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RIVERSIDE ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, May 19 | 12:30 pm | South Hall
Join us for Riverside’s annual business meeting as we discuss the current and future state of the church. This is also the final day of voting in the 2019 Lay Leadership elections.

GOD AND GENDER IDENTITY
conversations with transgender Christians
SUNDAYS
APRIL 7, MAY 5 & JUNE 9
12:30 p.m. | Assembly Hall

The Riverside Faith Formation ministry invites the entire Riverside congregation to God and Gender Identity, a three-part conversation series featuring Jenny Boylan, Joan Rater, J Mase, Austen Hartke.
Free lunch will be provided and childcare is available for students in grades K-6. Students in grades 7+ are encouraged to attend with their families.
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Following Easter Sunday, we will begin an exciting six week series in worship on welcoming revival and newness of life in our personal lives, our life together as a church and as members of the global family. We’ll be diving into the Gospel of John as we highlight practices like forgiveness, telling the truth, healing and being witnesses. During those six weeks we’ll enjoy music from the Boyd Family Singers, remember the 50th anniversary of the Black Manifesto, celebrate Mother’s Day and radically recommit ourselves and our church to being God’s “Easter” people in the world.
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Rev. Debra Northern | Minister of Parish Care | dnorthern@trcnyc.org
Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper | Associate Minister of Older Adults | lharper@trcnyc.org

TOWER LEAGUE BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays | Noon | 9T Library
Join the Tower League for a weekly Bible study filled with wisdom and wit.
May 2: Rev. Ellen Robison
May 9: Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
May 16: Rev. Alan Bentz-Letts
May 23: Rev. Alisha Gordon
May 30: Dr. Hsien-yu Wang

TOWER LEAGUE: DIGITAL CATHEDRAL, PART 2
May 2nd | 2:00 p.m. | 9T
Rev. Jim Keat, Minister of Design & Digital Strategy, will offer a lively demonstration and conversation related to Riverside’s website, as well as other online platforms that may be of interest to participants. Bring your questions!

TOWER LEAGUE: MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
May 9th | 2:00 p.m. | 9T
Riversider Mr. Mace Anderson will offer a not-to-be-missed musical performance entitled, “They Made Me Do It...”

MEMORY CAFE,
May 13th | 2:00 p.m. | 10T
Riverside’s Memory Café is a social, supportive gathering for persons with dementia and their care partners. For more information or to sign up, please contact Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper.

TOWER LEAGUE: VOCAL EASE PERFORMANCE
May 16th | 2:00 p.m. | 9T
Vocal Ease is a non-profit volunteer singing organization that performs a cabaret-style show, with four professional singers & piano accompaniment.

TOWER LEAGUE: RIVERSIDE’S FOOD PANTRY
May 23rd | 2:00 p.m. | 9T
Julio Quirindongo, Social Services Assistant, will speak about the ins and outs of this important ministry. He will also offer tours of the pantry to those who are interested.

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RIVERSIDE FAMILY WORSHIP  
Sunday, May 5th | 10:45 a.m. | Christ Chapel  
All are welcome for the next Riverside Family Worship, an interactive and intergenerational worship experience that follows a similar liturgy as the nave and includes communion. All ages are encouraged to participate! Church school classes pre-k through 6th grade are closed for Family Worship.

FINALS WEEK PRAYER AND PIZZA  
Wednesday, May 8th | 6:00 pm | Assembly Hall  
Calling all college students! The Riverside Church Young Adult and Worship Ministry invite all college students to for a free finals week pizza dinner before our weekly Space For Grace worship service. Clergy will also be available for prayer at prayer stations. Students are also welcome to stay for worship at 7 pm if you can, but we understand if you have to get back to studying. Questions? Email Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org

GOD AND GENDER IDENTITY  
Sundays, May 5th | 12:30 pm | Assembly Hall  
Join us for the second conversation in our God and Gender Identity series. This month we will be joined by Joan Rater and J. Mase III. Each conversation includes an interactive discussion with the presenters and Pastor Amy, suggested resources for further study, and free lunch. Childcare will be available for students in grades K-6. Students in grades 7 and up are encouraged to attend with their families. Visit trcnyc.org/GodAndGenderIdentity for more information.

