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THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
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OCTOBER 2019



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COME TRICK OR TREAT WITH US!

This October 31 bring your family to the Riverside Church for some spooky fun.

We will have **candy, hot dogs, photo booths**, and many surprises! And nothing too scary! Enter the Harvest Festival on Claremont Avenue 3-6pm. For more information and to RSVP email Linda Cole at LCole@trcnyc.org

BE STILL AND GO: SEASON 4

What is the relationship between spirituality and environmental justice? Listen to the latest season of Riverside's devotional podcast, Be Still and Go: Meditations for the Movement, to find out more.

This season features 25 audio reflections from Riverside clergy, Beloved Earth Community members, and faith leaders from across the country. **Visit trcnyc.org/BeStillAndGo** to listen online or subscribe to Be Still and Go where you listen to podcasts.



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Christian stewardship is not just about how we use our money, it's about how we live our lives in communion with God and each other. Using learning tools like worship, education, and dialogue, Stewardship and Development supports and shapes people of faith as they strive to show generosity in every aspect of their lives and better understand the connection between faith and giving.

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Visit The Riverside Church gift shop or online store to purchase your t-shirt and mug, empowering you to literally wear your inclusive theology on your head (or, shoulder) and share it with every sip of coffee.

An Update from the Riverside Development Committee

Dear Riverside Church Family,

Jeremiah 29:11 says: *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. We hope everyone took time out to enjoy the summer and your loved ones. Now that Fall is underway, the Riverside Development Committee (RDC) has some fantastic updates to kick off the new season:*

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

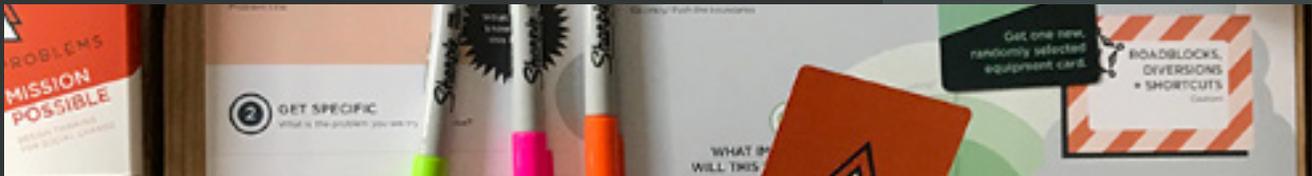
RDC Speaker Series

We are thrilled to announce that Sam Wells will be visiting The Riverside Church in November to talk with us about the principles of social enterprise and how they can be integrated into the life and mission of the church. Rev. Dr. Sam Wells has been Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields since 2012. He has served as a parish priest for 20 years – 10 of those in urban priority areas. He also spent 7 years in North Carolina, where he was Dean of Duke University Chapel. Sam is also Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King’s College and a member of the Multi-Stakeholder Council that advises the G20 meetings. He is a regular contributor to Thought for the Day on BBC Radio 4’s Today program. He has published 30 books, including works on Christian ethics, ministry, liturgy, and preaching.



MISSION POSSIBLE

Do you ever look at all the challenges impacting the communities we live and work in and wonder what you could do to effect change? Now you can put your thoughts into action with Mission Possible -- a workshop-in-a-box that brings groups together to develop creative solutions for tackling complex social problems. Join the RDC for Mission Possible sessions in November (schedule and location coming soon).



SURVEY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Survey Subcommittee is charged with planning and implementing a congregational survey, analyzing results, and sharing what we learn with the broader congregation. We call it the ‘congregational survey’ but we will do our best to cast a wide net to hear from all who care about Riverside – members and non-members. Last time we undertook a congregational survey, about 650 persons responded; over 80% were members and the remainder were people that attended services and participated in Riverside’s programs and activities but were not members.

The Committee’s first task is to elicit information about what sort of topics and questions should be included in the survey – speaking with members at coffee hour and other gatherings, lay leaders at Commission and committee meetings, gathering input from clergy and staff, members of the TRC Development Committee and its various subcommittees and workgroups. So look for members of the subcommittee and be sure to let them know what you would like included in the survey.

HOSPITALITY WORK

After over a year of preparation and due diligence, we are pleased to share we are currently on schedule for a soft launch opening of the bell tower for public tours in late October. This is an important first step in our work to expand and improve Riverside's hospitality offerings and feelings of warm welcome to everyone who passes through our doors each day. The Riverside bell tower and the 74-bell Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon remain popular items of interest, and we are excited to make them available to the public for the first time in a long time. More information will be forthcoming, including tour schedules, how to purchase tickets, and other details. As our hospitality work continues, our goal remains to attract and engage more visitors, and expanding our tour offerings is a key component in growing Riverside's profile as a must-see destination in New York City.

