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THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
NEWS & EVENTS

AUGUST 2019

2019 RIVERSIDE ARTS CAMP



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2019 FREEDOM SCHOOL

Now-August 16th

Launched in 2016, The Riverside Freedom School is committed to providing the following to all young scholars, at absolutely no cost to participants. Because of your generosity, over sixty children from neighborhoods surrounding Riverside attended for free.

Riverside's Freedom School offers scholars:

- Personalized academic coaching utilizing Children's Defense Fund reading enrichment modules.
- Support and love from a host of inter-generational camp mentors.
- Two nutritious meals and a snack every day.
- Daily fun afternoon activities promoting learning and physical activities.

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An Update from the Riverside Development Committee

Dear Riverside Church Family,

Philippians 1:6 says: [I am] confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ. Even in the midst of the turmoil caused by recent events here at Riverside Church, the leadership of the Church Council and our Interim Pastor, Michael Livingston, have assured us that the work of the Riverside Development Committee remains the central priority of the church, with the same focus we have had over the last several months. In that spirit, the Committee is moving forward with our work in conjunction with the congregation to develop a plan to leverage our real estate to help us achieve our mission and financial sustainability by combining money with a mission.

First, we want you to understand our timeline. We are working toward facilitating the congregation's journey along the development process to ensure we have a solid development plan adopted by Fall of 2021. To that end, we are already in the process of collecting all the information we might need to inform these decisions. Second, we want to reinforce that we are using the learnings from our trip to London to introduce the idea of social enterprise to the church to leverage our properties to grow the largest endowment possible while better fulfilling our social justice mission, rather than simply building a high-rise with \$1M condos. We will be engaging the congregation in a number of activities to figure out what this might look like.

Our Committee currently has 12 official members. But we're pleased to report that more than twenty members of the congregation attended our June meeting, including representatives of many of the Church's commissions and committees. Similarly, we have opened up our sub-committees to anyone in the congregation who has an interest. Please visit <https://www.trcnyc.org/riversidedevelopmentcommittee/> to learn how.

Just to give you a sense of our information collection process, the Real Estate Assessment Subcommittee is building on assessments already being solicited by the Building Committee, including amassing study and engineering studies to better understand how Riverside might build out larger space if it chooses to do so. Our Greening committee is exploring improvements that would bring Riverside to zero or better carbon emissions. This includes a range of options from hydrothermal heating and cooling, to solar and wind power, and green roofing, as well as technology that would make building management more efficient for staff as well as more energy-efficient. Meanwhile, our Community Assessment and Partnerships Subcommittee is working to roll out a multi-layered study of Upper Manhattan from River to River, that would potentially involve students and faculty from NYU, Columbia and CUNY, to better understand how Riverside could best meet community needs in a way that is done in partnership with other organizations and institutions in the community.

While this data collection is taking place, our Communications Subcommittee has set out to ensure that all are aware of opportunities to join the development process and feel encouraged and empowered to help shape the mission and future of the Riverside Church. We will soon be announcing "Mission Possible" events. Mission Possible is an engaging game that helps us think imaginatively about ways we can contribute to solving the challenges and big problems in our own community. In the fall we will also be rolling out two walking tours, one of our neighborhoods, and one inside our facilities that will challenge us with the many paradoxes that define who we are so that we can think differently about who we want to be. And we will be announcing an RDC Speaker Series that will begin to help us think about how we might use social enterprise to address some of the big justice issues we face in our city, ranging from hunger and poor nutrition, lack of vocational opportunity, lack of affordable housing, mass incarceration, and health disparities that plague older New Yorkers in our community.

Even as communications roll out these activities, the Church Survey Subcommittee will be collecting information on your aspirations for Riverside Church, both how it can best meet the needs of our congregation, and how you would suggest we impact on the needs of the community around us in a bigger way. This subcommittee will also be mapping our congregational assets so that we can leverage the skills and talents of our membership to better effect. We also plan to reach out to our neighbors here in Morningside Heights, further north into Central Harlem and Washington Heights, where we have members, to find out how they think Riverside could better facilitate transformational change in neighborhoods that are threatened by gentrification and riven with health, income, and other inequities.

Also, we are creating two new task forces to develop what we are calling “Meanwhile Projects”. Meanwhile Projects are social enterprise pilots that are smaller and easier to implement than the larger development plan but that allows us to experiment with social enterprise, get our feet wet, test and learn, and build our congregation’s social enterprise muscle. The two areas we would like to explore are hospitality and food justice. If you are interested in either of these task forces, please let us know.

