

# LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 10



Handel's *Messiah* December 2 & 3

Tickets On Sale Now!

DECEMBER 17, 2017

CANDLELIGHT carol festival

The image features a portrait of George Frideric Handel on the left, with musical notation in the background. On the right, a large group of people is shown in a church setting, many holding lit candles, creating a warm, festive atmosphere.



GRATEFUL GIFT MARKET  
DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 & 24  
IN SOUTH HALL AFTER WORSHIP

The image shows three colorful gift boxes (yellow, green, and purple) with bows, set against a light background.



Simple Gifts  
Advent 2017

The image features a large red ribbon tied in a bow, with the text 'Simple Gifts Advent 2017' and a small logo below it.



party  
WITH A PURPOSE  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15  
6PM IN ASSEMBLY HALL

The image has a white background with the word 'party' in a large, elegant red script font, and the rest of the text in a clean, sans-serif font.

## UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Experience Handel's Messiah on December 2 & 3
  - Advent begins on December 3
- Visit the Grateful Gift Market on December 3, 10, 17 & 24
  - Party with a Purpose on December 15
- Celebrate the Candlelight Carol Festival on December 17



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

[trcnyc.org](http://trcnyc.org)

# UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS



## Handel's Messiah

Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3 | 7:30 p.m. in the Nave

Since its premiere in Dublin in 1742, Messiah has become the best known and most performed of all of Handel's works, as well as the most performed choral work, throughout the world. This beloved masterpiece has become a holiday tradition and we invite you to come and share it with us.

Visit [www.trcnyc.org/HandelsMessiah](http://www.trcnyc.org/HandelsMessiah) for more information and to purchase tickets.



## Candlelight Carol Festival

Sunday, December 17 | 3:30 p.m. in the Nave

Join us in the Nave on Sunday, December 17 for the longstanding tradition at The Riverside Church that 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.

Visit [www.trcnyc.org/Candlelight2017](http://www.trcnyc.org/Candlelight2017) for more information and to purchase tickets.

**Receive discount on one event when purchasing tickets for the other.**

Purchase tickets to either Candlelight or Handel's Messiah, and look for a discount code in your confirmation email to use when purchasing tickets to the other performance.



## Party with a Purpose

Friday, December 15 | 6:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall

Join us for a fun evening for a good cause filled with raffles, dancing, kids crafts and much more! We are collecting toys for Children's Aid Society of New York and the many children they assist in life. For more information visit [www.trcnyc.org/PartyWithAPurpose17](http://www.trcnyc.org/PartyWithAPurpose17).



## Grateful Gift Market

Sunday, December 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 12:00 p.m. in South Hall

*You're invited to a winter wonderland in support of The Riverside Church. Wander through the first ever Grateful Gift Market during the season of Advent to learn more about Riverside's incredible ministries and buy one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts for your family and friends that support the ministries you treasure most. Don't miss this wonder-full chance to join your Riverside family and do all of your Christmas shopping in a new way.*

*For more information visit [trcnyc.org/GratefulGiftMarket](http://trcnyc.org/GratefulGiftMarket).*

*Listen to Ms. Christian Peele talk more about the Grateful Gift Market on the latest episode of A Look Ahead. Listen now at [trcnyc.org/ALookAhead](http://trcnyc.org/ALookAhead).*



## Simple Gifts: Advent 2017

Advent invites us into a posture of waiting. As we wait for wonder and peace to be born in our world again, we can do the spiritual work of looking intentionally for all the simple gifts of the lives we live.

Celebrate the season of Advent at Riverside in worship on December 3, 10, 17 and 24 and be on the lookout for the Simple Gifts: Advent 2017 book and online resources for daily prompts and invitations for action and reflection throughout the Advent season.

VISIT [TRCNyc.org](http://TRCNyc.org) FOR THE LATEST UPDATES

# Worship at The Riverside Church

## Morning Light | Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Christ Chapel

An intimate early Sunday morning service incorporating meditation, Scripture reading, and weekly communion.  
*November 26: ??? | December 3: Mr. Derrick Jordan | December 10: Ms. Farley Lord, MDiv*

## Sunday Morning Worship | Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Nave

Our traditional Sunday service, held in the beautiful Nave, follows the lectionary and liturgical calendar and is centered around Scripture, preaching, music, and prayer. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.  
*November 26: Rev. Amy Butler | December 3: Rev. Amy Butler | December 10: Rev. Amy Butler*

## Space for Grace | Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall

Our Wednesday evening service is less formal and celebratory, featuring preaching, prayer, and gospel-inspired music to revive the spirit and get you through the week.  
*November 29: Ms. Arelis Figueroa | December 6: Rev. Dustin Pickett*

## Mission and Social Justice

*"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](http://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](mailto:dconover@trcnyc.org) or 212.870.6909.