JUSTICE IN THE CITY: RIVERSIDE YOUTH SPRING RETREAT  
May 3rd-5th | Crossroads Retreat Center | $85  
The Riverside Youth is off to the Crossroads Retreat Center for their annual spring retreat. Youth will spend the weekend playing games, rock climbing, worshipping, praying, and growing together as a community.

YOUNG ADULT CINCO DE MAYO DINNER PARTY & LAY LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION  
Sunday, May 5th | 6:30pm |  
Join us for a Cinco De Mayo Dinner Party at the apartment of one of Riverside’s young adults. We’ll gather for food and fellowship and some of our young adult lay leaders will talk about the upcoming lay leadership elections and answer any questions you might have. We want you to be informed. We’ll provide the food and please bring drinks and desserts to share. RSVP to blamb@trcnyc.org.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH  
New Member Orientation  
Sundays, May 5th and June 2nd | 9 am | 321 MLK  
New Member Joining Sundays  
Sundays, May 19 and June 16 | 11am | Nave  
Contact Clent Jones at cjones@trcnyc.org to register and for more information.

RIVERSIDE SUNDAY SUPPERS  
Sundays, April - June | 6:30 pm  
Riverside Sunday Suppers are an opportunity to sit across the table from people whose faces you may only recognize from the passing of the peace, share a meal, and make our church feel just a bit smaller, a little more tightly knit together. Dinners will be ordered every other week, rotating between Rev. Rachel Johnson’s house and the homes of current and new Riverside members. Space will be limited to host capacity. Visit trcnyc.org/SundaySupper to RSVP.
JAMES CONE: BLACK THEOLOGY & BLACK POWER
Sundays, May 5th, 12th, 19th | 9:00 am | 320 MLK
Join Dr. Andrea White, Riverside member, and Union Theological Seminary professor, for a three-week small group exploring James Cone’s first book, Black Theology, and Black Power. Black Theology & Black Power is James H. Cone’s initial attempt to identify liberation as the heart of the Christian gospel and blackness as the primary mode of God’s presence. As he explains in an introduction: “I wanted to speak on behalf of the voiceless black masses in the name of Jesus whose gospel I believed had been greatly distorted by the preaching and theology of white churches.”

NOTE: The May 5th class will be a joint session with the class Riverside Church & The Black Manifesto, which will start with a look at Dr. Cone’s September 1969 lecture at Riverside on “Black Theology and Violence.” It was the inaugural lecture in a series on Black Theology that the church put together in follow up to the Black Manifesto (May 1969).

2019 RIVERSIDE ARTS CAMP: REGISTER NOW
August 19th-23rd | 8:30 am-3pm
Seeking 5th – 9th Graders for a week-long intensive engagement in the arts – including music, drama, dance, creative writing, and visual art! Lunch is provided. Registration fee is $35 per family, and scholarships are available. There will be a final showcase on August 23 at 12:00 noon. To register go to trcnyc.org/RAC2019

SMALL GROUPS AT RIVERSIDE

BIBLICAL HEBREW: ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS
Sundays, Jan 27th - June 16th
1:00 p.m. | 321 MLK

BIBLICAL HEBREW: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED
Sundays, Jan 27th - June 16th
1:00 p.m. | 314 MLK
facilitated by Laura Harri

DISCOVERING THE NEW TESTAMENT
Sundays, Feb 3rd - May 19th
9:00 a.m. | 316 MLK
Facilitated by Eugene Melino, Lakeisha McCoy, Kweshi McDavid

OPEN BIBLE STUDY
Sundays | 9:30 a.m. | 330 MLK

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE
Sundays, Jan 27th - June 16th
1:00 p.m. | Med Chapel

BELOVED COMMUNITY SMALL GROUP
Sundays | 9:30 a.m. | 330 MLK
Find out more and register at trcnyc.org/SmallGroups

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Mission and Social Justice

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—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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David Black | Community Organizer for Justice, Advocacy, & Change | dblack@trcnyc.org

FILM SCREENING: 100 SONES DE CUBA
Friday May 3rd | 6:00 PM | 311 MLK
This beautiful documentary explores the unique Cuban musical form of Son Cubano. Traveling through the cities and villages of Cuba, the documentarians search for the roots of this musical form. The movie is in Spanish with English subtitles.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH & THE BLACK MANIFESTO
Sunday, May 5th | 9:30 AM | 1ST
50 years ago, on May 4th, 1969, civil rights activist James Forman interrupted worship at The Riverside Church for the inaugural read-out of the Black Manifesto, a demand for reparations for African Americans for systemic injustice from the start of slavery 400 years ago to the present day.

