



## NOVEMBER 2011

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 11AM

DR. MICHAEL B. BROWN  
SENIOR MINISTER  
PREACHING\*

### NOVEMBER 6\*

All Saints Sunday

### The Last Five Minutes of the Movie

I Corinthians 15:12-19, 51-57

### NOVEMBER 13

### So Much More than a City

Nehemiah 4:9

Rev. Shari K. Brink, preaching

### NOVEMBER 20\*

Christ the King/Thanksgiving  
Stewardship Sunday

### Thankful

Psalm 96

### NOVEMBER 27\*

First Sunday in Advent

### The Light of the World

Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

## Partnering with God in the Life Changing Business

Peter Drucker wrote: "The core purpose of a non-profit is to change lives." Certainly we at Marble Collegiate are in the life-changing business.

You and I are partners in that ministry in a myriad of ways: through our prayers, our community involvement, our service on committees and task forces, the encouragement we offer to those who are struggling, the invitations we extend to those who are unchurched, our participation in worship, study sessions or small groups, etc. One of the truly significant ways we become partners in the ministry of transformation (changing lives) is through the commitment of our gifts.

I think financial stewardship is about more than merely underwriting budgets and paying bills. For one, **it is about expressing thanks.** November is the date we celebrate Thanksgiving, and Stewardship is a meaningful method by which we



Dr. Michael Brown

live into that celebration. Most of us would say, no matter how tough economic times may have been, that we are blessed in ways too numerous to count. A powerful expression of gratitude is to offer one's financial support to an institution that will bless others.

**Stewardship is also about saying "Yes" to a corporate mission.** Our mission, as Drucker noted, is to change lives – to feed the hungry, house the homeless, love the lonely, teach the seekers, comfort the strugglers, empower the powerless, encourage the disheartened, equip the servers, and to offer God's message of hope for fresh starts and new beginnings to a world that too often has lost hope. I believe in that mission. I think it is God-inspired and sacred. It's something I want to be part of. And my financial contributions to this church enable me to participate in something larger and more lasting than anything else I know. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## One Spirit, Many Gifts: Stewardship Story-sharing

To hear what brings someone to Marble always makes for a good telling, but even more interesting is to hear the stories of each person's experience. Transformative or touching, they enrich all of us who hear them.

With the Stewardship season now upon us, it is the heartfelt responses to these experiences at Marble that inspire us to make a pledge in thanks to a loving and generous God. It is one of those stories that we share today. A member since October 2010, George Pakenham writes:

Quality. It's one small word with a huge meaning.

Quality usually implies that one pays a high price to obtain something of extraordinary value. But can that same word be used in a spiritual or religious context? Perhaps.

For several years I attended Marble as a periodic visitor after having been a member in the 1980s of another grand landmark NYC church. Marble was as majestic and multifaceted as my former church, just on a more intimate scale. It did indeed have a

"home town" flavor that was so often mentioned.



George Pakenham

I was always impressed by this aura of quality within the hallowed space itself – the beautiful stained glass windows, the incredible music (oh, that gospel choir!) and even the twinkle in the eye of the greeters at the front door.

It was the preaching sincere, profound, and with vivid meaning – that had me coming back each week. I had to ask myself, how can Dr. Michael Brown appear to speak impromptu? Was it something in his diet or perhaps the intensity of his spiritual being?

Overall, it was the quality of the Marble experience which drew me in to become a member. A quality which deeply touched me. And it's with respect for that sense of quality – a quality of spiritual life, respect for all that Marble offers, and a biblical imperative – which compelled me to tithe. For me, this quality does not come at too high a price.

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## LIVE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

If you can't be here in person, visit [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) for Live Webcast

### SUNDAYS

**10am** – Bible Study with Sr. Carol Perry

**11am** – Worship Service

**12:15pm** – Talkback with Dr. Brown

**12:45pm** – Replay of Bible Study

**1:30pm** – Spiritual Growth Hour

### WEDNESDAYS

**6:15pm** – Wednesday Worship

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

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

## PARTNERING WITH GOD... CONTINUED FROM PG 1

I am honored to be part of a faith community populated by people who share this common dream ... and who give their time, talents, and resources to making the dream come true. So, in this season of giving thanks, I thank God for those of you who keep this church vibrant and vital, and as a sign

of my thanks, I will join you in making a contribution that, in God's hands, will make a difference in changing lives.



## THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

**Sunday, November 20 | 12:15pm**

All are welcome as we give thanks for our unique and diverse faith community. Chef Ron and his staff will prepare a bountiful Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings. Come and enjoy warm fellowship and a delicious meal.

\$12, adults; \$6 children. Family plan: parent/guardian with two or more children, one child eats free.

**Unlike our regular Sunday brunches, reservations are required; reserve**

early at [marblechurch.org](http://marblechurch.org) or with Siobhan Tull, (ext. 412 or [STull@marblechurch.org](mailto:STull@marblechurch.org)).



Following the meal, help make Thanksgiving greeting cards for our homebound community and those serving overseas. Open to all ages.

## BHUTAN: The Himalayan Kingdom – and the Story of a Little Girl Called Rosie

**Wednesday, November 2 | 1:00-2:00pm**

Co-Sponsored by Spiritual Growth and Education, 60+ Fellowship, Marble Mission and Outreach and The Arts Ministry.

Award-winning photographer Gillian Marshall has a passion for South Asia. This presentation is comprised of images taken during her visits to Bhutan – including a little girl named Rosie, whom Gillian came to know as the daughter of her frequent driver. Rosie, now aged 12, was diagnosed at age 8 with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She is unable to receive treatment in her country, thus she and her parents must travel to South India (approximately the distance of flying from JFK to Heathrow). They go four times a year, with each trip lasting from two weeks to two months, depending on Rosie's condition. Gillian shares photos of Rosie in the hospital, but also of her family outside, playing and enjoying life. These pictures capture the glorious culture, festivals, countryside and people of Bhutan. All are invited to enjoy some armchair travel, and to take a deeper look at how we can all utilize our talents in ministry to those far and near. Open to all. No charge; a free-will love offering will be taken for Rosie and her family.



Rosie

## CREATING DEEP COMMUNITY: Building Churches On Jesus' Vision of Community and Spirituality

**Friday, November 4 | 3:30-9:00pm**

See page 8 for details.

Join the Marble Family!

## DECEMBER NEW MEMBER CLASS

**Sunday, December 11 | 10:00am-3:00pm**

**Sunday, December 18 | 9:30am-12:30pm**

Give yourself the gift of becoming a member of the Marble Family – Christmastime is the perfect time to join. Please stop by the Welcome Center in Peale Parlor after Sunday worship or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan for more details, (ext. 475 or [KRyan@marblechurch.org](mailto:KRyan@marblechurch.org)). The next class will be in February.

This class will be received into membership on Sunday, December 18. **Deadline for registration is Sunday, December 4.**

*At Marble You Are Wanted, Welcomed, Loved.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### CELEBRATE THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

**Sunday, December 11**

This third annual event includes a Blessing of the Artists during worship, followed by an Arts Festival in Bay Hall. **Bring a friend** to this special celebration of our talented artistic community.

Marble Members and friends are invited to participate in the Arts Festival by displaying and selling their work, either in the Fine Arts Exhibition or Artisans Craft Boutique. 100% of the entry fees will go to a local children's charity. Fees are \$40 for a six-foot table, or \$20 for a half-table. A Bake Sale hosted by our CYF Ministry and live music will add to the festivities. **Please reserve early as space is limited. Registration deadline is December 5.** Register online at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org), or contact Rebecca Vigil in the church office (ext. 715 or [RVigil@marblechurch.org](mailto:RVigil@marblechurch.org)).

## One Spirit. Many Gifts in Action

The Ministries Council and staff leadership elected a church-wide theme for this Church year, “One Spirit. Many Gifts.” But how many of us realize the wonderful example of that theme taking place in front of us day after day?

The construction project of the Sanctuary roof and renovation of the space we’ve known as Burrell Hall started last winter, connecting a group of sub-contractors who hadn’t worked together before. Each person came to the project with skills and knowledge and together they created a team that works well on this common goal. A beautiful new space for spiritual growth and education, a chapel for quiet reflection, a new columbarium. One Spirit. Many Gifts. In Action.

These talented contractors and construction workers take pride in their work and even though this project offers many challenges, they say it makes the job very interesting. Every day is different. “I haven’t said this in a long time, but I actually enjoy working here – besides being a little dusty and hot. It’s not sheet rock and metal studs every day.” – Rich Saporito, carpenter. Imagine what he and others dealt with up in the attic during the extreme heat this summer!