FOOD JUSTICE WORKGROUP

The Food Justice Work Group held its first organizing meeting on Sept 5th. The Work Group is planning a series of site visits in New York City and around the region to look at innovative social enterprises that generate revenue even while delivering low-cost fresh and nutritious food to their communities. Imagine eliminating hunger and poor nutrition in Harlem as a vital component of the ministries of The Riverside Church. If you are interested in joining in this exciting venture, please contact Ugochi Onyeukwu at UOnyeukwu@trcnyc.org.



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 www.trcnyc.org/rdc

Riverside Development Committee

Worship & the Arts

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MORNING LIGHT

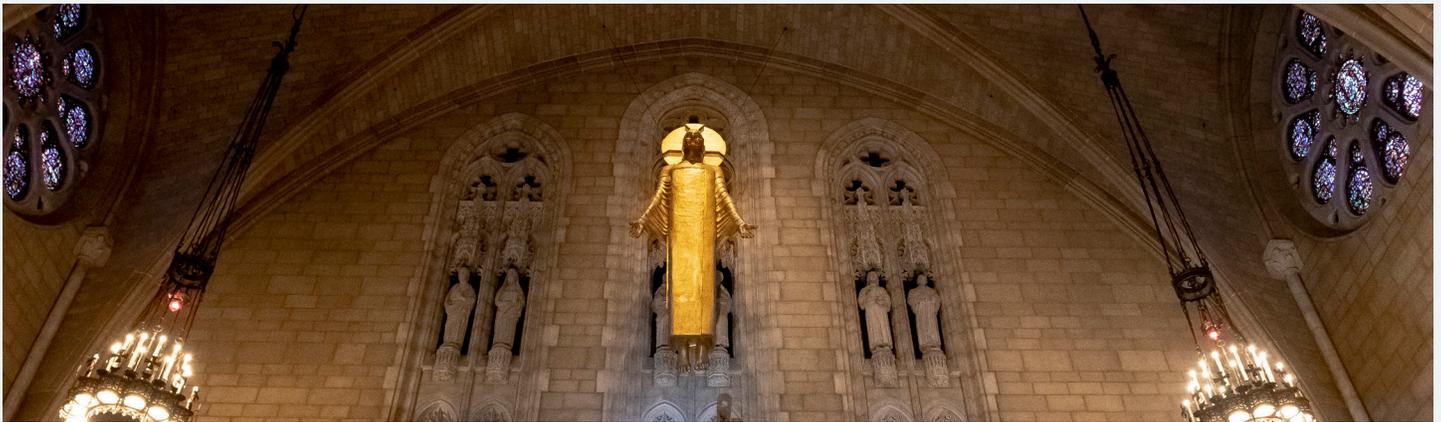
Sundays | 8:30 am | Christ Chapel
Our intimate early Sunday morning service incorporating meditation, scripture reading, and communion.
Oct 6th: Rev. Bruce Lamb
Oct 13th: Rev. Debra Northern
Oct 20th: Minister Charlene Wingate
Oct 27th: Hsien-Yu Wang

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.
Oct 6th: Rev. Michael Livingston
Oct 13th: Rev. Michael Livingston
Oct 20th: Amanda Meisenheimer
Oct 27th: Rev. Michael Livingston

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.
Oct 2nd: Minister Charlene Wingate
Oct 9th: Rev. Alisha Gordon
Oct 16th: Rev. Debra Northern
Oct 23rd: Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper



THE NANNY SERIES: A POSTCOLONIAL READING EXHIBIT BY ARTIST LAURA JAMES SEPT 22ND - NOV 15TH | 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.

ARTIST TALK WITH LAURA JAMES

Oct 20th | 1:00 pm | Cloister Lounge Gallery

Join us in conversation with artist Laura James as she provides context and history for her current exhibit *The Nanny Series - A Postcolonial Reading*, and learn more about the symbolic elements and personal narratives embedded in each image. Light refreshments will be served.



Parish Care

Parish Care offers pastoral support to the congregation and community, including our social services programs, Tower League programs and events, weddings, funerals, and more.

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.

