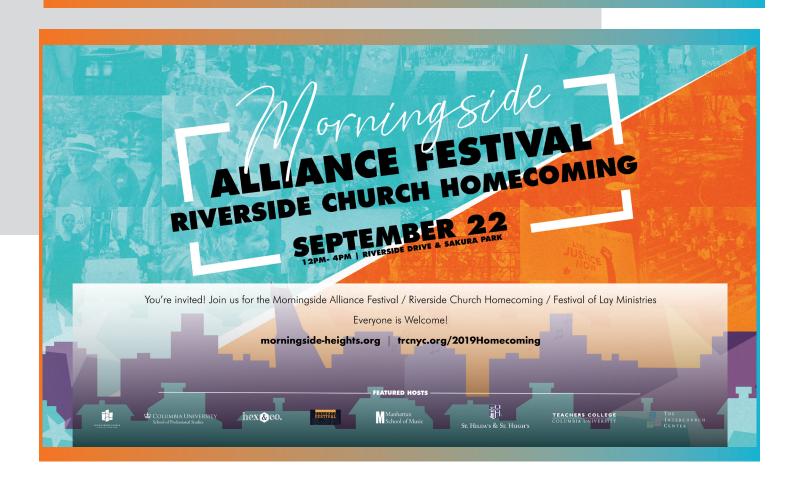


2019 RIVERSIDE HOMECOMING & FESTIVAL OF LAY MINISTRIES

Sunday, Sep. 22nd | After Worship | Riverside Dr. & Sakura Park

The Riverside Church is thrilled to invite you to the Morningside Alliance Festival/Riverside Church Homecoming, right after worship on Sunday, Sep. 22nd! Come kick off the new school year and fall season with us! There will be free food tastings, live music, and fun for the whole family. We have worked with the Morningside Area Alliance to combine our Festival of Lay Ministries with the neighborhood's annual Sakura Park Festival, which means that this year, Homecoming Weekend is going to be bigger and better than ever! All are welcome to join the neighborhood in the celebration. We hope to see you there!



YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE

Sept 20th | 10:00 am-5:30 pm | 1 Federal Plaza

Three days before the UN Climate Summit in NYC, young people and adults will strike all across the US and world to demand transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis. In NYC, students will walk out of their classrooms and adults will walk out of their workplaces. Join us as Riverside shows up to support our church's youth who will be leading strikes at their schools and organizing their peers and adults to join a massive rally downtown manhattan, Foley Square.



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An Update from the Riverside Development Committee

Dear Riverside Church Family,

John 15:5 says: [I am] the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing. The Riverside Development Committee (RDC) has many exciting updates to share. First, we'd like to welcome the new staff members that have joined the committee to help guide and support our work in conjunction with the congregation of developing a plan to leverage our real estate to help us achieve our mission and financial sustainability by combining money with a mission:

Reverend Alisha Gordon

Minister of Innovation and Missional Entrepreneurship

The Minister of Innovation and Missional Entrepreneurship envisions and executes high-level strategic plans that grounds the RDC work across The Riverside Church. In this role, Rev. Gordon coordinates TRC staff, outside partners, consultants, and the Riverside Development Committee to think both theologically and programmatically about how the development work integrates into the life of the church.

Ugochi Onyeukwu

Project Director

The RDC Project Director oversees the RDC priorities in coordination with the Minister of Innovation and Missional Entrepreneurship. Providing project management and implementation of the RDC "Roadmap." And coordinating the engagement of key stakeholders: staff, the Riverside Development Committee, the Riverside congregation, and the broader community, ensuring that all projects associated with the RDC are delivered on-time, within scope and budget.

Reverend Phil Tom

Consultant

Serving as a consultant for Rev. Livingston, Rev. Tom's responsibilities include working with Rev. Alisha Gordon, Minister of Innovation and Missional Entrepreneurship and the Riverside Development Committee. He has served in a variety of leadership roles with congregations, community development corporations, and the public sector, including serving as Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Also, as we mentioned in our previous letter, we have created two new task forces to develop what we are calling "meanwhile pilot 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 meanwhile projects we are piloting our hospitality and food justice. Here's the high-level overview:

Hospitality Ministry

Close your eyes and picture this – you walk through the Claremont Avenue entrance to the church and are directed to walk through the opened double-glass doors to your left. You are warmly greeted by a member of the Welcome Center sitting behind a beautiful reception desk. You look at upcoming events that are displayed on a kiosk and decide to purchase 2 tickets to an upcoming Nave concert next month. You notice that you can also purchase tickets to a tour of the church. "Do we get to go to the top of the tower?" you ask the Welcome Center staff member. "Of course!" is the response. You purchase a ticket for the tour.