December Action: Protest Wage Theft

Wednesday, December 6 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Manhattan Valley Restaurant, Broadway @ 100th Street

Join restaurant workers and other members of the National Mobilization Against Sweatshops (NMASS) at its monthly protest of the restaurant's owners, who have cheated their workers out of a \$700,000 wage theft settlement that a judge ordered. Join the workers in calling for New York State to enact legislation that would close loopholes that allow employers to ignore court-ordered wage settlements, helping protect restaurant, domestic and other service workers. For more information, contact Daniel Conover at [dconover@trcnyc.org](mailto:dconover@trcnyc.org) or 212-870-6909.



Previous Action: Harvest Without Violence

Thanks to all who joined the November 20 march to end sexual violence in Wendy's supply chain. Thousands of farmworkers, people of faith, students and consumers of conscience are refusing to patronize Wendy's until the world's third largest hamburger chain joins the Fair Food Program of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a unique partnership among farmers, farmworkers, and retail food companies that ensures humane wages and working conditions for the workers who pick fruits and vegetables on participating farms.

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# Education Ministry & Faith Formation

## Sign Up for a Fall Small Group Class

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. Sign up at [www.trcnyc.org/smallgroups](http://www.trcnyc.org/smallgroups).

**From Dream to Reality: A Radical Study of the Book of Acts**

Prof. Monique J. Fortune | Sundays 9/24-12/17 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Meditation Chapel

**Struggling Against Domination and Violence: Walter Wink's The Powers That Be**

Rev. Dr. Alan Bentz-Letts | Sundays 9/24-12/3 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | 316 MLK

**Exploring 'The 7 Deadly Sins' in Today's World & in Short Stories**

Prof. Luvon Roberson | Sundays 9/24-12/10 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | 318 MLK

**Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith**

Dr. Ronald Lonesome | Sundays 11/5-12/17 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | 320 MLK

**Women of the Bible**

Eldonia Goode | Sundays 11/12 & 12/10 | 1:00-2:30 p.m. | 316 MLK

**An Introduction to Biblical Language (Sessions 1-2) | Absolute Beginner's Biblical Hebrew (Sessions 3-14)**

Laura Harris | Sundays 9/17-12/17 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | 314 MLK

**Intermediate Biblical Hebrew**

Laura Harris | Wednesdays 9/20-12/6 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 314 MLK

**Advanced Biblical Hebrew**

Laura Harris | Sundays 9/24-12/17 | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | 314 MLK

## Parent Committee News & Volunteer Opportunities

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](mailto: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](mailto:englishconversation4@gmail.com).

## Riverside Kids Worship

Sunday mornings • 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Register, check, in and pickup

PreK - K: MLK • 6th floor

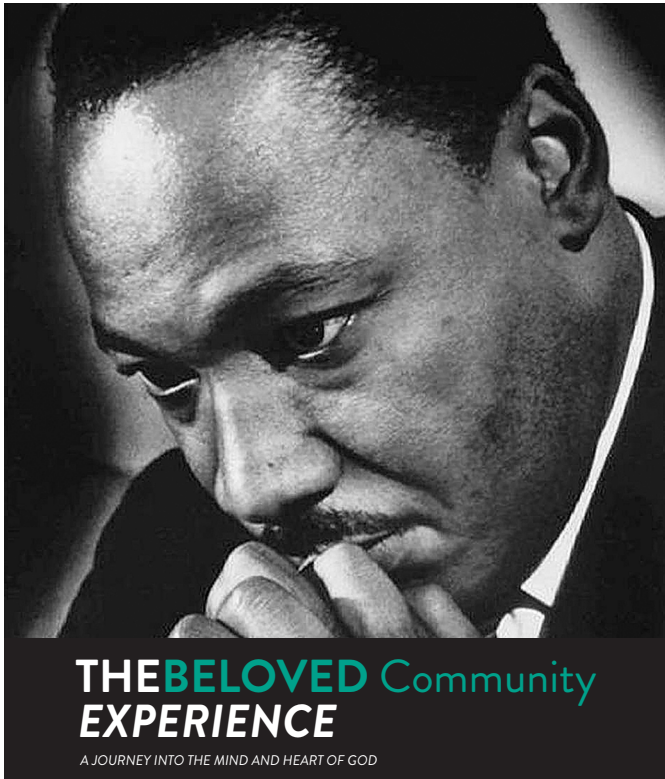
## Upcoming Events

Advent Wreath Craft Party on November 26

Programming for 1st through 6th graders closed due to Rising Voices long rehearsal. PreK/Kinder programming open on December 3

Pageant and Worship in the Nave on December 10





## The Beloved Community Experience: A Journey into the Mind and Heart of God

Sunday, December 10 | 1:00 p.m. in 411 MLK

The Education Ministry is offering "The Beloved Community Experience," a new small group facilitated by Rev. Addie and Phil Lynn called. This group offers participants the chance to explore the dynamics of building healthy relationships with each other by studying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s principles of what it means to be "Beloved Community."

