



Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.
Executive Minister

A Word from Our New Executive Minister

By Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.

I am honored to join the ministry staff at Marble Collegiate Church as Executive Minister. I have shared with several people involved in the process that brought me to Marble that I have seen the Spirit's hand at work throughout this process. This experience of Holy Spirit power has caused me to reflect anew on how the Spirit works in our lives, often in wholly unexpected ways.

It caused me to read again the story in Acts 2 when God chose to pour out the Holy Spirit on scared people gathered in Jerusalem. This outpouring was a divine gift, a source of strength and life, and the force that birthed the Church on earth.

Yet the Holy Spirit did not come that day to bring peace and calm to those gathered. Rather, the Spirit came and shook things up, creating confusion, even chaos, and perhaps some fear. I venture to believe every person gathered in that holy place sat up and took notice that something new, something wholly unexpected, was happening right in their midst. Some probably doubted. Others might have begun to develop rational explanations for the myriad of languages suddenly being spoken around them. But God is not captive to doubts, derision, or disbelief. Whatever the response of the people who experienced this chaos-creating, life-giving force, God's holy hand was at work.

That event was a new beginning, and the work of the Spirit continues to this day.

Where might the Spirit be at work in your life...

- in the act of kindness you receive from an unexpected source while just going about your day?
- in the "life turned upside down" event you could never have planned for, but must face and you wonder how you will ever get through it?

• in one of the greatest challenges you have ever faced that you look back on now and realize the Spirit's hand was at work in it all?

And there are so many more...

The Spirit is at work every day, all the time, never stopping, never resting, always challenging, always fulfilling God's holy promise to never leave us or forsake us.

I am so excited to be working alongside all of you, staff, members, visitors, passersby, everyone who is part of this great ministry called Marble Collegiate Church. I look forward to experiencing Holy Spirit power regularly with you as we bear witness to God's hand at work through us and this mighty congregation.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind; and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire,

appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

— Acts 2:2-4 (NSRV)

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NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP, 11AM

Dr. Michael B. Brown
Senior Minister preaching

NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday
Saints
Ephesians 1:1, 15-23

NOVEMBER 12

A Critical Question
John 13:12-15

NOVEMBER 19

Stewardship Commitment Sunday
God's Gracious Gifts
Deuteronomy 8:7-18

NOVEMBER 26

Christ the King Sunday
You Say I Am a King
John 18:33-40

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 6:15PM

Every Week

Holy Boldness – Gaining Courage through Christ

By Rev. Kirsty DePree

Author Anna Funder wrote, “She is brave and strong and broken all at once.” To me that summarizes Holy Boldness. At our summer retreat, the Women’s Ministry Team decided that our theme this year was going to be *Holy Boldness – Gaining Courage through Christ*. We realized that we as women, but also the church at large, were called at this time to live boldly and courageously into the call of Christ in our lives. For some of us, it meant finding our voice, speaking up for the things we are for or against, for some of us it meant being willing to take a risk and serve in a new capacity, for others it was the willingness to be brave and deal with a difficult relationship from the past. To have Holy Boldness, is to acknowledge that our bravery and strength comes from God, that we are able to accomplish far more than we would begin to fathom or imagine when we live into Christ’s example, word and spirit.

Holy Boldness also is about a willingness to admit your imperfections, anxieties, or fears. Truth be told, we all have them. Our world puts such a high value on perfection, strength, and power, yet our true strength, boldness and bravery come when we admit we were created by God, given a voice to speak, given a spirit that is with us at all times and places, and that in our weakness we find our boldness and strength. One of my favorite passages I cling to is from Corinthians, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may

dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Where might you be called to be bold this new church year? Here are a few ideas:

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“...when we step out in faith, in bold and courageous ways, we find that Christ is with us and it helps us to feel alive with purpose and conviction.”

- Help with Habitat for Humanity;
- Volunteer for our Children, Youth & Families Ministry;
- Speak out against Human Trafficking;
- Create sacred space to talk about Mental Illness;
- Reconcile with a family member, friend or co-worker;
- Consider being a Stephen Minister;
- Travel to help people who have been impacted by the hurricanes.