Walking through the Cloister Lobby, you look at the displays of material telling the history of the church - past, present, and future. You continue around the corner to the front of the old Library space. You notice that near the entrance is a modest coffee shop; pick-up-and-go. You grab a coffee on the way to the start of the tour, which begins in the Gift Shop. The standardized one-hour tour takes you on a journey of history, wonder, and hope. You visit the Nave, learn about the organs, and see the Hoffman paintings, all before traveling 20 stories via elevator to begin your ascent to the Observation Deck. The carillon happens to play while you are visiting the top. You have a discussion on the future of Riverside, which includes describing our burgeoning social entrepreneurial ventures. You end the tour where you began at the gift shop, and you get one buy an artwork replication of Christ in Gethsemane as well as a Riverside T-shirt. Before you leave the church, you decide to donate some money to one of our various programs. You leave fulfilled and will share with your acquaintances your great experience. This is just part of the vision of the new Hospitality Ministry vision. That vision also includes creating a vibrant on-line community wherein people from all over the world become active members in our congregation, actively engaging in our ministries and programs from wherever they are. Finally, that vision includes a robust schedule of cultural programming that is curated and produced by Riverside volunteers and staff, making our church a noted locus of uplifting experiences, including notable speakers, concerts and other events that draw from around the world and from our own neighborhood. All of these activities together draw in significant surplus revenues that help to underwrite the Riverside budget even while making an ever-widening circle of people feel themselves to be a welcomed part of the Riverside Community.

Food Justice

Imagine being able to leave worship and pick up an inexpensive quart of milk on your way home. While stopping in the Riverside Co-op for milk, you spy an attractive array of fresh fruit and vegetables that are, not only locally grown on family farms, but are also much less expensive than what you would find at Whole Foods or your neighborhood grocery store. You help yourself to several more items before you leave, feel good, not just because you got a great bargain, but because you know that by being a part of the co-op, you are helping to bring affordable healthy food to people who otherwise would not be able to afford good nutrition. You also know that this store doesn't use wasteful and excessive packaging or plastics, and operates on a zero-food waste philosophy, leading to low-cost ready to eat food as well because it is a Co-op (or other form of low-cost grocery store) and not a pantry, the Riverside Co-op is able to offer financial incentives to encourage people on tight budgets to buy healthy. Several Co-op members are nutritionists and experienced cooks. They regularly offer classes on healthy cooking reflecting diverse cultures, with a special emphasis on reducing childhood obesity and managing hypertension and diabetes. The Co-op operates at a surplus sufficient to pay rent, underwrite food justice advocacy, and ensure people who need it have access to free food, without having to rely on subsidies through the church budget.

This is the vision of the Food Justice Work Group. Over the coming weeks the Work Group will be visiting Food Coops here in New York City, low cost grocery stores in upstate New York and in Massachusetts, and fresh produce aggregators such as Corbin Hill and the Baltimore Black Church Food Security Network to explore ways in which we can bring this vision to life at Riverside Church. Both the Hospitality Ministry Workgroup and the Food Justice Workgroup are looking for members who have time and expertise to contribute to bring these two meanwhile projects to life.

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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Carrie Quarquesso | Coordinator for Worship & Arts | cquarquesso@trcnyc.org

MORNING LIGHT

Sundays | 8:30 am | Christ Chapel
Our intimate early Sunday morning
service incorporating meditation,
scripture reading, and communion.
Sept 1st: Hsien-Yu Wang
Sept 8th: Farley Lord
Sept 15th: Dr. Colleen Birchett
Sept 22nd: Minister Charlene Wingate
Sept 29th: TBD

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.

Sept 1st: Rev. Michael Livingston Sept 8th: Rev. Debra Northern Sept 15th: Rev. Michael Livingston Sept 22nd Rev. Michael Livingston

Sept 29th: Rev Jim Keat

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.

