# LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 4



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#### The Courage to Show Up

February 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Nave

What can a research professor and a Black Lives Matter activist teach us about how to have hard conversations? What does talking about courage, shame, and vulnerability have to do with race and privilege? Bestselling author Brené Brown and community activist DeRay McKesson come together for a conversation on how we summon the courage to show up for those moments that can make a real difference in our lives and our world.

Visit trcnyc.org/TheCourageToShowUp for more information and to purchase tickets.

Listen to Rev. Rachel Johnson and Rev. Jim Keat talk more about this event on the latest episode of A Look Ahead at trcnyc.org/ALookAhead.



## The Beloved Community Small Group Experience Orientation January 21 | 1:00 p.m. | 321 MLK

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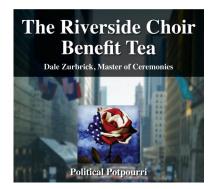


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January 28 | 1:00 p.m. | 411 MLK

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Visit trcnyc.org/event/political-potpourri-riverside-choir-benefit-tea/ for more information and to purchase tickets.

## Worship at The Riverside Church

#### Morning Light | Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Christ Chapel

An intimate early Sunday morning service incorporating meditation, Scripture reading, and weekly communion.

January 21: Dr. Colleen Birchett | January 28: Rev. Bruce Lamb | February 4: Farley Lord

#### Sunday Morning Worship | Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Nave

Our traditional Sunday service, held in the beautiful Nave, follows the lectionary and liturgical calendar and is centered around Scripture, preaching, music, and prayer. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

January 21: Rev. Debra Northern | January 28: Rev. Amy Butler | February 4: Imam Khalid Latif

#### Space for Grace | Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall

Our Wednesday evening service is less formal and celebratory, featuring preaching, prayer, and gospel-inspired music to revive the spirit and get you through the week.

January 24: Rev. Dustin Pickett | January 31: Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper | February 7: Rev. Jim Keat

Save the date: Lent begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Stay tuned for imore nformation on Lenten Devotionals!

#### **Coming this Lent:** Stations of the Cross exhibit all across New York City

Riverside has been invited to be part of a Stations of the Cross exhibit that will begin in the Cloisters and end at the 9/11 Memorial. Stay tuned for more information about the station that Riverside will be hosting and how you can participate in this experience.

#### Mission and Social Justice

"Justice is really love in calculation. Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love." --Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Live Justice Now" is an initiative of Riverside's Mission and Social Justice ministries. It suggests actions for response to the great need for truth, justice and compassion in our world. Please join us as we put our faith to work and follow the words of the prophet who told us what God requires: Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). For more information, visit www.trcnyc.org/LiveJusticeNow or contact Daniel Conover, dconover@trcnyc.org or 212-870-6909.

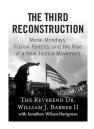


February Action: Wage Theft Protest at Manhattan Valley Restaurant Wednesday, February 7 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | Broadway and 100th St.

Join restaurant workers and members of the National Mobilization Against Sweatshops at their monthly protest of Manhattan Valley and other restaurants with the same owners, including the Bergdorf Goodman employee cafeteria, Dakota Bar, Columbus Gourmet Deli, and City Market Cafe. Join the workers in calling for New York State to enact legislation that would stop employers from ignoring court-ordered wage settlements and help protect restaurant workers.

## William Barber Book Study: The Third Reconstruction Begins Sunday, January 28 in 20T at 9:00 a.m.

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#### Boycott Wendy's

Join in solidarity with farmworkers to boycott Wendy's until it signs on to the Fair Food Program to end rampant abuse, including sexual assault, in its supply chain. Riverside's Church Council has endorsed the boycott.

For more information visit www.boycott-wendys.org.

#### Coming Home Open House/Potluck | Sunday, January 21 | 1:00 p.m. | Assembly Hall

Do you feel guided to work with people who are formerly incarcerated? We invite you to learn more about Riverside's Coming Home Program at our Open House/Potluck! If you can, bring an offering such as cookies, soda, or fruit. If you're unable to bring food, just bring a warm smile and an open heart.

For more information contact Jade de Saussure, Program Director, at jdesaussure@trcnyc.org.

## Education Ministry & Faith Formation

#### Sign Up for a Fall Small Group Class

We all have questions about life, faith, and our role in the world. Come explore them in a safe and caring environment where hard questions are welcome. Our Faith Formation classes offer a variety of group experiences that will allow you to study Scripture, engage in theological reflection, and deepen your faith. Sign up at www.trcnyc.org/smallgroups.