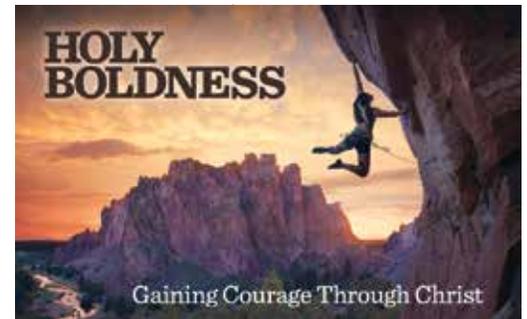
I could have a long list, but what I do know is when we step out in faith, in bold and courageous ways, we find that Christ is with us and it helps us to feel alive with purpose and conviction. I came across this quote and it is my mantra this year as I, and hopefully you, live into Holy Boldness:

“We want to be alive, to feel alive. Not just to exist but to thrive, to live our life, walk tall, breathe free. We want to be less lonely; less exhausted, less conflicted or afraid . . . more awake, more grateful, more energized and purposeful.” – Brian D. McLaren

Be bold, and courageous, for God is with you!



Rev. Kirsty DePree
Senior Associate Minister



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all culminating in Christ the King Sunday. On that Sunday Christians say: “We have spent a full twelve months studying His Story, and now we conclude the Church Year by stating publicly that we believe He is the Messiah, and we are willing to follow Him as the King of our lives.” Aside from Christmas and Easter, there is no more significant day for us as believers than Christ the King Sunday.

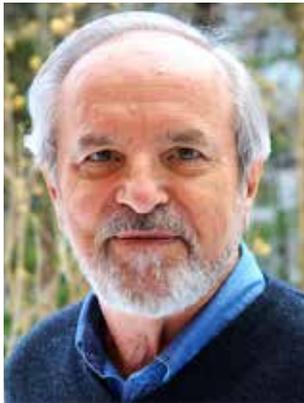
Autumn is such a wonderful time for our Family of Faith here at Marble. I’m looking forward to experiencing it with you.

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Thomas Moore

In the Marble Spot Light

THOMAS MOORE TALK & BOOK SIGNING The Ageless Soul: The Lifelong Journey Toward Making Meaning and Joy

Wednesday, October 11 | 7:30-9:00pm

After WeWo, join Thomas Moore for the East Coast launch of his latest book, *Ageless Soul*. Moore is the author of *Care of the Soul*, the classic #1 *New York Times* bestseller. In *Ageless Soul*, Moore reveals a fresh, optimistic, and rewarding path toward aging, one that need not be feared, but rather embraced and cherished. Books will be available for purchase.

OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK

Saturday, October 14 | 12:00-4:00pm

Marble is excited to once again open our doors as a part of Open House New York (ohny.org), a celebration of architecture and the city. From the spire to the fine details of the interior, featuring beautiful stained glass windows, two of which are Tiffany, Marble is a treasure worth exploring. Everyone is welcome to join us for guided tours; self-guided tours are also encouraged. See our historic Sanctuary, the Labyrinth Room and Chapel.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

*Mondays, October 23 & 30; November 6, 13 & 20
12:30-1:00pm*

Take a 30-minute break for your soul. Free.

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT: THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Thursday, October 26 | 7:30pm

World-renowned organist Peter Krasinski returns for our Halloween-themed silent movie. *Please see page 12 for details.*

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During Halloween, you are invited to bring photos of loved ones whose memory you would like to honor. They will be placed on a special *Altar of Remembrance* in the Chapel, from *October 22 through November 5*. Memorial cards will be available for you to also write names of loved ones you wish to honor who have no photo. Leave photos at Reception to the attention of Don Piper. *To have your photo returned, please write your name and address clearly on the back. Photos will be available at Marble Reception for pickup beginning Tuesday, November 7. (If photos are particularly sentimental or delicate, photocopies are strongly encouraged.)*

MEMBERSHIP AT MARBLE

Faith is a journey and we warmly invite you to join with us as you travel along. For more information about our upcoming New Member Orientations, after Sunday Worship please come to the Deacons' Pew (to right of Chancel) where the Membership Team will help you (they will be wearing red carnations), visit the Welcome Table after WeWo, or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan (KRyan@MarbleChurch.org). We'd love to have you join us!