Oct 3rd: Amanda Meisenheimer

Oct 10th: Hsien-yu Wang

Oct 17th: TBD

Oct 24th: Rev. Bruce Lamb

Oct 31st: Rev. Alan Bentz-Letts

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Oct 6th | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | 411 MLK

CELEBRATE OUR ELDERS GALA

Oct 3rd | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm | South Hall

Tower League and Life Force in Later Years (LiLY) are co-hosting an elegant luncheon in honor of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons—with good food, fellowship, and live music! NY Rep. Daniel O'Donnell will address guests. Cost is free. Reservations required: contact LiLY's Françoise Noble, 917-386-3211.

COOKING & EATING THE RAINBOW

Oct 10th | 2:00 pm | 9T

Learn about healthful ways of eating that are both nutritious and delicious. Annette Nielsen of Culinary Medicine NYC will discuss varieties of seasonal foods that are easy-to-prepare, how to prep in advance for ready-made meals, safe food storage, economizing while cooking, and more. Samples supplied!

PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE HOSTED BY RIVERSIDE'S BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Oct 13th | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | South Hall

Donations will be received before and after worship Professional clothing for all genders, including suits, blazers, slacks, dress shirts, blouses, skirts, ties, belts, shoes, purses/pocketbooks. Donations will go to support Riverside's Professional Clothing Distribution

HEALTHY MOVEMENT PROGRAM

Oct 17th | 1:00 pm | 20T

Vivian Williams-Kurutz, Director of the Harlem Wellness Center, will teach participants how to incorporate accessible physical movements into daily routines to improve health and increase joy—combining simple chair exercises with games, craft-making, and other otherwise sedentary activities.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Oct 24th | 2:00 pm | 9T

The Medicare Rights Center will review the basics of Medicare coverage, explain what beneficiaries need to do during the Fall Open Enrollment Period and how to access federal & state benefit programs that can help beneficiaries pay for coverage

HALLOWEEN

Oct 31st | 2:00 pm | 9T

In addition to enjoying ghoulish group games, sweet treats, & casual conversation—Tower League will celebrate Halloween by assembling goodie bags for children in the community.

ART OF MOVEMENT: EXERCISE CLASSES FOR OLDER ADULTS

Mondays | 10:00 am | 411 MLK

Thursdays | 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am | 411 MLK

These one-hour classes focus on balance, strength, flexibility, and range of movement. Classes are \$10 per session. Please contact instructor Eileen Jones to sign up and for more information: 212-673-4968. Please note: classes will be on hiatus from Oct. 15th-Nov. 15th

2019 THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP & BRUNCH

Save the Date

Get ready to join us for the annual Thanksgiving Brunch immediately following Thanksgiving Worship. There will be entertainment, and we will deliver meals to home-bound seniors. Stay tuned for more details & information!

Join us for our Annual
**THANKSGIVING DAY
WORSHIP**
10:30 A.M. | NAVE

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 28**

**THANKSGIVING DAY
BRUNCH**
12:00 P.M. | SOUTH HALL

Education Ministry & Faith Formation

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Rev. Bruce Lamb | Minister of Faith Formation | blamb@trcnyc.org

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

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

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

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

New Member Orientation Class

Oct 6th | 9:00 am | 321 MLK

New Member Joining Sundays

Oct 20th | 9:00 am | 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 (212) 870-6844 or via email at cjones@trcnyc.org.

2019-2020 RIVERSIDE KIDS WORSHIP

Oct 6th, 13th, 27th | 10:30 am | MLK 3rd & 6th floors

The Riverside Church offers children's programming through our Education Ministry. Preschoolers and kindergartners 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. Register your child at trcnyc.org/families and email Amanda Meisenheimer for more information about this innovative program.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Oct 13th | 11:00 am | Nave

Join us for Confirmation Sunday at The Riverside Church in worship as we celebrate the confirmation of the 2019 Faith Passage Confirmation Class. Our Confirmation classes, designed for children in grades 7 and above, are a journey that teaches basic theology of Christ, and how the Gospel ultimately affects how we relate to God, neighbor, church, and the world. We will have cake at coffee hour to celebrate our confirmands. Please join us!

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Oct 15th | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | 9T

All young adults are invited to meet together to discuss, share and plan upcoming events for the young adult ministry. All young adults of the church are welcome to attend the meeting, you do not have to be a Riverside Church member to attend. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP with Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

Oct 18th-20th | Black Rock Retreat Center | \$85/person

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us on our annual fall retreat to Black Rock Retreat Center. We will gather for a weekend of worship, community, games, laser tag, team building, campfire and more. To register to Linda Cole Youth Ministry Associate at lcole@trcnyc.org

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Oct 20th | 10:30 am | Nave

Every year The Riverside Church joins the Children's Defense Fund and many other worshipping communities to celebrate Children's Sabbath. On Oct 20th our children will worship with their families in the Nave, as we all celebrate the importance of children in the life of our community. The children's choirs will also sing on Oct 20th.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

Oct 27th | 12:30 pm | Assembly Hall

All Riverside young adults are invited to join together after worship for our monthly fellowship brunch. 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 ages 18-35.

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CHERUB CHOIR

Sundays | 9:30 am | Chapel of the Good Shepherd (6th floor)

Ms. Sharon Prichard leads our preschoolers through first graders in an age-appropriate choir experience. Our young friends learn to sing, to play bells, and to worship God through music. For more information, email Amanda Meisenheimer at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org.

PARENTCONNECT

Sundays | 9:30 am - 10:25 am | 314 MLK
ParentConnect offers parents and guardians an opportunity to get to know each other and discuss parenting topics through a theological lens. All parents and guardians are welcome.

YOUTH LET'S TALK SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 9:00 am | 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 9:00 am-10:00 am, Middle and High School Youth will be involved in faith formation and strong community building with each other.

JOIN THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH CHOIR

Sundays | 10:00 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. Register for the youth choir at trcnyc.org/youth.

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

RIVERSIDE SUNDAY SUPPERS

Monthly | 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 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 trcnyc.org/sundaysuppers

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Meets every Thursday | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Isaac Evans Frantz's Apartment -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 weekly 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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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. 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.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION PARTNERS PROGRAM

In this decades-old TRC Program, TRC volunteer Tutors meet weekly with foreign Partners, (international students, 18+, or visitors), to work together on conversational English. Time and place (usually at TRC) are arranged by the Partners. For more information, please e-mail Ruth Watson at ru6wat@yahoo.com or Jo Cameron at jo.c.cameron@gmail.com.

BAPTISM AT RIVERSIDE

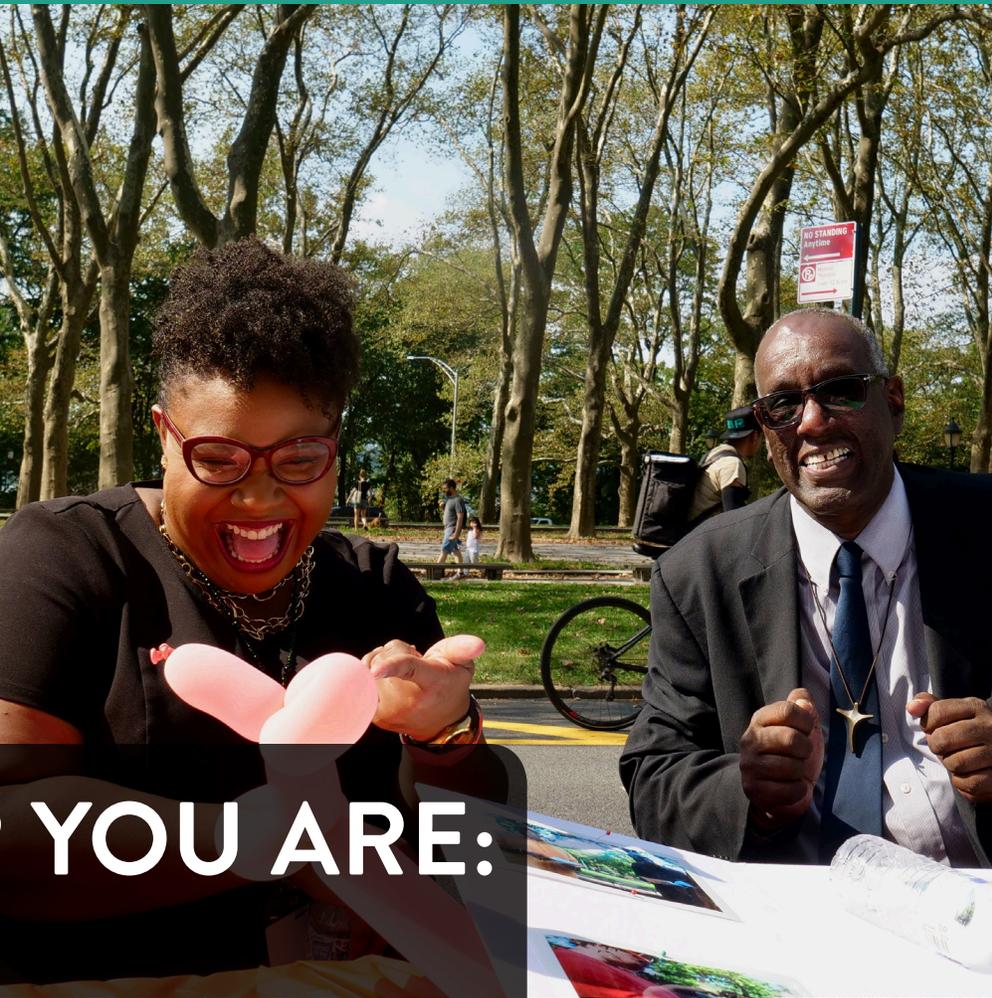
At The Riverside Church, we love to celebrate a new life! Baptism is an outward and visible sign of God's grace and the abundant life that Christ offers. God's promise of new life extends to both children and adults. Baptism ushers us into the care of Christ's church, affirms us, regardless of age, as 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.



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You are loved here.
You are invited into full parti*





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FALL SMALL GROUPS AT RIVERSIDE

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. We have incredible opportunities for you to laugh, learn, and grow in your faith with other fantastic people. All small groups are offered free of charge and everyone is welcome. Below you'll find a list of the exciting small group opportunities being offered this fall by our knowledgeable and skilled host of facilitators. For more information on Small Groups contact Rev. Bruce Lamb.

UPCOMING SMALL GROUPS

GOD AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE: A WOMANIST THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE

Oct 27th to Nov 10th | 9:00 am-10:30 am | Room: MLK 311
This small group will explore how black women's traditions of protest, struggle, and determination for freedom inform the development of theological reflection. In a brief study of womanist theology, discussions will aim to show how womanist concerns for social justice are critical for a deeper understanding of God and transformative action for God's people.
Led by Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White

JESUS AND JUSTICE A BIBLE STUDY FOR THE MOVEMENT

Sept 29th - Oct 27th 9:00 am-10:30 am | 15T
Led by Rev. Kevin Van Hook

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

Oct 6th-Nov 3rd | 1:00 pm-2:30 pm | Room: 318 MLK
Led by Andrea King and Luvon Roberson

FAITH, MONEY AND JUSTICE

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

BIBLICAL HEBREW: ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

Oct 6th - Dec 15th | 1:00 pm-4:30 pm | 321 MLK
Led by Laura Harris

BIBLICAL HEBREW: INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED

Oct 6th - Dec 15th | 1:00 pm-4:30 pm | 314 MLK
Led by Laura Harris

BELOVED COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Oct 6th - Dec 15th | 1:00 pm-2:30 pm | Meditation Chapel
Led by Rev. Addie Banks and Phil Lynn

ONGOING SMALL GROUPS

OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Sundays | 9:30 am -10:30 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-1:00 pm | 20T
Join us as we celebrate our 10th season!
Led by Luvon Roberson

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

2nd Sunday Monthly | 1:00 pm-2:30 pm | Room: 7C
Join us as we look at different stories of women in the Bible. Bring your Bible and questions as we dig deep into these stories focusing on women.
Led by Elaine Goode

For more information and details on small groups please visit trcnyc.org/smallgroups. **Registration is now open!**

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

October is Legacy Giving Month, when we celebrate all the legacies we send ahead - our relationships, stories, work, and resources. Here are some ways you can participate:

-Consider creating a will at freewill.com/RiversideChurch. FreeWill is an online will writing tool that is free to the Riverside community.

-Create a legacy gift for The Riverside Church to share your love with future generations. In preparation for All Saints Day on November 3, reflect on what your ancestors and loved ones "sent ahead" to you. What will be your legacy? What do you want to say and show future Riversiders?

-Look out for stories this month from the congregation on how they created legacy gifts.

-Plan to attend Legacies and Lunch to celebrate All Saints Day on November 3.



FAITH AND MONEY SMALL GROUP

9:30 am Sundays Oct 20th, Oct 27th, Nov 10th, Nov 17th

Stewardship and Development are offering a small group course on Faith and Money. Rather than shying away from a discussion of money at church, we will embrace it as a healthy and life-giving part of our life as a community of faith. In a spirit of trust, we will explore how our experiences in our families, our faith traditions, and our cultures shape our beliefs about money. Scripture will guide us in discovering ways in which money plays a role in the story of God's people. We will consider specific habits and practices as we strive to align our personal and communal understanding and use of money with justice.

