



LIFE OF THE **COMMUNITY**

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
NEWS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2019

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

Nov 28th | 10:30 am | Nave

Join us in Worship on Thanksgiving Day, as we gather and reflect on God's gifts.

THANKSGIVING DAY BRUNCH

Nov 28th | immediately following Thanksgiving Worship | South Hall

Please join us for the annual Thanksgiving Brunch immediately following Thanksgiving Worship. Ticket Prices Adult: \$20 Seniors \$12 (Age 62 and over) Children \$10 (age 12 and under) To purchase your tickets **please visit trcnyc.org/thanksgiving** Tickets will not be sold on Thanksgiving Day. You may also purchase a ticket to donate, or offer a contribution of any size. Proceeds from this event support Riverside's Social Services Ministry.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Join us for our Annual
**THANKSGIVING DAY
WORSHIP**

10:30 A.M. | NAVE

**THANKSGIVING DAY
BRUNCH**

12:00 P.M. | SOUTH HALL

TICKET PRICES

Adults: \$20 | Seniors: \$12 (age 62 and over)
Children: \$10 (age 12 and under)

You may donate a meal to a home-bound member
with a donation of \$25.

For more info visit trcnyc.org/Thanksgiving2019



490 Riverside Drive | 91 Claremont Ave. | 212.870.6700

CANDLELIGHT CAROL FESTIVAL

Dec 15th | 4:00 pm | Nave

This longstanding tradition at The Riverside Church has become an essential part of Christmas in New York City. This service of music and light combines carillon, organ, harp, and all of the choirs of The Riverside Church, culminating in a ritual sharing of candlelight illuminating the Nave. Musical prelude begins at 3:30 p.m. To purchase your tickets please visit trcnyc.org/candlelight



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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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For over 85 years the music program has drawn people from around the world to The Riverside Church. From our five choirs, to our carillon and four organs, to our renowned musicians, guests are certain to hear music that enlivens and nourishes the soul. Visit trcnyc.org/music to find out more.

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We all encounter God in different ways. In an increasingly digital world, that includes videos, podcasts, and online media. Engage the Riverside community wherever you are through our original digital content.

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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,

Proverbs 3:5-6 says: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

In October the RDC met to discuss the history of Riverside’s sustainability efforts and the status of progression against our timeline (see the timeline below). As we work towards facilitating the congregation’s journey along the development process to ensure we have a solid development plan adopted by the Fall of 2021 we will have exciting updates to share with the congregation in December. Here are some areas we’ll follow up on in December: Speaker Series, Mission Possible, The Hack, Real Estate Assessment, Greening Assessment, Community Assessment, and Congregational Survey.

History of TRC’s development and sustainability efforts...

Master Plan envisioned a new Claremont entry and a new “programs” building on Stone Gym’s site.



2015

March: Union formally initiates the ROFO for TRC to purchase McGiffert



April: presented to Congregation about McGiffert and there was clear support to move forward

June: Council approves purchase of McGiffert as investment.



October: TRC purchases McGiffert

November: The Riverside Development Committee is formed to help lead congregation and community in the journey of re-imagining and realizing the **new Riverside campus**



1997



June: Sustainability Taskforce created to ensure the long term financial sustainability of the church with a focus on maximizing Riverside’s real estate assets



July: Union first advises TRC of its plans to sell McGiffert

2018



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HOSPITALITY WORK

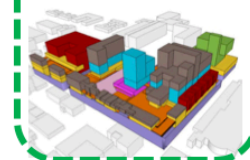
After over a year of preparation and due diligence, we are pleased to share we are targeting a soft launch opening of the bell tower for public tours in early December. This is an important first step in our work to expand and improve Riverside’s hospitality offerings and feelings of warm welcome to 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.

Go time!

