



**MARBLE
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OCTOBER
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TOUCHPOINT

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Entrusted

Since I was a child, I have had a fascination with watches. It has to do with much more than their appearance. It is what they represent in people's lives. Some watches were special gifts. Some were given to mark special occasions. Some were passed down from parents and grandparents. I've found that watches are often filled with worth far beyond their fashion value. They become a part of the larger story of our lives.

I have had several watches given to me, and they have become precious possessions. When I wear them, it reminds me of the story they contain. I look forward to the day I can pass them on to my children, and I hope they wear them rather than put them aside in a box. Sure, they'll get some more dings along the way, but they were meant to be worn. It is in wearing them that they will add their stories to them so what they symbolize expands in meaning.

As I have thought about this, I have realized that Marble is like this to me—though of far more value. When I talk with many of you, I sense you feel the same way. So many of you describe Marble as a life-giving gift that has been passed down to us. When we talk, I think we all feel that the sharing of our Marble stories are sacred moments. With each story shared, we are adding to the stories that have been passed down to us, and in doing so, the meaning and significance of Marble grows.

The gift of Marble in our lives is not only a joy but a responsibility. We have been entrusted with something special from God of which we are called to be great stewards. We weren't given this gift to keep to ourselves. It is meant to be passed on to others. In scripture it says, "Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts



Dr. Michael Bos

are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light" (James 1:17, *The Message*). This verse reminds us that gifts from God are not only to remind us of the past; they are also the light that shows us the way forward.

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The question that looms in the air is this: How will we use this precious gift that has been entrusted to us? How will we pass on this gift so that others

can add their stories of change and transformation to ours? How will Marble continue to be a light that illuminates a way forward? Together let's pray for God to show us the ways we can pass on the gift of faith and community that we share at Marble. And let's also pray that whenever God shines a light on the path, we will go forward boldly!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP, 11AM

Dr. Michael Bos
Senior Minister preaching

OCTOBER 7

World Communion & Live Stream Sunday
Just One
Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 21

Entrusted: Seeds
Part 2 of Sermon Series

#WEWO:

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 6:15PM
Every Week

OCTOBER 14

Entrusted: Conduits
Part 1 of Sermon Series

OCTOBER 28

Entrusted: Trust
Part 3 of Sermon Series





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

A Word from Our Executive Minister

GIFTS OF TRANSFORMATION & CHANGE

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

See, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. — Isaiah 43:19

The days are getting cooler. Hours of sunlight are getting shorter. Leaves are beginning to turn. Soon my view of the Hudson River will be dotted with orange, burnt red and brown colors as leaves change and begin their transformation from life to death and then, in spring, to life again. Life is constantly filled with transformations of varying sorts. Some are welcomed; others we would rather hold at bay as long as we can. But change is inevitable. It's a good thing we follow a God of transformation and change. God is always making things new.

This summer I had the pleasure of visiting Santa Fe, New Mexico for the first time. What a glorious place, filled with music, art, beauty and a deep spirituality. I went to Abiquiú, the small town where Georgia O'Keeffe lived and painted for over 3 decades. Standing in what had been her studio in her home, I watched as the sun slowly moved over the landscape, changing the colors of the vista bit by bit. If I hadn't been attentive to it, I would have missed the changes entirely. They were slow, subtle, but eventually the entire landscape looked different than it had just 30 minutes before. I could see the exact view Georgia O'Keeffe painted of that particular mountain on the desert horizon. It was breathtaking to behold.

O'Keeffe captured so much of the beauty of a changing desert landscape. She herself weathered all manner of change in her long, productive life from growing up on a Wisconsin dairy farm with six siblings to moving to New York City as a young artist. But the buzz of the city was never her "spiritual" place. She found her spiritual home in the Southwest, and that would become her haven of creativity for two-thirds of her life.

Change is inevitable, but growth and transformation are gifts from a God who moves with us through all manner of changes and helps us thrive in the midst of it all. But we have to be alert to it, look for it, and welcome it into our lives. Change is inevitable, but God is always making things new.

The writer of Isaiah 43 seemed to know this, and he/she/they spoke holy words with confidence and hope — "See, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" The "new thing" Isaiah speaks about is happening in nature around us, in our own spiritual lives and here at Marble.

