

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS BULLETIN

MAY 28 - JUNE 11



It's time for

THE SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY

SPRING SALE



Grateful Day of Service

Saturday, July 29



Karl Jenkins'

The Armed Man:

A Mass for Peace

Sunday, May 28



UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS:

- *The Armed Man* on May 28 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale from June 3 - 8
 - Find *Live Justice Now* Events at trcnyc.org/livejusticenow
 - Fierce Urgency of Now Classes start June 1



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

trcnyc.org

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins - A Mass for Peace

Sunday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Nave | Tickets at trcarmedman.eventbrite.com



Featuring Myers Park United Methodist Church chancel choir and instrumentalists, conductor James R. Jones, and organist Nicolas Haigh, this deeply moving and timely choral work charts the growing menace of humanity's descent into war. With texts from diverse religious and historical sources, it echoes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call for peace and the hope that "love will have the last word." On display that afternoon will be Riverside's "Torpedoes into Plowshares" project. A 100 kg high explosive torpedo purchased in 2010 is being transformed by blacksmith Marsha Trattner. Later this summer, we will use those same shovels to plant seeds as part of the Grateful giving and serving campaign, as an expression of our community's gratitude and commitment to peace.

Freedom School Donation & Volunteer Opportunities



You can help Freedom School get moving this year by donating your time or much needed supplies. Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be unveiled very soon, so please stay tuned. If you have special gifts or skills to share with our scholars, such as knitting, photography, dance, drama, etc., please contact Rev. Kevin Vandiver at kvandiver@trcnyc.org.

You can play a key role in Freedom School by purchasing supplies that support our young scholars! Visit our Amazon Wish List at amzn.to/2ph43gV where you can purchase supplies that will be shipped directly to us. You can also purchase supplies and drop them off in 417 MLK.

2017 Riverside Freedom School Registration Now Open - Runs from July 10 to August 18
Visit www.trcnyc.org/education to download the 2017 Summer Freedom School Registration Form.

The Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale

Saturday, June 3 – Thursday, June 8



Featuring gently used clothing and household goods. Donations and volunteers welcome. All proceeds support The Riverside Church Social Services Programs.

Times:
12:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday
1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Weekdays

For more information, contact Reyita Rodriguez at 212.870.6740.

Beyond the Dream: Living King's Legacy



Visit beyondthedream50.org today!

A year of education and action to call us toward a more just and peaceful society.

Watch Again at beyondthedream50.org:

On April 4, 2017, The Riverside Church, Iliff School of Theology, Veterans of Hope, and Union Theological Seminary hosted a special evening with Michelle Alexander and Ruby Sales, with Toshi Reagon leading music on the 50th anniversary of Beyond Vietnam. Relive it or watch for the first time!

VISIT TRCNYC.ORG FOR THE LATEST UPDATES

SUNDAY, MAY 28 | ASCENSION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel

An intimate gathering for meditation, Scripture, homily, discussion, and communion.

9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK

Open Meditation • 4th Floor MLK

Small Group Class: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Testament to Freedom • 418 MLK

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Ellen Robison, preaching • Nave

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall Lobby immediately after worship. Lunch is available for purchase.

12:30 p.m. Korean Mission Service • Chapel of the Cross

Small Group Class: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew • 419 MLK

1:00 p.m. Ecclesia Meeting • Marcus Garvey Park

Poetry Group Meeting • 423 MLK

Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

In the Theatre of the Oppressed, "spectator" is a bad word. Be a spectator who acts (spect-actor) and become fluent in the human language of theatre. Contact Jeremiah Kyle Drake at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com.

1:00 & 3:00 p.m. Movies @ Riverside presents *Unbought and Unbossed* • Multipurpose Room

Discussion following. Light refreshments available.

2:00 p.m. *The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins - A Mass For Peace • Nave

Featuring Myers Park United Methodist Church chancel choir and instrumentalists, conductor James R. Jones, and organist Nicolas Haigh, this deeply moving and timely choral work charts the growing menace of humanity's descent into war. \$10. Purchase tickets at trcarmedman.eventbrite.com.