#### Parent Committee News & Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in serving in a worship-leading capacity with our children? Do you have musical gifts or storytelling gifts, or some other worshipful offering that you might use in a family worship service? Contact Amanda Meisenheimer at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org with your ideas.

#### **English Conversation Partners Program**

Riverside Church's English Conversation Partners Program continues its volunteer global ministry to graduate students new to the city. One-to-one tutor/student conversations are to be seen meeting throughout the church daily. International students should visit the ECPP table during coffee hour after worship to learn about the program, which connects students with tutors for weekly conversations. Contact ECPP at englishconversation4@gmail.com.

#### Confirmation Student & Parent Orientation

#### Sunday, January 28 | 12:45 p.m. | 323 MLK

Confirmation classes run bi-monthly January 28th – June 18th. Classes are designed for youth in grades 7-12. Classes are designed to teach basic theology of Christ, and how the Gospel ultimately affects how we relate to God, neighbor, church and the world. Students and parents are encouraged to engage this interactive faith passage journey together. During this journey students will choose a service project as well as attend a confirmation retreat in August. Confirmation Sunday will take place on September 16.



#### Let's Talk Race

#### January 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18, 25 | 9:30 a.m. | 323 MLK

The Riverside Youth Ministry is embarking on an an eight-week, indepth journey looking at race then and now. Each week we will look at topics such as white privilege, Black Lives Matter, race in the age of Trump, the intersection of race and gender, and more.

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us in room 323 MLK during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.).



## Young Adults Winter Retreat February 16 - 18

Join Riverside Young Adults at Koinonia Retreat Center for a few days in a cabin, enjoying s'mores and hot chocolate, time to worship together, and a day of skiing and tubing. The group will leave on Friday evening and return on Sunday afternoon.

Contact Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org for more information and to claim your spot.

Lodging/Meals: \$25 | Tubing: \$25 | Skiin g: \$48 for a morning ticketl\$60 for a regular full day

For more information: bristolmountain.com

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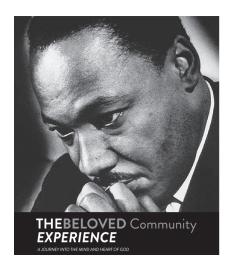
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The group will officially begin on February 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. and continue on for eight sessions total. Due to the special nature of this group, all individuals interested in signing up must contact the facilitator. Phil Lynn at plynn212@gmail.com.

"Our goal is to create a Beloved Community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls and a quantitative change in our lives."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Riverside Church, April 4, 1967



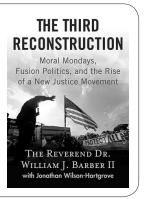
### Lay Leadership at Riverside

Interested in serving on one of Riverside's commissions or committees? Riverside's Nominating Committee welcomes you to answer God's call. Whether you are a new member or you've been here for many years, we encourage you to continue your path of spiritual growth through lay leadership at The Riverside Church.

Find out more and listen to conversations with commission and committee members at www.trcnyc.org/LayLeadership.

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#### **Grow Gratefully**

Why does Stewardship and Development focus on both fundraising and fostering a deeper understanding of Christian stewardship? Before Christian stewardship is about how we use our money, it's about how we live our lives in communion with God and each other. Using learning tools like worship, education, and dialogue, Stewardship and Development supports and shapes people of faith as they strive to show generosity in every aspect of their lives and better understand the connection between faith and giving.



For more information contact Rev. Dustin Pickett at dpickett@trcnyc.org or visit www.trcnyc.org/Grateful

#### 2018 Commitment Cards

Fill out your 2018 Commitment Cards now. You can find the cards in coffee hour or online at trcnyc.org/2018commitment.

#### Save the date: Grateful Gathering on February 4

Join us for the first Grateful Gathering of 2018 on Sunday, February 4 immediately following worship. As always, we will gather around good music, great food, and an incredible time together learning more about the Grateful campaign.

#### UPCOMING TOWER LEAGUE EVENTS

#### Tower League: Life Force in Later Years (LiLY) on January 25 at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Life Force in Later Years (LiLY) is changing the landscape for seniors and their families by creating compelling programs to raise the quality of life for our oldest community members. LiLY's free-of-charge neighborhood network of volunteers helps older adults live comfortably in their own homes. LiLY Directors, Paula Seefeldt, LMSW, and Bill Margraf, will share resources and invite conversation on this crucial topic.