God is doing many new things at Marble and we are excited about the direction in which the congregation is heading. We stand on the strong shoulders of so many saints of faith who have gone before us. We are humbled by the profound legacies of Dr. Peale, Dr. Caliandro, Dr. Florence Pert and Dr. Brown. We stand on their shoulders and believe we are called to continue their legacies of inspiration, positive thinking, radical welcome, hope and healing to a global world through both our in-person ministries and Live Stream efforts.

But, from our perch on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, we hear Isaiah's words ringing forth in our ears — I am doing a new thing! Can you not perceive it? These words remind us that, with God, all things are both possible and constantly evolving and changing. These words remind us we follow a God of possibility and transformation.

Where is God moving in your life toward change and transformation? It might not be bold and apparent. God's "new thing" might be slowly emerging, like those colors subtly changing on the New Mexico horizon. But look for them, for they are there. God is making all things new.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP, 11AM

Dr. Michael Bos
Senior Minister preaching

NOVEMBER 4

All Saints Day
*The Path to Peace:
 It's Not Win-Lose*
 Part 1 of Sermon Series
 Special guest Shamil Idriss

NOVEMBER 11

*The Path to Peace: Finding
 Peace in Difficult Times*
 Part 2 of Sermon Series

NOVEMBER 18

Gratitude Sunday
And Be Thankful
 Dr. Steven D. Pierce

NOVEMBER 25

Christ the King Sunday
*Simply Grateful:
 Living Gratefully*

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WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 6:15PM
 Every Week

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Welcome, New Associate Ministers!

We are pleased that we have two new associate ministers starting with us this autumn. After conducting a nationwide search, we found two pastors who are uniquely gifted for their positions and passionate about who Marble is and what Marble does in the world. We believe they will help us amplify and

expand the great ministry we are already doing. Read more about them below. We look forward to welcoming them into our community.

Grace & Peace,

Dr. Michael Bos & Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.

REV. BRITTANY JULIETTE HANLIN

"...Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. — Mark 10:14-16

Jesus' words resonate with me deeply because he was conveying the importance of embracing and nurturing children and youth in society, especially in communities of faith. Children and youth remind us of the endless possibilities that lie ahead of us when we are willing to move boldly with compassion and fearlessness.

As the newest Associate Minister at Marble Collegiate Church, it is my prayer that we as a community of faith, nurture our youth and children by providing them with a safe space to wrestle with and cultivate their faith in meaningful, long-lasting ways. The focus of the youth program is to grow in love of God and neighbor; by first getting to know each other

more deeply and then by serving our neighbors on the margins in New York City.

As we embark on this journey, I look forward to learning, loving, and laughing together. Building deeply authentic relationships is my number one priority as a minister, and I cannot wait to see, hear, and experience all the ways the Spirit shows up in this place!

Marble, since we are family now, it is only fair that I too share a little about myself. I love hiking and spending time in nature near water. I enjoy watching social/historical/cultural documentaries that leave me with more questions than answers. I am a proud member of Phi Beta Kappa and the ultimate "Grey's Anatomy" fan.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to speak with me. I cannot fully express all of my excitement with regards to my new role here at Marble!



Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
Primary Ministerial Responsibilities:
Children, Youth and Families Ministry
(CYF) and Connection: Young Adults

REV. ANTHONY LIVOLSI

I have heard it said that the question beneath every question a congregation asks of a new pastor is: will this person love us?

The work of ministry — studying the scriptures, waiting, or as often, wrestling, for a word of consolation or of challenge, taking someone's child into my arms at the font, taking someone's hand in my own by the hospital bed, taking someone's stories and secrets into my confidence, seeing (through the happy tears!) the hope and the joy in the eyes of those to be pronounced husband or wife, cheering on the youth of church in their school plays and soccer games, blessing the dying — this, indeed, is the work of love.

It is no small thing to open your church or yourself to the love of a new minister. Love comes with trust and time; it must be tried. I do not take it for granted.

But in faith and in hope, I am opening myself to love — to loving you: to loving the elders among you, and marveling at the wisdom that comes with years and the quiet dignity that is preserved, sometimes even in enduring great pain, to loving the children

among you (especially the squirmers who fidget and cannot keep quiet and embarrass their parents and color through what must sound to them like Charlie-Brown-teacher-voices sounding from the pulpit!), and to loving everyone in between.