This class will recall the Black Manifesto’s context, demands, and impact at Riverside and well beyond, and address such questions as: “Why did Forman choose Riverside to ‘get’ the Manifesto first?” “What are reparations, and are they the answer?” “What can we learn from the Black Manifesto today?” “If we were to write a new Manifesto, what would it include?”

Presenters will include the Rev. Dr. Peter Heltzel, Associate Professor of Theology and Founding Director of the Micah Institute at New York Theological Seminary. In addition to the Black Manifesto, readings will range from the Bible to Ta-Nehisi.

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ARCHIVAL EXHIBIT:
THE BLACK MANIFESTO AT RIVERSIDE
Sunday, May 5th - Sunday, June 2nd | Cloister Lounge Gallery
Accompanying our remembrance of the Black Manifesto will be an archival exhibit that will feature audio from May 1969, videotaped interviews with Riversiders who were at the church the day the Black Manifesto was read, and other documentation including photos and news clippings. A takeaway publication will be available that includes key documents, historical context, study questions and resources for further study.

2019 MARANATHA SCHOLARSHIPS
The Maranatha community is dedicated to supporting young people who are active in the LGBTQ+ community and are growing into their identities as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender individuals.

Maranatha awards three $1,000 scholarships each year to students attending accredited academic institutions at the undergraduate or Master’s degree level. Two of these scholarships are open to students in any discipline. The third is designed for Music students. All LGBTQ+ identifying students are invited to apply, as the scholarships are not limited to Riversiders. The application deadline is June 1, 2019. Those who are interested in the scholarships for students in any discipline should contact Mary Biggs at marybiggs44@gmail.com. Music students should contact Stacey Robinson at staceyrobinsonnyc@gmail.com.

May 5th – This class will meet jointly with Union Theological Seminary Dr. Andrea White’s class “James Cone: Black Theology and Black Power,” which will continue May 12th and 19th.
SHARING & DENSFORD FUND
Monday, May 6th | 6:30pm | 321 MLK
The Sharing & Densford Fund disburses 10% of Riverside’s annual offerings in grants to fund projects outside the church that are consistent with Riverside’s commitments and missions. Contact Madison Bedard smbedard15@yahoo.com and Mathieu Rollack mrollack@gmail.com for more information.

BELOVED EARTH COMMUNITY
Sunday, May 11th | 12:00 PM | 320 MLK
Beloved Earth is a group of passionate climate change activists who take to heart the Church’s mission to care for the earth. Contact Susan Wersan at susanwersan@gmail.com or Regina Tate at mariposa21355@yahoo.com for more information.

SOJOURNERS DETENTION VISITATION
Saturday, May 11th & Saturday, May 25th | 7:45 a.m.
Be a friend to an immigrant asylum-seeker currently being detained in Elizabeth, NJ. The Sojourners Detention Ministry visits immigrant detainees who have come to the United States seeking asylum. We welcome volunteers to be penpals, twice monthly visitors to the detention center, or contributors for phone cards and commissary purchases. Drivers are also needed. Contact Frances Connell at frances.connell@gmail.com for more information.

AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, May 12th | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room
African Fellowship a community of Africans and friends of Africa who gather monthly to celebrate our heritage, have spiritual fellowship and discuss issues that impact Africans on the continent and in the diaspora.

MARANATHA
Sunday, May 12th | 1:00 PM | 311 MLK
Maranatha seeks to foster greater understanding and equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and same-gender-loving people and allies.