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 8 | 6:00-9:00pm

Orientation with Dr. Brown and Rev. DePree

Wednesday, November 15 | 6:00-7:15pm

Reception of New Members during Worship



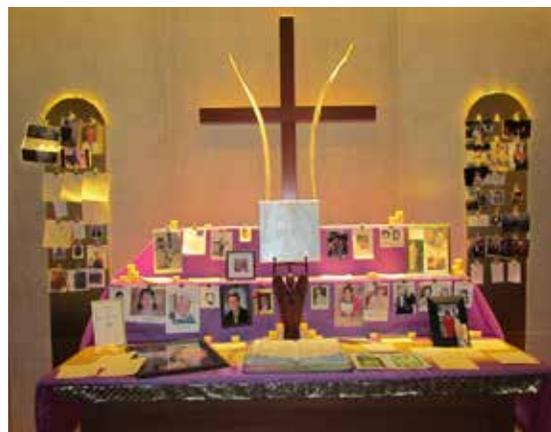
LIVING BOLDLY! STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

Thursday, November 2 | 6:00-8:00pm

A Halloween Evening to Honor the Courageous and Comforting Souls in Our Lives

The Women's and Adult Ministries invite you to join us for the 4th annual Halloween event to honor the souls who have comforted us and bolstered our courage by stepping out in faith. We will share our stories and hear the recorded words of, and testimonials about, our saints of Marble. This year's sacred saints are Dr. Arthur Caliandro, Rev. Paulette Thompson-Clinton, and Chef Ron Svenningsen. At the conclusion we will take time at the "Altar of Remembrance" for silent reflection (see below). \$18, comfort food will be served. Register online or contact Don Piper (DPiper@MarbleChurch.org).

Trick or Treat for UNICEF will again be our outreach. Come to our Bake Sale with CYF on October 8.



Altar of Remembrance

CYF CORNER

BAKE SALE FOR UNICEF*Sunday, October 8 | After Worship*

Please stop by to enjoy some treats for a good cause as we join the Women's Ministry to raise funds for UNICEF to support the world's children who struggle with basic necessities. We will continue to Trick or Treat for UNICEF throughout October.

CYF COSTUME PARTY*Saturday, October 28 | 12:00 – 3:00pm*

Join the CYF for another spooky day of fun, food, and prizes. Children and adults are encouraged to dress in costume. Prizes will be given for a variety of costume types! In the Marble Loft. \$10 per person; family discounts available. Please register in advance, at MarbleChurch.org or contact Daryl Lobban (DLobban@MarbleChurch.org).

CYF PIPE ORGAN TOURS

Ken Dake gives special tours to our choir members and their parents after Worship. The Cherub Choir tour will be **Sunday, October 22** and the Children's Choir on **Sunday, November 12**.

FAMILY WORSHIP*Sunday, November 12
10:00am*

Join CYF in the Marble Loft for their first Family Worship of the year. Both Children's Choirs will sing and families will participate in the service. All invited!



CYF students on first day of new curriculum

A VIEW FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

WHAT'S IN A GRACE NOTE?*By Kenneth Dake*

Groves Dictionary of Music defines Grace Notes as: "Ornamental notes written or printed smaller than the 'main text' and accorded an unmeasured duration which is not counted as part of the written bar length." In other words, they are extra notes – sometimes just one, or a handful, or a cascading waterfall – which precede the actual main note. Think of them as precious ornaments that dress up the melodic Christmas tree – or as in the case of Chopin and Liszt, whole strings of garland.

This is why I think Christina Morano-Keiser's idea of naming my pre-Worship talks *Grace Notes* was so perfect! Each week before Worship begins (at approximately 10:49am), I give a preview of what music is to come, why I selected it, and how it connects with the sermon topic and scripture of the day. It began as a way of greeting our online viewers just before the live streaming of Worship began. After we shot it from the Choir Loft for a few weeks, we decided that it might also be of interest to those in the Sanctuary. Since then I've had countless emails and messages saying that it has deepened the worship experience for so many, and I'm truly grateful for all the support!

No idea is completely original. Way back when I was still an undergraduate at Juilliard I began taking the train to Connecticut on Sunday afternoons to play piano at a phenomenal charismatic Episcopal church, St. Paul's, Darien. It was led by Rev. Everett (Terry) Fullam (1930-2014), who was truly a dynamic preacher, worship leader and musician. The worship at St. Paul's was unbelievably alive with the Spirit, and the liturgy of the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer* was merely its springboard. St. Paul's was one

of the fastest growing Episcopal churches in the country, and they had long-since outgrown their modest sanctuary; our services were held in an expansive high school auditorium filled to capacity. There are so many things I will always remember about those powerful worship services.

Just prior to the start of each service Rev. Fullam would come out and speak to the assembly, telling us how the scriptures, collects (prayers), liturgy, music and sermon were all woven together in a tapestry of transformative worship we were about to experience together.