A Q&A session to learn more about the group will take place on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in 411 MLK.

This eight-week small group will begin on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm in 316 MLK.



## Zumba Fundraiser for Hurricane Relief

Monday, December 4 | 7:00 p.m. in South Hall

Join the Riverside Church for an evening of zumba to raise money for hurricane relief efforts in the Caribbean. We'll have fantastic music, energetic instructors, snacks, and water. People of all ages are welcome. Come ready to have lots of fun as we move for a good cause!

Suggested donation is \$20

Donations accepted at the door.

100% of proceeds go to hurricane relief!

Visit [trczumba.eventbrite.com](http://trczumba.eventbrite.com) to purchase tickets.

## The Grateful Living Series

The Grateful Living Series speaks to the Office of Stewardship and Development's double emphasis on fundraising & formation.

This interactive learning experience is designed to deepen the congregation's understanding of the tenets of Christian Stewardship and the five seeds of gratitude. Beginning in September and ending in December, this interactive journey will include book discussions, financial planning seminars, service opportunities, and moments of fellowship.

For more information and to RSVP, visit [www.trcnyc.org/GratefulLivingSeries](http://www.trcnyc.org/GratefulLivingSeries)



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*The proceeds from every gift purchased at the Grateful Gift Market will support Riverside programs. Help spread Riverside's prophetic witness by purchasing items from the Grateful Gift Market for your family and friends!*

December 3, December 10, December 17 & December 24 after Worship in South Hall

## Living into Community Book Discussion: Grateful Book Club

*Author Christine Pohl offers that there are four core practices that sustain healthy community: gratitude, promise-keeping, truthfulness, and hospitality. Together, participants will explore these core practices and how they are lived out at Riverside, during a three-month book club discussion.*

November 28 in 9T Library

December 8 in 9T Library

## UPCOMING TOWER LEAGUE EVENTS

### Tower League: Creches from Around the Globe on November 30th at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Presenter Eileen Canty, board president of Morningside Retirement & Health Services, will share some pieces from her world class creche collection. What a beautiful way to start the Advent Season!

### Tower League: Musical Program on December 7th at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Riversider Mace Anderson will offer a special musical performance entitled, "Three Strikes, You're Out."

## DISCUSSION ON "EMERGING TRENDS IN HARLEM-RENEWAL OR GENTRIFICATION?"

Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m. in 411 MLK

## LATINO MINISTRY CULTURAL SATURDAYS

Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in 10T

Join us for a concert for the Resistance of the Indigenous People of the Americas with Nery Olivares & Ivan Dominguez.

## MUSIC AT RIVERSIDE

See Handel's Messiah performed as it was meant to be – in its traditional format as Handel wrote it – in the beautiful Nave at The Riverside Church. We hope to see you for this, the first Messiah of the holiday season!

Since its premiere in Dublin in 1742, Messiah has become the best known and most performed of all of Handel's works. This beloved masterpiece has become a holiday tradition and we invite you to come and share it with us!

December 2 & 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave

Purchase tickets to Handel's Messiah and look for a discount code in your confirmation email to use when purchasing tickets to Candlelight.



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## **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

## **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.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 330 MLK  
10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave  
12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (Lunch is available for purchase) • South Hall Lobby  
1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T  
Movies @ Riverside presents *Mr. Smith Goes To Washington* • Multipurpose Room  
Poetry Group • 423 MLK  
3:00 p.m. Movies @ Riverside presents *Mr. Smith Goes To Washington* • Multipurpose Room

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10:00 a.m. 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  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:30 p.m. Grateful Book Club • 9T Library (For more info see page 4)  
6:45 p.m. Mindful Meditation • 13T  
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Intermediate Biblical Hebrew • 314 MLK  
7:00 p.m. Space for Grace with Rev. Jim Keat, preaching • Assembly Hall