Additionally, we are finalizing a budget for our work. We will be presenting it to the Church Council in August, and, with the Council’s support, we will present it to the church membership for approval shortly after that. We propose that this budget not be funded out of Riverside’s general operating and capital budgets, but that it be treated as an investment funded with monies from the portfolio. This is an investment in our future. Assuming we and the congregation do our work, we’ll come up with a solid strategy for the future that marries mission and money, this investment will be returned many times over.

By the tenor of the discussion that took place during our July congregational meeting, it is clear that we as a congregation are going to have to grapple with a number of issues as we go through the current transition and search for a new senior minister. Many of us have been hurt by some of what has transpired, and trust has suffered. So, there might be a temptation to turn inward as we struggle with these challenges. But we, the Church, have been called to proclaim the good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and to set at liberty the oppressed. It is my prayer that the work of the Development Committee will invite us to continue our focus on the work to which Christ has called us, even as we work to heal ourselves and restore the bonds that make us one.

Lastly, if you would like to get involved in the RDC you can do so in a number of ways

- by attending our monthly meeting which takes place the 3rd Saturday of the month,*
- contacting RDC@trcnyc.org to learn more and*
- visiting us online at <https://www.trcnyc.org/riversidedevelopmentcommittee/>.*

Riverside Development Committee

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Worship & the Arts

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MORNING LIGHT

Sundays | 8:30 am | Christ Chapel
Our intimate early Sunday morning service incorporating meditation, scripture reading, and communion.
Aug 4th: Dr. Colleen Birchett
Aug 11th: Minister Charlene Wingate
Aug 18th: Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
Aug 25th: Minister Derrick Jordan

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sundays | 10:45 am | Nave
Our traditional Sunday service, held in the historic and beautiful Nave, follows the lectionary and liturgical calendar and is centered around scripture, preaching, music, and prayer. Communion is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.
Aug 4th: Rev. Alisha Gordon
Aug 11th: Rev. Michael Livingston
Aug 18th: Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White
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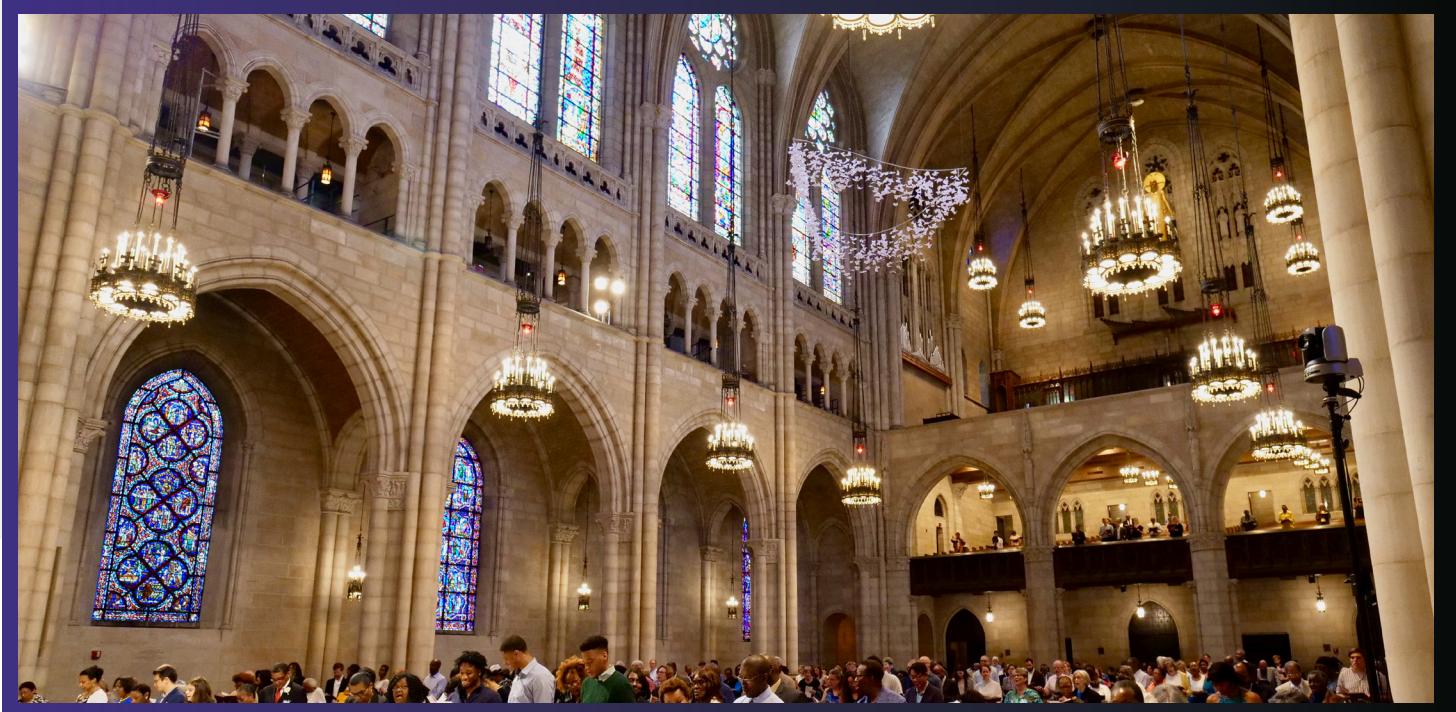
SPACE FOR GRACE