Sept 4th: Rev. Alisha Gordon Sept 11th: Rev. Bruce Lamb Sept 18th: Rev. Debra Northern

Sept 25th: TBD



THE NANNY SERIES: A POSTCOLONIAL READING EXHIBIT BY ARTIST LAURA JAMES SEPTEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 22 | CLOISTER LOUNGE GALLERY

This exhibition by artist Laura James combines the use of surrealist painting and postcolonial theory to address issues of gender, work, and motherhood in the lives of domestic workers living in New York City. In *The Nanny Series: A Postcolonial Reading*, painter, Laura James, and her sister/collaborator, Dr. Sonia James-Wilson explore how identity is constructed, deconstructed, and reconstructed for and by women from former colonies in the Caribbean, Africa, and South Asia.







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Rev. Debra Northern | Minister of Parish Care | dnorthern@trcnyc.org **Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper** | 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.

Sept 12th: Rev. Michael Livingston Sept 19th: Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Sept 26th: No Bible Study (Tower League Daytrip)

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Sep 9th | 1:00 pm | 20T

TOWER LEAGUE: WELCOME BACK GATHERING

Sept 12th | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm | 9T Join us for a casual time of conversation, food, and fellowship to kick off a new Tower League season. We'll enjoy lunch, celebrate August & September birthdays, and look ahead to the new Tower League year!

TOWER LEAGUE: SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Sept 19th | 2:00 p.m. | 9T A small group of musicians from the world-renowned Orpheus Chamber Orchestra will offer a special performance for the Tower League. Not to be missed!

TOWER LEAGUE FALL DAY TRIP: BEST OF NYC CRUISE

Sept 26th

The Tower League will take a Circle Line Tour of the island. Space is limited. For more information and to sign up, please contact Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper no later than September 20.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP: JAZZ LUNCHEON AT MINTON'S

Sept 29th | 1:00 pm | 20T Join the Riverside Business and Professional Women's Group for great music, food, and fun at Minton's Playhouse 206 West 118thStreet (between 7th and St. Nicholas Aves.) For more information and to sign up contact Ms. Linda Lewis, (212) 283-3456.

TOWER LEAGUE: CELEBRATE OUR ELDERS GALA

Oct 3rd | 1:00 pm | South Hall
The Tower League and Life Force in Later Years (LiLY) are
co-hosting an elegant luncheon celebration in honor of the

United Nations International Day of Older Persons—with good food, fellowship, and live music! NY State Assembly Rep. Daniel O'Donnell will address guests. Cost is free. Reservations are required. Please contact LiLY's Françoise Noble, 917-386-3211,

by Sept. 26 to sign up.



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Amanda Meisenheimer | Minister of Children & Families | mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org

Clent Jones | Manager of Membership & Ministry Programs | cjones@trcnyc.org

Linda Cole | Youth Ministry Associate | Icole@trcnyc.org

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

New Member Orientation Class
Sept 8th | 9:00 am | 321 MLK
New Member Joining Sundays
Sunday, Sept 22nd | 9am | Nave
Interested in joining The Riverside Church? Come check out our New Member Orientation Class and learn about what it means to be a member of Riverside. We'll look at Riverside's theology, get to know our different ministries and how you can get connected. Did you know that Riverside is a congregational church connected to the UCC and American Baptist denominations? Come and learn more! To register contact Clent Paddio Jones at

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME BACK PIZZA & PRAYER

(212) 870-6844 or via email at cjones@trcnyc.org.

Sept 11th | 6:00 pm | Assembly Hall
Calling all college students and young adults as we welcome back the fall semester for a time of pizza, prayer, and community. This is a church-wide event where ALL are welcome to come to show our college students some Riverside love. Join us for pizza, drinks, and prayer and stay for Space For Grace worship at 7 pm.

GOD AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Sept 15th | 12:30 pm-2:00 pm | Assembly Hall Join us at the regularly scheduled Coffee Hour after worship as our church's youth and the Beloved Earth Community collaborate to spread the word about the Youth Climate Strike(September 20th) - what to expect, and how you can get involved. There will be opportunities to make protest signs, watch Greta Thunberg's TED talk, and hear from Riverside's youth about why this movement, and your allyship, are so important to them. There will also be information about exciting new initiatives Beloved Earth is rolling out this program year to green Riverside and make us a zero-waste community.