Korean Mission Fellowship • 421 MLK

Small Group Class: Advanced Biblical Hebrew • 419 MLK

3:00 p.m. Chinese Christian Service • Chapel of the Cross

MONDAY, MAY 29 | MEMORIAL DAY

The Riverside Church will be closed in observation of Memorial Day.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

6:45 p.m. Mindful Meditation • 13T

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

10:30 a.m. Intermediate French • Multipurpose Room

5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel

All are welcome to join us for a brief reading with discussion, followed by a 20-minute silent meditation.

7:00 p.m. Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

An informal celebration of praise, Scripture, and prayer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Tower League Day

- 9:00 a.m. Art of Movement (Men's Class) • 411 MLK
- 10:00 a.m. Art of Movement (Open to All) • 411 MLK
- 11:00 a.m. Art of Movement (Special Attention) • 411 MLK
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study with Ms. Amanda Meisenheimer, M.Div. • 9T-Library
- 1:00 p.m. Meditation (open to anyone) • 9T-Library
- 2:00 p.m. Riverside Trivia • 9T
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Fierce Urgency of Now Small Group Class • Multipurpose Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- 12:00 p.m. Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale • Cloister Lounge

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 | PENTECOST

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel
An intimate gathering for meditation, Scripture, homily, discussion, and communion.
- 9:00 a.m. Fierce Urgency of Now Small Group Class • Multipurpose Room
- 9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK
Open Meditation • 4th Floor MLK
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave
Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall Lobby immediately after worship. Lunch is available for purchase.
- 12:30 p.m. Korean Mission Service • Chapel of the Cross
Small Group Class: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew • 419 MLK
- 12:45 p.m. Baptism Orientation Class • 427 MLK
- 1:00 p.m. Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale • Cloister Lounge
Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T
In the Theatre of the Oppressed, "spectator" is a bad word. Be a spectator who acts (spect-actor) and become fluent in the human language of theatre. Contact Jeremiah Kyle Drake at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com.
- 2:00 p.m. Korean Mission Fellowship • 421 MLK
Small Group Class: Advanced Biblical Hebrew • 419 MLK
- 3:00 p.m. Chinese Christian Service • Chapel of the Cross

MONDAY, JUNE 5

- 10:00 a.m. Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale • Cloister Lounge
Art of Movement • 411 MLK
- 4:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class • Childcare Room off Cloister Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group Class: Absolute Beginner's Biblical Hebrew • 419 MLK
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

- 10:00 a.m. Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale • Cloister Lounge
- 6:45 p.m. Mindful Meditation • 13T
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

10:00 a.m. Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale • Cloister Lounge

10:30 a.m. Intermediate French • Multipurpose Room

5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel

All are welcome to join us for a brief reading with discussion, followed by a 20-minute silent meditation.

7:00 p.m. Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

An informal celebration of praise, Scripture, and prayer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Tower League Day

9:00 a.m. Art of Movement (Men's Class) • 411 MLK

10:00 a.m. Art of Movement (Open to All) • 411 MLK

11:00 a.m. Art of Movement (Special Attention) • 411 MLK

12:00 p.m. End of Year Picnic • 8th Floor MLK Courtyard

Tower League Bible Study & Program end on June 8, and resume on September 14.

10:00 a.m. Social Services Ministry Spring Clothing Sale • Cloister Lounge

6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

7:00 p.m. Fierce Urgency of Now Small Group Class • Multipurpose Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 a.m. Book Club Meeting • 20T

9:30 a.m. Sojourners Trip to Elizabeth Detention Center • Meet at Claremont Entrance

12:00 p.m. Beloved Earth Community • Multipurpose Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 | BAPTISM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel

An intimate gathering for meditation, Scripture, homily, discussion, and communion.

9:00 a.m. Fierce Urgency of Now Small Group Class • Multipurpose Room

9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK

Open Meditation • 4th Floor MLK

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall Lobby immediately after worship. Lunch is available for purchase.

12:30 p.m. Korean Mission Service • Chapel of the Cross

1:00 p.m. African Fellowship Group • 20T

Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

In the Theatre of the Oppressed, "spectator" is a bad word. Be a spectator who acts (spect-actor) and become fluent in the human language of theatre. Contact Jeremiah Kyle Drake at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com.