Getting development plan prepared in time for Union’s lease back to end

- Strategy & Design**
- Develop Objectives
 - Test strategies with stakeholders
 - Evaluate learnings from Meanwhile projects
 - Scale plans
 - Consultations with congregation

Implementation & Partnerships
Ready to move forward with plan when Union’s lease expires



2019/2020



RDC forms subcommittees and ventures to London to engage with MK in efforts to help define a framework and roadmap to facilitate the planning and development of new TRC campus



- Imagination and learning**
- Speaker Series
 - Mission Possible
 - The Hack
 - Real Estate Assessment
 - Greening Assessment
 - Community Assessment
 - Congregational Survey



- Experimentation & Practice**
- Launch meanwhile projects
 - Food scarcity
 - Hospitality

2021/2022



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IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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

Worship of God is at the center of our life at The Riverside Church and our services reflect the diversity of who we are as the body of Christ. All are welcome as we seek to create beloved community, nourish faith, and transform our world.

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.
Nov 3rd: Dr. Colleen Birchett
Nov 11th: Rev. Alisha Gordon
Nov 17th: Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
Nov 24th: Farley Lord

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.
Nov 3rd: Rev. Debra Northern
Nov 11th: Rev. Michael Livingston
Nov 17th: Rev. Michael Livingston
Nov 24th: TBA

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.
Nov 6th: Minister Derrick Jordan
Nov 13th: Amanda Meisenheimer
Nov 20th: Rev. Kevin VanHook
Nov 28th: On hiatus for Thanksgiving



ADVENT FLOWER MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS

With your donation, beautiful floral arrangements will be commissioned for the Chancel this holiday season. Honoree names will be listed in worship materials during the holiday season. To dedicate flowers to a loved one, please submit your requests at trcnyc.org/giveflowers

THE NANNY SERIES: A POSTCOLONIAL READING EXHIBIT BY ARTIST LAURA JAMES NOW OPEN THROUGH 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.



ALL SAINT'S DAY

Sunday, Nov 3rd | 10:30 am | Nave
Join us in Worship as we honor the memory and legacy of our loved ones who have passed.

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.

Nov 7th: Minister Sheena Rolle

Nov 14th: David Black

Nov 21st: TBD

Nov 28th: On Hiatus for Thanksgiving

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Nov 3rd | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | 411 MLK

THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN GROUP'S ANNUAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Nov 10th | 1:00 pm | 9T

All are welcome to participate in this healthy eating and cooking program with nutritionist Annette Nielsen. Light refreshments provided. Please contact Linda D. Lewis, B & P President, for more information: (212) 283-3456.

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

DANCES FOR SENIORS

Nov 7th | 2:00 pm-3:00 pm | 9T

Join Dances for a Variable Population, a multi-generational dance company, and educational organization, for a performance by professional dancers—a mix of styles of modern dance, flamenco, hip hop, and jazz—followed by a dance workshop highlighting creative movement and fun! Do what is comfortable for your body and connect with others; this program is designed for all abilities.

HOLIDAY CARD-MAKING

Nov 14th | 2:00 pm | 9T

Riverside member Nina Hill will guide participants in making their own personalized cards for the season. Enjoy a relaxing, creative time together in preparation for Christmas.

STEPPING INTO THE PAINTING

Nov 21st | 2:00 pm | 9T

Not only does a painting speak to us, it can inspire us to create something new from that conversation—a story or poem that helps us make sense of what it feels like to be alive. Shelley Benaroya, director of the Writing Center for Creative Aging, will lead us in lively discussion, writing invitations, and storytelling, as we learn how to interpret art in new and surprising ways. No previous writing experience required.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY WINTER SALE

Nov 9th through Nov 14th

It's time for
**THE SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY
WINTER SALE**



Gently used clothing and household goods
Donations & volunteers welcome
All proceeds support The Riverside Church Social Services Programs

Saturday, November 9 - Thursday, November 14, 2019

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Saturday)

Time: After worship - 5:00 p.m. (Sunday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Monday - Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Thursday)

Location: The Riverside Church Cloister Lounge

For more information: Marquita Davis at 212.870.6909



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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 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



SOJOURNER’S MINISTRY LUNCHEON AND PANEL

Nov 2nd | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | 10T

Riverside Sojourners will host a panel consisting of Columbia professors, local activists, and immigration advocates to 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 pm, with lunch included. For information and to RSVP, please email frances.connell@gmail.com.