YOUTH CHOIR & RYSE WELCOME BACK + ORIENTATION BREAKFAST

Sept 15th | 9:30 am | 311 MLK

Meet our new Youth Choir Director Joshua Elson and RYSE Director Kristi Giles for an orientation breakfast. Joshua and Kristi will go over the schedule for the youth, answer any questions and tell you more about the Youth Choir and Riverside Youth String Ensemble (RYSE). RYSE and Youth Choir are open to youth in 7-12 grade.

YOUNG ADULTS THEOLOGY ON DRAFT

Sept 19th | 7:00 pm-9:00 pm | 9T

Join us for discussion, snacks, and drinks for a time of community and conversation! Friends are welcome. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions, your curiosity, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. You'll be able to share your wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way.

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Sept 19th - Dec 12th

7-9 pm | Meets every Thursday | Hosted @ Adrienne Newcombe's Apt. RSVP for address

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 twice a month young adult small group offers a variety of group experiences that will allow you to study Scripture, engage in theological reflection, and deepen your faith in a fun and casual environment with other young adults in an NYC apartment!

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CYF KICK-OFF AND REGISTRATION MEETING

Sept 22nd | 9:30 am | 311 MLK

Parents of children and youth are invited to attend a kick-off meeting on Homecoming Sunday. We will talk about our robust fall programs, collect registration forms, and fellowship together.

2019/2020 CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS

Sept 22nd | 10:30 am | MLK 3rd and 6th floors Church School begins on Homecoming Sunday! Preschoolers and kindergartners will meet on the 6th floor of the MLK building. 1st through 6th graders will meet in the Chapel of the Cross on the MLK 3rd floor. For Homecoming Sunday, our 1st-6th graders will meet on the third floor together, but then spend part of their Sunday in the Nave for the celebration.

YOUTH LET'S TALK SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sept 22nd | 9:30am | 323 MLK

The Riverside Church values our youth and understands the importance of their contribution to the life of our church. They are an integral part of our community and our worship. On Sundays from 9:30-10:45 a.m., Middle and High School Youth will be involved in faith formation and strong community building with each other.

JOIN THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH CHOIR

Sept 22nd | 10:15 am | 323 MLK

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.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

Sept 29th | 12:30 pm | 9T

We all love brunch. All Riverside young adults are invited to join together worship as we kick off our first young adult community brunch of the semester. Get to know new young adults and catch up with old friends over some yummy bacon and eggs and don't forget the avocado toast. This event is free and open to young adults (18-35).

RIVERSIDE SUNDAY SUPPERS

Starts Sept 29th | 6:30 pm | Hosted by Andrea White 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 offered monthly, at the homes of current and new Riverside members. Space will be limited to host capacity. RSVP's on a first come first serve basis. To register and for a full list of host's visit us at trcnnyc.org/sundaysuppers

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

SIGN-UP FOR THE RIVERSIDE YOUNG ADULTS NEWSLETTER

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. We send out a regular Young Adult E-News weekly 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 at blamb@trcnyc.org

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 at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org. 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.