Because they are working in an existing, landmarked building, they can’t use the machinery they typically would use. Ed Palmentiero works in excavating, “It’s a little difficult because you’re in more of a confined space.” Everything goes out or comes in by hand—wheel barrow by wheel barrow. The guys joked that they hadn’t found gold, but did have to remove a boulder the size of a Fiat.

The job requires a lot more thinking. At times the logistics are coordinated almost down to the minute. If one guy misses something, it has a cascading effect. The site is not forgiving. With timber trusses they’ve worked hard to limit anything that sparks – no welding allowed on the premises. Instead they’ve broken things down into smaller pieces and done so much by hand.

Another aspect that has added to the challenge is the decision not to relocate during construction in order to keep the congregation in the Sanctuary for worship. It takes around six hours just to get ready for each Sunday. Joe Savignano, the Labor Foreman for Structure Tone, Inc (The Construction Management Company), shrink-wraps the pews for protection before work begins each week, and then removes the wrap each Friday. When the job first started, he did the entire Sanctuary himself. Now he gets some help. During Hurricane Irene

Joe and his team were here around the clock that entire weekend monitoring materials and watching for leaks.



Ed Walsh, Ed Palmentiero, Rich Saporito, Joe Savignano

The varied gifts of these men are joining those of the laborers who built this special place years ago. They are continuing the legacy with craftsmanship and pride.

“It’s amazing and fascinating to go back in time and you see

how people built things – they don’t build like this anymore. You see people’s names from 1853 that they’ve carved into the timbers.”

— Ron Pennella, StructureTone, Inc.

“Being a carpenter up in the attic, it’s kind of a pleasure to see the skills that somebody had 150 years ago. The nails were made by blacksmiths.”

— Rich Saporito

They all expressed a lot of pride about their work, both personally and professionally. Ron Pennella related it to being almost like the Marine Corp where you watch out for each other and in that respect everyone benefits from the level of professionalism and courtesy.

And their commitment extends beyond their official responsibilities: “These guys have gone above and beyond in supporting me and protecting the Ribbons of Peace on the fence.”

— Kim Sebastian-Ryan

“Talk about ‘skilled labor,’ I now walk away with appreciation for the true skill that each one of these tradesmen brings to the job.”

— Gayle Robinson,  
Marble’s Chief Operating Officer

“When everyone sees the finished product, I hope they’ll appreciate what really happened and what all these guys had to do. People often don’t stop to think about all the details involved.

— Ed Walsh, Assistant Supervisor  
Structure Tone, Inc.

So, Marble Community, as you journey through this year discovering what your own gifts are, take a moment to appreciate all the time, effort, and gifts that have been used to create and re-create this building. Look up at the Sanctuary ceiling and send out a silent thank you. When you walk into the new space say a prayer of blessing for the hands and minds that made it happen. And of course if you’d like to express your thanks in writing, we’d be happy to pass that along to this amazing team.



Sr. Carol Perry

## Bible Study with Sister Carol Perry

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

### **GOD NEEDS A PEOPLE – THE BEGINNING** November 6, 13 & 20

God calls a people into being by asking them to respond to His call. They are to be formed into something the world has never before seen, a group bonded together on a journey with the living Word of their God. Why not join the adventure and see what comes next?

### **ADVENT SERIES: THE TIME IS NOW**

November 27; December 4, 11 & 18

Each year Advent invites us to step back into the biblical story and to move forward as we join it to our lives today. Be with us as we come again to Bethlehem.

TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM

### **ON THESE WE STAND**

November 1, 8, 15 & 29

The early chapters of Genesis are our foundation stories, essential to an introduction to the God of the Bible. Studying them can lead to new life in God's Word. (Note: no class November 22).

WEEKDAYS, NOON–1:00PM

### **SPIRITUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE**

*Boost Your Spirit over Lunch*

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

TUESDAYS

November 8 & 22: Marble Collegiate Church, 3 West 29th Street (check lobby sign for room).

THURSDAYS

November 10: 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.

## Spiritual Growth Hour

### **WE ARE ALL CONNECTED: STORIES FROM UGANDA**

November 6

Cary Alan Johnson; Dr. Jason Baker, moderator

It's sometimes hard to understand or connect with the plight of those facing spiritual violence thousands of miles away. And yet, as Jesus reminds us, we are all the body of Christ. How, then, can we prayerfully react to the political and spiritual struggle of our sisters and brothers in Africa? Cary Alan Johnson, Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, will speak to us about the current climate for LGBT people in Uganda and share the work her organization is doing to make a difference in their lives. Hosted by GIFTS.