I am opening myself to loving the seeking and doubting and questioning among you, and sharing my faith in the One who is infinite and mysterious and in whose vastness I have lost myself and found myself. I am opening myself to loving the "back-pew-sitters" among you who are new to church and, while nervously folding the Sunday bulletin into origami, may wonder and worry whether you will really be welcomed as you are; maybe soon I can share my own story with you.

I am opening myself to loving — and this is to be a big part of my work here — the students and millennials and younger adults among you (as is said: *holler!*) and claiming together the gifts of the Church for a generation that does not know what it is missing in skipping church for SoulCycle or brunch!

Love comes with trust and time, but I can already feel the excitement of its stirrings.



Rev. Anthony Livolsi
Primary Ministerial Responsibilities:
GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship, Connection:
Young Adults, and Discipleship.

IN THE MARBLE SPOTLIGHT

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE & PEACE**Raising Gun Violence Awareness – Marble Puts Names to Numbers***Saturday, October 13 | 11:30am**Sunday, October 14 | 11:00am*

Join us for two special ceremonies as we unveil our new ribbon initiative. On **Saturday, October 13**, Dr. Michael Bos will share a few words and invited guests and officials will tie the names and ages of victims from the 50 deadliest mass shootings since Columbine in 1999 to the orange ribbons on our fence. On **Sunday, October 14**, after Worship, the congregation will add green ribbons to the fence to symbolize our individual prayers.

The tragic loss of life from gun violence continues to wound our country. Every year on average over 12,000 people are killed by someone else with a gun and of those, over 1,600 are children or teens. This should not be viewed as normal or acceptable. Therefore, we are placing these orange and green ribbons on our fence to remember the victims and symbolize the prayers we continue to offer for the day when the senseless loss of life to gun violence will end. As followers of One called "the Prince of Peace," we are committed that peace must be the norm, and therefore as individuals, as congregations, as community leaders, and as law-makers, together we must find a way to end gun violence. – Dr. Michael Bos

OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK*Saturday, October 13 | 12:00-4:00pm*

Marble opens our doors again as a part of Open House New York (ohny.org), a celebration of architecture and the city. From the spire to the details of the interior, featuring beautiful stained glass windows, Marble is a treasure worth exploring. Join us for guided or self-guided tours.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION OF SUSANAH WADE*Sunday, October 14 | 3:00pm*

Susanah Wade made her declaration to complete the Ordination process and passed her exams. Now it's time to celebrate after her many years of study and hard work! All are invited to this special service in the Sanctuary.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES*Mondays, October 15 - November 26**12:30-1:00pm*

Take a 30-minute break for your soul. Free admission. In the Sanctuary.

October 15 – Royal Hospital School Chapel Choir, performs regularly at *St Paul's Cathedral, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Royal Albert Hall*

October 22 – Kenneth Dake, Marble's Director of Music

October 29 – Dr. David Hurd, Organist and Music Director, *The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, NYC*

November 5 – Stefan Donner, *Principal Organist, St. Leopold's Church and Chapel Organist, Schönbrunn Palace Chapel, Vienna, Austria*

November 12 – Clara Gerdes, *Curtis Institute, Organ Scholar at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Winner of the Albert Schweitzer and UNCSA Organ Competitions*

November 19 – Colin MacKnight, C.V. *Starr Doctoral Fellow, The Juilliard School and Associate Organist and Choirmaster, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, L.I.*

November 26 – TBA

HALLOWTIDE DINNER & CONCERT*Thursday, November 1**Dinner, 6:00pm; Concert, 7:30pm*

All are invited for this special evening as the Marble Women's Ministry hosts their annual dinner in collaboration with a concert, *Love Never Ends: Remembering Our Saints*, by The Marble Choir, under the direction of Kenneth Dake, celebrating eternal life and honoring the memory of those who have been Saints in our lives.

During the concert we will honor two beloved Marble Saints: Dr. Edwin and Luella Mulder, who transitioned to the next life during this past year. Ed and Luella's son, Rev. Dr.