That's exactly what I strive to do each Sunday at Marble. A tremendous amount of prayer and discernment goes into selecting the hymns, anthems and instrumental music for each service. We present music in a wide variety of styles, but ultimately it is the substance of the Word that constitutes the thread binding it all together.

Sometimes it may be some historical perspective on the composers of our anthems, the origins and authors of our sacred texts, or a biographical anecdote behind some of our most beloved hymns. Other times it's just me sharing the music I love with you in hopes you'll come to love it too. Please join me each Sunday in the Sanctuary before the service, and by Grace perhaps you'll come to experience our Marble Worship at an even deeper level!

Kenneth Dake
Director of Music



Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Loving the Word

THE FOURTH QUARTER

By Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

It starts now, accountants know. Incredibly, a year that feels as if it began only a week or two ago is now well into its middle age. The nights are chilly and so are some of the days. Autumn is a brisk season in the city, a time when walking around the streets no longer wilts our clothing or saps our energy. It invigorates us.

And Halloween is coming! The children have been talking about it for weeks. Certainly, I remember being beside myself with excitement about it when I was a child. But I don't really remember *adults* being as into Halloween as they seem to be now. On a New York Halloween these days, you can get on the train with a vampire and a gorilla and nobody will bat an eye. And I don't recall elaborate decorations for it back in the day – a lopsided jack-o-lantern on the porch was about the extent of our creativity. But now the sky's the limit.

Things change. The sunset of the year is a time when we take note of that fact, and we are apt to bemoan it. Things we thought would always be with us slip into the past, and we don't even notice they're gone until months later, when we go looking for them. Wait, somebody will say, Jerry Lewis *died*? And he was *ninety-one*? How can that be?

Funny – I don't know if I've even *thought* of Jerry Lewis in twenty years. He was a gifted entertainer,

but he was not an important figure in *my* life. Our changes are like that, though: life is composed of multitudes of little things, and we don't realize how true this is until one of them goes away. We can't hold onto time. It slips through our fingers. Everything we have and everything we love – and even everything we take for granted – none of it is ours to keep. All of it is temporary.

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**“However long
 you may live,
 today is the only
 today you will
 ever have.”**

So no, the message of life's transience is not that we should hoard everything we touch, obsessing over every paper-clip. Some things are more important than other things. It makes some sense, though, every time we come face to face with the indisputable fact of our own short stay here, to make a point of appreciating to the fullest what we hold dear.

However long you may live, today is the only today you will ever have. There will never be another.

The accountants know. The fourth quarter is our last chance to make sure it all adds up. The fourth quarter *preaches*: not everything you hoped for is possible, but *some* of it still is. And there are new possibilities that you never knew existed until just now. There is still time to be what we can be, but we don't have all the time in the world.

THE MARBLE WELCOME

GREETING WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

I love being at Marble's doors welcoming people as they enter, whether for a concert, a program ministry or simply a worship service. Seeing their expressions of gratitude for our welcome fills my heart. My hope is to always greet folks with the spirit of Christ so that they in turn may experience the fullness of his joy. Christ says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

– Sandy Diaz



Reflections from the Editor

By Karla Fritsch

*"All things work for our good
Though sometimes we don't see
How they could...
God is too wise to be mistaken
God is too good to be unkind
So when you don't understand
When don't see His plan
When you can't trace His hand
Trust His Heart..."*

I used to sing that song "Trust His Heart" (by Babbie Y. Mason and Eddie Carswell) a lot, but I admit I hadn't thought about it for years. Recently it's been running through my head. When the news is covering so many natural disasters, so much violence, two sides not talking to each other, etc., I can have trouble tracing God's hand.

I'm grateful that I was raised in a way that helped me see where God is at work in my life – so, I can often trace God's hand, and each time I see God's hand, it has made it fairly easy to trust God's heart. Yet, sometimes it's more difficult. At times it's really difficult. It's at times like that that I have to rely on my fellow human beings to be the trace I can see, which helps me build the trust.

I was having a really bad night one Sunday – my mood was low and my stress was high – and then the phone rang. It was my sister Karine. Even if it had been a brief call, the ring of the phone was at exactly

the right moment so was already a touch of God's hand hitting pause. Then the gift of the conversation itself felt like God's hand leading me out of the dark.