LATINO MINISTRY
Sunday May 19th | 1:00 PM | 20T
The Latino Ministry at Riverside brings to the congregation the political, cultural and spiritual issues of Latinos/as in the United States.

MEN’S CLASS
Sunday, May 19th | 1:00 PM | 411 MLK
The Riverside Church Men’s Class serves the members, congregation, and community through faith, fellowship, and educational programs that help build the church creating a more just society.

MOVIES@RIVERSIDE
Sunday, May 26th | 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM | 411 MLK
Movies at Riverside offers monthly movies that provide new perspectives on the world we live in. This month we will show Bidder 70, a film about an ingenious and effective act of civil disobedience demanding government and industry accountability concerning climate change.

ECCLESIA MINISTRY
Sunday, May 26th | 2:00 PM | Marcus Garvey Park
Ecclesia is a radically open and welcoming group of individuals who desire to be in community with the poor and marginalized of our society, sharing worship and free lunch in Marcus Garvey Park. All are most welcome to join. Contact Doug Miller at Mil429440@aol.com for more information.

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS AT RIVERSIDE
Saturdays | 11:00 AM | 7C
This group discusses issues impacting the community, country, and world while knitting/crocheting together and donating what we create to those in need.

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED
Sundays | 1:00 PM | 15T
This ministry uses theatre as a means of promoting empowerment, and social and political change, teaching participants about their power and agency within institutions and systems. Please contact Jeremiah Drake at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com
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Christopher Johnson | Director of Music & Organist | cjohnson@trcnyc.org
Christopher Creaghan | Associate Organist | ccreaghan@trcnyc.org

THE RISING VOICES SPRING CONCERT
Sunday, May 5 | 1:00 pm | 9T
Celebrate the talents of our gifted young singers in an afternoon of music and fellowship. This year’s program will feature spirituals, gospel music, and contemporary compositions from around the world. The members of the Rising Voices will also perform musical solos and share special poems. $10 suggested donation at the door.

BRAHMS REQUIEM
Sunday, May 12 | 3:00 pm | Nave | $25
On Mother’s Day, The Riverside Choir offers A German Requiem – one of the great masterworks of the choral and orchestral literature – initially composed as a response to the death of his dear friend, the composer Robert Schumann. Brahms’ universal message of solace, comfort and hope, composed as a personal musical memorial dedicated to his mother, uses biblical texts different from those found in the traditional Latin Requiem. Visit the Riverside Gift Shop or visit trcnyc.org/BrahmsRequiem2019 to purchase tickets.

CHRIST CHAPEL CHAMBER SERIES: ORGAN & PIANO DUOS
Sunday, June 2 | 2:00 pm | Christ Chapel
The Christ Chapel Chamber Series continues as Christopher Johnson and Christopher Creaghan, the organists of The Riverside Church, play music for two!
WHAT CAN CHRISTIANS ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT DO ABOUT THE EVIL OF OUR WORLD?
Pastor Amy Butler, originally published at USA Today.com.

Presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg caught the attention of many in the religious world recently when he shared his views on the importance of the “religious left” in America. “When I go to church,” Buttigieg said last month on “On Real Time with Bill Maher,” “what I hear a lot about is protecting the downtrodden, and standing up the immigrant, and being skeptical of authority sometimes, and making sure you look after the poor and the prisoner. I mean, to me, that’s the sort of thing that the religious left, often without much attention, has been arguing for my whole lifetime.”

I would hope all people who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ would hold this position, as this is the fundamental message of Christianity. But at a time when it seems the whole world is falling apart, what, really, can the religious left — or indeed Christians of any persuasion — do about the evil of our world?

As the pastor of a church whose pulpit has hosted some of this country’s most strident calls for justice in the name of faith, I decided there was one thing my congregation had to do this Lent: We had to talk about sin. In the Christian calendar, the season of Lent is a time to contemplate the ways that we participate in harm and diminish love in our lives and in our world. And there is certainly a lot to think about. During this Lent alone a white supremacist gunned down 50 Muslims in two New Zealand mosques. A Catholic Cardinal was convicted of child sex abuse. The sexual abuse of Catholic nuns finally spilled into public view. The United Methodist Church voted against gay clergy and equal marriage. Wealthy parents cheated the college admissions process, laying bare the duplicity of “equal opportunity.” The steady drip of cruel tweets from our president persists.