1:30 p.m. Business & Professional Women's Club • 9T

2:00 p.m. Korean Mission Fellowship • 421 MLK

3:00 p.m. Chinese Christian Service • Chapel of the Cross

Upcoming News/Events Highlights

2017 Lay Leader Election Results

The Nominating Committee is proud to announce the elected lay leaders from the 2017 Elections. Please welcome your newly elected leaders to their new roles in our community:

Church Council

Mary Biggs
Len Leach
Marilyn Mitchell
Rick O'Keefe
Christian Rojas
Philip Salmon
Howard Sanders
Jean Schmidt

Education Commission

Eugene A. Melino
Pamela Palanque North
John Slorance

Membership Care & Parish Life Commission

Isabel Bogdan
Dana Ferguson-Moss
Eldonia (Elaine) S. Goode
Jerome Hairston
David Jensen
Kurt Karandy
Gregory Muniz
Edward L. Roberts
Vanessa Wilkinson
Roselyn Witter

Mission & Social Justice Commission

Kara Dago-Clark
Douglas E. Miller
Henry Williams

Nominating Committee

Samuel Coleman
Shelly Ellis Harrington
Karen Mott

Worship Commission

Nancy Clark
Irene Ryan King
Karen P. McVoy
Iniva R. Ngaka

Appointments to Church Council

Jan Powell
Desi Ruiz

Riverside's Mission and Social Justice Ministries Sponsor Live Justice Now

"Justice is really love in calculation. Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love." --Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Live Justice Now is a monthly initiative of The Riverside Church's Mission and Social Justice ministries. Each month we will suggest actions that both respond to current events and challenges of our day, and advocate for greater justice for communities most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Visit www.trcnyc.org/livejusticenow for all the details.

Our nation and world are experiencing a great need for truth, justice, and compassion. In response, Riverside is committed to providing faithful Christian witness and action. Please join us as we put our faith to work and follow the words of the prophet who told us what God requires: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). For more information, contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6909.

Upcoming Actions:

Individual Divestment Workshop on June 18

- At 2:00 p.m. in 20T, Mission and Social Justice is offering an informative workshop on divesting your personal assets in earth-friendly ways. For more information, contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org.

Ongoing: Flint Water Fund Campaign: "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." --Matthew 25:35

- Riverside continues to support American Baptist Churches in Metropolitan New York (ABCMNY) in their year-long commitment to support youth and adults who are most impacted by the ongoing water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Help us meet and exceed our goal of \$10,000 by donating today at donate.trcnyc.org or write "Flint Water" in the online designation field or memo line of your check.



The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace on May 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Nave

Featuring Myers Park United Methodist Church chancel choir and instrumentalists, conductor James R. Jones, and organist Nicolas Haigh, this deeply moving and timely choral work charts the growing menace of humanity's descent into war. With texts from diverse religious and historical sources, it echoes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call for peace and the hope that "love will have the last word." On display that afternoon will be Riverside's "Torpedoes into Plowshares" project. A 100 kg high explosive torpedo purchased in 2010 is being transformed by blacksmith Marsha Trattner. Later this summer, we will use those same shovels to plant seeds as part of the Grateful giving and serving campaign, as an expression of our community's gratitude and commitment to peace. \$10. Purchase tickets at trcarmedman.eventbrite.com.

Help Make Doves for The Dove Project for Pentecost

We need your help to make 500 doves by Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit will descend on the congregation of The Riverside Church during worship! 6x6 inch paper is available during Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 28. Drop off completed doves in Gethsemane Chapel in the Narthex by May 28. And don't forget to wear red on Pentecost Sunday, June 4!

Movies @ Riverside Spring 2017 Schedule

Sundays at 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

- May 28: *Unbought and Unbossed*
- June 25: *Strike*

Grateful Day of Service on July 29

The Riverside Church is partnering with the Riverside Park Conservancy to create a day of community service in Riverside Park. Join us for a fun morning of planting flowers and trees in Riverside Park, as a way of giving and serving while building community with one another and learning more about the history of our very own neighborhood. This opportunity is family friendly, and all planting supplies will be provided. Our time in the park will be followed by a potluck picnic lunch at The Riverside Church in South Hall. Price: \$7 per person (scholarships available). Dress: clothes that can get dirty, sneakers. Stay tuned for further details.



Quarterly Grateful Gatherings on Sundays After Worship in South Hall in July and October

It's time to party! Join us after worship in South Hall as we showcase the impact of your giving and serving at The Riverside Church during Riverside's quarterly Grateful Gatherings:

- July 30 at 12:30 p.m.
- October 29 at 12:30 p.m.