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Christopher Johnson | Director of Music & Organist | cjohnson@trcnyc.org
Christopher Creaghan | Associate Organist | ccreaghan@trcnyc.org

CHRIST CHAPEL CHAMBER SERIES: SIMPLE GIFTS

Oct 13th | 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Christ Chapel

Two women plus twelve instruments equals one good time when Simple Gifts takes the stage, performing everything from lively Irish jigs to hard-driving Klezmer freilachs, haunting Gypsy melodies, and exotic Balkan dance tunes. Come hear their own distinctive stamp on traditional tunes, blending styles from diverse cultures with their American roots.



Mission and Social Justice

“Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love.”

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROP WALK: ENDING WORLD HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Oct 6th | Immediately Following Worship | Nave

The CROP Hunger Walk is a community-organized charity event that takes place in over 800 locations each year. This year, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the CROP Walk, several leaders at Church World Services (CWS) will set out on a 100 Mile Hunger Walk to raise awareness and funds to end hunger, poverty, and displacement from disasters around the world. This 100-mile trek will begin at The Riverside Church immediately following worship on October 6 and we invite the entire congregation to participate; whether you join for the first 5 steps or the first mile. For more information about how you can help make a difference, please visit <https://www.100mile.org/walk-with-us>



JESUS AND JUSTICE

Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th | 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.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AT THE SUPREME COURT FOR LGBTQ+ CIVIL LIBERTIES

Oct 8th | All Day | Washington, D.C.

On Oct 8th, the Supreme Court of the United States will hear oral arguments in three separate cases to determine whether LGBTQ people are protected from workplace discrimination by Title VII. Housing Works is organizing a national action with a civil disobedience component at the Supreme Court on this day. The civil disobedience component will risk arrest, but it is optional, and there are many other roles to be filled that day. Housing Works will supply buses to take people from NYC to D.C. If you are interested in participating in this action, please contact David Black at dblack@trcnyc.org.

HEALTHY MASCULINITY IN THE AGE OF ME TOO

Oct 10th | 6:30 pm | 10T

Join us on Thursday, October 10th as we explore serious questions in the context of a public conversation about “healthy masculinity in the age of me too.” We’ll begin with a promotional screening of *The Work*, the acclaimed documentary detailing a four-day intensive group process in Folsom County Prison. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the South by Southwest film festival, *The Work* takes a gut-wrenching look at lives all too often written off as lost causes, persuasively arguing that growth and change can be waiting where we least expect it. The screening will be followed by a conversation with film’s director, Gethin Aldous, and representatives from All Kings, an organization inspired by the work in Folsom prison that helps young men recently released from incarceration.



CULTURAL FRIDAYS: FORUM WITH JOURNALIST & AUTHOR MARINO ZAPETE

Oct 11th | 6:00 pm | South Hall

Beginning in October, Latino Ministries will begin a series called Cultural Fridays, a time to celebrate the unique and beautiful ways that Latino arts & culture have brought light and life into our common cultural experience in New York City. This series will kick off this month with a forum with Dominican journalist and author Marino Zapete, on his work *La Cronica Irreverente*, an Amazon Best Seller on the corruption scandals that plague Dominican politics from 1963-2019. Zapete details the roles that political, economic, social, and religious actors have played in this crisis. This forum will be followed by a book signing.

WELLBOTICS MINISTRY AT COLUMBIA’S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CONFERENCE

Oct 11th | Columbia University, Alfred Lerner Hall

Now more than ever, congregations around the world must think creatively about ways Christian mission aligns with financial sustainability. On October 11th, the Wellbotics Ministry of The Riverside Church, whose work was recently featured in Crane’s New York, will be pitching at Columbia University’s Social Enterprise Conference. We’re incredibly proud of the work of this ministry! For those interested in learning more about Wellbotics, please contact Dr. Pam Davis drpamdavis@gmail.com.