Make no mistake about it: This is sin. But too often the language Christians use for sin has resulted in self-loathing that perpetuates cyclical systems of despair.

Life is not a spreadsheet of sins vs. good deeds
Many Christians arrive at a rather transactional conception of sin: a God of judgment hovers over the universe’s largest spreadsheet, keeping up with our sins vs. good deeds. In this framing, God metes out punishment for bad deeds and rewards for good. A cruel word toward a friend equals a certain number of demerits; a parking ticket perhaps slightly fewer.

Although many find this balance sheet approach to life appealing, all of us know that’s not really how life works. Rather, our lives are formed through the relationships we build with ourselves, the people in our lives, and with God. When we understand that truth, studying sin is about understanding loss, as in the ways we are separated from hope and goodness. And if we can understand systems of oppression and what is lost when we perpetuate them, perhaps we can imagine the path away from human tragedy and toward a world of justice and peace. But how could we have stopped a terrorist at a mosque in New Zealand? And it doesn’t seem possible to do much of anything substantive about the children suffering at the border. Sexual abuse scandals that happen in someone else’s parish are bad, it’s true, but at least they’re not my parish. And certainly only an act of God can stop Donald Trump from posting hate on Twitter.

What is the church for, if not to confront evil?
There are myriad excuses not to confront the sin around us, but there’s at least one powerful reason for Christians to do so: if the church doesn’t stand up and speak and act in the way of Jesus, the world is right to question why it exists at all.

Talking about sin is more than an exercise in pointing out all that is wrong in the world. Seeing sin for what it is, then turning in another direction, is an act of imagination, of daring to live a new world into being. As Lent comes to a close Christians will celebrate a season of rebirth, Easter. What might this newness look like for our own lives, for our nation, for our neighborhoods? We will vote. We will connect our values with our actions. We will pray, stay informed, seek out relationships with others who are different. Challenge ourselves. Love one another. There are millions of ways we can confront evil and build hope.

Easter’s message is this: that systems of oppression and failures of the human heart are not as intractable as they may seem, that even sin can yield to hope, and that death can be transformed into life.

Visit trcnyc.org/bsag-3-48 to hear Pastor Amy read a version of this article. Visit bit.ly/USA Today-PastorAmy to view and share this article online.
## Calendar of Events

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
- 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Space for Grace Worship • Assembly Hall

### THURSDAY, MAY 2
- 12:00 p.m. Tower League: Bible study with Rev. Ellen Robison • 9T
- 2:00 p.m. Tower League: Digital Cathedral Part 2 • 9T
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

### FRIDAY, MAY 3
- 6:00 p.m. Film Screening: 100 Sones de Cuba • 311 MLK

### SATURDAY, MAY 4
- 11:00 a.m. Knitters & Crocheters at Riverside • 7C

### SUNDAY, MAY 5
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. New Member Orientation • 321 MLK
  - James Cone: Black Theology & Black Power • 320 MLK
  - Black Manifesto Class • 15T
- 9:30 a.m. Riverside Youth: Let’s Talk • 323 MLK
  - Transforming: The Bible and The Lives of Transgender Christians • 318 MLK
  - Open Bible Study • 330 MLK
- 10:45 a.m. Riverside Family Worship • Christ Chapel
  - Worship with Rev. Dr. Amy Butler • Nave
- 12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour • South Hall Lobby
  - Our Whole Lives (Owl): Faith & Sexuality • 3rd Floor MLK
- 1:00 p.m. The Rising Voices Spring Concert • 15T
  - The Black Manifesto: Remembering the Church’s Call 1969-2019 • Christ Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. TRC Sunday Suppers • Various Locations
- 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Cinco De Mayo Dinner Party & Lay Leadership Discussion • Matthieu Rollack’s Apt.