Brian Hampton in "The Jungle Fun Room"



Liz Testa as Miss Chiquita

*One Spirit. Many Gifts.*

### **YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS: BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS**

November 13

Sr. Carol Perry, Nina Frost, Brian Hampton, Paulette Thompson-Clinton, M. Div.

What does the Bible tell us about spiritual gifts and how can we apply Biblical insight about gifts to our lives today? In this interactive introduction to the Marble Spiritual Gifts Itinerary, get oriented to the topic, take away an inventory that will open a range of gifts to you, and take a step in discerning and claiming some of the ways God calls you to serve. Open to all.

### **ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING**

November 20

We celebrate as a church family and give thanks for the gifts God has given us. After brunch (reservations required, see page 2), all are invited to write cards or assemble care packages for our home-bound members and those serving overseas. Help us let them know they are being thought of during this season of gratitude and hope.

### **FROM THE STAGE TO THE SANCTUARY: ACTING IN FAITH**

November 27

Brian Hampton, Liz Testa

Liz Testa, M. Div. and Brian Hampton have a lot in common. Both have been blessed with gifts of the performing arts, and each began serving Marble in 2002 while seeking a way to combine their love of theater with their love of the church. Brian started as the Church School Assistant, and Liz began as the Women's Ministry Coordinator. Nine years later, both are still here, using their artistic gifts in ministry in ways neither could have imagined. Liz has completed seminary, is on track to become an ordained minister, and employs her creative gifts as Director of Church Growth and Hospitality. In his role as the Director of the CYF Ministry, Brian helps kids to grow in their faith through fun and contemporary ways. In addition, he is re-birthing the Arts Ministry. The stories of how Liz and Brian are using their gifts can help all of us see how our gifts can be used.

Brian is an actor and playwright with two of his plays (*The Jungle Fun Room* and *Checking In*) having been produced around the country, including in off-Broadway festivals to rave reviews, and one turned into a movie that he produced and starred in. Liz is a classically trained actress whose career included commercials and voice-overs for Spanish and American markets. In addition, she spent six years as the national spokesperson for Chiquita Banana, appearing at hundreds of events across North America – including television interviews and singing the national anthem at major sporting events.

## Children, Youth & Families Ministry (CYF)

### FAMILY WORSHIP

*Sunday, November 6 | 10:00am*

CYF's 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 Room 600.



### PRAYER AND PARENTING SMALL GROUP

*Sundays, November 13, 20 & 27  
10:00-10:45am*

Parents and guardians come together to pray and to discuss the book *Grace-Based Parenting* by Tim Kimmel. Books are available during the group for \$8 each. Led by Pat Ohikuare.

## Marble Connection (20s & 30s)

### BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30  
7:15-8:15pm*

We continue studying 1 and 2 Corinthians, in keeping with Marble's 2011-12 theme of **One Spirit. Many Gifts**. No RSVP or preparation is necessary. Our Advent Bible Study begins November 30. (*Note: no session November 23*).

### CONNECTION CONVERSATIONS

*Sundays, November 6 & 13 | 12:15-1:15pm*

Join us after worship for this opportunity to meet new people and get to know each other better by sharing our responses to the day's sermon.

### THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

*Sunday, November 20 | 12:15pm*

Sit at our reserved table for this special All-Church event. Please see page 2 for registration details.

### FIRST FRIDAYS

*Friday, November 4 | 6:30pm*

For information on our monthly social gatherings, please check the Connection page at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) or contact Sammy Shecter (ext 477 or [SShecter@marblechurch.org](mailto:SShecter@marblechurch.org)).

## Entrepreneurs

### IN OUR OWN VOICE:

#### WOMEN VETERANS TELL THEIR STORY

*Thursday, November 17 | 6:30-8:30pm*

Join us for this special evening co-sponsored with the Marble Women's Ministry and Marble's Mission and Outreach Ministry. Please see page 6 for details.

## GIFTS: An LGBT Fellowship

### WE ARE ALL CONNECTED: STORIES FROM UGANDA

*Sunday, November 6 | 1:30pm*

Cary Alan Johnson, Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, will speak about the current climate for LGBT people in Uganda. Jason Baker, moderator. Please see page 4.