Timothy Mulder, will be our special guest, along with other members of the Mulder family. Dr. Mulder will bring remarks of remembrance and a personal tribute to his parents, who served Marble in countless ways over a period of four decades. Please join us for this historic evening of profound music, inspiring words, honoring the legacy of those who have touched our lives in deeply meaningful ways.

Everyone is invited to submit a photo of one person who has served as a particularly significant Saint in your life, and during the concert those images will be shown as we celebrate their lives. Send photos to Music Department Manager Jen Doerr (JDoerr@MarbleChurch.org), no later than October 15.

Before the concert, the Women's Ministry hosts a dinner when we pause to honor those we have loved who have inspired our faith. As we break bread together, there will also be an opportunity to share our stories of love and loss as we seek to deepen our understanding of the gifts that have been left for us to carry forward.

Dinner & Concert: \$20; Concert only: \$15 or \$20 at the door. Register at MarbleChurch.org or at the Women's Ministry Table during Coffee Hour.

Special Guests at Worship in November

Please see page 6.

Altar of Remembrance

Please see page 11.



Susanah Wade signs official papers for ordination

Gratitude Sunday Is Coming!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money congregants give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Committee has selected the theme *Our Grateful Response* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship emphasis this year.

This approach is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. It believes stewardship is discipleship and giving is an act of worship.

In addition, this approach treats people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Our Grateful Response* will encourage people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During Worship on **Gratitude Sunday, November 18**, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission, benevolence, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending Worship on Gratitude Sunday. The procedure is

done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. Even if you do not plan to fill out a card, we urge you to attend and be part of the service and Celebration Reception.

We will not do any solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning Worship on November 18, our guest preacher, Dr. Steve Pierce, former Associate Minister at Marble and currently Senior Minister of Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, leading up to members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Gratitude Sunday events through the Stewardship Team and Marble Board members. This discernment process is not based on us constantly following up with you to complete your cards. We will do our best to inform, inspire and commit everyone to attend Gratitude Sunday and the Celebration Reception on November 18, and then leave it to your prayerful consideration as to what you will give.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Gratitude Sunday events and for your presence with us throughout the year.



Stephanie Bailey,
Marble Board Chair



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Marble Board Chair

MEMBERSHIP AT MARBLE

Have you ever wondered what Membership means? Make the change from being a welcome guest to a member of the Marble Family. For more information, please look for one of our Membership Team, someone wearing a red carnation, after Worship near the Deacon's pew (to right of Chancel), next door in the Marble Loft during Coffee Hour or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan (KRyan@MarbleChurch.org). Give yourself a gift and become a member of the family! *Online Membership also available.*

OCTOBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, October 14 | 10:30am-2:00pm

Orientation including Worship and lunch

Sunday, October 21 | 10:00am

Morning Coffee with Staff and Lay Leaders

Sunday, October 28 | 10:30am-12:15pm

Reception of New Members during Worship

CYF CORNER

FAMILY WORSHIP

Sunday, October 21 | 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 COSTUME PARTY

Saturday, October 27 | 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 Jessica Scovel (JScovel@MarbleChurch.org).





Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Loving the Word

THE BEST THING ABOUT MONEY

By Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. — Luke 16:12-13

I understand that many lottery winners end up much worse off than they were before they hit the jackpot. Their families fall apart, their friendships do, too. They fall prey to whatever addictive excess finds them first. Sometimes they end up with no money at all. It all sounds dreadful enough that I don't play; one more thing I can cross off the list of terrible things that might befall me: winning \$27 million.

When you're poor, it feels like everything would be good if you just had money. So many things are so hard, things that are easy for people with money: you don't have a car so you take a bus, and getting to and from work takes you two hours each way. You don't have a car so you can't go to a supermarket; you buy not-very-good food for too much money at a neighborhood grocery. You can't get your teeth fixed, and you always cover your smile with your hand. You can't get orthotics in your shoes, so your feet always hurt. You can't save. You have to refuse your children every time they want something and you hate

doing it. You are always exhausted, and you never take a vacation. Day after day, you carry all these things. Some minister on the radio tells you that money doesn't buy happiness, and you want to slap him. *Maybe not*, you say, *but it buys plenty of other things.*

Yup. It's a tool, money. It buys things we need in life, and the lack of it is terribly painful. But it can't take the place of life. Husbanding it doesn't make a good life's work. When money becomes anything beyond a tool, it grows monstrous, a sorcerer's apprentice that leads a person to places he probably wouldn't want to go if he were to stop and think about it.