The theme of Riverside's year-long giving and serving campaign is "Grateful," because we're all grateful for the love, community, and prophetic ministry of our church. Come enjoy music, food, and games for the entire family and see for yourself what gratitude-infused giving and serving can do! For more information, contact Stewardship and Development at stewardship@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6782.

Education Ministry & Faith Formation News/Events

Winter / Spring 2017 Small Group Classes

Join a Riverside Church small group! The Education Ministry offers a variety of group experiences that will allow you to study Scripture, engage in theological reflection, and deepen your faith - all in the context of a caring community.

- Absolute Beginner's Biblical Hebrew, Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. (1/23 to 6/5) • 419 MLK
- Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, Sundays @ 12:30 p.m. (1/22 to 6/4) • 419 MLK
- Advanced Biblical Hebrew, Sundays @ 2:00 p.m. (1/22 to 6/4) • 419 MLK
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Testament to Freedom, Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. (4/2 to 5/28) • 418 MLK
- Open Bible Study, Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. (Ongoing every week) • 430 MLK

Sign up today at <http://tinyurl.com/trcsmallgroups>.

The Fierce Urgency of Now Small Group Classes - Sessions Start Thursday, June 1 in the Multipurpose Room

Study Dr. King's *Beyond Vietnam* speech, delivered at The Riverside Church fifty years ago, along with our three expert facilitators: Regina Tate, Alan Bentz Letts, and Steve Knight. Read King's famous speech in detail and reflect on the truths his prophetic words have for us today. This class is open to all. Participants must purchase a study guide for \$5. Each session of the class will be offered twice a week so that you may choose whichever session fits your schedule:

Session 1: Thursday June 1 at 7:00 p.m. & Sunday June 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Session 2: Thursday June 8 at 7:00 p.m. & Sunday June 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Session 3: Thursday June 15 at 7:00 p.m. & Sunday June 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Session 4: Thursday June 22 7:00 p.m. & Sunday June 25 at 9:00 a.m.

To register for the class, contact Lenni Santos-Santana at lsantana@trcnyc.org or call 212.870.6833.

Want to Lead a Small Group? Become a Small Group Facilitator

Volunteer Small Group Facilitators are the backbone of our Christian Education experiences. We're always looking for individuals willing to invest their time and talent. Please visit www.trcnyc.org/smallgroupfacilitators to submit your idea for a group and begin the journey of helping others grow and explore their faith. Questions? Contact Rev. Kevin Wright at kwright@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6868.

Baptism Orientation Class on June 4 in 427 MLK

Interested in Baptism? The sacrament of baptism will be offered during worship on Sunday, June 11. Members of TRC (or infants/children of members) desiring to be baptized must attend this orientation class June 4 at 12:45 p.m. To RSVP for the orientation class or to ask a question, please contact Lenni Santos-Santana at lsantana@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6833.

2017 Millennial Scholarship Application Now Available

The Riverside Church Millennial Scholarship Program offers youth involved in the ministry programs of the church scholarships to accredited colleges, universities, and vocational programs. Annually, the congregation gives several scholarships to eligible youth. These scholarships can be dispersed out over the course of one or four academic years. Since its inception, the Millennial Scholarship program has dispersed more than \$400,000 to youth involved in our ministry programs. Visit www.trcnyc.org/education to download the application.

Young Adults Debunk'd Bible Study - Every Third Thursday Evening in 425 MLK

Join Riverside's Young Adults for Debunk'd Bible Study, taking biblical texts and pairing them with current event articles to theologically assess the times and shifting world views. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Rev. Kevin Vandiver at kvandiver@trcnyc.org.

New Junior Usher Ministry

Our youth have been invited to serve as Greeters and Junior Ushers in Nave services! If you would be interested in having your child serve as an usher, contact Rev. Kevin Vandiver at kvandiver@trcnyc.org. Along with Acolyte duties, Confirmants will also serve as ushers as a part of their integration into worship and service to and with the Riverside community.

Parent Committee News & Volunteer Opportunities

We are seeking parent volunteers to rotate through the welcome table for this semester. Contact Amanda Meisenheimer at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org to volunteer for a Sunday through May 28.