### WORLD AIDS DAY WORSHIP

*Wednesday, November 30 | 6:15pm*

Mark your calendars for this special WeWo.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT "THE CHURCH"

Stay tuned to the GIFTS e-blast and church bulletin for more information on volunteer opportunities at "The Church," a LGBT youth drop-in center in the village.

*For more information on GIFTS and to sign up to receive the GIFTS e-blast, contact Sammy Shecter (ext. 477 or [SShecter@marblechurch.org](mailto:SShecter@marblechurch.org)).*

## 40s & 50s Ministry

### STAY AND PRAY

#### From Our Hearts to God's Ears

*Sunday, November 6 | 12:30-1:15pm*

Join us after worship for a simple prayer service. Offer your concerns, thoughts, and hopes up to God's listening spirit.

### LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK:

#### CREATING A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY 2nd Annual Retreat

*Friday-Sunday, November 11-13*

What does it mean to look at your life through a sacred lens? Join us as we explore ways to let Jesus in and live with God's grace and love so our individual stories become richer, fuller, more authentic and vibrant. Step away from the pressures of daily life for a weekend of rest and renewal at Mariandale Retreat Center, a serene and contemplative locale conveniently located in Ossining, New York, on the banks of the Hudson River. The 40s&50s servant leader team along with pastoral advisor Liz Testa lead our weekend which will include worship, prayer, music, Bible study, interactive group sessions, nature walks, lively conversation and fellowship, quiet, rest, and fun.

**Cost, \$205** (includes food and lodging). Reserve online at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) or contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext. 453 or [CCosgrove@marblechurch.org](mailto:CCosgrove@marblechurch.org)). *Register early as space is limited.*

### THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

*Sunday, November 20 | 12:15pm*

Join the group in fellowship as we celebrate and give thanks. Please see page 2 for registration details.

## Committed Couples

### THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

*Sunday, November 20  
12:15pm*

All couples are invited to gather for this inter-generational celebration. Please see page 2 for reservation details.

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## Men's Ministry

### DINNER & DISCUSSION: LOVE

**Tuesday, November 15 | Dinner, 6:00pm;  
Program, 7:00pm**  
Dr. William R. Lutz

Join us for the conclusion of our series "Faith, Hope and Love, These Three." These three are seen as the foundation of the Christian life, and St. Paul says the greatest is love. The Bible says, "all men will know you are my disciples by your love."

What is love and what does it mean to live Christ's love, especially today? Following a brief presentation on the Old and New Testament understanding of love, we will discuss: What is love – a warm emotion? a hug? infatuation? an attitude? being firm? walking away? getting our hands dirty? a way of life?

Bring your questions and thoughts for a lively discussion on the role of love in your life.

**Dinner & Program: \$18; Program only: \$8.** Register online at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) or contact Tom Schneider (ext. 712 or [TSchneider@marblechurch.org](mailto:TSchneider@marblechurch.org)).

### SAVE THE DATE

#### BRUNCH & DISCUSSION

**Sunday, December 4 | 12:15pm**

Gather for brunch at our reserved table in the Meeting Place immediately after worship. At 1:00pm, we convene in a separate room to watch and then discuss "The Power of Love," by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Brunch, \$12; no reservation necessary.

## Marble Women's Ministry

### IN OUR OWN VOICE:

#### WOMEN VETERANS TELL THEIR STORY

**Thursday, November 17 | 6:30-8:30pm**

A play-in-monologues drawn from interviews with women veterans and those still serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, this 45-minute theatre piece reflects the courage, insight and wit of the women willing to share their stories. It will be performed by NYC Equity actors followed by a Veteran/Civilian Dialogue and a Talk-Back Discussion. Hear the unexpected challenges women face in today's military; the historic changes they are making; the duties they perform and the difficulties and triumphs they face in coming home.

*In Your Own Voice* is produced by the Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute. Co-hosting the evening with PSI are the Marble Women's Ministry, Entrepreneurs, and Marble's Ministry of Outreach and Mission. Open to all. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages served. Cost, \$10 (veterans may attend free of charge). Register at [marblechurch.org](http://marblechurch.org) or contact Siobhan Tull (ext. 412 or [STull@marblechurch.org](mailto:STull@marblechurch.org)).

## 60+ Fellowship

Please see our 60+ newsletter for more details on all our events. If you are not yet a member, contact Colleen Cosgrove (212-686-2770, ext. 453) for information on how to join (\$15 registration fee).