The main reason for having money is to give it away. After there is enough to get your teeth fixed and the proper shoes, the main thing about money is that it can be a powerful agent in the service of love. You can ease people's pain with it – not all of their pain, but some. You can save people's lives with it. You can use it to make the world more beautiful and more safe. You can learn the peculiar pleasure of saying No to yourself in order to say Yes to someone else's need, and you wonder why you never realized before how much fun that is.

“Money can't take the place of life.”

Special Guests at Sunday Worship

On Sunday, November 4, we welcome **Shamil Idriss**, President and CEO of **Search for Common Ground**, the largest organization dedicated to peacekeeping in the world (www.sfcg.org). This year they were also nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Michael Bos and he will have a special conversation during 11:00am Worship.

On Sunday, November 18 we welcome **Dr. Steve Pierce** back to Marble. Steve, a former Associate Minister at Marble, is now Senior Minister of Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI.



Shamil Idriss
President and CEO
Search for Common Ground



Dr. Steven D. Pierce
Senior Minister
Central Reformed Church
Grand Rapids

Reflections from the Editor

By Karla Fritsch

Autumn – I like the bright blue skies, the cooler air, and the magic of leaves changing color. I don't like what comes next.

Ed and Luella Mulder were leaves on my Family Tree – the Marble Family Tree and my personal NYC Family Tree. Those grace-filled leaves are gone now. Along with so many of you, my heart is breaking. Yet, I've been asking myself – because I know an end will come, would I ignore a beautiful tree as its leaves turn red and gold and eventually float to the ground – and miss the wonder and blessing of it all? No.

The roots of my NYC Family Tree are strong because of Luella. Before I moved here from Iowa, she wrote in response to a Marble Welcome Visitor card and invited me to brunch on my first Sunday in NYC. That was over 28 years ago. That brunch became years of weekly lunches and long talks. (Ed teased us often about how much we talked.) It was because of Luella that I started working at Marble. She became my NYC mom and most importantly, she became one of my dearest friends. I'm in awe of the seeds God was planting when I filled out that card.

I first got to know Ed through Luella and then as a co-worker after he retired as General Secretary of the RCA and re-joined the Marble Staff. It wasn't long before he became a father-figure. One of the things he taught me was that someone who had risen to professional heights and worldwide reach could also be so down-to-earth – and that a minister could have such a good sense of humor. I loved his chuckle and the absolute exuberance in his voice.

Ed even became my hero. One evening, Judy Tulin, Ed, Luella and I went to a gospel concert that had an

unexpected, very long, intimidating altar call. I'll admit I was feeling trapped and not sure what to do – then Ed leaned over and said, "We're leaving!" I was relieved to get out, and comforted that Ed and Luella, these people of such deep faith, felt uncomfortable like me. We all had a good laugh and were grateful that Ed had led our escape.

In addition to their friendship, one of the greatest gifts Luella and Ed gave me was their prayers. They would remind me frequently that they prayed for me every morning. They also gave me their gift of encouragement, very fitting since Barnabas, the encourager, was one of Ed's favorite people in the Bible. From the start they accepted me as I was, yet lovingly encouraged me to be the best Karla God created me to be. I still have a long way to go on that – I'll trust they'll keep the prayers going from heaven.

There will never be another couple like Ed and Luella. I will miss them for the rest of my life. Yet, I know the leaves that they were on my Family Tree have returned to the earth and will continue to nourish my roots.



Luella Mulder & Karla



The falling leaves drift by the window, the Autumn Leaves of red and gold. . . But I miss you most of all, when Autumn Leaves start to fall.

– Johnny Mercer

THE MARBLE WELCOME BUILDING COMMUNITY

Have you taken a moment to welcome someone you don't know to Marble recently? If not, take the time on Sunday or Wednesday to say "hello" and get to know someone new. It'll make a real difference for both of you!





Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton
Spiritual Teacher

Bible Study with Rev. Barbara Crafton

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

This fall I hope that our Sunday Bible classes will fit nicely with the sermon themes Dr. Michael Bos and our other preachers will be approaching from the pulpit. All of scripture passes through our minds as we read it, so no two of us will see any of it in exactly the same way. This fact is one of the greatest joys of studying the Bible – no matter how many times you may have read a passage, there is always, always something new.