Wednesdays | 7:00 pm | Assembly Hall
Our Wednesday evening service is celebratory and less formal, featuring preaching, prayer, and gospel-inspired music to revive the spirit and help you through the week.

Aug 7th: Minister Charlene Wingate
Aug 14th: Rev. Michael Livingston
Aug 21st: Minister Charlene Wingate
Aug 28th: Minister Derrick Jordan

AUGUST SERMON SERIES: THE MAKING OF A PROPHET

During the month of August, we will meet three of the most famous of Israel's prophets: Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. We'll learn who they were as people; we'll learn why they did what they did and what it cost them, and we'll learn the story of how their work impacted the grand story of the Israelites, and then we'll ask whether we've considered the work of prophetic witness in our own lives. After all, the times in which we live require people willing to risk it all, to tell the truth.



Parish Care

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A MESSAGE FROM PARISH CARE

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," said Charles Dickens. Perhaps these words capture the broadest sentiment of our diverse and beloved Riverside Church community, which finds itself in another season of change. The sudden departure of the senior minister after 5 years of leadership service leaves many in our family/community with a range of emotions. For some in our midst, there is disappointment, hurt, and/or anger. For others there may be indifference, satisfaction, relief, or even joy. Whatever the emotion one is experiencing, we know that the work of the church must continue. However, we would be remiss of our pastoral responsibilities if we didn't take the time to begin the work of healing, repentance, and forgiveness. We want and need to take the time to acknowledge the broad range of emotions that many of us are experiencing; we need to process our feelings and work towards forgiveness and unconditional love for one another. While it may be a challenging and lengthy process, we feel confident that some of our greatest gifts will emerge and all will be used to the glory of God.

The Parish Care Ministry will have designated hours for any member who may need or wish to meet for pastoral counseling. In addition, there are upcoming events/activities specifically designed to promote healing during these days of challenge and uncertainty. These activities are important to our physical, emotional, and spiritual health, and we would love as many Riverside members as possible to attend at least 3 activities over the course of these summer months. If there is an activity you have a particular interest in and it does not fit within your schedule, please contact the Parish Care office and we will attempt to make additional arrangements.

As we move forward in this season of transition, we should be reminded that we - ALL together - make up the body of Christ and not one part is greater or more valued than the other. If one part hurts we all hurt. So, anyone who is in Christ and wishes to build up this body to become all that God EVER intended, please join in doing the hard work of healing together and growing together in Body, Mind, & Spirit.

In Solidarity and Love,

Rev. Debra Northern

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RIVERSIDE TOWER LEAGUE

Special Note: Regular weekly Tower League programming resumes on Thursday, September 12.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Special Note: Business and Professional Women's Group monthly meetings resume on Sunday, September 8.

OLDER ADULT HEALTH PROGRAM THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019

Aug 9th | 1 pm-3 pm | 9T

Nutritionist and Health Counselor Jeanne Ricks and Director of Harlem Health Wellness Center Vivian Kurutz will educate the group about developing and maintaining good health practices as we age, with special emphasis on sleep and stress. Lunch will be provided. The event is free of cost. Please, sign-up by contacting Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper. Co-sponsored with Life Force in Later Years (LiLY).

PRAYER & STUDY GROUP FOR HEALING

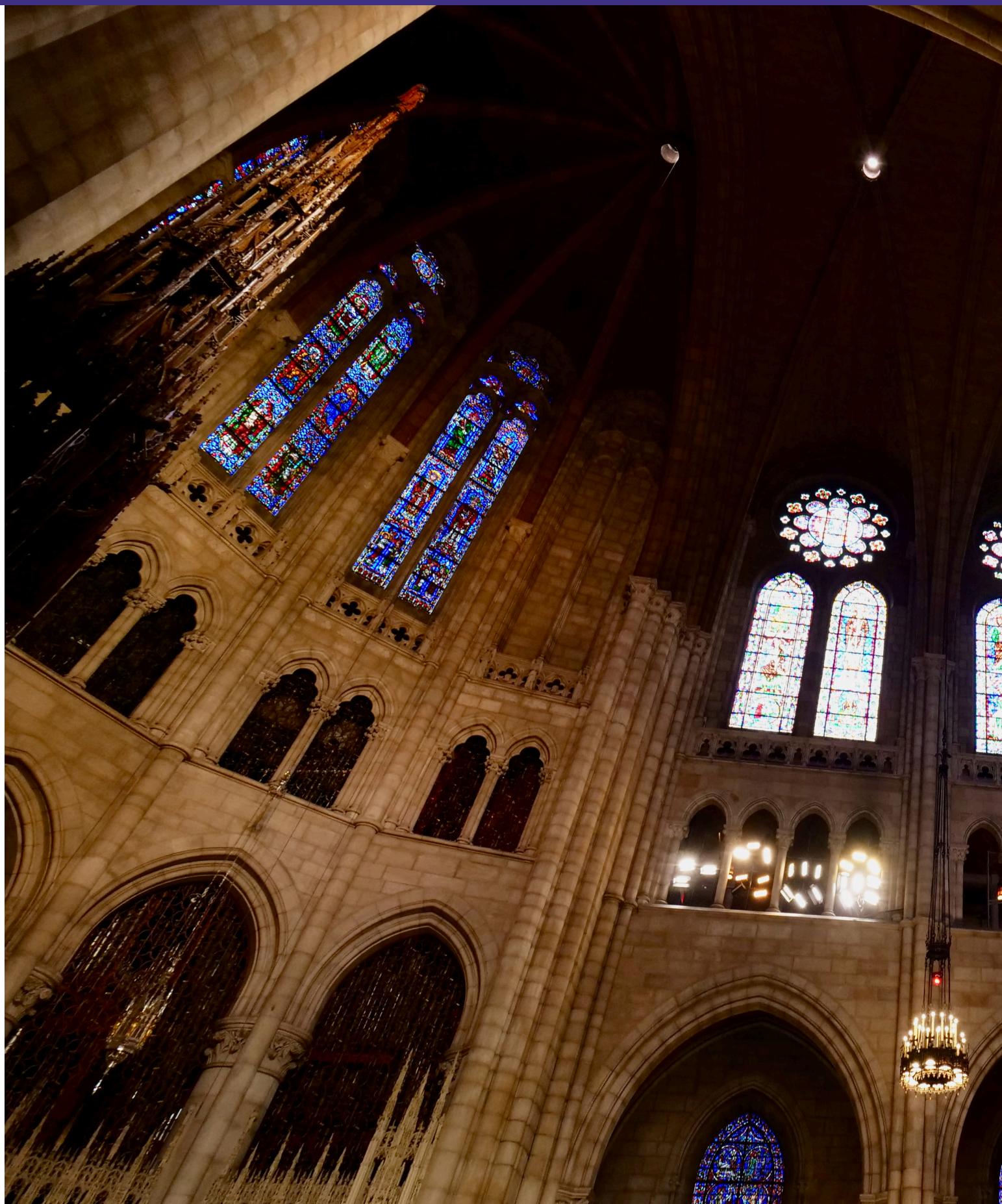
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Nourishment for
Body, Mind, & Spirit:
HEALING EVENTS AT RIVERSIDE

AUGUST 2019

Life of the Community



Whoever you are:

You are safe here.

You are loved here.

You are invited into full participation in our life together.



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Mission and Social Justice

"Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love."

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Live Justice Now is an ongoing initiative of Riverside's Mission & Social Justice ministries as we take action in response to the great need for truth, justice, and compassion in our world. Many of our opportunities to take action arise in real time with short notice and are not listed here. To sign up for our mailing list, please visit our table at Coffee Hour or e-mail David Black at dblack@trcnyc.org

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SEX TRAFFICKING IN NYC: 101

August 18th | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Assembly Hall

Join us for a conversation and workshop hosted by Restore NYC about sex trafficking: what it is and what it is not, what it looks like in NYC and in your own neighborhood, and how you can make a difference. Restore NYC is a nonprofit organization that has been working to end sex trafficking in NYC for over 10 years. They are committed to restoring the wellbeing and independence of survivors, with a special focus on foreign-national survivors.

