

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 21



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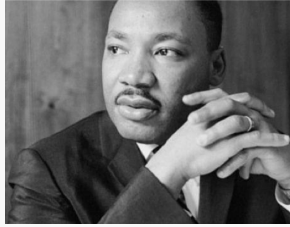
- Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. on January 14, 15, & 18
 - Lay Leadership retreat on January 27
- Political Potpourri: The Riverside Choir Benefit Tea on January 28
- The Courage to Show Up with Brené Brown & DeRay McKesson on February 1



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Join us for an afternoon featuring readings from Martin Luther King Jr. and music from the themes of his work.



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Blackout for Human Rights and the Campaign for Black Male Achievement (CBMA) will host their third annual MLK Now event to celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and explore how his message and vision continue to resonate in today's racial, social and political landscape.



Columbia University Uprising Seminar Breaking Silence

Thursday, January 18 | 6:15 p.m. | [Nave](#)

Join the Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought for their 8/13 Uprising Seminar Series on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For more info visit trcnyc.org/event/ColumbiaUprising



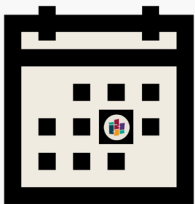
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Doors open at 2:00 p.m.

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



A Look Ahead with Pastor Amy

Pastor Amy talks about what she's looking forward to at The Riverside Church in 2018 on the latest episode of A Look Ahead. Visit trcnyc.org/ALookAhead to listen to the conversation as we anticipate the new year together.

We would love to hear what you are looking forward to in 2018! Share your thoughts on social media with the hashtag [#Riverside2018](https://twitter.com/Riverside2018) or email us at communications@trcnyc.org.



Harlem Fine Arts Show

February 15-18 at The Riverside Church

The Harlem Fine Arts Show (HFAS) celebrates the African Diaspora by bringing together contemporary artists with the growing class of collectors. The goal of facilitating this coming together is to showcase cultural ideas and raise awareness of this extraordinary body of work created by these international, national and local artists.

Visit hfas.org for more information.

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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 7: Ms. Farley Lord | January 14: Mr. Derrick Jordan | January 21: Ms. Colleen Birchett

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 7: Rev. Rachel Johnson | January 14: Rev. Michael Livingston | January 21: Rev. Debra Northern

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 10: Rev. Bertram Johnson | January 17: Mr. Bruce Lamb

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 a monthly initiative of The Riverside Church's Mission and Social Justice ministries. Each month we will suggest actions that both respond to current events and challenges of our day, and advocate for greater justice for communities most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Visit www.trcnyc.org/LiveJusticeNow for all the details.

Our nation and world are experiencing a great need for truth, justice, and compassion. In response, Riverside is committed to providing faithful Christian witness and action. 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, contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6909.

January Action: Coming Home Open House and Potluck in Assembly Hall

Sunday, January 21 | 1:00 p.m.

Feel guided to assist people who were formerly incarcerated? You are invited to learn more about Riverside's Coming Home Program! We will share a potluck meal, hear from former alumni, and discuss volunteer opportunities. We will also play RECHARGE, a fascinating re-entry game designed to create understanding between formerly incarcerated people and people who care about them. For more info contact Jade de Saussure (jdesaussure@trcnyc.org)



Coming soon: Weekly William Barber Book Study

Begins Sunday, January 28 in 20T at 9:00 a.m.

This class will create a space of relationship building and reflective learning by reading Rev. William Barber II's book, *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear*. We will examine how this book and the quickly growing Poor People's Campaign can point us towards personal and communal practices of liberation.

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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.



FAITH PASSAGE
CONFIRMATION AT THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Let's Talk Race

January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18, 25 | 9:30 a.m. | 323 MLK

The Riverside Youth Ministry is embarking on an eight-week, in-depth 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.).



The Beloved Community Small Group Experience

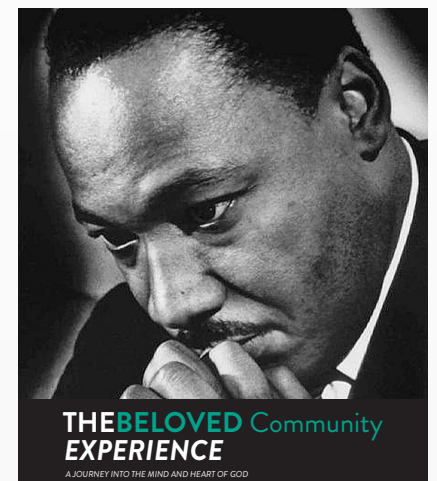
Sunday, February 4 | 1:00 p.m. | 411 MLK

The Spirit of the Beloved Community is Awakening at Riverside! Come join us as we journey into the mind and heart of God. We'll share our stories, explore our gifts, deepen the experience and expression of God's Presence in our lives, and birth the Beloved Community, Dr. King's dream, at Riverside and beyond. There will be an information session for those wishing to learn more about this small group on Sunday January 14, 2018 in 411 MLK. Light refreshments will be served.