Challenges: Moses' resourceful mother.

October 7 – Exodus 1:1-2:10

Entrusted: Moses and Aaron; The Commandments.

October 14 – Exodus 4:10-17

October 21 – Exodus 20:1-17

October 28 – Exodus 32

Simply Grateful: Joseph and his brothers.

November 4 – Genesis 37

November 11 – Genesis 39

November 18 – Genesis 40-43

November 25 – Genesis 44-50

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

October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

November 6, 13, 20 & 27

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

THURSDAYS AT NOON

Bread & Bible

Bring your lunch and join Rev. Crafton for this discussion about many things, including the scripture that formed the basis for the past Sunday's sermon. In the Marble Loft. Weekly.

If you can't be here in person, join via video conference. To sign up for the special link, contact Siobhan Tull (STull@MarbleChurch.org)



Rev. Gregory Johnson
Prayer Circle

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. In the Chapel.

On the last Sunday of the month, connect with Prayer Circle from around the world via <https://meeting.broadviewnet.com/j/1126517182> to access video conference. Questions? Contact Siobhan Tull (STull@MarbleChurch.org).

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. Meets in the Chapel.

Small Groups

Being part of a Small Group is a wonderful way to grow spiritually and connect in a deeper way with others members of the Marble Community. Learn more at the Small Group Table during Coffee Hour on Sundays after Worship, contact Baleta McKenzie (BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org), or visit MarbleChurch.org.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH NEW BEREAVEMENT GROUP

*Mondays, October 15, 22, 29 & November 5
12:00-1:15pm*

Grief has no expiration date. Any significant loss changes life forever. Marble is beginning a new Bereavement Group to which all are welcome. We invite you to participate in an understanding and supportive community to share your personal story in a confidential atmosphere of love and faith. Groups led by Rev. Don Jiskoot, Susan Konsker and Dieter Killinger. Meets in Peale Parlor. You can also speak with Rev. Elise Brown for more information.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

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

Learn how to provide better care to loved ones while protecting your own health and well-being. Please contact group leader Rev. Marion Gambardella (magambardella@yahoo.com) or Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org).

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. On average 1.5 million New York City residents, 1 in 4 of which are children, live in households facing food insecurity. Please donate **canned/bottled foods (only)** for Icahn House (Children's Rescue Fund). Leave food at the 29th Street Reception area, the Fifth Ave Narthex or the Marble Loft.

Food Suggestions: fruits, vegetables, pasta sauce, meats, fish, pasta, soups, peanut butter, jelly, juice, etc.



Monetary Donations – Make checks payable to Marble Collegiate Church, write "Marble Fights Hunger" in memo. Please mail to the attention of Tom Schneider, place in offering plate, or stop by the Action Table Sundays during Coffee Hour.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP

Saturday, October 6 | 9:00am

We officially kick off our second house! Dr. Michael Bos, his wife, Tena Bos, Marble volunteers and the Missions & Outreach Team represent the entire Marble Community at the ribbon cutting event. After that, we build! For more information, stop by the Action Table during Coffee Hour or contact Susanah Wade (SWade@MarbleChurch.org) or Tom Schneider (TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org).

Other upcoming Marble Build Days:

November 3, December 8 & more in 2019.

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.

Ecclesia Ministry

Sundays, October 13 & November 11

Volunteers are needed to help with this worshiping 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.

THANKSGIVING PROJECTS

Popular events, sign up early! Ask Tom Schneider for other opportunities, here are two options:

Project FIND

• Wednesday, November 21

4:30-6:30pm

Help set-up and prepare meals for distribution on Thanksgiving Day.

• Thanksgiving Day, November 22

9:30am-12:00pm

Drivers and escorts are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors and the homeless. Sign up with Tom Schneider.

Gobble Gobble Give

Thanksgiving Day, November 22

9:00am-12:00pm

Volunteers box warm food, sort donations, and then go out into the community to give care packages to shelters, retirement homes, and families all over the 5 boroughs. Cost of admission is at least one casserole-sized prepared dish. At the Church of the Intercession, 550 155th Street. For details and to register go to www.gggny.org or email, gobblegobblegivenyc@gmail.com.