ONGOING REGULAR MEETINGS

WELLBOTICS AT FREEDOM SCHOOL

Aug 1st & 7th | 1:00-2:00 pm | 330MLK

Wellbotics is a unique program developed by Dr. Pamela Davis, which involves making, coding, and programming robotics as a tool for young people to learn about mindfulness and develop psychological and emotional toolkits for navigating life's challenges. This event is not open to the public.

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS AT RIVERSIDE

Aug 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st | 11:00am | 7C

This fellowship discussed issues impacting the community, country, and world while knitting and crocheting together. Everything created by members in our sessions is donated to people in need.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Aug 4th | 9:00-10:30 am | Multipurpose Room

The Black Lives Matter committee will meet for discussion and fellowship, and to strategize about upcoming events. Please contact Ruby Sprott at rubysprott@gmail.com for more information and to get involved in this ministry.

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED

Aug 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th | 1:00-3:00pm | 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

BELOVED EARTH COMMUNITY

Aug 6th | 5:30-8:030 pm | 9T Library

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 ICE DETENTION VISITATION

Aug 10th & 24th | 7:45 am | Pickup from Riverside

Be a friend to an immigration asylum-seeker currently detained in Elizabeth, NJ. We welcome volunteers to be pen-pals, twice-monthly visitors to the detention center or contributors for phone cards and commissary purchased on behalf of detained migrants. Drivers are also needed. For more information and to join our team of Sojourners, please contact Frances Connell at frances.connell@gmail.com

AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP

Aug 11th | 1:00-3:00 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.

MEN'S CLASS

Aug 18st | 1:00-3:00 pm | Multipurpose Room

The Men's Class serves the members, congregation, and community of Riverside Church through spiritual, educational, and fellowship programs that encourage a more just society.

COMING HOME ALUMNI MEETING

Aug 20th | 5:00-8:00 pm | 9T Library

Alumni of the Coming Home program will meet for fellowship and strategize about the program's future. For more information and to get involved please contact Michelle Mishoe at mmishoe@fordham.edu.

ECCLESIA MINISTRY

Aug 25th | 2:00-3:00 pm | Marcus Garvey Park

Often called "the church without walls," Ecclesia is a radically open and affirming fellowship of individuals who desire to be in community with the poor and marginalized of our society. We share in worship and lunch every month. All are welcome to visit and join us. For more information, please contact Doug Miller at mil42944@aol.com.

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GRATEFUL GATHERING

Aug 25th | Immediately Following Worship | South Hall

Join us as we continue our tradition of gathering for good food and fellowship with a focus on healing. We will share updates of the giving and serving we have offered so far this year and hear stories from our programs and ministries. Bring a grateful, gentle, and open heart.

2019 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

For the 1st and 2nd Quarters

By the end of August, our team at Stewardship and Development will create a report of our giving and serving so far in 2019. This report is more than just Riverside's financial data and is an opportunity to see the fruits of your gifts to our community. We'll include stories from our programs and ministries, accessible and clear presentation of fundraising information and our goals for the remainder of the year. Every dollar left in the collection plate on Sunday or giving online or sent through the mail, and every hour you spend as a volunteer translates to a real difference in the lives of our congregation and community. We intend to show you how and to inspire you in your stewardship practices.



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THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS: SUMMER ORGAN SERIES

Aug 6th | 7:00 pm | Nave

Riverside's annual series features some of the world's most outstanding organists performing on The Riverside Church's famed Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, one of the most magnificent instruments of its kind. Join us next Tuesday evening for the closing performance.

THE KING OF
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 TUESDAY EVENINGS AT SEVEN O'CLOCK

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PASTORS' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY!



SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. | 330 MLK

MINISTER CHARLENE WINGATE
REV. MICHAEL LIVINGSTON
REV. JAN POWELL
FARLEY LORD

AUG 4
AUG 11
AUG 18
AUG 25

Join your pastors for a summer of studying the Bible together. Each week one of our pastors will help us walk through one of the lectionary texts together. All are welcome! Bibles provided!