### MONDAY, MAY 6
- 10:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK
- 4:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class • Child Care Room
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Alchoholic Anonymous • 7C

### TUESDAY, MAY 7
- 7:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation • Wellness Center Nursery
- Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
- 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Finals Week Prayer and Pizza • Assembly Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

### THURSDAY, MAY 9
- 12:00 p.m. Tower League: Bible study with Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper • 9T
- 2:00 p.m. Tower League: Musical Performance • 9T
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

### FRIDAY, MAY 10
- 6:30 p.m. Latino Ministry Cultural Outreach • 10T

### SATURDAY, MAY 11
- 7:30 a.m. Sojourners Detention Visitation • TBD
- 11:00 a.m. Knitters & Crocheters at Riverside • 7C
- 12:00 p.m. Beloved Earth Community • Multipurpose Room

### SUNDAY, MAY 12
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. James Cone: Black Theology & Black Power • 320 MLK
- 9:30 a.m. Riverside Youth: Let’s Talk • 323 MLK
  - Transforming: The Bible and The Lives of Transgender Christians • 318 MLK
  - Open Bible Study • 330 MLK
- 10:45 a.m. Worship with Rev. Christian Peele • Nave
- 12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour • South Hall Lobby
  - Our Whole Lives (Owl): Faith & Sexuality • 3rd Floor MLK
- 1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed • 15T
  - The Digital Cathedral: Tutoring for Technology • Various Locations
  - African Fellowship Group • 20T
- 3:00 p.m. The Riverside Choir: Brahms Requiem • Nave
- 6:00 p.m. TRC Sunday Suppers • Various Locations

### MONDAY, MAY 13
- 10:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK
- 2:00 p.m. Memory Café • 10T
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Alchoholic Anonymous • 7C
TUESDAY, MAY 14
6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting • 20T
7:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation • Wellness Center Nursery
          Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
7:00 p.m. Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 16
12:00 p.m. Tower League:
           Bible study with Rev. Alan Bentz-Letts • 9T
2:00 p.m.  Tower League: Vocal Ease Performance • 9T
6:00 p.m.  Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 18
11:00 a.m. Knitters & Crocheters at Riverside • 7C

SUNDAY, MAY 19
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MONDAY, MAY 20
11:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK
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7:00 p.m.  Alcohols Anonymous • 7C

TUESDAY, MAY 21
7:00 p.m.  Mindful Meditation • Wellness Center Nursery
           Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
5:30 p.m.  Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
7:00 p.m.  Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 23
12:00 p.m. Tower League:
           Bible study with Rev. Alisha Gordon • 9T
2:00 p.m.  Tower League: Riverside’s Food Pantry • 9T
6:00 p.m.  Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 25
11:00 a.m. Knitters & Crocheters at Riverside • 7C
5:30 p.m.  Sojourners Detention Visitation • TBD

SUNDAY, MAY 26
8:30 a.m.  Morning Light • Christ Chapel
9:30 a.m.  Riverside Youth: Let’s Talk • 323 MLK
           Transforming: The Bible and The Lives
           of Transgender Christians • 318 MLK
           Open Bible Study • 330 MLK
10:45 a.m  Worship with Rev. Debra Northern • Nave
12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour • South Hall Lobby
1:00 p.m.  Theatre of the Oppressed • 15T
           Poetry Group • 423 MLK
           Movies @ Riverside presents
           Bidder 70 • 411 MLK
           Ecclesia Ministry • Marcus Garvey Park
3:00 p.m.  Movies @ Riverside presents
           Bidder 70 • 411 MLK
6:00 p.m.  TRC Sunday Suppers • Various Locations

MONDAY, MAY 27
11:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK
6:00 p.m.  Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
7:00 p.m.  Alcohols Anonymous • 7C

TUESDAY, MAY 28
7:00 p.m.  Mindful Meditation • Wellness Center Nursery
           Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
5:30 p.m.  Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
7:00 p.m.  Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 30
12:00 p.m. Tower League:
           Bible study with Dr. Hsien-yu Wang • 9T
6:00 p.m.  Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
# 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.

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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.

Are you on Instagram?
(Of course you are.)
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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.

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WHOEVER YOU ARE: YOU ARE SAFE HERE. YOU ARE LOVED HERE.
YOU ARE WELCOME INTO FULL PARTICIPATION IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER.