

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

APRIL 1 - APRIL 15



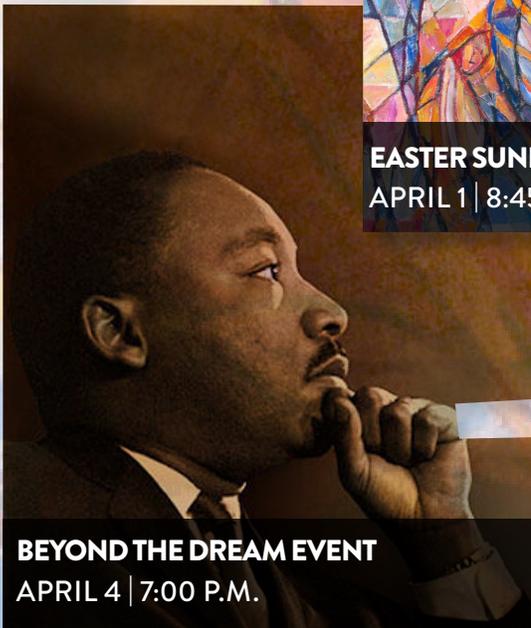
ENGLISH HANDBELL FESTIVAL
APRIL 15 | 4:00 P.M.



GRATEFUL GATHERING
APRIL 8 | 12:30 P.M.



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1 | 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM



BEYOND THE DREAM EVENT
APRIL 4 | 7:00 P.M.



YOUTH GROUP SPRING RETREAT
APRIL 13-15

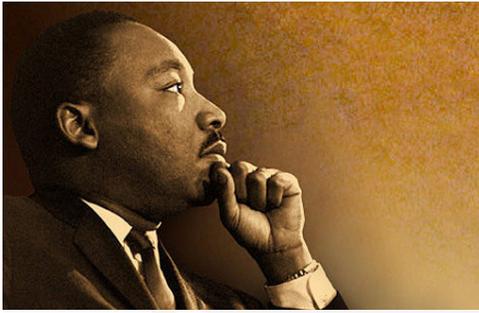


THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

trcnyc.org

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

JOIN US FOR THE FINAL BEYOND THE DREAM EVENT



Beyond the Dream: To the Promised Land

Wednesday, April 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Nave

On the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., join us as we grieve the loss of a prophet and continue to hear the call to action in our lives and world today. The event will be anchored by powerful speakers including Arthur McFarlane, Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook, and Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler and is being hosted in partnership with Black Lives Matter of Greater New York.

Find out more and RSVP visit MikToThePromisedLand.eventbrite.com.



Grateful Gathering

Sunday, April 8 | South Hall

Grateful is our year-long giving and serving campaign that supports Riverside's programs and ministries. Grateful is our theme because we give out of gratitude for God's blessings in our lives and in this place.

The Grateful Gathering will take place on Sunday, April 8 immediately following worship in South Hall. This will be a time to share lively fellowship, celebrate all we accomplished together during last year's Grateful Campaign, and look forward to many exciting things to come over the next few months. Just like last year, food and fun are provided! See you there!



40th Annual English Handbell Festival

Sunday, April 15 | 4:00 p.m. | Nave

The Riverside Ringers host a weekend gathering of bell choirs from throughout the region, combining forces to perform a glorious concert on this Sunday afternoon.

For more info visit trcnyc.org/Handbell40.



Lay Leadership Elections

Save the date for the Annual Meeting on May 20

Find out more at trcnyc.org/LayLeadership.

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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.

April 1: No Morning Light due to Easter worship | April 8: TBD | April 15: TBD

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 normally is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

April 1: Rev. Amy Butler (8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.) | April 8: Rev. Bertram Johnson | April 15: 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.

April 4: No Space for Grace | April 11: Derrick Jordan

RIVERSIDE'S FLOWER MINISTRY DONATION

With your donation of \$50 or more to the Flower Fund, Riverside Florist Ms. Vera Smith-Holzman and the Flower Guild will create beautiful floral arrangements for the Chancel this holiday season.

Honoree names will be listed in worship materials during the holiday season.

Support Riverside's Flower Ministry at trcnyc.org/giveflowers.

A Note from Pastor Amy

You know the saying, "it's like a frog in boiling water." I can't imagine who thought that up and why a frog was especially targeted. But we all know what it means.

