Today at Middle Church

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• JOIN THE MOVEMENT – 10:30–10:45 a.m. • Sanctuary – Learn about Middle membership.

• COMMUNITY HOUR – 10:35–11:40 a.m. • Social Hall – 9:30 worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share coffee and conversation – Community

• KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K–5) – 10:45–11:30 a.m. • 3rd Fl Youth Room – Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and lunch.

• BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT) – 10:45–11:30 a.m • 4th Fl Studio – Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.

• YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES 6–12) – 10:45–11:30 a.m. • 3rd Fl Youth Room – Honest small-group conversations, service-learning projects, and creative responses to connect faith and justice.

• REVOLUTIONARY PARENTING – 10:45–11:45 a.m • Parlor – Conversations and community at the intersection of parenting, faith, and the belief that we can raise a just, liberated, and ethical generation.

• VOTER REFORM PROJECT – 10:45–11:30 a.m. • 4th Fl Classroom – Voter registration, Census 2020, and ending voter suppression. Join the team: votingproject@middlechurch.org.

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• COMMUNITY HOUR – 12:45–1:10 p.m • Social Hall – Coffee and conversation.

• FREE SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 1:00–2:15 p.m • Community Room – For info, contact John at jplekcueto@middlechurch.org.

• HALAMADÓS! – 10:30–11:00 a.m • Conference Room – Our Spanish-language social club! Through monthly discussion, lectures, comida, film, and art, we’ll explore our collective voice on the issues facing our Latino community to emerge. (Come ready to share! All levels are welcome. For more information or to join the group, contact Blanca at blancamendez@middlechurch.org)

• 4TH FL STUDIO – 10:30–11:00 a.m • 4th Fl Studio – Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.

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• COMMUNITY HOUR – 1:20–2:15 p.m • Social Hall – Coffee and conversation.

• MIDDLE OUT LOUD – 1:30–3:30 p.m. • Community Room – At the request of Middle Collegiate Church, a partner organization of the “Keep God in the Middle of It: Lessons from the Southern Freedom Movement” with Ruby Sales and Jacqui Lewis.

• MIDDLE PROJECT HOSTS BGX WALKING TOUR – 3:00–4:30 p.m • Meet at 60 East 7th Street lobby – Join the Middle Project for “Other Side of Wall Street” lead by Kamali Ware, founder of the Black Gotham Experience (BGE). FREE – Registration required. Space is limited.

• FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 1:00–2:15 p.m • Community Room – For info, contact John at jplekcueto@middlechurch.org.

Welcome to Middle Church

We are glad you are here today. If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to return often and make Middle Church a home for you, your family, and friends. Complete the pew card to receive our newsletter or weekly emails. To join our movement, sit by the side, front, and back aisles. By entering the Sanctuary, you grant Middle Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit, or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. You agree that all such material will be the sole property of Middle Collegiate Church. If you are uncomfortable, you are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary balcony.

This Week at Middle Church

Check middlechurch.org for full details of all events, including AA, NA, and Al-Anon.

Monday, January 13

• MONUMENTAL MEALS – Social Hall – Lunch: 11:30 a.m–1:00 p.m Dinner: 5:30–6:30 p.m • Free, nutritious food and food pantry for clients and the community.

• ACTING CLASS – 7:00–9:00 p.m • 4th Fl Studio – Rehearsal for local plays. For information, contact Elise at etiralli@middlechurch.org.

• PUB THEOLOGY – 7:00–8:30 p.m • 12th Street Ale House: 192 Second Ave – Share stories, ask questions, and talk honestly about God, life, and everything in between. For information, contact Elise at etiralli@middlechurch.org.

Wednesday, January 15

• VIRTUAL NEW MEMBERS GATHERING – 7:00–8:00 p.m • Register for ZOOM Meeting at http://blue.ly/NewMember185 – Learn more about what it means to be a member.

Thursday, January 16

• NEW ADVENTURES – 2:00–3:30 p.m • 4th Fl Studio – Revisited or just between jobs? Share time with friends. Contact Elise at etiralli@middlechurch.org.

• CREATIVELY WRITING – 6:30–8:30 p.m • 4th Fl Studio – A supportive place to work on an idea you’ve always wanted to write. THIS WEEK: Political

• JERRE JOHNSON GOSPEL CHOIR – 7:00–9:00 p.m • Community Room – Weekly rehearsal. For more information, contact John at jplekcueto@middlechurch.org. – Arts

Friday, January 17

• SHABAT SERVICES – 6:30–8:30 p.m • Social Hall – TheShule@NewYork.org – Worship

Saturday, January 18

• WOMEN’S MARCH – Meet at 10:45 a.m • Offsite – Meet Amanda at the Astor Place Cube to attend the Rise and Roar Rally at Foley Square. For more Women’s activities in NYC, DC, and Seneca Falls, see https://middlechurch.org/news/womens-month-2020-middle-church

Sunday, January 19

• WE CARE (INFANT-AGE 4) – 9:15 a.m–1:15 p.m • 3rd Fl Nursery – Childcare.

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• MIDDLE OUT LOUD – 2:30–4:00 p.m • 4th Fl Studio – Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.

• MEETING THE PEOPLE – 2:30–4:00 p.m • 4th Fl Studio – Meet at 10:45 AM • 3rd Fl Youth Room – Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and lunch.

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns:

• Lampitkaya and family, the Whitaker family, and the VanZandt family; Graceland family, Randy, and Troy; the Smith family, Nora; the Dyer family; Unity members, to whom our blessings go.

• Francis and family, and the Flaherty family; the Carlin family, and their children; the Frey family, and the Thomas family.

• John, and family; the Tomlinson family, and the MacFarlane family; the Delay family, and the McHugh family; the Walker family, and the Kennedy family.

• IRENE JOHNSON GOSPEL CHOIR – 10:00–11:00 a.m • Community Room – For info, contact John at jplekcueto@middlechurch.org.

MIDDLE LITURGY MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!

Submit your writing and/or art to our 9th annual Liturgical Magazine! The theme is “Practicing Ethical Politics.” Poetry, fiction, essay, art, photos, children’s work—even a video clip—are all welcome! Send your submissions to editor Cari Wierzbicki at img@middlechurch.org by February 9.

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MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT
Middle Collegiate Church is a multicultural, multiethnic, intergenerational movement of Spirit and justice, powered by Revolutionary Love, with room for all. Following in the Way of Jesus’ radical love, and inspired by the prophets, Middle Church is called by God to do a bold new thing on the earth. We aim to heal the soul and the world by dismantling racist, classist, sexist, xenophobic, and homophobic systems of oppression.

Because our God is still speaking in many languages, we work in inter-religious partnerships to uproot injustice, alleviate poverty, care for the brokeredhearted, and build the Reign of God on earth. This activism is fueled by our faith; our faith is expressed in art; our art is an active prayer connecting us with the Holy Spirit. Middle Church affirms the transformative power of moral imagination, reclaiming and reframing Christianity inside our walls, on the street, and in virtual spaces around the globe.

LAST WEEK: NEIGHBORHOOD THOUGHTS
• God’s word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood, bringing the Reign of God on earth. How does that change the hood? The nation? The world?

THIS WEEK: STILL SPEAKING
• When have you heard the voice of God? How can we discern gods voice?
• How is gods voice #inthemiddleofit with us?

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