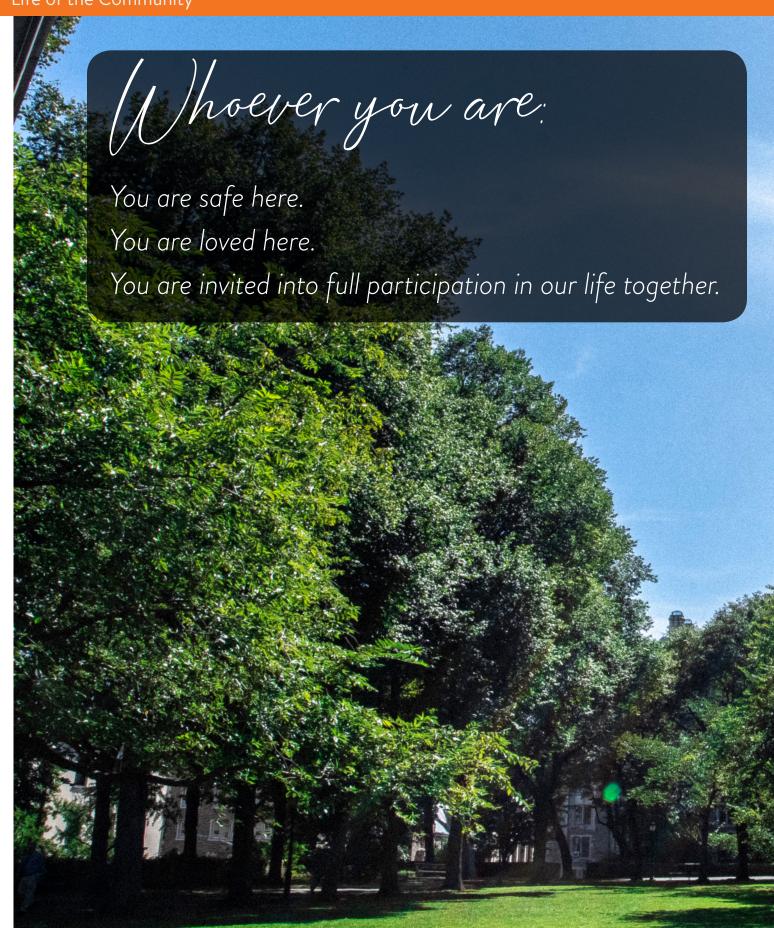
JUSTICE IN THE CITY YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL SIX FLAGS TRIP

Sept 21st | 9:00 am

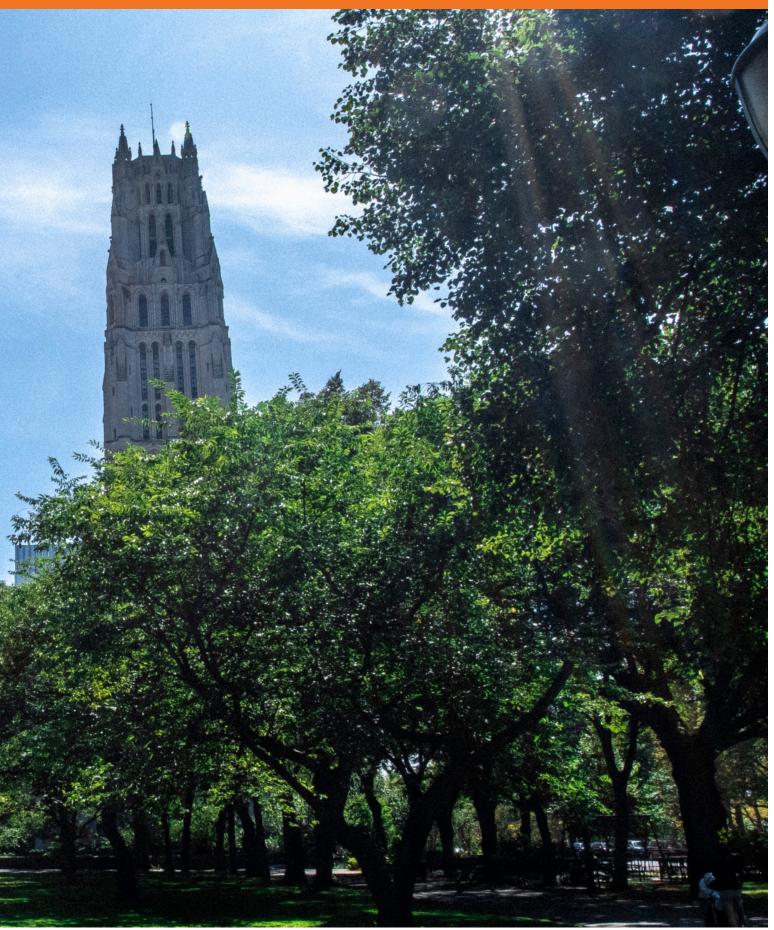
Calling all Riverside youth in grades 7-12th as we kick-off the new program year with a trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. We'll leave the church at 9 am and return around 8 pm. To register email Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org

BAPTISM AT RIVERSIDE

At The Riverside Church, we love to celebrate a 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 at trcnyc.org/baptism, or email Amanda Meisenheimer at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org. with questions.