Several weeks ago I felt God's hand was literally extended to me. I was walking in the city and came to a construction site with a pipe across the sidewalk blocking my path. There was a ramp over it, but it looked quite shaky. There was a little room between the ramp and the curb so I thought I'd simply step over the pipe and skip the ramp. Seemingly out of nowhere, a young man headed in the opposite direction reached out his hand to keep me steady as I stepped. I accepted his offer. It felt more than a simple act of kindness. It made me think of the times I've been debating between two choices and if I get still and keep my heart and eyes open, God will offer me a hand and I'll be able to feel it and see it. It also helped me ask myself a couple questions. Are there times when God's hand has been extended and I haven't accepted? Where can I be God's hand in someone else's life?

I invite you to place your hands over your heart, take some deep breaths and connect with God's heart. Then, ask where might he be calling you to be his hands?



Karla Fritsch
Publications Manager

HOPE TREE

This October we'd like you to share your hopes and dreams for the coming year by writing them on a leaf (or two or three) to be added to our "Hope Tree" in the Marble Loft. Stop by after Worship, grab a leaf and a marker, write down your hopes and leave your finished leaf in the basket to be placed on the tree during the week. Help our tree overflow with new life and hopes for this church season. Remember, no dream is too small or too big.

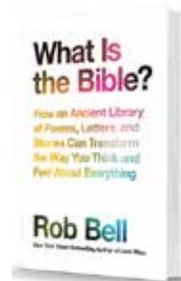


CHURCH ONLINE

ONLINE SMALL GROUP

*Begins Wednesday October 4
1:00-2:00pm*

Please join us as we explore Rob Bell's book *What Is The Bible?* *How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything.* Led by Rev. Kirsty DePree. Meets online Wednesdays October 4, 11, 18 & 25; November 1, 8 & 15. No charge. To register, please contact Siobhan Tull (STull@MarbleChurch.org).





Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton
Spiritual Teacher

Bible Study with Rev. Barbara Crafton

SUNDAYS AT 10AM
Creation Stories in Scripture
October 1 & 8

We continue our exploration of various creation stories.

The Harvest Is Plentiful

The leaves are turning and the nights are downright chilly. For the agrarian people of biblical times, that meant a season of intense work for everyone: the harvest must be brought in!

October 15 – Psalm 126

October 22 – Deuteronomy 24:14-15, 19-21

November 5 – The Book of Ruth

November 12 – Leviticus 25

November 19 – Matthew 13:24-30; Mark 4:26-29

November 26 – We Gather Together: The Biblical Basis of Our Favorite Thanksgiving Hymns

A reminder for online students, ask your questions! Click on the blue “Send a Question” button on the live streaming page.

TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM

Join Rev. Crafton most Tuesday evenings for an hour of exploration and education.

October 3 – The Known World: How Ancient People Viewed the Universe

October 10 – The Known World: Galileo and Columbus and Genesis

October 17 – A Monkey’s Uncle: The Scopes Trial

October 24 – The Seasons in the Psalms

October 31 – Things That Go Bump in the Night: Ghosts in the Bible

November 7 – Election Day: Choosing a Leader in Ancient Israel

November 14 – The Peaceable Kingdom: Isaiah’s Vision of Harmony

November 21 – Thanksgiving in Scripture

November 28 – Native Americans: A Different View of Thanksgiving

Prayer Circle

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

This informal gathering centers on singing and prayer for individual and communal concerns. Led by Rev. Gregory Johnson. Holy Communion celebrated most Sundays. Connect with Prayer Circle via video conference on the last Sunday of the month. To sign up for the special link, contact Siobhan Tull (STull@MarbleChurch.org).

The Colloquium

DR. LORENA M. PARRISH
Sunday, October 29 | 10:00am

We welcome Rev. Dr. Lorena M. Parrish as we continue our special series with outstanding scholars. She is a trained systematic theologian, community organizer and activist-scholar and is committed to connecting spirituality and social justice for faith leaders and fostering transformational leadership for 21st century metro-urban ministries. Dr. Parrish is the Dirk Romeyn Professor of Metro-Urban Ministry and the Director of the Doctor of Ministry program and the Master of Arts in Ministry and Community Leadership program at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.



Wednesday Morning Prayers

WEDNESDAYS AT 11AM

All are invited to be still, re-focus and connect with God during this midweek time of prayer led by Rev. Gregory Johnson. In the Chapel.

Small Groups

It’s not too late to join a Small Group this fall – this is a wonderful way to grow and connect with others on the spiritual journey. There are new groups in October including: *The Book of Joy* led by Rev. Gregory Johnson; *What Is the Bible* led by Rev. Kirsty DePree and a new Men’s group *Everybody Needs a Head Coach*. To learn more, stop by the Small Group Table during Coffee Hour on Sundays after Worship, contact Baleta McKenzie (BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org) or visit MarbleChurch.org.

