&50s Ministry partners with Marble's Action Committee at this annual spring event. See information on bottom of page 7.

CHRISTIAN ASSERTIVENESS AND HEALTHY BOUNDARIES IN WORK, PLAY AND LIFE

Thursday, April 28 | 5:30-7:30pm

Join us for our monthly dinner discussion as Lesley Mazzotta, lay leader and Marble Stephen Ministry Leader, helps us with useful strategies adapted from the Stephen Ministry training program. (5:30pm appetizers, 6:00pm dinner) Dinner, \$12. Reservations required by **Tuesday, April 26.** [Register online](#) at www.marblechurch.org or contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext 453 or CCosgrove@marblechurch.org).

Men's Ministry

LIFE THROUGH A SPIRITUAL LENS

Weekend Retreat, Friday–Sunday, April 1-3

Rev. Doug Wysocky-Johnson and
Rev. Steve Pierce

Join Rev. Doug Wysocky-Johnson, Rev. Steve Pierce and the Marble Men's Ministry for this weekend focusing on how men grapple with everyday challenges such as relationships, work, aging, money, among many others. We gather at St. Joseph's Villa in Saugerties, NY. Rev. Wysocky-Johnson is Executive Director of Lumunos (*formerly Faith@Work*), a national organization to help people find greater spiritual meaning in the whole of their life. Cost, \$195 (includes meals and lodging); registration required. Reserve with Tom Schneider (ext. 712 or TSchneider@marblechurch.org).

MONTHLY BRUNCH & DISCUSSION

Sunday, April 17 | 12:15pm

All men invited to gather for brunch at our reserved table in the Meeting Place immediately after worship. At 1:00pm we convene upstairs to watch and discuss Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's sermon, "You Can Cope Successfully with Life." Brunch, \$12; no reservation necessary.



Nancy Kitchen



Gilbert Santiago

60+ Fellowship

LUNCH AND PROGRAM

12:00pm, Lunch

Served promptly at noon. **April 6:** Pasta lunch, \$7. **April 13 & 20:** Regular meal (salad, soup & dessert), \$6. **April 27:** Easterfest, \$10, Fellowship members; \$12, guests.

1:00pm, Program

April 6 – “My Journey to OZ” starring Johnny Geth with special guest Karl Dixon, is a story of truth, self-discovery, and renewed strength revealed through song selections from *The Wizard of Oz*.

April 13 – Marble member Leonie Infantry presents “Coming Soon to a Mirror Near You,” and the 3rd St Settlement Band performs.

April 20 – Rev. Greg Johnson and Rev. Marion Gambardella share the work they are doing transforming the lives of family caregivers in NYC and beyond. “The Peaceful Me” opens the doors to inner healing, freedom and joy.

April 27 – Easterfest with Chef Ron buffet (\$10 Fellowship members; \$12 guests) and Manhattan School of Music’s Brass Quintet heralds a season of renewed hope.

CLASSES, CLUBS & MOVIES

Classes and activities listed below are free, but registered membership in the 60+ Fellowship is required. Contact Colleen Cosgrove (212-686-2770) for information on how to join.

Exercise/Dance Class | 10:00-10:40am

Led by peer instructors certified by NYC’s Dept. of the Aging. No pre-registration needed. Line dancing **April 6**; Exercise **April 13 & 27**; Ballroom dancing **April 20**.

Bridge Club | 2:15pm – Experienced players welcome. On April 13, bridge master Bob Cantara teaches intermediate players and above. \$2, requested donation for Mr. Cantara’s instruction.

ACTING AND SINGING CLASS

Wednesdays, April 13, 20 & 27 | 2:15pm
Lynne Wilson, leader

Movie of the Week | 2:15pm – Room 601.

This month’s theme is *New York Is a Girl’s Best Friend*. **4/6** – No movie today. See special event information; **4/13** – “The Heiress” (1949); **4/20** – “The Devil Wears Prada” (2006); **4/27** – “Rose of Washington Square” (1939).

60+ LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

WITH SR. CAROL PERRY

Wednesdays, April 6, 13 & 20 | 10:45-11:45am

“Finding the Road to Jerusalem.” To put new energy into our Lenten journey we need the example of biblical people who have gone before us with courage and grace on the way to life.



Johnny Geth



Leonie Infantry

DINNER PROGRAMS AT MARBLE

TIME: 6pm, dinner*
7pm, program

COST: \$18, dinner & program
\$8, program only

*24-hour advance registration required for dinner programs. Reserve in Bay Hall after Sunday worship, online at www.marblechurch.org, or call the church, 212-686-2770.