### LUNCH AND PROGRAM

#### 12:00pm, Lunch

Served promptly at noon. November 2: Pasta and birthday cake (\$7). November 9 & 30: Soup/salad (\$6). November 16: Thanksgiving Feast (\$10, Fellowship members; \$12, guests).

#### 1:00pm, Program

**November 2** – Enjoy some armchair travel as photographer Gillian Marshall shares an inspiring narrative through beautiful images entitled **Bhutan: The Himalayan Mountain Kingdom...and the story of a little girl called Rosie**. See page 2 for details.

**November 9** – Kay Gimmestad, MSW and life coach, leads an interactive session on stress management.

**November 16** – Thanksgiving Feast (\$10, Fellowship members; \$12, guests) followed by Worship in the Sanctuary led by Dr. Bill Lutz, Ken Dake and Liz Testa.

**November 23** – No Fellowship, Happy Thanksgiving!

**November 30** – Alexandra Beliakovich, pianist, returns to present her latest classical repertoire.

### CLASSES, CLUBS & MOVIES

*Classes and activities listed are free, but registered membership in the 60+ Fellowship is required.*

**Exercise/Dance Class | 10:30-11:00am** - Led by peer instructors. For all fitness levels. No pre-registration needed.

**Singing with Lynne | 2:15-3:00pm** - Lynne Wilson's popular class continues. No experience necessary.

**Bridge Club | 2:15pm** - Experienced players welcome. On November 9, bridge master Bob Cantara teaches a class for intermediate players and above. \$2, requested donation for Mr. Cantara's instruction.

**Movie of the Week | 2:15pm** - See the 60+ newsletter for our schedule of classic films.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

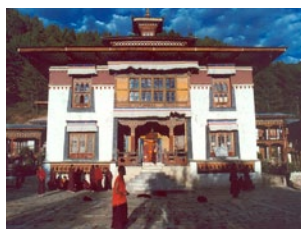
**Wednesdays, November 2 & 9 | 2:15-3:30pm**

Acting Coach, Kathryn Bild, continues her confidence-boosting workshop using proven acting exercises and techniques. Be prepared to have fun. No experience or registration required.

### KNITTING AND CROCHETING

**Fridays, November 4, 11 & 18 | 11:00am-12:30pm**

Mary Duffy helps you learn to knit or to perfect your skills. All levels welcome to join this supportive class. Please supply your own materials. Registration required. (Note: no class November 25).



Monastery in Bhutan



**WEWO: WEDNESDAY WORSHIP @6:15PM**

Dr. Michael Brown offers insightful preaching and Gospel Choir director Djoré Nance provides musical leadership during our mid-week service. "WeWo" blends traditional and contemporary worship styles, taking the best of both, creating a mixture that is informal and reverent, often humorous and always Spirit-filled. Meets in Bay Hall.

**Wednesday, November 30** – Join us for our annual **World AIDS Day** worship.

*If you can't be here in person, visit [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) for Live Webcast of Wednesday Worship.*

**SMALL GROUPS**

Small Groups offer encouragement for your spiritual journey. For the most up to date listing of groups, or to join a group, visit [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) and click on Small Groups. Questions? Contact Rebecca Vigil (ext. 715 or [RVigil@marblechurch.org](mailto:RVigil@marblechurch.org)).

*"One Spirit. Many Gifts"*

**THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH SPIRITUAL GIFTS INTINERARY**

*"Kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you."  
— 2 Timothy 1:6*

This year-long Marble initiative invites everyone on a vital journey to explore and grow into your spiritual gifts. We all have spiritual gifts, as well as the lifelong challenge of how to enjoy and employ them. Throughout the year, you will find many ways to discover and celebrate your God-given gifts.

The Spiritual Gifts Intinerary will meet you where you are on your journey and help you delve into this topic in ways that are practical, enjoyable, and life-changing. Building on the insights generated in the "Creating Deep Community" retreat on November 4, the Intinerary will include Spiritual Growth Hours, Saturday retreats, program group events, small groups and a customized Gifts Workbook with weekly supplements for further exploration.



Pick up a brochure or visit us at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) to learn more.

**Opportunities to Serve****Action Volunteers: What Will You Do?****WAYS TO HELP OTHERS**

**Bless and Be Blessed** – This is a very popular time to serve and opportunities fill up EARLY. If you wish to volunteer for Thanksgiving, it is advisable to contact Elise Hanley or Tom Schneider no later than Sunday, November 6. All others will be added to a waiting list to be placed as we are able. Thank you for your interest – and remember, your service is special and needed year round!