Are you interested in serving in a worship-leading capacity with our children? Do you have musical gifts or storytelling gifts, or some other worshipful offering that you might use in a family worship service? Contact Amanda Meisenheimer at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org with your ideas.

English Conversation Partners Program

Riverside Church's English Conversation Partners Program continues its volunteer global ministry to graduate students new to the city. One-to-one tutor/student conversations are to be seen meeting throughout the church daily. International students should visit the ECPP table during coffee hour after worship to learn about the program, which connects students with tutors for weekly conversations. Contact ECPP at englishconversation4@gmail.com.

Riverside Freedom School

2017 Riverside Freedom School Registration Now Open - Runs from July 10 to August 18

Visit www.trcnyc.org/freedomschool to download the 2017 Summer Freedom School Registration Form.

2017 Donation & Volunteer Opportunities

You can help Freedom School get moving this year by donating your time or much needed supplies. Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be unveiled very soon, so please stay tuned. If you have special gifts or skills to share with our scholars, such as knitting, photography, dance, drama, etc., sign up at www.trcnyc.org/freedomschool or contact Rev. Kevin Vandiver at kvandiver@trcnyc.org.

You can play a key role in Freedom School by purchasing supplies that support our young scholars! Visit our Amazon Wish List at amzn.to/2ph43gV where you can purchase supplies that will be shipped directly to us. You can also purchase supplies and drop them off in 417 MLK.

Follow and Support Riverside Freedom School:

Riverside Freedom School on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RiversideFreedomSchool | Twitter: @RiversideFS

Donate: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/trcfreedomschool>

Sunday Morning Children & Families School Information

Preschool Worship and Play

This year our preschoolers will continue to meet on the 6th floor MLK with a great team of teachers. Our director of children and families, Amanda Meisenheimer, will be dropping in to lead our young ones in some age-appropriate worship and wonder. Bring your three, four, or five-year-old preschooler to the registration table on the sixth floor at 10:30 a.m.

Riverside Kids Worship

Join Amanda Meisenheimer and your Sunday School team for a worship experience designed especially for children! Bring your young people from kindergarten through the sixth grade to the fourth floor MLK for registration at 10:30 a.m. Children will begin their day with their Sunday school teachers in our newly renovated classrooms, and then we will join together for Riverside Kids Worship as part of our Sunday routine. We will sing, laugh, and praise together! Please pick up your children on 4th floor MLK at 12:30 p.m.

Church School: 7th–12th Grades

There is now a fellowship period for youth (grades 7-12) from 9:30-10:00 a.m. each Sunday where they can come for bagels, fruit, juice, and other continental breakfast items in 425 MLK. Youth will also be able to play games (fooseball, ping-pong) during this period. This new fellowship period is optional, but provides more time to fellowship and gives them a healthy and nutritious way to start the day!

Church School then begins at 10:00 a.m. In an effort to become One Riverside, we believe it paramount that worship in the Nave is inclusive of all of the members of the Kingdom of God. This will form families anew as they worship together, and will also help middle school youth become accustomed to worshipping in the Nave, orienting them to liturgy that they will continue to engage for the rest of their lives.

Please note: This is for middle school students in 7th and 8th grades only. Sixth graders participate in church school with elementary school students from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Subway Liturgy Podcast

Produced by the Education Ministry, Subway Liturgy seeks to find the sacred in every story. Stream or subscribe to the podcast via Spreaker, iTunes, or RSS:

Spreaker: www.spreaker.com/show/subway-liturgy | iTunes: <http://tinyurl.com/subwayliturgyitunes>

Follow Subway Liturgy on Twitter: @SubwayLiturgy

Strengthen Your Connection to Riverside

Listen to the Previous Week's Worship Service on 106.7 Lite-FM

Enjoy the previous Sunday's Worship service on 106.7 Lite-FM at 5:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Watch or Listen to the Sunday Worship Service Live or Anytime Online

Watch or listen to each Sunday's Worship service live or on demand at www.trcnyc.org/digitaldiscipleship.

Sign Up for the Weekly Riverside Email Newsletter

If you would like to receive the weekly eNewsletter from The Riverside Church, visit www.trcnyc.org to sign up.

Purchase Tickets or RSVP to Events Online Using Riverside's Official Eventbrite

Riverside hosts many great events and performances throughout the year. Visit trcnyc.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets.