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FALL SMALL GROUPS AT RIVERSIDE

Small Groups at Riverside Church are back! 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.

Registration begins online September 1st at trcnyc.org/smallgroups

Classes start September 22

OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Sundays | 9:30 am | 330 MLK Join us every Sunday as we look at the weekly lectionary texts Various facilitators

PARENT CONNECT SMALL GROUP

Sundays | 9:30 am-10:25 am | 314 MLK
Parents of children through 12th grade are invited to join
Amanda Meisenheimer for a weekly Parents small group
where we discuss faith and parenting topics.

RIVERSIDE BOOK CLUB

2nd Saturday Monthly | 11:00 am-2:00 pm | 20T Join us as we celebrate our 10th season! Led by Luvon Roberson

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Sept 24th-Dec 23rd | 1:00 pm-5:00 pm | 314 MLK The English Conversation Group is open for conversation by appt. For international students 18+. To make an appointment for a free session please email Jo Cameron at jo.c.cameron@gmail.com

GOD AND WOMANIST THEOLOGY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Oct 20th - Nov 3rd 9:00 am-10:30 am | 311 MLK Led by Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White

JESUS AND JUSTICE

Sept 22nd - Oct 27th 9:00 am-10:30 am | 15T Led by Rev. Kevin Van Hook

FAITH, MONEY AND JUSTICE

Oct 20th & 27th Nov 10th & 17th 9:00 am-10:30 am | 316 MLK Led by Farley Lord

BIBLICAL HEBREW: ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

Sept 22nd - Dec 15th | 1:00 pm-2:30 pm | 321 MLK Led by Laura Harris

BIBLICAL HEBREW: INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED

Sept 22nd - Dec 15th | 1:00 pm-4:30 pm | 314 MLK Led by Laura Harris

FROM PASSION TO COMPASSION TO THE PRESENCE OF THE DIVINE LOVE: HOW TO HEAL YOUR BROKEN HEART AND GIVE BIRTH TO YOURSELF

Sept 22nd - Nov 3rd | 1:00 pm-2:30pm | 318 MLK Led by Andrea King and Luvon Roberson

"THE TIME IS NOW: THE CALL TO UNCOMMON COURAGE" SMALL GROUP

Oct 13th - Oct27th | 1:00 pm-2:30 pm | Multipurpose Room Join us as we read through and discuss this new book by Joan Chittister. Joan Chittister has been a passionate voice for women's rights for over 50 years. Pairing scriptural insights with stirring narratives of the truth-tellers that came before us, Sister Joan offers a compelling vision for readers to combat complacency and to propel ourselves toward creating a world of justice, freedom, peace, and empowerment. For the weary, the cranky, and the fearful, Sister Joan's energizing message invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today. This is spirituality in action, this is practical and powerful activism for our times. Led by Rev. Bruce Lamb.

BELOVED COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Sundays | 1:00 pm-3:00pm | Meditation Chapel Led by Rev. Addie and Phil Lynn

Stewardship & Development

Riverside's Stewardship and Development Ministry nurtures the soil so that the seeds of your faith, your compassion, and your generosity might grow into abundant support for our ministries and programs that embody the mission of The Riverside Church. In the third and final year of our Grateful Campaign, we continue to deepen our practices of gratitude, giving, and serving as we take each step into the future.

We warmly welcome you to the following events and hope that you come away from them with even more appreciation and compassion for the Riverside community. None of our work would be possible without you all. Please join us in graciously celebrating all that we are blessed with as a congregation.

Kaitlin Cook | Director of Stewardship & Development | kcook@trcnyc.org Farley Lord | Minister of Stewardship & Development | flord@trcnyc.org Kelsey Scott | Associate of Stewardship & Development | kscott@trcnyc.org

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GIFT

This year for her birthday, Barbara North-Lightning invited her friends and family to donate to Riverside's Career Day as a way to help her celebrate. Career Day has special meaning for Barbara because of her late friend and sister-in-law, Pamela Palanque-North, who was an active supporter of Career Day. Barbara wanted to continue the family tradition, honor Pam, and include her friends in making this transformative program possible. Those gathered at Barbara's birthday celebration contributed more than \$8,000, which is enough to fund entirely the 29th Career Day in 2020 and a portion of 2021. This is giving gratefully!