It's so easy to go through life with blinders on, to allow the circumstances of daily living to slowly but surely begin to narrate our lives with a soundtrack of fear, disconnection, hopelessness. The tyranny of the ordinary, the everyday things that rule our lives, is one of the reasons I love the way that Mark's gospel tells the story of resurrection. Three women begin their week, to-do lists in hand, checking off the mundane tasks of a reality that has become soul-sucking, grief-filled, hopeless. Their friend has died and they've been tasked with the necessary, ordinary work that accompanies a death.

Very early on the first day of the week they trudged through the dew of the early morning to the tomb to take care of what needed to be done. They didn't like the reality in which they were living but they felt powerless to change it and hopeless in the face of what had become a desperate set of circumstances. Or a pot of boiling water, you could say.

And into the ordinary comes something miraculous, something that shapes them out of the stupor of their lives and reminds them that what they experience day in and day out is not all there is.

Of every incredulous account of Easter new life it's Mark's we should be hanging on to with all our might. Why? Circumstances of our life swirl around us. So many people killed by guns and no action to change laws. Moral, legal, and political corruption in our systems of government, and it feels like everyone is turning a blind eye. Systems that create and maintain inequality, racism, sexism. Shame about past mistakes or relationships that are slowly and painfully dying. All of that and more and that's just how it is.

And so you and me, we trudge along, accepting what we should never accept. Just going about our business because we cannot imagine a reality that is different. We're like that poor frog, not even realizing that our lives had become ruled by the tyranny of the ordinary and we feel hopeless. But Mark's story of the resurrection is a story of something miraculous, disrupting the ordinary. It's God, showing up to remind us that we don't have to be held hostage by the way things are. That in fact God means for everything to change.

What if you and I took a minute and looked up from the oppressive routines of life as we knew it and saw God?

We would be like the women in Mark's gospel, astonished, beside ourselves, stunned. Who would have thought that there was even the tiniest hope that life could be different.

Friends, it's Easter. Stop in the middle of everything and look around you. I promise, you will see God disrupting the ordinary, setting the frog free, extending the possibility of something different than what we know, offering us new life. May you look up from the ordinary and see a miracle.

(Visit trcnyc.org/BeStillAndGo to listen to Pastor Amy read this note aloud on the latest episode of Be Still and Go.)

Education Ministry & Faith Formation

Sign Up for a 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.

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 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.

Interested in Baptism?

The next opportunity for infants and adults to be baptized will be on Sunday, June 10 during the morning worship service (10:45 a.m.). Individuals interested in being baptized or having their infants baptized on this date should attend the Baptism Orientation class. Please contact Lennith Santos-Santana at lsantana@trcnyc.org or 212-870-6833 for more information or to register for the orientation class.

Confirmation Class:

Sunday, April 8 | 12:45 p.m. | 323 MLK

Confirmation classes run every other week January 28th – June 18th. Classes are designed for youth in grades 7-12. Classes are designed to teach basic theology of Christ, and how the Gospel ultimately affects how we relate to God, neighbor, church and the world. Students and parents are encouraged to engage this interactive faith passage journey together. During this journey students will choose a service project as well as attend a confirmation retreat in August. Confirmation Sunday will take place on September 16. For more information contact Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org.



FAITH PASSAGE
CONFIRMATION AT THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Young Adult Easter Brunch:

Sunday, April 1 | 12:30 p.m. | 9T

Young adults at Riverside are invited to the annual Young Adult Easter Brunch. Join us as we connect with one another and celebrate together. For more information contact Rev. Bruce Lamb at blamb@trcnyc.org.

Millennial Scholarship Program

The Riverside Church Millennial Scholarship Program offers youth involved in the ministry programs of the church scholarships to accredited colleges, universities and vocational programs. These scholarships can be dispersed out over the course of one to four academic years.

To apply visit trcnyc.org/Youth. The deadline for all applications is Monday, April 9, 2018

Discover How Our Stories Stick Together

Join us on May 6 at 1:00 p.m. to participate in a fun community-building event called Story Chain. Story Chain is an exciting and engaging way to connect with people at Riverside and learn how their life's stories connect with yours. If you've ever wanted to get to know your neighbors at Riverside better, this is your chance.

The cost to attend is \$5 and lunch will be provided. A very limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Space is limited so sign up fast by visiting storychain.eventbrite.com.

New Small Group Opportunity in May!
***Tattoos on the Heart* by Fr. Gregory Boyle**

This May, you are invited to join others on a journey to learn about the power of boundless compassion by reading a book by Fr. Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest who decades ago moved to Los Angeles to serve a struggling parish in the middle of a neighborhood plagued by gang activity and violence. What evolved out of his ministry was the founding of Homeboy Industries, the largest and most successful gang rehabilitation program in the country.