THE TRAUMA OF UNFORGIVENESS

Nov 3rd-17th | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm |

Nov 3rd - 20T; Nov 10th - 321 MLK; Nov 17th - 20T

Wellbotics uses buildable programmable robots to help people cope with trauma. This series of three sessions will introduce wellbotics to adults by looking at the Trauma of Unforgiveness. Participants will also learn how to get involved in Wellbotics’ larger mission to help children cope with traumatic events and learn to have fun. Register to attend at wellbotics.org/register.

COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS UPDATE

Nov 17th | 1:00 pm

Join farmworkers from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers for an update on their struggle against wage theft and violence, including sexual violence, in the fields. Their efforts include a boycott of Wendy’s, which to date is the only major fast-food corporation to refuse to join the CIW’s Fair Food Program. Riverside’s Church Council has endorsed the Wendy’s boycott, and our church has an ongoing relationship with the CIW farmworkers, hosting them at church and participating in demonstrations. The farmworkers will share ways we can support their efforts - including by joining their rally beginning at 5:00 pm. Monday, Nov. 18, outside 280 Park Avenue, Here’s a link to the Facebook event :<https://facebook.com/RiversideNY/>

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY’S HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES PROGRAM

Nov 22nd | 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Chapel of the Cross

The Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) at Columbia University is a unique and successful model of human rights capacity building which provides grassroots leaders the tools, knowledge, access, and networks to strengthen their organizations and promote human rights. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of Riverside’s Theatre of the Oppressed Ministry facilitating introductory workshops for the annual HRAP Cohort. Please be sure to congratulate Jeremiah Drake during coffee hour and, for more information on how you can become involved with Theatre of the Oppressed, please contact Jeremiah at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com.

MOVIES AT RIVERSIDE: THE BREADWINNER

Nov 24th | 12:45 pm & 3:15 pm | Multipurpose Room

Join us for a screening of the movie *The Breadwinner*. Based on the bestselling novel by Deborah Ellis, *The Breadwinner* is an animated feature film set in 2001 in Kabul. It follows the empowering story of a young girl named Parvana who must cut off her hair and disguise herself as a boy to become the breadwinner for her family when her father is imprisoned. The screening will be followed by fellowship and a guided conversation. There will be two screenings of the film. For those interested in learning more about Wellbotics, please contact Dr. Pam Davis drpamdavis@gmail.com.

ON GOING REGULAR MEETINGS**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

Nov 3rd | 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.

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED

Nov, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th | 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

THE SHARING FUND OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Nov 4th | 6:30 pm -9:30 pm | 321MLK

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.

BELOVED EARTH COMMUNITY

Nov 9th | 12:00pm -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

SOJOURNERS ICE DETENTION VISITATION

Nov 9th & 23rd | 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.

AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP

Nov 10th | 1:00 pm -3:00 pm | Multipurpose Room

African Fellowship is a community of Africans and friends of Africa who gather monthly to celebrate African heritage, have spiritual fellowship. And discuss issues that impact Africans on the continent and in the diaspora. The current chair of the African Fellowship is George Filie-Faboe.

MARANATHA: FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Nov 10th | 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

Nov 15th | 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.

ECCLESIA MINISTRY

Nov 24th | 2:00 pm -3:00pm | 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.

MEN'S CLASS

Nov 17th | 1:00 pm -2:00 pm | Multipurpose Room

The Men's Class serves the members, congregation, and community of Riverside through spiritual, educational, and fellowship programs that encourage a more just and equitable society. The current chair of the African Fellowship is George Filie-Faboe.

LATINO MINISTRIES FELLOWSHIP

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.

PRISON MINISTRY

Nov 24th | 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. Please consider joining the Prison Ministry at their next meet to learn how you can become more involved.

WHOEVER YOU ARE:

You are safe here.

You are loved here.

You are invited into full participation in our life together.



Education Ministry & Faith Formation

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

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

New Member Orientation Class

Nov 3rd | 9:00 am | 321 MLK

New Member Joining Sundays

Nov 17th | 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.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Nov 3rd | 10:45 am | Christ Chapel

Join us for Family Worship in Christ Chapel! Parents, guardians, and children of all ages are invited to participate in this intergenerational service of worship, song, and communion. This month we will wrap up our three-part series on the book of Exodus.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER @ COMMUNITY MEAL

Nov 8th | 6:00 pm -8:00 pm | 9T

The youth are invited to volunteer to serve a Thanksgiving meal to those in need at the Friday Community Meal. Youth are asked to bring a large side or dessert. Turkey and ham will be provided. The youth will serve the meal and visit with the guests. Join us as we give back to help those in need. Please sign up to bring a dish and to volunteer below.