Congregational Care Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mondays, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19

4:30-5:30pm

Please see page 10.

Bowery Mission

Saturday, October 13 | 5:30-7:30pm

Join other Marble members as we serve dinner to the homeless. The Bowery Mission provides more than 1,000 meals per day to poor and homeless men, women, and children.

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.

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

Adult Ministry

Contact Colleen Cosgrove (CCosgrove@MarbleChurch.org).

Arts Ministry

We have an Open House on **Thursday, October 11**, and join us for our monthly meetings of the ARTS Peer Support Group and Fellowship of Professional Artists. For details, contact Mario Sprouse (MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org).

Connection: Young Adult Ministry

20 & 30 somethings, please reach out and introduce yourself to Rev. Brittany Hanlin (BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org). See page 3.

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship

Join us for our Coffee Hour on **Sunday, October 21** and Intreat on **Sunday, November 11**. Invite your friends. See website for details. Contact Rev. Anthony Livolsi (ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org) or Don Piper (DPiper@MarbleChurch.org).

Men's Ministry

Contact Tom Schneider (TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org).

PrimeTime Fellowship

Contact Baleta McKenzie (BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org) or Colleen Cosgrove (CCosgrove@MarbleChurch.org).

Women's Ministry

Our kick-off Open House will be **Sunday, October 14**, and our annual Halloween dinner will be **Thursday, November 1**, followed by a special concert this year. (*Please see page 4.*) For details, visit our Table during Coffee Hour, check website or contact Don Piper (DPiper@MarbleChurch.org).

GIVING BACK THROUGH PRAYER

MARBLE PRAYER MINISTRY AND LABYRINTH VOLUNTEERS

Prayer is an important way we build community and strengthen our individual relationship with God. We are welcoming newcomers to participate in this important ministry at Marble.



The Marble Prayer Ministry invites you to join us in planning for the new church year. We meet on a monthly basis and pray for the needs of members of the community, which are received through the Marble website, phone calls, direct emails and prayer cards. Prayer Team members also pray with people on Sundays in the Prayer Room after Worship and we sponsor Prayer Intreats and the annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil.

You can also be trained as a Labyrinth docent to help lead Labyrinth walks on Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm, and the first Sunday of every month, 1:00-3:00pm. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, please contact Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org).



CONGREGATIONAL CARE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WELCOMES NEW PARTICIPANTS *Mondays, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19 4:30-5:30pm*

Join us for this very special ministry where we gather for a time of fellowship, prayer and creating together as we knit/crochet prayer shawls for ill/homebound members. We bless each completed shawl before it is given to someone in need. All levels welcome! Materials provided. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in Peale Parlor. Contact Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org). *Starting in November (with end of Daylight Saving Time), we will meet 4:00-5:00pm.*

EACH SUNDAY

Grace Notes: Inside the Music with Kenneth Dake / 10:48am

Hear background on the day's music. In the Sanctuary or online.

Talk Back / 12:15pm

Each week, watch online to learn about our program ministries and special events. Then, bring your questions and join Dr. Bos in the Sanctuary for a discussion at the end of each of his Sermon Series. (Check website and Sunday bulletin for specific dates.) Hosted by Mario Sprouse.

EACH WEDNESDAY

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

Take time for a walking meditation before WeWo.

#WeWo: Wednesday Worship / 6:15pm

This blend of traditional and contemporary worship styles can be a helpful mid-week spiritual boost. Our ministers offer thoughtful preaching with joyful music led by Deah Harriott with a praise ensemble, in the relaxed atmosphere of the Marble Loft. Bring a friend! *Please note, no Labyrinth or Worship on November 21.*

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, not available November 4.*

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Marianne Williamson Talks / 7:30pm

Hear this internationally renowned teacher and bestselling author speak on *A Course in Miracles*, in the Marble Sanctuary. \$20, but no one turned away if unable to pay. Also live streamed, details at Marianne.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Arts Ministry Open House / 6:00-8:30pm

Find out what this vital ministry to artists is all about. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Arts Ministry Coordinator Mario Sprouse (MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Women's Ministry Open House / 12:15-1:15pm