SETTLER COLONIALISM, SLAVERY AND THE BUILDING OF AN ECOLOGY OF INEQUALITY

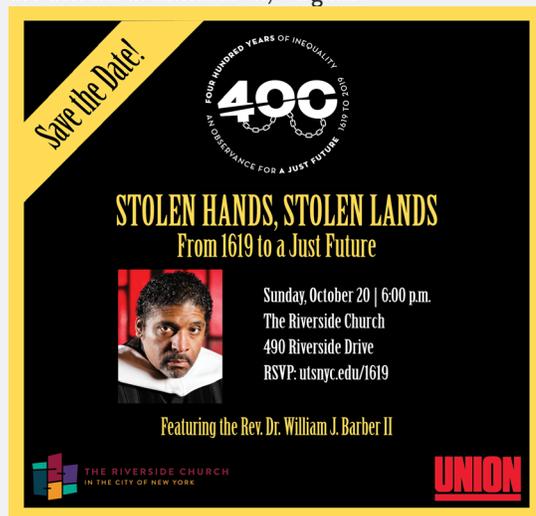
Oct 13th | 1:00 pm | 9T

1619 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Africans at Fort Comfort near Jamestown in the Virginia colony. Communities, organizations, and congregations across the country are observing this anniversary to grapple with its legacies, which include an elaborate network of inequalities that in some way touches the lives of every person in this country. In observance of Indigenous People’s Day on October 14, we gather to remember the colonists’ violent dispossession of Native Americans of lands, livelihoods, and ways of life. We also remember this as a history of refusal, resistance, and movements of solidarity that hold to the ideal of equity and justice for all. Participate in this observance of the anniversary of 1619, which will include presentations, conversation, and activities to help us acknowledge this history and its impact on our present day.

STOLEN HANDS, STOLEN LANDS: FROM 1619 TO A JUST FUTURE

Oct 20th | 6:00 pm | Nave

In partnership with Union Theological Seminary and The New School, we will host Stolen Hands, Stolen Lands: From 1619 to a Just Future as we mark the 400 year anniversary of the landing of Africans in Jamestown, Virginia.



1619-2019: A TIMELINE OF INEQUALITY

Oct 24th | 6:30 pm | 9T

The 400 Years of Inequality Initiative is a diverse coalition of organizations and individuals committed to observing the anniversary of the arrival in 1619 of the first Africans to be sold into bondage on the North American continent. The systemic violence of settler colonialism and chattel slavery has embedded inequality in the very foundations of the United States. There is now also a multigenerational history of resistance to and direct dismantling of systems of inequality. Join representatives of the 400 Years of Inequality initiative to 1) Review historical efforts to either entrench or resist inequality; and, 2) Explore the impact of this history on our lives and the wellbeing of our families and communities.

DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATING GROUP

Hurricane Dorian has had a devastating impact on the Bahamas. As a community called to serve those in need, our congregation must come together to help people in the Bahamas recover from the damage caused by Dorian. Members of the Mission & Social Justice Commission and Social Services Committee are working together to establish a church-wide Disaster Relief Coordinating Group. The priority at this time is bringing members of our faith community together to help those most in need. Your help is needed and you do not need to currently serve on the MSJ Commission or Social Services Committee to serve in this capacity. For those who are interested in serving on this coordinating group, please reach out to Rev. Kevin VanHook or Rev. Debra Northern. Due to the urgent nature of the need, please let them know as soon as possible. If you think of anyone who might be interested in joining this churchwide effort, please feel free to share this information with them.

SOJOURNERS ICE DETENTION VISITATION ANNUAL TRAINING

Oct 20th | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | 20T

Are you interested in joining our team of individuals dedicated to hospitality for detained migrants and refugees? Sojourners has a long history of providing moral and material support to some of the most marginalized individuals in our nation. This training will orient you to the work of Sojourners and give you an inlet for deeper involvement. For more information and to join our team of Sojourners, please contact Frances Connell at frances.connell@gmail.com.

FORUM ON WOMEN’S HEALTH SPONSORED BY THE MEN’S CLASS

Oct 20th | 1:00 pm | 411 MLK

Each year, millions of women and children die from preventable causes. On Sunday, October 20th, the Men’s Class will host a Forum on Women’s Health. This program is designed to help promote discussion on a variety of women’s health topics. Several healthcare professionals will be on-site to provide an in-depth look at pressing matters in women’s health. This forum will be informative and beneficial to all.

Mission and Social Justice

“Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love.”

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FOOD OF THE DIASPORA

Oct 27th | 3:30 pm | 9T

Please join the African Fellowship Ministry of The Riverside Church for an evening of Fun, Fellowship and Food of the Diaspora as we seek to raise awareness around issues directly impacting the continent of Africa and highlight the ongoing work of the African Fellowship. Among the topics of discussion will be the current Anglophonic and Francophonic dispute in Cameroon and ways our prophetic witness can make a difference in the world now. We look forward to seeing you there!

COURT WATCH FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

Oct 27th | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Central Synagogue on Lexington and 55th

In partnership with CourtWatchNYC and the Brooklyn Bail Fund, building upon our previous work advocating for criminal justice reform in New York, we are co-sponsoring Court Watch for Faith Communities where people of all faiths can join a community-driven movement to hold key individuals in the criminal justice system accountable. By attending this event, you will receive in-depth training to become the eyes and ears of accountability in New York City courtrooms, collecting real-time data and the narratives of what’s happening in the courtrooms. Our goal is to build the power of ordinary New Yorkers to demand an end to mass incarceration.