YOUNG ADULT FALL HIKE

Saturday, Nov 9th | 9:00 am | Harlem 125th St. MetroNorth

Get ready for a fun day of nature, hiking, outdoor devotional and good community. Please bring a sack lunch, water and wear hiking boots. We will leave from the 125th Street Harlem Metro-North Station in the morning and return by 6:00 pm.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

Nov 10th | 9:30 am | 9T

Join the Riverside Church Clergy for a time of coffee and conversation before worship as we join together for a time of conversation and coffee.



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY GROUP HEALING SESSIONS AND DINNERS

Nov 10th | 4:00 pm -5:30 pm | 10T

All young adults are warmly invited to attend healing sessions and dinners. These sessions are in response to the pastoral transition of Pastor Amy Butler and where we are now as a church. Each group session will provide opportunities to come together and process with a trained expert. Together we will make space for all emotions, reactions, and thoughts to be expressed. All feelings are valid - anger, betrayal, grief, confusion, shock, readiness and how to move forward. Each session will be led by The Rev. Thea Crites. Rev. Crites is an ordained deacon whose ministry is in trained pastoral psychotherapy and leading groups. She has worked with several churches in times of trauma and conflict. The first meeting will last two hours and the following two will last an hour and a half.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING

Nov 15th | 9T | 6:30-9:00pm

Join us for our annual Young Adult Friendsgiving! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and the church will provide Turkey and Ham. We'll gather around the table for a time of great food and fellowship. Let's join together in gratitude for our Young Adult Community!

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

Nov 17th | Assembly Hall | 12:30p -2:00 pm

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).

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

2019/2020 RIVERSIDE KIDS WORSHIP

Nov 10th, 17th, 24th | 11:00 am | MLK 3rd and 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 at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org for more information about this innovative program.

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 NEW 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 | Adrienne Newcomb'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 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!

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

Next Orientation Baptism Class: Jan 5th
Baptism Sunday: Jan 12th
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.

PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Sundays | 9:30 am - 11:00 am | Chapel of the Cross
In collaboration with the Riverside Music Ministry, the children will be rehearsing for the annual Christmas pageant on Sunday mornings. An extended rehearsal of the script will take place on Nov 17th after church in 311MLK.

YOUTH MINISTRY AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP & MENTORING PROGRAM

Mondays and Wednesdays - 3-6pm | 313 MLK-
New Youth Ministry Room
The Riverside Faith Formation Ministry is proud to offer supportive community that helps our youth succeed starting November 4th. Our After-School Program offers free homework help and mentoring and a time of community, snacks are provided. To volunteer email Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org

ADVENT FEST

Dec 1st | 12:30 - 2:30 | South Hall
Start the Advent season with some holiday spirit! The Education Ministry invites you to join us in South Hall immediately following the service on December 1 for advent wreath making, cookie decorating, holiday crafts for children, and joyful fellowship. The event is open to everyone.

Education Ministry & Faith Formation

The Riverside Church exists to nourish and grow the faith of everyone who comes to us seeking to know God. The programs of our Faith Formation ministry will help you explore your faith, ask challenging questions about life, and grow closer to God and one another.

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

Nov 3rd & 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. Traci C. West on Nov 3rd &
Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White on Nov 10th

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

Nov 3rd | 1:00 pm-2:30 pm | Room: 318 MLK

Led by Andrea King and Luvon Roberson

FAITH, MONEY AND JUSTICE

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 | Manager of Annual Giving, Stewardship & Development | kscott@trcnyc.org

MEET THE NEW EDITION TO OUR TEAM- SOLIDAD NWAKIBU

Hello! I am Solidad Nwakibu and I am new to the Stewardship & Development Coordinator. I grew up in Nigeria but moved to Maryland when I was in 12 where I attended high school before moving to Atlanta, GA for college. I just graduated from Spelman College in May where I received a BS in Biology. I have passions within community outreach and engagement which eventually led me to the Riverside Church. On my own time, I enjoy listening to podcasts, reading fashion editorials and magazines, discovering new music and books, staying up-to-date with popular culture and the news and of course, serving the community. One of my favorite quotes is by the iconic Shirley Chisholm; "if they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." I'm very excited to be here and for the relationships, I will formulate in the coming months!