#### Tower League: African Burial Ground Presentation on February 1 at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Mr. Derrick Head, Park Ranger from the African Burial Ground National Monument, will offer a program at Riverside to help deepen our knowledge and understanding of this sacred site and its history.

#### Stations of the Cross

An Art Exhibit across Manhattan at The Riverside Church and 13 other Iconic Locations February 14 - April 1

"Stations of the Cross" is a public art project that breaks open the journey of Jesus, inviting people of all faiths to consider injustice and pain across the human experience. The focus for 2018 is the experience of immigrants and refugees. The exhibition presents a pilgrimage comprised of 14 "art stations" located across Manhattan, from The Cloisters to the 9/11 Memorial.

For more information visit trinitywallstreet.org/artasadvocacy.

#### MUSIC AT RIVERSIDE

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#### **Christ Chapel Chamber Series: An American Tapestry**

Soprano extraordinaire Heather Hill presents songs celebrating the beautiful diversity of America by musically exploring themes of freedom, justice, and unity. Presented as part of Riverside's "Beyond the Dream" series. February 11 | Doors open at 2:00 p.m. in Christ Chapel

#### Christ Chapel Chamber Series: Songs My Mothers Taught Me

We learn so much from the mothers in our lives. Come and hear an entertaining melange of songs by Barber, Milhaud and others, including favorite jazz standards, that Irene Ryan King, of The Riverside Choir, learned from many of her beloved mothers. The versatile Beth Robin, also a choir member, accompanies.

February 25 | Doors open at 2:00 p.m. in Christ Chapel



## Strengthen Your Connection to Riverside

#### Listen to the Previous Week's Worship Service on 106.7 Lite-FM

Enjoy the previous Sunday's Worship service on 106.7 Lite-FM at 5:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

#### Watch or Listen to the Sunday Worship Service Live or Anytime Online

Watch or listen to each Sunday's Worship service live or on demand at www.trcnyc.org/digitaldiscipleship.

#### Sign Up for the Weekly Riverside Email Newsletter

If you would like to receive the weekly eNewsletter from The Riverside Church, visit www.trcnyc.org to sign up.

#### Purchase Tickets or RSVP to Events Online Using Riverside's Official Eventbrite

Riverside hosts many great events and performances throughout the year. Visit trcnyc.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets.

#### Consider Having Your Wedding at The Riverside Church

Looking for the perfect venue for your wedding and reception? Call the Weddings Office at 212.870.6762 for details.

#### Recognize a Riverside Employee or Staff Member Doing Great Work

Observe great work? Recognize it by filling out a card in the Welcome Center or visiting http://tinyurl.com/trcstaffrecognition.

#### **Riverside Recycles**

Riverside Recycles, a joint initiative of the Building Committee, Riverside Youth, and Beloved Earth Community, is our new recycling initiative. Look for new recycling bins around the church. Recycling is already in place for church operations and staff offices - now congregants can do our part!

#### Ordination at Riverside

Riverside is graced with many people who feel called to ordained ministry. As you think about whether you are among them, below are some basics to begin with:

- · You have been a member of Riverside for at least one year, and active in its programs, pledging, and worship.
- You have received or are studying for an M.Div. degree from an accredited seminary.
- You are clear about the denomination in which you wish to serve whether the American Baptist Churches or the United Church of Christ and why you need ordination to pursue this service.
- You live within commuting distance of Riverside, are in good health, and can concentrate on developing the professional skills and spiritual maturity necessary for ordained ministry.
- If in your discernment you feel ready to take the next step, start the process by picking up a data sheet and outline called "Coming into Care at Riverside" from the Senior Minister's office.

#### Remember Your Loved Ones by Giving to the Flower Fund

With your donation of \$150 to the Flower Fund, Riverside Florist Ms. Vera Smith-Holzman and the Flower Guild will create beautiful floral arrangements for the Chancel. Contact Vera at 212.870.6817.

- Give & Submit Your Message Online: Ensure your honoree names and messages are included in the bulletin. Submit your honoree messages for bulletin publication at http://tinyurl.com/trcflowers.
- You can also send your contribution and honoree message to: Stewardship, The Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. The memo line on your check MUST indicate "Flower Fund" for proper processing.

## Donation & Volunteer Opportunities

#### **Open Hands Volunteer Portal**

Experience the vibrant work of Riverside by signing up for volunteer opportunities at https://apps.trcnyc.org/volunteer.