Dr. Michael Brown’s Online Inspirations

Practical Faith Podcast with Dr. Michael Brown, offers advice on how Faith can help us with the deeper questions and real life struggles we encounter every day. Listen or download at MarbleChurch.org/connect/podcast or subscribe at iTunes. *Soul Purpose* videos are a brief and lively way to feed your spirit. Visit MarbleChurch.org/worship/inspiration or YouTube.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

First Saturday of Month | 1:00-3:00pm

Rev. Marion Gambardella offers guidance and spiritual support to caregivers. Please contact Rev. Gambardella (magambardella@yahoo.com) or Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org).



Rev. Gregory Johnson
Prayer Circle

In the Action Spotlight

HELP MARBLE FIGHT HUNGER – BRING A CAN SUNDAYS

Through October

Although we encourage you to help us fight hunger throughout the year, every October we focus our efforts. We live in the world's wealthiest nation, yet 14.5 percent of U.S. households – nearly 49 million Americans, including 15.9 million children – struggle to put food on the table.

Please donate **CANNED FOODS** for Icahn House East (a temporary shelter for homeless mothers.) Leave food at the 29th Street Reception area, the Fifth Ave Narthex or the Marble Loft. **Food Suggestions (nutritious, canned/bottled items only):** Canned fruits & vegetables, pasta sauce, canned meats & fish, pasta, soups, peanut butter, jelly, juice, etc.

PS. 30 TUTORING & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Marble enters its third year of partnership with Public School 30 in Harlem to offer a tutoring and enrichment program to students in 2nd to 5th grades. There are currently nineteen volunteers working one-on-one with twenty-one students in need of academic support. Tutors commit to a minimum of one academic school year (October – June) and tutor once a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays for two hours. They also participate in cultural enrichment activities with

students and family members five times a year on Saturdays. We extend our gratitude to the congregation, and in particular, the volunteer tutors of Marble for supporting this program!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP

*Marble Build Day –
Saturday, October 14*

Our partnership continues. For information and to sign up for our upcoming build days, visit MarbleChurch.org/Give/Habitatforhumanity, or contact Susanah Wade (SWade@MarbleChurch.org) or Tom Schneider (TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org).



Action Volunteers - Ways You Can Serve

If you don't see what's right for you listed here, stop at the Action Volunteer Table on Sundays during Coffee Hour to talk with a committee member or contact Tom Schneider (TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org), for more ideas and referrals to organizations that are in need of volunteers. To receive notice of serving opportunities by email, "Action Alerts," contact Tom.

Sundays, October 8 & November 12 — Volunteers are needed to help with **Ecclesia Ministry** (worshipping congregation for the homeless in Madison Square Park). Prepare lunches, 10:00-10:30am; and/or transport lunches at 1:30pm and host the service which begins at 2:00pm.

Congregational Care Prayer Shawl Ministry — Knit or crochet prayer shawls for members who are ill or homebound. Gather in Peale Parlor for prayer and creating together. All levels welcome. Materials provided. **1st and 3rd Mondays, 4:30-5:30pm.** Contact Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org). **Starting in November (with end of Daylight Saving Time), we will meet 4:00-5:00pm.**

Used Eyeglasses — Donate used glasses and sunglasses which are given to The Lion's Club who recycles the glasses and distributes them in developing countries.

Marble Coffee Pourers — Volunteer one Sunday a month to serve during Coffee Hour. Contact Kim Sebastian Ryan (KRyan@MarbleChurch.org).

MarbleVision Team — If you're interested in helping with Marble's Media Ministry, contact Siobhan Tull (STull@MarbleChurch.org).

WeWo Visuals Ministry — Volunteer to help with the projected visuals during Worship, approximately one Wednesday a month, contact Derek Weagle (DWeagle@MarbleChurch.org).

Keep up with our different Program Ministries by visiting their pages at MarbleChurch.org and attending Coffee Hour after Worship.

Adult Ministry

Help us honor Marble's Saints at the annual Halloween event on **Thursday, November 2**. Register online or contact Colleen Cosgrove (CCosgrove@MarbleChurch.org).

Arts Ministry

In addition to our regular ARTS Peer Support Group and Fellowship of Professional Artists we have two dinner programs, *Pushing Past Procrastination* on **Monday, October 23** and *How to Eliminate Clutter from Your Life* on **Monday, November 30**. Contact Mario Sprouse (MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org).