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Life of the Community

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 email David Black at dblack@trcnyc.org

Rev. Kevin VanHook | Minister of Justice, Advocacy, & Change | kvanhook@trcnyc.org **Sheena Rolle** | Program Coordinator for Justice, Advocacy, & Change | srolle@trcnyc.org **David Black** | Community Organizer for Justice, Advocacy, & Change | dblack@trcnyc.org



SEPTEMBER IS CLIMATE JUSTICE MONTH



PUBLIC FORUM: CLIMATE EMERGENCY & THE GREEN NEW DEAL

Sept 5th | 7:00 pm-9:30 pm | South Hall
Join us for a community forum hosted in partnership with Bronx
Climate Justice North about how creative, ambitious legislation
can effectively address the growing climate emergency and
transform our world. This forum will center the voices of those
suffering "first and worst" from the climate emergency, including
youth, poor people of color, and Indigenous peoples, with a special
focus on the need for transnational struggle and solidarity.

GOD AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Sept 15th | 12:30-2:00 pm | Assembly Hall Join us at the regularly scheduled Coffee Hour after worship as our church's youth and the Beloved Earth Community collaborate to spread the word about the Youth Climate Strike (September 20th) - what to expect, and how you can get involved. There will be opportunities to make protest signs, watch Greta Thunberg's TED talk, and hear from Riverside's youth about why this movement, and your allyship, are so important to them. There will also be information about exciting new initiatives Beloved Earth is rolling out this program year to green Riverside and make us a zero-waste community. Food will be provided.

YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE

Sept 20th | 10:00 am-5:30 pm | 1 Federal Plaza

Three days before the UN Climate Summit in NYC, young people and adults will strike all across the US and world to demand transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis. In NYC, students will walk out of their classrooms and adults will walk out of their workplaces. Join us as Riverside



shows up to support our church's youth who will be leading strikes at their schools and organizing their peers and adults to join a massive

rally downtown manhattan, Foley Square.

THE SHARING FUND OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Did you know that 10% of your gifts to Riverside go to grassroots projects beyond our walls? That's the Sharing Fund. Want more info? Like to join the committee of volunteers who review applications for these grants? There are some openings now for folks who are committed to social justice out in the world. Look for our table at the Festival of Lay Ministries on Sunday, September 22nd.

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN BUS TOUR

Sept 20th & 21st | South Hall

The Poor People's Campaign of New York State is holding its second bus tour of the year, this time in Eastern New York. Participants will visit poverty-stricken areas across the state to call attention to the national emergency of systemic economic injustice. Riverside is hosting the NYC stop of the tour by providing housing and sponsoring a community meal for participants. Please contact Sheena Rolle at srolle@trcnyc.org to find out how you can support participants during their time with us.

CLIMATE STRIKE WEEK

Sept 21st-27th | Various times & locations | NYC The YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE will kick off seven days of targeted actions to achieve environmental justice and promote transformative legislation and policies. Watch the Live Justice Now! mailing list for opportunities to join with others from Riverside at specific events. The week will culminate with a second strike on September 27th.

EXTINCTION REBELLION: NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION TRAINING

September 21st | 7:00 pm-9:00 pm | 411 MLK Extinction Rebellion's highly skilled team of activists will be hosting a training at Riverside that is open to the public. Their creative non-violent actions were instrumental in pressuring the government of New York City to declare a Climate Emergency. Learn creative ways of thinking about direct action, what to expect when you get arrested, and how to get connected with the global movement to end the climate crisis.

AN INTERGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION WITH ANGELA DAVIS

Sept 23rd | 6:00pm | Nave

In partnership with the National Conference of Black Lawyers, we will host an intergenerational conversation featuring Angela Davis about justice movements past and present. The conversation will be moderated by Amanda Alexander, Founder of the Detroit Justice Center and Professor of Afro-American History and Law at the University of Michigan, and will focus on how we promote inclusive economic development and catalyze change within the criminal justice system. We each have an important role to play in the struggle for economic, racial, and gender justice. Join us on September 23rd to engage in dialogue on how we build intergenerational justice movements at this critical time in history.