60+ FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL EVENT

KNOWING OUR HISTORY: PLANNING THE FUTURE

Wednesday, April 6 | 2:15-3:15pm

Paula Hazlewood hosts this interactive session in which Marble’s beloved longtime members will have a chance to reflect on their shared history and envision a bright future for our faith community. Rev. Shari Brink, Executive Minister, and Ms. Stephanie Bailey, President of the Board of Elders and Deacons, join the conversation. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

Fridays, April 1, 8, 15 & 29 | 11am-12:30pm

Mary Duffy helps you learn to knit or to perfect your skills. All levels welcome. Please supply your own materials. Pre-registration required with Colleen Cosgrove.

AARP TAX AID

Wednesdays, April 6 & 13

9:30am–2:00pm | Room 205

Volunteers from the AARP Tax Aid Program help complete IRS tax forms for adults 50 years and older. This free service is first come, first served. 2010 Federal and State tax forms provided. Please bring copies of completed 2009 tax forms and all 2010 income and interest statements.

BLUE HILL TROUPE’S HMS PINAFORE

Sunday, April 9 | 1:00-6:00pm (3:00pm curtain)

\$27 Fellowship members;

\$30 non-members and guests

Sail away with a rousing full-production of Gilbert and Sullivan’s classic opera. Join us as we gather at 1:00pm at El Museo del Barrio on Fifth Avenue and 104th Street. Our pre-show activities will include a stroll through the Central Park Conservatory Garden and/or coffee at the museum’s café (Pay on your own). Proceeds from the performance benefit The Carter Burden Center for Aging.

To reserve, contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext 453 or CCosgrove@marblechurch.org).

Committed Couples

EASTERTIDE INTREAT: CLAIMING OUR GIFTS

Saturday, April 30 | 9:00am-1:00pm

Day retreat co-sponsored by the Committed Couples Ministry and Spiritual Enrichment Ministry. See page 7.

SAVE THE DATE

Arts Ministry

THE PUZZLE: MARBLE’S FESTIVAL OF NEW WORK

May 2-8

Mark your calendars for our week-long festival of New Works, led by Marya Spring. See the [Arts Ministry page](#) at www.marblechurch.org to find out more about the festival.

Marble Women's Ministry

WHY WORRY WHEN YOU CAN PRAY?

Thursday, April 14 | 6:00pm

Join the Women's Ministry for an evening with Clarice Simpson. She will share her journey of over eight decades steeped in deep faith and prayer. She speaks from the heart about what prayer has meant to her and how it has sustained her through life's many challenges. This inspirational program

promises to move you one step closer to a less worrisome, more prayerful life. Dinner, 6:00pm: \$12; Program, 7:00pm, free. Dinner reservations required; register online at www.marblechurch.org, or on Sunday mornings after worship at the Women's Ministry table in Bay Hall.



Clarice Simpson

Spiritual Enrichment and Support

Stephen Ministry at Marble

The Stephen Leadership Team

Sunday, February 20 was the commissioning ceremony for Marble's Stephen Leaders. The church embraced us and Marble's leadership provided the laying-on-of-hands to bless our mission. As leaders, we have been creating awareness and recruiting the initial class of Stephen Ministers to serve the Marble community and beyond. The response has been amazing and we are pleased to announce that twenty Marble members have been accepted to be trained. The fifty hours of training required for certification began on March 1, and will run through June 21. If you are aware of people who have volunteered for this ministry, please encourage and pray for them as they will be an integral part of the way Marble cares for its own.

We will formally commission Marble's Stephen Ministers on Sunday, June 5, and by summer, we will begin assigning them to those in need. Should you have any questions, the Stephen Leaders are available after worship every Sunday in Bay Hall. You may also visit www.marblechurch.org or contact

Rev. Steve Pierce (SPierce@marblechurch.org). We sincerely thank our Marble family for the encouragement we have received and ask for your continued prayers as we prepare ourselves and others for this important mission of love.