Join us for our Open House to kick off our new season and theme, *Faith: Transformed by Grace*. Afterward, have lunch at a nearby restaurant and then attend the Ordination Service of Susanah Wade at 3:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Coffee Hour / 12:15pm

All welcome to stop by after Worship for coffee, cookies and a chat.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Monthly Brunch / 12:15pm

A time of fellowship and good food, with live music. \$12. No reservation needed. In the Marble Loft.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Altar of Remembrance

This year's Halloween Celebration of All Saints will include a special Altar of Remembrance in the Sanctuary to place photos, art, and symbolic tokens in memory of those dear to you who have passed on. Memorial cards will also be available to write names of loved ones who have no photo. These may be placed on the Altar as you arrive for the November 1 concert. *(If photos are particularly sentimental or delicate, photocopies are strongly encouraged.)* To have images of your loved ones on the screen during the concert, please send to Music Department Manager Jen Doerr (JDoerr@MarbleChurch.org), no later than October 15.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Daylight Saving Time

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Intreat / 12:15-4:30pm

The Bible Tells Me So. How do we remain faithful to the Spirit of Christ and engage in constructive dialogue with someone whose politics differ from ours, especially regarding LGBTQ rights? Join guest speaker Rev. Freeman Palmer and Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton for an afternoon of discussion, fellowship, and worship. \$20, includes lunch and materials. Register online.

SAVE THE DATES

Artisans' Boutique**Sunday, December 2** / 12:15-2:00pm

Support Marble's amazing Marble artists and get a head start on your Christmas list with a variety of hand-crafted gifts. In the Marble Loft.

Advent Concert**Sunday, December 9** / 2:30pm

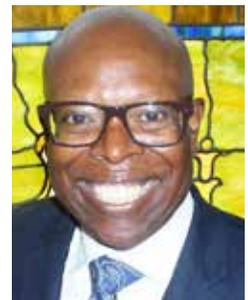
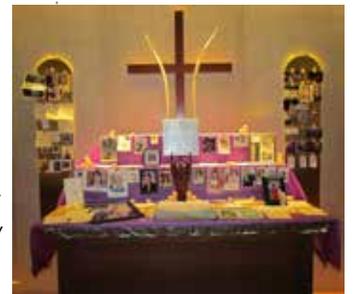
The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices, and Chamber Orchestra, directed by Kenneth Dake.

Stay tuned to website for details.

Note: The Calendar of Events schedule subject to change. Please call to confirm.

Calendar of Events

For more details, to register, or for the full listing of all our programming, please visit MarbleChurch.org or stop by the Welcome Center after Worship during Coffee Hour.



Rev. Freeman Palmer

LIVE STREAM

Sunday, October 7



LIVE STREAM SUNDAY

October 7 | 11:00am

We've invited our live streamers from all over the country and the world to join us in person for Worship. If you're someone who is usually in the Sanctuary on Sundays, we really hope you'll be here on this special day to welcome and get to know our broader community.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 7 | 12:15pm

We will be hosting a Blessing of the Animals directly after 11:00am Worship, in front of the church on Fifth Avenue. The Sanctuary will be pet free, so if you are allergic or not a fan of our furry friends don't be alarmed. All pet lovers are welcome to watch the service with their animals in the Labyrinth Room.



TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, October 21 | After Worship

Dr. Bos and Marble's leadership will talk about the state of the church and our hopes for the future. All are welcome to attend. In the Sanctuary. It will also be live streamed.

FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ VESPERS

November 9 | 6:15pm

Be uplifted and inspired by word and by song. In the Marble Loft.

THE LAST WORD

Some days there won't be a song in your heart. Sing anyway. — Emory Austin



LIVE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

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

Sundays

- 10am – Bible Study with Rev. Crafton
- 10:48am – Grace Notes: Inside the Music
- 11am – Worship
- 12:15pm – Talk Back

Wednesdays

6:15pm – #WeWo: Wednesday Worship

TV – Fridays @ 4:30pm, MNN Time Warner Ch. 57 (Manhattan)

Sermon Podcasts: Subscribe at MarbleChurch.org.

MARBLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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Marble Church has been blessed by the ministry of Dr. Ed and Luella Mulder! Through their decades on staff (multiple times), their membership, and the bright lights they have been in the lives of all who knew them, they have left a rich legacy to this community they loved.