Homecoming Sunday, September 8.
L-R, Rev. Peggy Clarke, Satya Tabachnick, Jake Hearen, Brenda Shrobe

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Virginia Asman morphed Santa Fe’s Zozobra* into Saturday Night Fever’s John Travolta— and won the competition for the Official 2019 Burn Zozobra T-Shirt! “I don’t usually enter contests, but once I learned that this year’s Zozobra theme was the 1970s, I couldn’t resist! Creating Travolta, the Zia (symbol of New Mexico) disco ball, and the auto flames were all challenges I enjoyed!” So now Virginia’s art—usually hung in galleries—is also being worn around Santa Fe! Virginia, in addition to her duties as chair of Gallery35, has been serving as coordinator of Art On Barcelona, the gallery space at UU Santa Fe! Go to her website to learn more about her artistic endeavors—and the Zozobra experience!  
www.vgasman.com

“Old Man Gloom, a 50-ft puppet stuffed with Santa Feans’ glooms and burned annually for 95 years.

This summer I went to Bennington Vermont as I usually do for one week to the Sonata Camp. At a concert there, I played a two piano pieces by Mozart with my friend Linda Rossman who lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. I felt very happy when we received a standing ovation for our performance. I played two other pieces 1) the Peacherine Rag by Scott Joplin and the June Barcarolle, from the Seasons by Tschaikovsky, for a Master Class. We had a very inspiring young pianist this year playing excerpts from the Carnival by Schumann. This is a very difficult piece and he played it like a professional. I not only enjoyed the music, but also the food. Every meal was delicious and healthy, I want to keep going to this camp every summer.

~ Lois Ros

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**Can You Help a Former Sunday School Student with Church History Information**

Derek Peruo recently wrote to us:

“I attended the church school when I was a young kid and I’m looking for information on a time capsule buried on Church grounds about 20 years ago. I think we buried the time capsule under the elevator leading from street level down to the Chapel. As a class assignment, our teacher asked us to write letters to ourselves. We put these letters in the time capsule and were going to open it sometime in the future so we could read what we wrote.”

If you can offer any information about the time capsule, please contact Derek at – dperuo@gmail.com or 917-763-9746

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*Biology – A Lifetime, Watercolor by Reena Kondo*
Leonore and Fatoumata go to New Orleans
By Leonore Teifer

Our Sanctuary family mom Fatoumata Gassama finally won asylum in March 2019 and received travel papers allowing her to safely go abroad. She wanted to go to Mecca and make Hajj (most of her natal family in Senegal has already made this holy pilgrimage), but she didn't receive a visa for Saudi Arabia in time. I had already planned a trip to New Orleans for recreation and to attend a social science conference, so I invited Fatou to accompany me as a consolation for not going abroad.

Her very stressful and challenged life over the last 10 years as a single mother of 6 kids had prevented Fatou from having vacations, and aside from trips to visit her daughters in college, she hadn't left New York, so this was a great adventure. We had 3 1/2 days together, and managed to see and do a lot, despite over 90 degree temperatures every day (note to self – avoid New Orleans in August). Fatou bravely experimented with new foods (fried oysters, oyster-asparagus soup, gumbo without pork, creole-style fish and chicken, filet mignon, ice cream sandwiches, eggs Benedict, beignets) and loved them all. We went on a jazz dinner cruise on the Mississippi. We walked around the French Quarter and bus-toured all over N.O., mopping the sweat off our faces. Fatou managed to complete her obligatory prayers, five times daily, and kept in touch with her family abroad and in the Bronx by phone.

Perhaps most memorably, we visited the Whitney Plantation (https://www.whitneyplantation.com), one of many Louisiana plantations open to tourists, but the only one with an exclusive focus on the lives of enslaved people. It was profiled in the New Yorker when it opened in 2016, https://www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/telling-the-story-of-slavery, and there’s lots more about this amazing project on line. The mastermind behind the slavery museum/plantation, John Cummings, was on site the day we visited, and he gave Fatou an inscribed copy of the plantation’s history, Bouki Fait Gombo: A History of the Slave Community of Habitation Haydel Louisiana (1750-1860) by Ibrahima Seck, a Senegalese historian who worked with and inspired Cummings.

I loved having Fatou’s companionship, and much as we had talked together over the past decade, we talked so much more on this trip – over meals, during travel, and especially in our hotel room. It was a great adventure for both of us and brought us even closer.