Connection (20s&30s)

20 & 30-somethings, please reach out! Contact Daryl Paul Lobban (DLobban@MarbleChurch.org).

Entrepreneurs

Contact Gayle Robinson (GRobinson@MarbleChurch.org).

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship

Our Mindful Movement Small Group, led by Chris Bell, begins **Monday, October 2**, our annual *Intreat Joyful Resistance* is **Saturday, October 14**, and join us for our monthly Coffee Hours. See website for details. Contact Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack or Don Piper at GIFTS@MarbleChurch.org.

Men's Ministry

For information, contact Tom Schneider (TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org).

60+ Fellowship

Autumn Art class with Judy Tulin begins **Wednesday, October 4**. See the Calendar of Events and 60+ newsletter for details on our Wednesday lunch programs. Contact Colleen Cosgrove (CCosgrove@MarbleChurch.org).

Women's Ministry

Join us for our Welcome Back brunch on **Sunday, October 1** and our annual Halloween event **Thursday, November 2**. For details, visit our table during Coffee Hour, check website or contact Don Piper (DPiper@MarbleChurch.org).

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Greta Muller
Women's Ministry Brunch, Oct 1

EACH SUNDAY

Grace Notes: Inside the Music with Kenneth Dake / 10:50am

Director of Music Ken Dake shares historic and theological background on the day's choral selections, hymns, preludes and postludes. In the Sanctuary.

Live Sermon Talk Back with Dr. Michael Brown / 12:15pm

Join us in the Sanctuary after Worship as we discuss Dr. Brown's sermon and he answers your questions about faith & theology. Hosted by Mario Sprouse.

EACH TUESDAY

Marianne Williamson Weekly Talks / 7:30pm

Marianne Williamson, internationally renowned teacher, speaker, and bestselling author of ten texts including *A Return to Love*, speaks on *A Course in Miracles*, most Tuesdays in the Marble Sanctuary. \$20, but no one turned away if unable to pay. Also live streamed. See details at Marianne.com.

EACH WEDNESDAY

60+ Fellowship

For details on our weekly lunch programs, check our 60+ Fellowship bi-monthly newsletter. Inquiries to Colleen Cosgrove (CCosgrove@MarbleChurch.org).

Walk the Labyrinth / 5:00-6:00pm

Take time for a walking meditation before WeWo. Please confirm schedule.

WeWo: Wednesday Worship / 6:15pm

"WeWo" blends traditional and contemporary worship styles, plus a praise ensemble. Meets in the Marble Loft.

FIRST SUNDAYS

Walk the Labyrinth / 1:00-3:00pm

A facilitator will be available to help guide you and answer questions, while allowing you the space to walk in your own way, at your own pace. *Please note, no Labyrinth on October 1, it will be open on Sunday, October 8 instead.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Women's Ministry Brunch / 12:15-2:00pm

Enjoy good food and good company as we introduce our theme for the year, *Holy Boldness: Gaining Courage through Christ*. Our guest speaker Greta Muller helps us explore 5 Steps to Boldness. In the Labyrinth Room. \$20. Register Sundays during Coffee Hour or online.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Soup and salad (\$7), followed by program at 1:00pm: *Word and You*. Fellowship member Charles Eccles invites us to look at our relationship with words, their power, and how they affect our lives.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Soup and salad (\$7), followed by program at 1:00pm: *Community Elder Mistreatment & Abuse Prevention*. The Carter Burden Network program offers counseling, legal guidance, and security to help keep seniors safe.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Intreat / 9:00am-3:00pm

Joyful Resistance. How do we find joy in the midst of the challenges we face as LGBTQ people? Join Rev. Jes Kast and Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack for a day of worship, workshops, and fellowship in the Marble Loft. \$25, includes a light breakfast and lunch. Register online or at the GIFTS Table during Coffee Hour.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

GIFTS: LGBTQ Coffee Hour / 12:15pm

All welcome for this time of fellowship. In the Labyrinth Room.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Oktoberfest buffet (\$12, Fellowship members, \$15, guests), followed by program at 1:00pm: Linda Lane Smith lends her operatic voice to folk songs from various regions of Germany.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Fall Brunch / 12:15pm

Join us for this time of fellowship and good food, with music by Gary Thompson and Mario Sprouse. \$12. No reservation needed. In the Marble Loft.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Arts Ministry: Pushing Past Procrastination
6:00-9:00pm