This group will explore Fr. Boyle's humorous and compelling book filled with stories of the people he has grown to love and learn from over his decades in ministry. Fr. Boyle's work is a testament to what can happen when we learn to love our neighbors with the love of God and how radical kinship can heal the world.

To register for the class, please visit tinyurl.com/TRCsmallgroup or call Lennith Santos Santana at 212-870-6833.

The Digital Cathedral: Tutoring for Technology

Join Rueben Martinez and Rev. Jim Keat for The Digital Cathedral, a class where you will learn about a specific aspect of technology or digital media that will help you engage more with The Riverside Church and the world around you. Each class will begin with an overview of a specific topic and the last half of the class will be open for any technology-related questions or problems you have and want help with. Laptops will be available for participants but you can also bring your own device!

Social Media 101: Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram
Sunday, May 13 | 1:00 p.m. | 411 MLK

Podcasts, YouTube, & Livestream, oh my!
Sunday, July 8 | 1:00 p.m. | 411 MLK

Social Media 201: Facebook & Instagram
Sunday, September 9 | 1:00 p.m. | 411 MLK

Social Media 201: Twitter
Sunday, November 11 | 1:00 p.m. | 411 MLK

10 Apps You Should Try This Year
Sunday, January 13, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. | 411 MLK

The James M. Washington Award Nominations
Nomination deadline is Sunday, April 15

The James M. Washington Award commemorates the memory and spirit of the Rev. Dr. James M. Washington, Chair of the Riverside Church Council from May of 1996 until his untimely death in May of 1997 at the age of 49. Dr. Washington, a distinguished Professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary, believed deeply in congregational service. His patience, good humor, and clear insight into the life of Riverside were admired by all who knew him. His intelligence was unequalled, and he used it to find solutions to intractable problems. He gave willingly of his time and treated all Riversiders with understanding and compassion.

The James M. Washington Award was created to remember his service and to honor his dedication, his profound sense of Christian discipleship and the firm gentleness with which he carried out his fiduciary duties as a lay leader of this Church. This award is given to a lay leader of Riverside Church who has best demonstrated principles of Christian discipleship in his or her services to the Church. The emphasis is on the quality of the service rendered, not the quantity of work accomplished.

The recipient of the award is determined by the Executive Committee of the Council based on nominations from the congregation, lay leaders, and staff of the Church.

Each nomination should be accompanied by a brief statement explaining how the nominee demonstrated Christian faithful adherence to the Riverside Church leadership covenant, exhibiting "Christian maturity and charity in all endeavors." The recipient will be announced in the worship service on May 20, 2018.

Please submit your nominations to Ugochi Onyeukwu (uonyekwu@trcnyc.org) by April 15, 2018.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the Senior Minister's office at 212-870-6774.

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 an initiative of Riverside's Mission and Social Justice ministries. It suggests actions for response to the great need for truth, justice and compassion in our world. 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, visit www.trcnyc.org/LiveJusticeNow or contact Daniel Conover, dconover@trcnyc.org or 212-870-6909.



Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

Sunday, April 8 | 1:30 p.m. | 9T

Guest Speaker: Michael Zweig, with the New York State Poor People's Campaign
Learn about the "Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival" and the ways you can get involved. Under the leadership of the Rev. Drs. William Barber II and Liz Theoharis, the campaign is mobilizing thousands nationwide to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, militarism, and ecological devastation.

The campaign is preparing for 40 days of action beginning May 14 and including protest and nonviolent civil disobedience in state capitals across the United States. Several civil disobedience trainings are being planned in New York City (April 7 and May 2). For more information visit breachrepairers.org and poorpeoplescampaign.org or contact ppcatriverside@gmail.com.



#CLOSErikers

The City of New York spends on average \$247K to house a person at Rikers Island annually. By comparison we only spend \$22K on students in NYC public schools. Rikers Island Jail has become a torture chamber that disproportionately denies basic human rights to our neighbors who are poor and people of color. Congregations around the city are working to keep the #Closerikers campaign in the light. To learn more of what you can do to close Rikers and protect those who need it most visit the MSJ table during coffee hour or visit closerikers.com.

Volunteer with Coming Home

How do you share God's love with people who were previously incarcerated? Riverside's Coming Home ministry supports personal healing and growth, skill development, and reintegration into community. For more information or to volunteer with the program, contact Jade de Saussure, Program Director, at jdesaussure@trcnyc.org.

Sojourners Visitation Training

Sunday, April 22 | 1:00 p.m. | 20T

Asylum seekers can spend months, even years, in windowless detention centers before they win asylum or are deported. Sojourners responds by sending a team of volunteers two Saturdays each month to visit detainees, providing hope, solidarity, and a link to the outside world.