~ Church Directory Project – Sundays ~

The Church Council is working on creating a Church Directory with photos beginning this month. Michele Asencio will be available on some Sundays to take photographs. You may also submit your own digital photos to Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, atvlynch@ccny.org. Participation is optional. If you have questions, contact Jody Leight, Michele, or Valerie.

Connect With Our Facebook Page And Group

Are you on Facebook? If so, you should definitely be following our recently improved Facebook page (@CommunityChurchNYU). And while you are there, why not sign up for our new Facebook Group?

The Group will be aimed at members and friends of the Church, and provide another way for us to stay in touch with each other, with Peggy, and with whatever issues come up along the way.

To join, go to our Facebook page, and click on the blue button that says “Visit Group”.

That should take you through to a page where you can request to join, and then we can add your name, and you will be fully in touch with almost everything in a wondrous and slightly anxiety producing way!

Jonathan Birchall
New Organizations

Americans For Middle East Understanding
Americans for Middle East Understanding was founded in 1967. Over the years its directors have included church leaders, members of U.S. Congress, ambassadors, businessmen, educators and writers. Their focus is the moral, legal and human rights dimensions of the Palestine-Israeli impasse. Their stated focus is to indicate the diverse sources of information that are available on the Middle East, to report on a wide range of viewpoints, and to encourage further discussion of the basic issues and concerns.

Ethical Action Committee
The Ethical Action Committee is a standing committee of the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. Its mission is to increase the pool of knowledge for themselves and the broader community on racial justice issues. Their aims is promote better recognition of the formation of racist implications in certain policies. Thy present community forums, trips, film showings and discussions on topics of major importance aimed at bringing about racial parity. Areas of concentration have been Rikers Island closure, police abuse, and improving mental health responses by police.

350 NYC Climate Action Mondays
350NYC is the local affiliate of 350.ORG an international movement of ordinary people working to end the age of fossil fuels and build a world of community-led renewable energy for all. Some of the ways they plan to get there are as follows: by working towards a fast and just transition to a 100 percent renewable energy for all, working to accelerate the transition to a new just clean energy economy, and by supporting community led energy solutions.

Riverside Senior Life Services
Riverstone Senior Life Services is a non-profit multi-service agency that provides services to older adults in the vicinity of the center and beyond. The grant is to help financially stabilize the agency as it confronts new challenges of growth and enhances its services. The grant will specifically provide additional financial support needed to provide transportation to the Memory Center for individuals with memory loss due to Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia. Funds will also be used to expand their offering of creative programming.

Renewals

Bailey’s Café
Companion Community Development Alternatives
HEART (Haitian Education and Resources Team)
Legion of Goodwill
New Destiny Housing
NY Foundation for the Arts (Blued Trees)
People’s Voice Café
Sane Energy Project
Sankofa Community Empowerment Centers

Memberships
The Ali Forney Center
Center for Constitutional Rights
Doctors Without Borders
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
Fortune Society
Interfaith Assembly for Homelessness and Housing
Interfaith Alliance
Murray Hill Neighborhood Association
NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund
NAACP National Headquarters
New York New Sanctuary Committee
New York Civil Liberties Union
Queens Pride House
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Unitarian United Nations Office
Unitarian Universalist Women’s Federation

Doolittle Grant Nomination Forms are now Available
Voting Members are invited to nominate 501-C3 organizations for Doolittle Grants every early October. The nomination forms for 2019/20 submissions are available this morning at the Welcome Table or on our church’s website, and must be returned via U.S. postal mail only, postmarked no later than October 12, 2019.
Our fall lineup began with our annual Social Justice exhibit, We Bend, Not Break presented as part of the he arts festival of The Community Service Society of New York (CSS)’s 2019 conference—Full Participation is a Human Right – Moving Beyond Punishment—at Community Church. We will follow that with Soul Speaking, a joint exhibit with two of our gallery artists. To round out the fall season, we will again present our popular SMALL WORKS show for the first time in a few years.

WE BEND, NOT BREAK will soon close with two more opportunities to visit.

Closing Reception: October 19, 6-8 pm
Community Church of NY Visit: October 20 12:30-1:30 pm

This exhibit, featuring the work of 13 artists, focuses on the strides and struggles of African-Americans and other historically and currently marginalized groups! We hope everyone will make a special effort to view this important exhibit before it closes!

Go to www.gallery35nyc.com for a link to our video—We Bend, Not Break: Artist Interviews.