Eastertide Intreat: Claiming Our Gifts

Saturday, April 30 | 9:00am-1:00pm

In this season know as Eastertide, take time to revitalize your prayer life, nourish your soul and uplift your spirit. The Spiritual Enrichment Ministry and Committed Couples Ministry invite you to this special "intreat"—in Marble plus inner work equals a restorative and fun day. Sr. Carol Perry, Nina Frost, Patrice Donnell and Robert Romagnoli lead sessions on recognizing and unwrapping our spiritual gifts. The day ends with Worship and Holy Communion. Cost \$20; \$15 students/seniors. Register Sundays after Worship in Bay Hall beginning April 10, online at www.marblechurch.org, or contact Siobhan Tull. (ext 412 or Stull@marblechurch.org)

Opportunities to Serve

Action Volunteers

WAYS TO HELP OTHERS

Sunday, April 3 – Contribute food to HONEY (*Help Our Neighbors Eat Year-round*): bring single serving, non-perishable items to the Action Table on the Portico.

Sunday, April 3 – Help serve lunch after worship to disadvantaged (*and sometimes homeless*) seniors at the **Sunday Lounge**, held in the parish house of Madison Avenue Baptist Church on East 31st Street.

Sunday, April 10 – After worship, write note cards to our soldiers overseas through the **Any Soldier project**. Cards provided.

Saturday, April 16 – Paint, rake, plant and more during "Hands on New York Day" sponsored by

New York Cares. Join Marble's team as we spruce up one of NYC's many parks and gardens.

Monday, April 18 – Help with the **Spring Unity Day Party**, a party for youth and teenagers who are in programs run by the **Single Parent Resource Center**. Not only do these kids come from broken homes, but many of them also live in shelters. Volunteers will help provide them with an afternoon of good food, games, face painting, crafts and fun. 9:00am-3:00pm.

Saturday, April 23 – **Common Ground** is looking for volunteers to serve lunch, 12 Noon-3pm, to guests at The Prince George (*28th Street between Fifth & Madison*).

Visit the Action Table in Bay Hall after worship any Sunday, or contact Elise Hanley, Director of Mission and Outreach, EHanley@marblechurch.org.

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SAVE THE DATE

Music at Marble

THEN SINGS MY SOUL: SPRING CHORAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 15 | 2:00pm

Marble Sanctuary Choir and Festival of Voices,
Kenneth Dake, *director*

Marble Community Gospel Choir,
Djoré Nance, *director*

The diversity of Marble music serves as a modern metaphor for the day of Pentecost, enabling people to hear and express God's praise in their own musical language. For this joyous finale to our season, we will revel in a great variety of inspiring "hits" from Handel to Hawkins with a combined choir of over 100 voices. Includes pre-concert

lecture at 1:30pm, *Discovering Truth beneath the Notes* with Kenneth Dake.

ADMISSION:

\$25, at the door (\$20, students/seniors).

Save \$5 – Order tickets in advance online with credit card at www.marblechurch.org, or contact Siobhan Tull (ext. 412 or STull@marblechurch.org).

DISCOVERING TRUTH BENEATH THE NOTES: WORSHIP AS THREE STREAMS, ONE RIVER

Sunday, May 15 | 1:30pm

Kenneth Dake

This lecture is part of today's concert. Those not attending the concert are invited to view the lecture via live streaming in Poling Chapel.

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THE LAST WORD:

Life is full of beauty.
Notice it.

Notice the bumble bee,
the small child,
and the smiling faces.

Smell the rain, and
feel the wind.

— Ashley Smith

SAVE THE DATES

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL IN BAY HALL

Sunday, May 1 | 12:15-3:00pm

Join the entire community in celebrating the Creative Spirit, the Arts and our local artists. The Artisans Boutique is back by popular demand, offering unique hand-crafted jewelry, textiles, ceramics, photography and other artwork for sale. Highlights include CYF Bake Sale, live music and a 60+ Fellowship art exhibit. All proceeds from the bake sale, artisans' table rentals and door prize donations will be shared by the CYF Ministry and Latham House, our neighborhood shelter for mothers and their young children.

Calling all artisans! Marble members and friends are invited to bring custom creations and hand-crafted gifts to be showcased for sale. Table fees: \$40 for a six-foot table, or \$20 for half a table. Please reserve early

as space is limited. Registration deadline is April 25. Register online at www.marblechurch.org, or contact Siobhan Tull (ext. 412 or STull@marblechurch.org).

SPRING BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15

Consider how Marble Church nurtures your spiritual journey and think of friends you could invite to join you on this special day. We look forward to welcoming them!

MARBLE FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, June 11

All are invited to join in the fun of our second annual country picnic. This year we'll be at Morris Lewis Park in Morristown, NJ. Those who attended last year can tell you this is an event not to be missed!

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