#### Bring Your Food Pantry Donations to Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays

One in five New Yorkers lives in a home that is food insecure. At the same time, over the last few years, a number of pantries have been forced to close their doors, and while we have managed to serve the increased number of guests visiting our pantry, the strain has been tremendous. Food collections are taken every Sunday at Worship, and Wednesday at Space for Grace. Please bring food items and cash donations to support the Food Pantry.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK

Riverside Youth Ministry: Let's Talk Race • 323 MLK (For more info see page 2)

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Debra Northern, preaching • Nave12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (Lunch is available for purchase) • South Hall Lobby

1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

Men's Class • 411 MLK

B&P's Birthday Celebration • 9T

Coming Home Open House and Potluck • Assembly Hall (For more info see page 1)

Latino Ministry • 314 MLK

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby

6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby

Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel

7:00 p.m. Space for Grace with Rev. Dustin Pickett, preaching • Assembly Hall

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Men's Class) • 411 MLK
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12:00 a.m. Tower League: Bible Study with Ms. Farley Lord, MTS • 9T Library

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Tower League: Lunch • 9T

2:00 p.m. Tower League: Life Force in Later Years (LiLY) • 9T (For more info see page 4)

6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

8:45 a.m. Lay Leadership Retreat • Chapel of the Cross

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel

9:00 a.m. William Barber Book Study: The Third Reconstruction • 20T

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12:45 p.m. Confirmation Student & Parent Orientation • 323 MLK

1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

Movies @ Riverside presents Born in China • Multipurpose Room

Poetry Group • 423 MLK Latino Ministry • 411 MLK

Transforming White Institutions: An Anti-Racist Perspective • 411 MLK

2:00 p.m. Political Potpourri: The Riverside Choir Benefit Tea • 9T

3:00 p.m. Movies @ Riverside presents Born in China • Multipurpose Room

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby

6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby

Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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Young Adult Book Group • 9T Library

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:00 p.m. Beloved Earth Meeting • 314 MLK

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel

9:00 a.m. William Barber Book Study: The Third Reconstruction • 20T

9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK

Riverside Youth Ministry: Let's Talk Race • 323 MLK (For more info see page 2)

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Young Adult Brunch • 9T

1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

The Beloved Community Small Group Experience • 411 MLK (For more info see page 3)

## SELECT COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Below are the typical meeting dates, times, and locations for select Commissions/Committees. Always contact the Commission/Committee in advance to confirm meeting dates, times, and room locations, especially for meetings that fall on holidays and during the summer. All dates, times, and locations are subject to change without notice.

Audit Committee Quarterly at Call of Chair • TBD

Church Council 4th Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 20T

Education Commission 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 311 MLK

Mission & Social Justice Comm. 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • MLK 321

Personnel & Salary Committee 1st Mon at 6:00 p.m. • 240 MLK Budget & Planning Committee 3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T

Executive Committee
3rd Mon at 5:30 p.m. • Conference Call

Nominating Committee 2nd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T

Sharing Fund Committee
1st Mon at 6:30 p.m. • Multipurpose

Stewardship Committee
3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 327 MLK

Building Committee 1st Tues at 7:00 p.m. • 20T

Membership & Parish Life Comm. 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 327 MLK

Ordination Committee 3rd Tues at 6:45 p.m. • Multipurpose

Social Services Committee 1st Sun at 1:00 p.m. • 503T

Worship Commission 2nd Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 320 MLK

## Other Regular Meetings at Riverside

#### Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown Every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in 13T

In the Theatre of the Oppressed, "spectator" is a bad word. Be a spectator who acts (spect-actor) and become fluent in the human language of theatre. Contact Jeremiah Kyle Drake at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com.

#### Tower League Meets Every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in 9T / 9T-Library

A supportive, caring community of older adults, the Tower League offers programs that enrich body, mind, and spirit. All are welcome. Contact: Rev. Lynn Harper at Iharper@trcnyc.org.

#### African Fellowship Group Meets 2nd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 20T

Beloved Earth Community Meets 1st Saturday of the Month at 12:00 noon in the Multipurpose Room

#### Riverside Black Lives Matter Planning Committee

Meets as needed. Contact: Ruby Sprott at rubysprott@qmail.com for more information and meeting schedule. All are welcome.

#### The Book Club Meets 2nd Saturday of the Month, September-June at 11:00 a.m. in 20T

The group engages in lively and critical discussion of a selected book together. All are welcome.