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





A Conversation with Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis

Tuesday, January 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Rutgers Presbyterian Church on Broadway and 73rd Street

The Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis will lead a discussion about the theology that guides her work and the new effort to build a Poor People's Campaign to unite the poor and dispossessed into a broad social movement. It is inspired by the 1968 Poor People's Campaign led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the last years of his life, King became convinced that a movement led by a united force of the "poor and dispossessed" was what was needed to confront the triplet evils of racism, poverty, and militarism. Like the Rev. Dr. King, the leaders of today's Poor People's Campaign believe this is not only a struggle against specific laws and policies, but a struggle for our deepest moral and religious beliefs.

This will be an opportunity to learn about the Poor People's Campaign and how The Riverside Church might engage this initiative. Read Rev. Dr. Theoharis' book, *Always with Us?* to learn more about the Poor People's Campaign. The campaign was launched on Monday, December 4, 2017. For more information visit trcnyc.org/LiveJusticeNow.

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.

Spiritual Life Retreat

January 19-21, 2018 | Ossining, NY

Join Ms. Christian Peele, MDiv for the 2018 Spiritual Life Retreat at the Mariandale Retreat & Conference Center in Ossining, NY. The theme is "The Journey of a Life of Faith: Reflection on the Book of Job." Registration costs \$225 and includes 6 meals and housing.

Contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org for more information.

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/GratefulLivingSeries



2018 Commitment Cards

Be on the lookout for new 2018 Commitment Cards from Stewardship and Development or visit www.trcnyc.org/2018commitment.

UPCOMING TOWER LEAGUE EVENTS

Tower League: Fall Prevention Workshop on January 11 at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Riverside member and Physical Therapist, Galen Schram, will provide important information and strategies for preventing falls.

Tower League: Unpacking the Modern Middle East on January 18 at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Professor Matthew H. Ellis, Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Chair in Middle Eastern Studies and International Affairs at Sarah Lawrence College, will offer a broad introduction to the modern history and politics of this incredibly rich and diverse region, including some thoughts on Israel/Palestine and the Jerusalem conundrum.

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Christ Chapel 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 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 7

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel
9:30 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. Rachel Johnson, preaching • Nave
12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (Lunch is available for purchase) • South Hall Lobby
1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T
Latino Ministry • Multipurpose Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- 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 9

- 7:00 p.m. Poor People's Campaign: A Conversation with Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis • Rutgers Presbyterian Church
Mindful Meditation • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby
Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
7:00 p.m. Space for Grace with Rev. Bertram Johnson, preaching • Assembly Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Men's Class) • 411 MLK
10:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Open to All) • 411 MLK
11:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Special Attention) • 411 MLK
12:00 a.m. Tower League: Bible Study with Rev. Jean Kiskaddon • 9T Library
1:00 p.m. Tower League: Meditation (open to anyone) • 9T-Library
Tower League: Lunch • 9T
2:00 p.m. Tower League: Fall Prevention Workshop • 9T **(For more info see page 4)**
6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- 11:00 a.m. Book Club • 20T
12:00 p.m. Beloved Earth Community • Multipurpose Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel
9:30 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. Michael Livingston, preaching • Nave
12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (Lunch is available for purchase) • South Hall Lobby

- 1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T
African Fellowship Group • 20T
Latino Ministry • 411 MLK
- 3:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute in Word & Song • Nave
(Join us for our annual celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 | MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. DAY

- 10:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK
- 2:00 p.m. #MLKNOW • Nave
- 4:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chape
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby
Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Space for Grace with Mr. Bruce Lamb, preaching • Assembly Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Men's Class) • 411 MLK
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- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 6:15 p.m. Columbia University Uprising Seminar Breaking Silence • Nave

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

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- 9:30 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 • Nave
- 12:30 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
Latino Ministry • 411 MLK

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 lharper@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@gmail.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 ldlewis747@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.

*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.



Take a virtual tour to the top of the bell tower and get to know different people from the Riverside community in each episode of Live from the Bell Tower. Email jkeat@trcnyc.org to make suggestions on who should be interviewed next!

Visit www.trcnyc.org/FacebookLive to watch all the episodes.



Weekly Sermons

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A Look Ahead

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Welcome to Riverside

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Church Talk

trcnyc.org/ChurchTalk

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

Mr. Brian Simpson: Director of Communications and Strategy
bsimpson@trcnyc.org | 212.870.6765

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT RIVERSIDE



@Jessi4JC

@RiversideNYC I am so thankful for simple gifts...like a warm and dry place for our neighbors without housing to sleep tonight, and for the gift of being able to share this space with them.

Mele Kalikimaka, everyone.

@taylorcurtis97

Thankful for @RiversideNYC. Wouldn't have wanted to spend Christmas Eve anywhere else. 🏠

@Auricchio_Laura

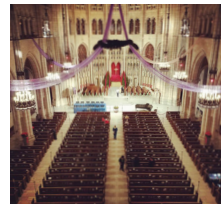
Yes! @PastorAmyTRC ended her Christmas benediction with a quote from William Sloane Coffin, who preceded her as Senior Minister at @RiversideNYC The world's need for truth and love never abates.

@thegettygirl

Reasons I haven't completely given up on the church: @RiversideNYC exists.

@Nelag628

This holiday season, the #GratefulGiftMarket at @RiversideNYC has been a fantastic way to give to my community and complete some holiday shopping. I just mailed a gift to the @WhiteHouse. Merry Christmas!



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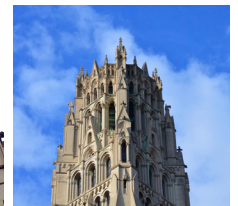
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