GRATEFUL GATHERING

Nov 24th - Immediately Following
Worship - South Hall

Join us as we continue our tradition of gathering 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.



GRATEFUL GIFT MARKET

Dec 1st - SAVE THE DATE

GIVING TUESDAY

Dec 3rd - SAVE THE DATE

Every year on Giving Tuesday non-profit organizations rally for a day of maximum impact. Stay tuned for more information!

LEGACIES AND LUNCH

Nov 3rd - 12:30pm - 2:00pm - 20T

Love accomplishing a life goal over a sandwich? Want to provide for your family, friends, and organizations you care about? Interested in creating a will but don't know where to start? The Legacy Giving Ministry offers this afternoon for you to come and have a walk-through of FreeWill, our free online will-creation tool. We'll provide technical, spiritual, and snack support. You'll be ready to go home and create your will!

Music at Riverside

For over 85 years the music program has drawn people from around the world to The Riverside Church. From our five choirs, to our carillon and four organs, to our renowned musicians, guests are certain to hear music that enlivens and nourishes the soul. Visit trcnyc.org/music to find out more.

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

Christopher Creaghan | Associate Organist | ccreaghan@trcnyc.org

CHORAL EVENSONG FEATURING FAURE REQUIEM

Nov 3rd | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Nave

On All Saints' Sunday, The Riverside Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists honor the memory of all those who have moved from this realm to the next. Our Evensong celebration features the sublime Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, and includes canticles sung by the choir, as well as evening hymns for all to sing. A freewill offering benefiting the Riverside Food Pantry will be received.



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, November 21st at 6:30 p.m.	Building Committee Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Church Council Monday, November 25th at 6:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Monday, November 18th at 5:30 p.m. Conference Call	Membership & Parish Life Comm. Monday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m.
Education Commission Monday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.	Ordination Committee Tuesday, November 19th at 6:45 p.m.
MSJ Commission. Monday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m.	Sharing Fund Committee Monday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m.	Social Services Committee Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m.
Personnel & Salary Committee Monday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Thursday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m.	Worship Commission Monday, November 11th at 6:45 p.m.
	Riverside Development Committee Saturday, November 16th at 9:00 a.m.	

Digital Ministry

We all encounter God in different ways. In an increasingly digital world, that includes videos, podcasts, and online media. Engage the Riverside community wherever you are through our original digital content.

Rev. Jim Keat | Digital Minister | jkeat@trcnyc.org

WEEKLY VIDEO BIBLE STUDY: THE WORD MADE FRESH

The Word Made Fresh is a weekly video Bible study and a monthly live online Bible study small group. Watch a new video every Monday on Facebook, YouTube, or on our website at trcnyc.org/TheWordMadeFresh.



DEC 1ST: BE STILL AND GO (SEASON 5)

With Advent just around the corner, Be Still and Go is preparing to return for its fifth season. Catch up on previous seasons on our website at trcnyc.org/BeStillAndGo and subscribe to “Be Still and Go” in your favorite podcast app to receive every episode right on your phone the minute they are released. New daily episodes begin on Sunday, December 1 for the season of Advent.



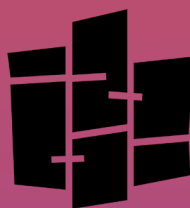
TAKE ME TO CHURCH (ON FACEBOOK)

Every Sunday morning nearly 1,000 people view Riverside’s Sunday morning worship celebration. The live video on Riverside’s Facebook Page is the most engaging space, with dozens of online congregants greeting one another, sharing their favorite hymn lyrics and sermon quotes, and worshiping online from around the world. If you are unable to make it to the Nave on a Sunday morning head over to Facebook.com/RiversideNY to join us for worship from wherever you are.