SOUL SPEAKING

October 20–November 24
Artists’ Reception: October 26 6-8 pm
Artist Talk: November 3 1-2:30 pm
Closing Reception: November 23 6-8 pm

Soul Speaking features the works of Susan Harris-Demmet and Ingrid Sletten in a two-person show. This powerful and thought-provoking show brings together 21 major works that explore the workings of the “all knowing unconscious mind.” Each artist uses different visuals to portray what the soul communicates.

Harris-Demmet states, “The subject matter of my paintings and drawings is of pre-birth, birth and the events that follow in abstract and fantastical visuals.”

Sletten says, of her works, “I seek to show the human spirit as palpable, almost mineral-like energy within and around the human form.” Each artist uses different visuals to portray what the soul communicates.

Both Susan and Ingrid have been active members of our Gallery35 collective for several years and are part of New York’s emerging contemporary spiritual artists.

SMALL WORKS

November 24–February 9
Artists’ Reception and Sale: Dec 7 6-8 pm
Closing Reception: Jan 25 6-8 pm

Finally this fall In time for holiday shopping, we will reprise our SMALL Works Show featuring affordable art no larger than 12” in any dimension. Gift items created by our artists will be available at our reception and sale on December 7th and again at Community Church of NY’s annual Crafts Show the next day. Bring your gift list!
Speech Support Group
Tuesdays, October 1 & 15 and November 5 & 19, 6:30-8:15 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom
This monthly group is open to Community members and friends. It welcomes anyone who is a secondary stutterer – that is an adult who acknowledges he/she does stutter, and one who always has “anticipatory anxiety”, the expectation to fail, to be dis-fluent. Our meetings start with relaxation breathing, then follows with specific exercises and then conversation using the taught techniques. There is a $2 fee per meeting.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club
Thursdays, October 3 and November 7, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge
Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven’t finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free! See www.shsny.org for titles.

The Hearing Loss Association of America, NYC Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, October 1 and November 5, 6:30-8:30, Assembly Hall
The Hearing Loss Association of America, NYC Chapter, (HLAA NYC), holds their monthly meetings here at Community Church. Community members and friends are warmly invited to attend to learn more.

Art & Card Making Circle
A Sunday date will be announced soon.
Join us after Fellowship Hour for an afternoon of crafting fun. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

Young Adult Earth Discussion Group
Thursday, October 3 – 7-8:30 pm, Chapel
Join us for our first monthly meeting of the Young Adult (18-35) Discussion Group. Come talk about your beliefs and how they relate to the Earth and Earth centered traditions!

UU Pagan NY – Full Moon Ritual
Starting in November (dates below)
7-8:30 pm, Chapel
Join us for a Full Moon worship service for people of all ages and beliefs (children to elders!). We will gather for UU pagan ritual and share our joys and grief around our planet and her many children. (Nov 11, Dec 11, Jan 10, Feb 8, Mar 9, Apr 7, May 6)

Samhain/Halloween Celebration – Thursday, October 31, 7-8 pm

Opera Performance with Joel Mandelbaum
Sunday, November 24, 1 pm
Watch for details soon!

Full Participation is a Human Right
Annual Conference
October 17-19
This conference is a featured NYC event of 400 Years of Perseverance, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History’s year long commemorating the African American experience in the US. The event will feature discussions, performances and opportunities for engagement. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Community Church is a co-sponsor of the conference. No Admission / Charge Come as your schedule allows.

Gallery35 at Community
(See page 7 for more details)
WE BEND, NOT BREAK
Closing Reception
Saturday, October 19, 6-8 pm, Gallery
Again this year, Gallery 35 is proud to be part of the arts festival of The Community Service Society of New York’s 2019 conference to be held at Community Church: Full Participation is a Human Right – Moving Beyond Punishment, October 17-19. (Community members and friends are invited to attend the conference.)

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Green Sanctuary Events
Smart Meters, Dirty Electricity and WiFi
October evening date to be announced.
Learn How Electrical wiring in buildings and homes, computer systems and appliances may be harmful and what you can do about it NYC 5G Wake-Up Call – Sunday, November 17, 1-2:45 pm, Assembly Hall
What the FCC Won’t tell you about the Dangers of 5G

Social Tea Guest Speakers
October 29, 2-3:30 pm—Satya Tabachnick, Intern Minister
Tuesday, Nov 26, 2-3:30 pm – Joel Mandelbaum
More details soon.
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 11 am
We meet in the RE Room downstairs.
Register now. All Children and Youth are Welcome!
Contact Esther Rosado, DLRE, 212-683-4988 ext. 123.