#### Business and Professional Women's Club Meets 1st Sunday of the Month, September-June at 1:30 p.m. in 240 MLK

Meets the first Sunday of each month, Sept.-June, at 1:30 p.m. in 240 MLK. Contact: Linda D. Lewis at Idlewis747@aol.com.

#### Men's Class Meets 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 311 MLK

Poetry Group Meets 4th Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 323 MLK

#### Riverside's Sojourners Detention Visitation Program Visits Elizabeth, NJ Detention Center on Saturdays Twice Monthly

Sojourners recruits, trains, and mentors volunteers and transports visitors two Saturdays a month to bring hope and encouragement to asylum seekers and other noncriminal non-citizens. Carpools are available from Riverside and from near Port Authority. Contact frances.connell@gmail.com.

#### Tai Chi Class Meets Every Monday at 4:00 p.m., September-Mid-July in Childcare Room off Cloister Lobby

All are welcome. Contact: sacumason@gmail.com or 201.871.8633.

#### Matthew 5:4 Grief Support Group

This grief support group is for men/women who have suffered the loss of a spouse. Contact: Rev. Debra Northern at dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

#### **By-Laws Subcommittee Seeks Input**

The Church Council recently appointed a By-Laws Subcommittee to review and make recommendations on Riverside's current by-laws. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact one of the subcommittee's members (Jacqueline Hopkins, Barbara Mellor, Frank Nelson, Rick O'Keefe, or George Walker) or email bylawscom@trcnyc.org.

<sup>\*</sup>Always contact the meeting organizer(s) in advance to confirm meeting dates, times, and room locations, especially for meetings that fall on holidays or during the summer. All dates, times, and locations are subject to change without notice.

## Digital Discipleship

We all encounter God in different ways. In an increasingly digital world, that includes videos, podcasts, and online media. Engage the Riverside community wherever you are through our original digital content at www.trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship.



Have you seen Family Minute? Each episode is a quick and engage conversation starter for your family and friends featuring Amanda Meisenheimer, the Associate Minister for Children & Families at The Riverside Church.

Visit www.trcnyc.org/Families to watch all the latest episodes.











## Receive Congregational Care Info

Subscribe to email updates on prayer requests, illnesses, and memorial services at http://tinyurl.com/trccareupdates.

### Clergy On Call

Pastoral Care is pleased to offer Clergy on Call when there is a life event or crisis which creates a need for pastoral care outside of regular office hours. Congregants may reach Clergy on Call by calling 212.870.6712, and a member of the clergy will respond as soon as possible.

Clergy On Call is specifically designated for Riverside members who are experiencing an emergency such as illness, death, accident, or hospitalization as well as those who urgently require prayer.

Please be aware that financial assistance and other social service-related calls will not be responded to by Clergy on Call.

For pastoral needs during business hours, contact the Parish Care Office at 212.870.6909.

### Alert Compassionate Care

Do you know of someone who can't make it to church due to illness, surgery, crisis, or other challenge? Have you noticed someone missing from their regular seat in the pew? Have a prayer request?

If you think that one of our brothers or sisters might be in need of compassionate care, or if you have a personal prayer request, please take a moment to let us know. If you know something, say something. Contact the Office of Parish Care 212.870.6741 or email dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

## Questions? Comments? Contact Riverside Communications

Have questions about Riverside events? Does your ministry or group have news to share? Send your questions, comments, or news to communications@trcnyc.org.

Rev. Rachel Johnson: Executive Minister of Communications rjohnson@trcnyc.org | 212.870.6750

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## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT RIVERSIDE



#### @MarkLevineNYC

Hundreds gathered now at @RiversideNYC to honor the life of Pamela Palanque-North. She was a leader of boundless energy who had an indelible impact on the civic and cultural life of Northern Manhattan. Proud to have been able to call her a friend.

#### @JennyBoylan

@RiversideNYC | gave some serious thought in 2016 to being dunked again at Riverside after | became a member-- that time it would have been for me. But then | thought it was too theatrical. I don't need magical waters to sustain my faith. Just love.

#### @PastorAmyTRC

@RiversideNYC young adults give me hope. Love you guys!

#### @GCORR\_UMC

Our friends at @RiversideNYC are hosting an incredible event on February 1 with @deray and @BreneBrown. If you're in the NYC area you should definitely check this out! #TCTSU

#### @TJay

Kudos to the wonderful @RiversideNYC fam for #MLKNow - a beautiful celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. King. I left the program with a full heart today. #ThankYouMLK50







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