FAITH FORMATION & PARISH CARE MINISTRIES: PRAYER & STUDY GROUP FOR HEALING

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JOIN THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLE

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble is open to violin, viola, cello, and bass players in grades 6-12. Ensemble members learn how to play classical chamber music in a nurturing Christian environment. They serve the community by performing in several Sunday morning worship and outreach services during the school year. Prospective members are invited to join by audition by contacting Kristi Giles at kristihen@gmail.com

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BAPTISM AT RIVERSIDE

At The Riverside Church, we love to celebrate new life! Baptism is an outward and visible sign of God's grace and the abundant life that Christ offers. God's promise of new life extends to both children and adults. Baptism ushers us into the care of Christ's church, affirms us, regardless of age, as children of God, and celebrates our nurture and growth toward mature faith and Christian discipleship. If you desire to be baptized and you are a member of the Riverside Church, register for our next baptism orientation here. If you have any questions please email Amanda Meisenheimer at MMeisenheimer@trcnyc.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY SUMMER RETREAT

Sept 13th-15th

Registration is now open for our annual Young Adult Ministry Summer Retreat! We will venture out to Shelter Island, NY (at the very end of Long Island) at Camp Quinipet again this year for a weekend of Sabbath rest, beach, fellowship and worship. Our theme is "Putting on the armor Christ," looking at putting on God's peace. We'll leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon via church van. The retreat includes two nights, four meals and transportation. The cost per person is only \$40 per person and is non-refundable. Spots are first-come, first-served and limited to 15 people. There are only a few spots left, so register now by emailing Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL SIX FLAGS TRIP

Sept 21st | 9:00 am

Calling all Riverside youth in grades 7-12th as we kick-off the new program year with a trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. We'll leave the church at 9 am and return around 8 pm. To register email Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org

SIGN-UP FOR THE RIVERSIDE YOUNG ADULTS NEWSLETTER

In this huge city that seems to never pause, it is easy to be overcome by life's busy-ness and lose yourself in the daily grind. At The Riverside Church, we are committed to connecting people between the ages of 18 and 35 to a vibrant community of peers as we pursue the life and hope that God has to offer. All are welcome as we seek to encounter one another in meaningful ways and to enjoy the gift of life and the diversity of God's creation. Regardless of your race, age, socio-economic status, or who you love, you are welcome here. During the summer months, we send out a regular Young Adult E-News every other week with the latest events and fellowship opportunities, including Theology on Draft, Sunday brunch, spiritual retreats, and game nights. For more information about Riverside's Young Adult Ministry, or to be added to the email newsletter list, please email Rev. Bruce Lamb, Minister of Faith Formation.

DONATE SUPPLIES FOR FREEDOM SCHOOL

Freedom School is going strong through August 16th and we can still use donations for snacks and supplies. The Riverside Freedom School is committed to providing the following to all young scholars, at absolutely no cost to participants. Because of your generosity, 60 children from neighborhoods surrounding Riverside can attend this year's Freedom School. We need your help with snack and supply donations. Go to trcnyc.org/FreedomSchool to donate.

SERVE THE CHILDREN OF RIVERSIDE

Is God calling you to serve our children in Riverside Kids Worship? This fall we will begin our next season of children's programming. If you would like to apply to serve our children with your gifts and talents, email Amanda Meisenheimer. We are looking for musicians, teachers, actors, artists, and storytellers. What talents do you have to offer? Volunteers must pass a background check and intake interview.

JOIN THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH CHOIR

Calling all 7th-12th graders to join the launch of our new Riverside Youth Choir under the direction of Mr. Josh Elson. The choir will perform in Sunday worship, Space For Grace and perform an annual concert. Rehearsals begin on Homecoming Sunday, September 22nd. Time and location to be announced. All youth are invited to join and bring friends. Please email Joshua Elson at JElson@trcnyc.org to sign-up for the choir.

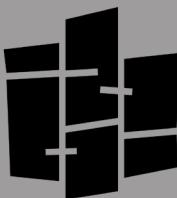
Select Commission & Committee Meetings

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	Budget & Planning Committee Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.	Building Committee Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m.
Church Council Monday, August 26th at 6:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Monday, August 19th at 5:30 p.m. • Conference Call	Membership & Parish Life Comm. Monday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m.
Education Commission Monday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m.	Ordination Committee Tuesday, August 20th at 6:45 p.m.
MSJ Commission. Monday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m.	Sharing Fund Committee Monday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.	Social Services Committee Sunday, August 4th at 1:00 p.m.
Personnel & Salary Committee Monday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.	Worship Commission Monday, August 12th at 6:45 p.m.
	Riverside Development Committee Saturday, August 17th at 9:00 a.m.	

For a complete list of Calendar of Events
please visit trcnyc.org/events

Or please scan the QR code below
with your mobile devices.



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Do you have your God Is Love Pride t-shirt & mug?

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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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