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 9:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Men's Class) • 411 MLK  
10:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Open to All) • 411 MLK  
11:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Special Attention) • 411 MLK  
12:00 a.m. Tower League: Bible Study with Dr. Hsien-yu Wang • 9T Library  
1:00 p.m. Tower League: Meditation (open to anyone) • 9T-Library  
Tower League: Lunch • 9T  
2:00 p.m. Tower League: Creches from Around the Globe • 9T (For more info see page 4)  
6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 7:30 p.m. Handel's Messiah • Nave (For more info see page 4)

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 330 MLK  
10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave  
12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (Lunch is available for purchase) • South Hall Lobby  
1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T  
Men's Class: Emerging Trends in Harlem - Renewal or Gentrification? • 411 MLK  
Budget Forums Meeting • South Hall  
7:30 p.m. Handel's Messiah • Nave (For more info see page 4)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. 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
- 7:00 p.m. Zumba Fundraiser for Hurricane Relief • South Hall (For more info see page 3)
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 6:30 p.m. Grateful Book Club • 9T Library (For more info see page 4)
- 6:45 p.m. Mindful Meditation • 13T
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Biblical Hebrew • 314 MLK
- 7:00 p.m. Space for Grace with Ms. Jenn Hagedorn, preaching • Assembly Hall

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Men's Class) • 411 MLK
- 10:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Open to All) • 411 MLK
- 11:00 a.m. Tower League: Art of Movement (Special Attention) • 411 MLK
- 12:00 a.m. Tower League: Bible Study with Rev. Martha Wiggins • 9T Library
- 1:00 p.m. Tower League: Meditation (open to anyone) • 9T-Library  
Tower League: Lunch • 9T
- 2:00 p.m. Tower League: Musical Program • 9T (For more info see page 4)
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Budget Forums Meeting • 9T

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 6:30 p.m. Latino Ministry Cultural Outreach • 10T Library
- 7:00 p.m. Grateful Book Club • 9T Library (For more info see page 4)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 330 MLK
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave
- 12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (Lunch is available for purchase) • South Hall Lobby
- 1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T  
African Fellowship Group • 20T  
The Beloved Community Experience: Q&A Session • 411 MLK (For more info see page 3)  
Adjourned Annual Meeting • South Hall

# 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

Church Council  
4th Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 20T

Education Commission  
2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 311 MLK

Mission & Social Justice Comm.  
2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • MLK 321

Personnel & Salary Committee  
1st Mon at 6:00 p.m. • 240 MLK

Budget & Planning Committee  
3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T

Executive Committee  
3rd Mon at 5:30 p.m. • Conference Call

Nominating Committee  
2nd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T

Sharing Fund Committee  
1st Mon at 6:30 p.m. • Multipurpose

Stewardship Committee  
3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 327 MLK

Building Committee  
1st Tues at 7:00 p.m. • 20T

Membership & Parish Life Comm.  
2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 327 MLK

Ordination Committee  
3rd Tues at 6:45 p.m. • Multipurpose

Social Services Committee  
1st Sun at 1:00 p.m. • 503T

Worship Commission  
2nd Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 320 MLK

## Other Regular Meetings at Riverside

### **Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown Every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in 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](mailto:theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com).

### **Tower League Meets Every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ldlewis747@aol.com).

### **Men's Class Meets 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 311 MLK**

### **Poetry Group Meets 4th Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 323 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](mailto:frances.connell@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bylawscom@trcnyc.org).

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## Digital Discipleship

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.

# #AskARiversidePastor



*A live show from The Riverside Church* 

Visit [trcnyc.org/FacebookLive](http://trcnyc.org/FacebookLive) to watch the latest episodes.

Ask your questions about God, the Bible, church, and more with the hashtag #AskARiversidePastor on social media.

Visit [trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship](http://trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship) to find more video and audio content including past sermons, worship services, and more.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org).

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Be a part of our movement to change the world.

For information on how to join the Riverside Church please contact Clent Jones at [cjones@trcnyc.org](mailto:cjones@trcnyc.org) or 212-870-6844



## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT RIVERSIDE



@TravisLRobinson

The beautiful @riversidenyc church! Always good to be in community with these folks.

@House\_of\_One\_DE

The heritage of Martin Luther Kings connects. This morning we were at the famous @RiversideNYC church and have met Rev. Michael Livingston, Rev. Rachel Johnson and the community.

@nathanarussell

The hymn verse echoing in my mind this week: "Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore." #Fosdick @RiversideNYC

@Jessi4JC

Rev. Livingston: "The next time we do a 'read and respond,' we're going to split the seminarians up."

Sir. Where is the #SpaceForGrace? 😊 @RiversideNYC #SermonSlam.



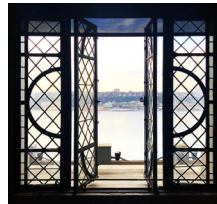
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