Consider Having Your Wedding at The Riverside Church

Looking for the perfect venue for your wedding and reception? Call the Weddings Office at 212.870.6762 for details.

NEW: Recognize a Riverside Employee or Staff Member Doing Great Work

Observe great work? Recognize it by filling out a card in the Welcome Center or visiting <http://tinyurl.com/trcstaffrecognition>.

Riverside Recycles

Riverside Recycles, a joint initiative of the Building Committee, Riverside Youth, and Beloved Earth Community, is our new recycling initiative. Look for new recycling bins around the church. Recycling is already in place for church operations and staff offices - now congregants can do our part!

Ordination at Riverside

Riverside is graced with many people who feel called to ordained ministry. As you think about whether you are among them, below are some basics to begin with:

- You have been a member of Riverside for at least one year, and active in its programs, pledging, and worship.
- You have received or are studying for an M.Div. degree from an accredited seminary.
- You are clear about the denomination in which you wish to serve – whether the American Baptist Churches or the United Church of Christ – and why you need ordination to pursue this service.
- You live within commuting distance of Riverside, are in good health, and can concentrate on developing the professional skills and spiritual maturity necessary for ordained ministry.
- If in your discernment you feel ready to take the next step, start the process by picking up a data sheet and outline called “Coming into Care at Riverside” from the Senior Minister’s office.

Remember Your Loved Ones by Giving to the Flower Fund

With your donation of \$150 to the Flower Fund, Riverside Florist Ms. Vera Smith-Holzman and the Flower Guild will create beautiful floral arrangements for the Chancel. Contact Vera at 212.870.6817.

- **Give & Submit Your Message Online:** Ensure your honoree names and messages are included in the bulletin. Submit your honoree messages for bulletin publication at <http://tinyurl.com/trcflowers>.
- You can also send your contribution and honoree message to: Stewardship, The Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. The memo line on your check MUST indicate “Flower Fund” for proper processing.

Donation & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW: Open Hands Volunteer Portal

Experience the vibrant work of Riverside by signing up for volunteer opportunities at <https://apps.trcnyc.org/volunteer>.

Bring Your Food Pantry Donations to Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays

One in five New Yorkers lives in a home that is food insecure. At the same time, over the last few years, a number of pantries have been forced to close their doors, and while we have managed to serve the increased number of guests visiting our pantry, the strain has been tremendous. Food collections are taken every Sunday at Worship, and Wednesday at Space for Grace. Please bring food items and cash donations to support the Food Pantry.

Last Social Services Food Drive June 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, confirmation of collection sites (typically at Westside Market on Broadway/110th and Whole Foods on Columbus near 96th) and to volunteer, contact Pat Pell at patpellnyc@gmail.com.

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 • TBD	Budget & Planning Committee 3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T	Building Committee 1st Tues at 7:00 p.m. • 20T
Church Council 4th Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 20T	Executive Committee 3rd Mon at 5:30 p.m. • Conference Call	Membership & Parish Life Comm. 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 427 MLK
Education Commission 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 411 MLK	Nominating Committee 2nd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T	Ordination Committee 3rd Mon at 6:45 p.m. • Multipurpose
Mission & Social Justice Comm. 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • Multipurpose	Sharing Fund Committee 1st Mon at 6:30 p.m. • Multipurpose	Social Services Committee 1st Sun at 1:00 p.m. • 503T
Personnel & Salary Committee 1st Mon at 6:00 p.m. • 240 MLK	Stewardship Committee 3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 427 MLK	Worship Commission 2nd Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 420 MLK

Other Regular Meetings at Riverside

Riverside Korean Mission Meets Every Sunday in Chapel of the Cross

Meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Chapel of the Cross on 3rd floor MLK. Sunday Fellowship follows in 419 MLK at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Contact: Rev. Choi at kahfceo@gmail.com.

Tower League Meets Every Thursday, September-June in 9T / 9T-Library

A supportive, caring community of older adults, the Tower League offers programs that enrich body, mind, and spirit. All are welcome. Contact: Rev. Lynn Harper at lharper@trcnyc.org.