Here are other ways you can serve:

**Sunday, November 6** – After today's worship, volunteers are needed to write notes, through the **Any Soldier** project, to service personnel stationed overseas. Visit Poling Chapel. Note cards provided.

**Sunday, November 6** – Contribute food to **HONEY** (Help Our Neighbors Eat Year-round): bring single serving, non-perishable items to the Action Table in Bay Hall.

**Sunday, November 6** – Help serve lunch after worship to low-income senior adults at the **Sunday Lounge**, held in the parish house of Madison Avenue Baptist Church on East 31st Street. Volunteers should arrive at 12:30pm.

**Sunday, November 6** – Select "Jingle Bell Wishes" (gift wishes from children living in the Icahn House family shelter) and purchase a present for a child. Select "Dear Santa" letters from SCAN (supportive services for at-risk children) and purchase a present for a child. Visit Poling Chapel and have your chance to play Santa.

**Sunday, November 13** – Volunteers are needed to help prepare 30 lunches, 9:30-10:30am, for our **Ecclesia Ministry** (an open-air worshipping congregation for the homeless in Madison Square Park). Others needed to transport the lunches and host the service, starting at 1:30pm.

**Sunday, November 20** – For our All-Church Thanksgiving Celebration, bring non-perishable, unexpired food items which will be distributed to citywide food pantries.

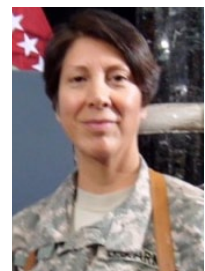
**Thursday, November 24** – Volunteers are needed to serve Thanksgiving dinner to the elderly of **Project Find** at St. Paul's Church, 9th Avenue & 61st Street. **They especially need drivers with cars** to deliver meals to homebound clients.

*Stop at the Action Table in Bay Hall after Sunday worship to talk with a committee member about these opportunities and others. To receive notice of serving opportunities, "Action Alerts," by email, contact Elise Hanley, Director of Mission and Outreach, [EHanley@marblechurch.org](mailto:EHanley@marblechurch.org).*

**IN OUR OWN VOICE:****WOMEN VETERANS TELL THEIR STORY**

**Thursday, November 17 | 6:30-8:30pm**

Marble's Ministry of Mission and Outreach helps hosts this special event with the Marble Women's Ministry and Entrepreneurs. Please see page 6 for details.





Rev. Ron Farr

**CREATING DEEP COMMUNITY:  
Building Churches On Jesus' Vision  
of Community and Spirituality**  
Friday, November 4 | 3:30-9:00pm  
Rev. Ron Farr

Laity is the term used to refer to church members and friends who are not ordained clergy. As a member of the laity, or lay person, you come to ministry with your own special gifts. Join us for this inspiring retreat where you will unwrap your gifts through interactive Bible Study, supportive sharing, and personal reflection. Explore transformative strategies on how to build deep community within

the church, and grow spiritually through engaging with other ministry leaders. Open to all members and friends of Marble Collegiate Church, the retreat will be led by the Rev. Ron Farr, Director of the Laity Empowerment Project and co-pastor of Emmanuel Congregational Church in Watertown, NY.

*If you are unable to be here for the beginning, please don't hesitate to join us after you get off work.*

Cost is \$15.00 and includes dinner. Childcare provided.

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**Advent Concert**

**THAT GLORIOUS SONG OF OLD**  
Sunday, December 4 | 2:00pm

Join Kenneth Dake, the Marble Sanctuary Choir and Festival of Voices with Chamber Orchestra for a glorious musical celebration of the season – truly Marble at its finest. You will be transported well beyond the clamoring demands of the holiday to a deeply sacred place, allowing you to hear anew the angels' song in the night beckoning us to the birthplace of true life and hope and peace. Through beautiful lighting, readings and music expect to be transformed by what you experience in these sacred 90 minutes, and to reconnect with the true meaning of it all.

**THE LAST WORD**

*When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.*

— Tecumseh

**ADMISSION:**

\$25, at the door, or \$20 when ordered in advance online with credit card at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org), or contact Siobhan Tull (ext. 412 or [STull@marblechurch.org](mailto:STull@marblechurch.org)).

(\$15, students/seniors)