As we get into the fall and holiday season, why not address and overcome those obstacles that tend to hold us back BEFORE the new year begins? Led by Mario Sprouse. \$15 dinner/program; \$5 program only. Register online or during Coffee Hour.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Soup and salad (\$7), followed by documentary at 12:30pm: *Seymour: An Introduction*.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Soup and salad (\$7), followed by program at 1:00pm: A pianist from Manhattan School of Music.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Halloween Event / 6:00pm

The Marble Women's and Adult Ministries invite all to our annual Halloween event, *Living Boldly! Stepping Out in Faith*. For details see page 4.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Daylight Saving Time

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you retire Saturday evening.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Soup and salad (\$7), followed by program at 1:00pm: *Your Spine – Bone Health and Fracture Prevention* with representatives from Columbia University Medical Center.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Thanksgiving lunch (\$12, Fellowship members; \$15, guests) followed by Worship at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. *(Please note, no 60+ on November 22.)*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

GIFTS: LGBTQ Coffee Hour / 12:15pm

All welcome for this time of fellowship. In the Labyrinth Room.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Arts Ministry: How to Eliminate Clutter from Your Life / 6:00-9:00pm

Mario Sprouse helps us explore the link between clutter and procrastination. \$15 dinner/program; \$5 program only. Register online or during Coffee Hour.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

60+ Fellowship Lunch & Program / 12:00pm

Soup and salad (\$7), followed by program at 1:00pm: Alexander Ryley from Volunteers of Legal Service's Elderly Project will provide an overview of their work in NYC, including information on their free legal clinics for those age 60+.

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Rev. Jes Kast
GIFTS Intreat, Oct. 14

LIVE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

If you can't be here in person, visit MarbleChurch.org.

Sundays

10am – Bible Study with Rev. Crafton

11am – Worship

12:15pm – Talk Back with Dr. Brown

Wednesdays

6:15pm – WeWo: Wednesday Worship

TV – Fridays @ 4:30pm,

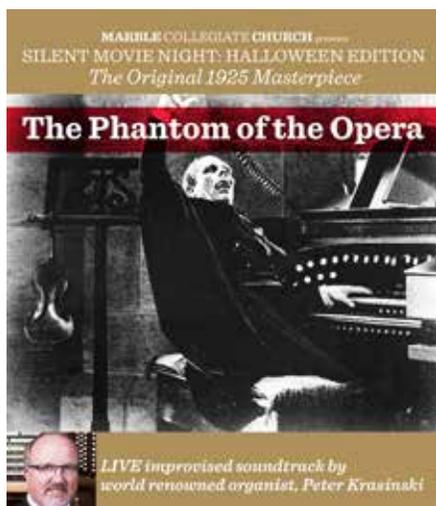
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**SILENT MOVIE NIGHT:
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**
Thursday, October 26 | 7:30pm

World-renowned organist Peter Krasinski returns for our Halloween edition of Silent Movie Night, performing a live improvised soundtrack to the original 1925 masterpiece *The Phantom of the Opera!* Our Sanctuary will be filled with thrilling, chilling visuals and sounds that evening. It will be spooky fun for the entire family (may be too intense for small children). At the time of its release, audiences screamed and fainted at climatic scenes in the film. Lon Chaney's stunning transformation

as the Phantom is still revered and studied by film students. Tickets, \$20. Purchase at MarbleChurch.org or at the door.

Pre-Concert Black & White Mocktail Party

Join us in the Marble Loft at 6:00pm to enjoy fresh popcorn and special mocktails while you decorate your own Phantom mask to wear as you watch the film. If you choose, come dressed-to-impress in your best black and white/Film Noir apparel. No charge.

THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

Sunday, November 19 | 12:15pm

Join us as we give thanks for our unique and diverse faith community with a bountiful Thanksgiving feast in the Marble Loft. \$20, adults; \$10, children. Free for children 7 and under. No reservation

SAVE THE DATES!

MARBLE ARTISANS' BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

Sunday, December 3 | 12:15-2:00pm

Support Marble's amazing artists and start on your Christmas list with a variety of hand-crafted gifts. 100% of Bake Sale proceeds will go to charity. To sign up to bring food, please contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan (KRyan@MarbleChurch.org).

ANNUAL ADVENT CONCERT

Sunday, December 10 | 2:30pm

The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices, and Chamber Orchestra, directed by Kenneth Dake.

THE LAST WORD

When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.

—Paulo Coelho



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