African Fellowship Group Meets 2nd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 20T

Beloved Earth Community Meets 1st Saturday of the Month at 12:00 noon in the Multipurpose Room

Riverside Black Lives Matter Planning Committee

Meets as needed. Contact: Ruby Sprott at rubysprott@gmail.com for more information and meeting schedule. All are welcome.

The Book Club Meets 2nd Saturday of the Month, September-June at 11:00 a.m. in 20T

The group engages in lively and critical discussion of a selected book together. All are welcome.

Business and Professional Women's Club Meets 1st Sunday of the Month, September-June at 1:30 p.m. in 240 MLK

Meets the first Sunday of each month, Sept.-June, at 1:30 p.m. in 240 MLK. Contact: Linda D. Lewis at ldlewis747@aol.com.

Latino Ministry Meets 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:30 p.m. in 430 MLK | Cultural Outreach Every 2nd Friday

Cultural Outreach on second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in 10T. Contact: aremfigue@gmail.com or 646.345.2321.

Men's Class Meets 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 411 MLK

Poetry Group Meets 4th Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 423 MLK

Riverside's Sojourners Detention Visitation Program Visits Elizabeth, NJ Detention Center on Saturdays Twice Monthly

Sojourners recruits, trains, and mentors volunteers and transports visitors two Saturdays a month to bring hope and encouragement to asylum seekers and other noncriminal non-citizens. Carpools are available from Riverside and from near Port Authority. Contact frances.connell@gmail.com. Upcoming visits: June 10 & 24

Tai Chi Class Meets Every Monday at 4:00 p.m., September-Mid-July in Childcare Room off Cloister Lobby

All are welcome. Contact: sacumason@gmail.com or 201.871.8633.

Matthew 5:4 Grief Support Group

This grief support group is for men/women who have suffered the loss of a spouse. Contact: Rev. Debra Northern at dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

By-Laws Subcommittee Seeks Input

The Church Council recently appointed a By-Laws Subcommittee to review and make recommendations on Riverside's current by-laws. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact one of the subcommittee's members (Jacqueline Hopkins, Barbara Mellor, Frank Nelson, Rick O'Keefe, or George Walker) or email bylawscom@trcnyc.org.

*Always contact the meeting organizer(s) in advance to confirm meeting dates, times, and room locations, especially for meetings that fall on holidays or during the summer. All dates, times, and locations are subject to change without notice.

CONNECT WITH THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH



What People Are Saying About Riverside!

@PastorAmyTRC

So honored to meet @repjohnlewis today. I want to be brave like him. #inspiration #dontgetweary @RiversideNYC

@JennyBoylan

Sometimes I am not sure if I believe in god. But whenever I'm in church I weep uncontrollably, in a way that feels great.

@RiversideNYC

@IdeasDoneDaily

Looking for all the @RiversideNYC podcasts? You can find them all right here: <https://www.trcnyc.org/digitaldiscipleship/#podcasts> #MyPodNYC

@annakmeyer

My favorite thing about church is that we can all bring our whole, messy, human selves and we have to learn to live with each other's mess.



What People Are Sharing About Riverside!

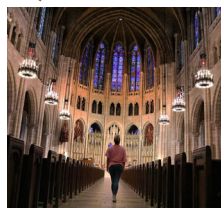
@girlfutures



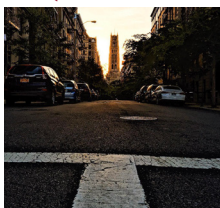
@mcgrawtg



@fatmakocibelli



@abheek_b



@manoreza



@tataarqtech



Find Riverside on Social Media



facebook.com/riversidenyc



[@riversidenyc](https://twitter.com/riversidenyc)



[riversidenyc](https://instagram.com/riversidenyc)



[riversidenyc](https://tiktok.com/@riversidenyc)

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](tel:212.870.6741) or email dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

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](tel: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.

Pastoral emergencies during business hours may contact the Parish Care office [212.870.6703](tel:212.870.6703).

Receive Congregational Care Info by Email

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

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.

Rev. Rachel Johnson

Director of Communications and Public Relations

rjohnson@trcnyc.org | [212.870.6750](tel:212.870.6750)

Mr. Brian Simpson

Director of Communications and Strategy

bsimpson@trcnyc.org | [212.870.6765](tel:212.870.6765)

490 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10027
[212.870.6700](tel:212.870.6700)



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

trcnyc.org