JESUS AND JUSTICE

Sunday from Sept 29 – Oct 27 | 9:00 am | 15T This Bible Study is intended to root our justice work in faith and scriptural teachings. Each lesson will highlight a major touchstone in the life of Jesus and focus on a specific Mission & Social Justice ministry that connects our study to ongoing initiatives in the church. Participants will be nourished spiritually and have the opportunity to join other committed justice-seekers in fellowship. We all need spiritual sustenance and solidarity to sustain the ongoing fight for justice in our world.

MOVIES AT RIVERSIDE: PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

Sept 29th | 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm | Multipurpose Room Join us for a screening of the movie Paris to Pittsburgh, a film celebrating how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of the climate crisis. As the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they have decided to rely on their creativity and ingenuity rather than wait for Washington to act. The screening will be followed by a conversation about individual responsibility and reasons for hope during the climate crisis. Two screenings at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.



ARE YOU ON TWITTER?

(Of course you are.)
Follow The Live Justice Now Ministry and join in on the conversation for all things justice!

@LiveJusticeNow



Life of the Community

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 email David Black at dblack@trcnyc.org

ON GOING REGULAR MEETINGS

BELOVED EARTH COMMUNITY

Sept 7th | 11:00 am-3:00 pm | Multipurpose Room 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.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Sept 8th | 9:00 am-10:30 am | Multipurpose Room The Black Lives Matter committee will meet for discussion and fellowship, and to strategize about upcoming events. For more information and to get involved in this ministry, please contact Ruby Sprott at rubysprott@gmail.com.

AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP

Sept 8th | 1:00 pm-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.

MARANATHA: ELECTION MEETING

Sept 15th | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm | 411 MLK

Maranatha is a community of LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies who seek to foster greater understanding and equity for people of diverse sexual and gender identities. Whether you have been out for decades, love someone who is LGBTQ+, or are questioning, you are welcome to join us! This is an election meeting to determine Maranatha's leadership for the 2019-2020 program year, and it is requested that all of Maranatha's members be in attendance for this important meeting. Please contact Ted Vivian at edwardvivian11@yahoo.com for more information.

LATINO MINISTRIES: REPORT ON BORDER HEALTH MISSION

Sept 15th | 2:00 pm -4:00 pm | MLK 311 Join us for a report and conversation about Latino Ministries' recent Border Health Mission in Haiti & the Dominican Republic. Please contact Arelis Figueroa at afigueroa@trcnyc.org for more information.

MEN'S CLASS

Sept 15th | 1:00 pm-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

Sept $17th \mid 5:00 \text{ pm}-8:00 \text{ pm} \mid 9T \text{ Library}$ Alumni of the Coming Home program will meet for fellowship and strategize about the program's future.

SOJOURNERS ICE DETENTION VISITATION

Sept 14th & 28th | 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. **BACK-UP DRIVERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FALL & WINTER (VEHICLE PROVIDED).** For more information and to join our team of Sojourners, please contact Frances Connell at frances.connell@gmail.com.

ECCLESIA MINISTRY

Sept 22nd | 2:00-3:00 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.

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED

Sept 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th | 1:00 pm-3:00 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

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS AT RIVERSIDE

Sept 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th | 11:00 am | 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.

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

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





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

Church Council Monday, September 23rd at 6:45 p.m.

Education Commission Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

MSJ Commission. Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel & Salary Committee Monday, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Budget & Planning Committee Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Monday, September 16th at 5:30 p.m.
Conference Call

Nominating Committee Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Sharing Fund Committee Monday, September2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Development Committee Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. Building Committee Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Membership & Parish Life Comm. Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Ordination Committee Tuesday, September 17th at 6:45 p.m.

Social Services Committee Sunday, September 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Worship Commission Monday, September 9th at 6:45 p.m.

Department of Social Services, Broadway Presbyterian Church, The Mayor's Office Center for Faith & Community Partnerships, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University and The Riverside Church PRESENT: COMMUNITIES CARE 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Broadway Presbyterian Church 601 W 114th Street New York, NY 10025 **RSVP** admin@bpcnyc.org **TOPICS** How to prevent eviction? How to prevent homelessness? What is the process in accessing emergency shelter?

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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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