Other Opportunities

Peoples Voice Café at Community Church of NY, lower level
40 East 35th Street, NY, NY 10016
Most Saturdays at 8:00 pm, Assembly Hall
Doors open 7:30 pm • www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

COMING UP Fall 2019:
Oct 5: The Johnson Girls and Quarterdeck
Oct 12: Bill & Eli Perras and Dave Lippman
Oct 19: Jake Blount and Bob Malenky
Oct 26: New York City Labor Chorus
Nov 2: Peoples’ Voice Cafe 40th Anniversary Celebration
Nov 9: Concetta Abbate + Bob Brashear
Nov 16: Country Voices / City Voices: Carrie & Michael Kline and Triboro
Nov 23: Vocal Traditions Night: Windborne and Asaran Earth Trio
CLOSED 11/30 FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Governance/Committee Meetings:
Board of Trustees Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery
Church Council Meetings – Meets Quarterly 7:30-9 pm
(next meeting date Oct 8)
6:30-9 pm (next meeting – Tuesday, September 10)
Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery
Shelter Committee – 2nd Sundays – 9:30-10:30 am
Shelter Kitchen
Gallery35 at Community (Art Group) – 1st Wednesdays,
6:30-8 pm, Gallery

SAVE THE DATE
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2019
at 12:45 pm IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Everyone is welcome! ~ Lunch will be served
## Events Calendar for October 2019

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
- 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa
- 6:30 Hearing Loss
- 6:30 Speech Support
- 7:00 NYC Street Singers

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
- 6:30 Gallery35 at Community

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
- 7:00 Secular Humanist Society Book Club
- 7:00 Young Adults Earth Discussion Group

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
- 2:00 Breathing Exercises with Nafisa by appointment

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
- 10:30 Yoga with Nafisa
- 10:45 1st Saturday Feeding
- 8:00 Peoples’ Voice Café

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 11:00 Sunday School
- 12:15 Fellowship Hour
- 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8
- 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa
- 6:30 Church Council Meeting
- 7:00 NYC Street Singers

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
- 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa
- 6:30 Church Council Meeting
- 7:00 NYC Street Singers

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
- 2:00 Breathing Exercises with Nafisa by appointment

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
- 10:30 Yoga with Nafisa
- 8:00 Peoples’ Voice Café

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 Shelter Meeting
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 11:00 Sunday School
- 12:15 Fellowship Hour
- 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
- Columbus Day Holiday
- Church Building Closed

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
- 6:00 Yoga with Nafisa
- 6:30 Speech Support
- 7:00 NYC Street Singers

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
- 7:00 Secular Humanist Society Book Club

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
- 2:00 Breathing Exercises with Nafisa by appointment

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
- 10:30 Yoga with Nafisa
- 8:00 Peoples’ Voice Café

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 11:00 Sunday School
- 12:15 Fellowship Hour
- 1:00 UN & Global Affairs Forum/Luncheon

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
- 2:00 Breathing Exercises with Nafisa by appointment

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 11:00 Sunday School
- 12:15 Fellowship Hour
- 12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00 Rev. Peggy Clarke ~ Installation ~

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
- 7:00 Samhain/Halloween Celebration

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### Events Calendar for November 2019

### FOR MORE Adult Religious Education and Opportunities/Events see pages 7-8
HERE AT COMMUNITY

~ Save the date ~
A Special Time with Peggy Clarke, The Installation of Senior Minister, Reverend Peggy Clarke to our Pulpit
Sunday, October 27, 4 p.m.
Invite family and friends. A celebratory reception will follow the service.

Planning Ahead for the Holidays

Holiday Crafts Fair
Sunday, December 8
12:15-4:00 pm
Original gift & food items created by Artisan members and friends of Community Church of New York
We look forward to seeing you there!

Candle-Lighting Service
Tuesday, December 24th 4:30 p.m.

Messiah Concert
Tuesday, December 24th 7:30 p.m.
Christmas portion (and Hallelujah Chorus) of Händel’s “Messiah.”
The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Reverend Peggy Clarke, Senior Minister
Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music
Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator
Jeffrey Loveland, Finance and Operations
Reverend Bruce Southworth, Minister Emeritus

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