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

The Riverside Hawks Annual Gala

Founded in 1961, the Riverside Hawks began solely as a youth basketball team based in the iconic Riverside Church in Upper Manhattan. Over the past 58 years, the organization has blossomed into a year-round academic/athletic program serving more than 300 girls and boys who live primarily in the New York Metropolitan area. The program has been nationally recognized for both its basketball and academic success and continues to believe in using athletics as an avenue to promote academic achievement and excellence and character development of its student-athletes. For more information please visit trcnyc.org/hawksgala



HOPE & HOOPS: RIVERSIDE HAWKS Annual Gala

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

6:30 PM – Cocktails

7:30 PM – Dinner, Program & Live Entertainment

EDISON BALLROOM

240 W 47th St, New York, NY 10036

HONORING:

Derek Ferguson – COO, Robin Hood Foundation
Chris Mullin – “Dream Team” Member & NBA Hall of Famer
Eric Paschall – 2018 NCAA Champion & Current Golden State Warrior
Tony Hargraves – Program Director, Legendary Coach of the Riverside Hawks

MASTER OF CEREMONY:

Anne Williams-Isom, Chief Executive Officer, Harlem Children’s Zone®

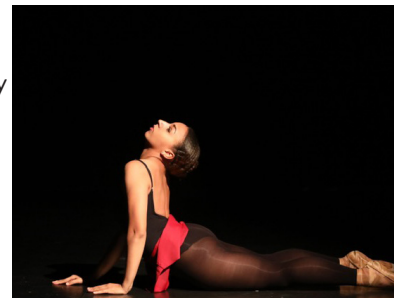


VISIONS CONTEMPORARY BALLET

Sunday, Nov 9th | 7:30 pm | Nave

In VISIONS Contemporary Ballet: Traces (of what makes us who we are) ethnically diverse company led by Ranardo-Domeico Grays, artistic director/choreographer, relays universal messages of the human experience. A five-year brain cancer survivor, Renardo continues to flourish creatively, presenting four spiritually uplifting contemporary ballets.

Tickets for Traces at The Riverside Theatre, \$20 for general admission and \$15 for seniors and students, are available for purchase online at <https://trtnyc.org/upcoming-shows> and in person the day of performance at the box office.



SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT COMMITTEE: WINTER SOLSTICE RETREAT

Jan 17th-19th | 9:30 am-10:25 am | Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, NY

Fostering Our Faith In God’s Time: How to Hold On to and Build Faith in Times of Change

Cost: \$200 Contact person: Nora Campbell Ecamp10@optonline.net

Dont have your Riverside merchandise?

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 merchandise today!

Your purchase, no matter how large or small, helps support all of Riverside's ministries, programs, and social services. Be sure to visit often, as new items become available in 2019!

All Products

New



The Riverside Church Beanie
\$27.00



The Riverside Church Beanie w/ Pom
\$27.00



The Riverside Church Pride Totes
\$10.00

visit us at www.trcnyc.org/shop

Receive Congregational Care Info

Subscribe to email updates on prayer requests, illnesses, and memorial services at <http://tinyurl.com/trccareupdates>.

Clergy On Call

Pastoral Care is pleased to offer Clergy on Call when there is a life event or crisis which creates a need for pastoral care outside of regular office hours. Congregants may reach Clergy on Call by calling 212.870.6712, and a member of the clergy will respond as soon as possible.

Clergy On Call is specifically designated for Riverside members who are experiencing an emergency such as illness, death, accident, or hospitalization as well as those who urgently require prayer.

Please be aware that financial assistance and other social service-related calls will not be responded to by Clergy on Call.

For pastoral needs during business hours, contact the Parish Care Office at 212.870.6909.

Alert Compassionate Care

Do you know of someone who can't make it to church due to illness, surgery, crisis, or other challenge? Have you noticed someone missing from their regular seat in the pew? Have a prayer request?

If you think that one of our brothers or sisters might be in need of compassionate care, or if you have a personal prayer request, please take a moment to let us know. If you know something, say something. Contact the Office of Parish Care 212.870.6741 or email dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

Questions? Comments? Contact Riverside Communications

Have questions about Riverside events? Does your ministry or group have news to share? Send your questions, comments, or news to communications@trcnyc.org.

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Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here.
You are welcome into full participation in our life together.