SOJOURNER’S MINISTRY LUNCHEON AND PANEL

Nov 2nd | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | 10T

Riverside Sojourners, which visits immigrant detainees at the Elizabeth Detention Center and works with those who have been granted asylum, has lined up a very distinguished panel to discuss issues around immigrant detention and work with refugees and asylum-seekers. A panel consisting of Columbia professors, local activists, and immigration advocates will help guide a series of conversations concerning issues with migrants at the border, the intersectionality of the climate crisis and population displacement, and how to ultimately beat a corrupt system. The program is set for Saturday, Nov 2nd, 11:00 am-1:00, with lunch, included. For information and to RSVP, please email frances.connell@gmail.com.

ON GOING REGULAR MEETINGS

BELOVED EARTH COMMUNITY

Oct 5th | 12:00 pm -2:30 pm | 323 MLK

Beloved Earth is a group of passionate climate change activists who take to heart the Church’s mission to care for the earth. For more information contact Alan Bentz-Letts, BEC chair at alanbentzletts@gmail.com or Regina Tate, BEC vice-chair at mariposa21355@yahoo.com

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Oct 6th | 9:30 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.

MEN’S CLASS

Oct 6th | 1:00 pm -2:00 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.

THE SHARING FUND OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Oct 7th | 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm | 321 MLK

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.

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED

Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th | 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

AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP

Oct 13th | 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.

SOJOURNERS ICE DETENTION VISITATION

Oct 12th & 26th | 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.

MARANATHA: FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Oct 13th | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm | 311 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! The newly elected convener of Maranatha is Lise Cooke.

COMING HOME ALUMNI MEETING

Oct 18th | 5:00 pm -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 or Sheena Rolle at srolle@trcnyc.org.

LATINO MINISTRIES FELLOWSHIP

Oct 20th | 1:00 pm -3:00 pm | Multipurpose
 Latino Ministries brings together Latino/as and their allies in the congregation and community for education and activism around the political, cultural, and spiritual issues facing Latino/communities. We celebrate the diversity of Latino/a culture and life through spiritual fellowship, education, and the arts. Please contact Arelis Figueroa at afigueroa@trcnyc.org for more information.

MOVIES AT RIVERSIDE: THE PIECES I AM

Oct 20th | 1:00 pm -3:00 pm | Multipurpose
 Join us for a screening of the movie *The Pieces I Am*, a critically acclaimed documentary and a retrospective of the life and work of Toni Morrison: "This artful and intimate meditation on the legendary storyteller examines her life, her works and the powerful themes she has confronted throughout her literary career. Toni Morrison leads an assembly of her peers, critics, and colleagues on an exploration of race, history, America and the human condition." 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.

ECCLESIA MINISTRY

Oct 27th | 2:00 pm -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.

PRISON MINISTRY

Oct 27th | 1:00 pm | 411 MLK
 The Riverside Church Prison Ministry conducts advocacy and outreach programs on behalf of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, their families, and their communities. One of the most compelling needs of the grossly underserved population we serve is the need to be heard, which our volunteers from a range of backgrounds address through advocating on their behalf, working for progressive policies and raising awareness about the issues many people face—issues including reintegration, recidivism, unjust parole denials, mass incarceration, social stigma, and the collateral damage of incarceration on families and communities. Please consider joining the Prison Ministry at their next meet to learn how you can become more involved.

**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

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, October 28th at 6:45 p.m.

Education Commission
Monday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

MSJ Commission.
Monday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel & Salary Committee
Monday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Budget & Planning Committee
Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Monday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m.
Conference Call

Nominating Committee
Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Sharing Fund Committee
Monday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee
Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Development Committee
Saturday, October 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Building Committee
Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Membership & Parish Life Comm.
Monday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

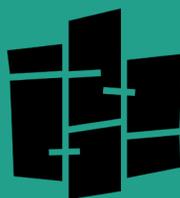
Ordination Committee
Tuesday, October 15th at 6:45 p.m.

Social Services Committee
Sunday, October 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Worship Commission
Monday, October 14th at 6:45 p.m.

For a complete list of Calendar of Events
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THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Dont have your Riverside t-shirts & mug?

Visit The Riverside Church gift shop or online store to purchase your t-shirt and mug, empowering you to literally wear your inclusive theology on your head (or, shoulder) and share it with every sip of coffee.

What are you waiting for? Get your t-shirt, mug, and tote bag today!

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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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You are welcome into full participation in our life together.

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