GROW GRATEFULLY

Why does Stewardship and Development focus on both fundraising and fostering a deeper understanding of Christian stewardship? Because 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.

For more information contact Stewardship & Development at stewardship@trcnyc.org or visit www.trcnyc.org/Grateful



UPCOMING TOWER LEAGUE EVENTS

Tower League: The Art of Prayer on April 5 at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Rev. Ellen Robison, Minister of Worship & the Arts, will explore prayer through the lens of the arts: writing, music, visual art, dance and drama.

Tower League: Jackie Robinson: A Prophetic Voice for America on April 12 at 2:00 p.m. in 9T

Riverside member and scholar of African American History, Bill Burke, will share his research on Jackie Robinson, with special attention to the prophetic dimensions of Robinson's life.

MUSIC AT RIVERSIDE

40th Annual English Handbell Festival

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Sunday, April 15 | 4:00 p.m. | Nave

The Riverside Choir "The Simple Life," for Choir and Organ

Commissioned for the 85th Anniversary of The Riverside Church, this spectacular new work by internationally awarded composer (and former Riverside Choir member) Juan Pablo Contreras features the full forces of The Riverside Choir combined with the Nave organ in a multi-movement collage of musical settings of poetry from all over the world.

Sunday, April 29 | 3:00 p.m. | Nave

Rising Voices Concert | Sunday, May 6 | 1:00 p.m. | 10T

Save the date!

MOVIES AT RIVERSIDE

American Blackout | April 29 | 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. | Multipurpose Room

Saturday Church | May 27 | 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. | Multipurpose Room



Strengthen Your Connection to Riverside

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.

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. 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, APRIL 1 | EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave
- 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
Young Adult Easter Brunch • 9T
- 1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

MONDAY, APRIL 2

The Riverside Church will be closed for the Easter holiday.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

- 7:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby
Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

- 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. No Space for Grace. Join us in the Nave at 7:00 p.m. for Beyond the Dream: To the Promised Land.
(For more info see inside cover)

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

- 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. Dr. Craig Malbon • 9T Library
- 1:00 p.m. Tower League: Meditation (open to anyone) • 9T-Library
Tower League: Lunch • 9T
- 2:00 p.m. Tower League: The Art of Prayer • 9T **(For more info see page 4)**
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

- 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. Bertram Johnson, preaching • Nave

Join us after worship for our third Grateful Gathering as we showcase the impact of your giving and serving at The Riverside Church.

- 12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (Lunch is available for purchase) • South Hall Lobby
- 12:45 p.m. Confirmation Class • 323 MLK **(For more info see page 2)**
- 1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T
African Fellowship Group • 20T
Maranatha Meeting • 311 MLK
Faith Passage • 323 MLK

MONDAY, APRIL 9

- 10:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK
- 4:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation • Child Care Room off Cloister Lobby
Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel
7:00 p.m. Space for Grace with Derrick Jordan, preaching • Assembly Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

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. Colleen Birchett • 9T Library
1:00 p.m. Tower League: Meditation (open to anyone) • 9T-Library
Tower League: Lunch • 9T
2:00 p.m. Tower League: Jackie Robinson: A Prophetic Voice for America • 9T **(For more info see page 4)**
6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

3:30 p.m. Youth Group Spring Retreat • Koinonia Retreat Center
6:30 p.m. Latino Ministry Cultural Outreach • 10T

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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 • 411 MLK
3:00 p.m. 40th Annual English Handbell Festival • Nave **(For more info see page 5)**

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. • 321 MLK

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.

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.

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 Riverside 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.

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 vulnerable non-citizens in ICE detention. Carpools are available from Riverside and from near Port Authority. Contact 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 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.

*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.

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 at www.trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship.



Be Still and Go: Be Still and Go: Meditations for the Movement is a daily devotional podcast for the season of Lent. Catch up on past episodes and listen to a new episode every day at trcnyc.org/BeStillAndGo or subscribe to Be Still and Go in your favorite podcast app. Contributors include:

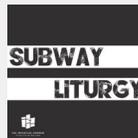
- Rev. Dr. Amy Butler
- Rev. Kevin Wright
- Rev. Jim Keat
- Amanda Meisenheimer
- Rev. Michael Livingston
- Farley Lord
- Rev. Bruce Lamb
- Rev. Rachel Johnson
- Rev. George Walker
- Rev. Liz Wheeler
- Rev. Cameron Trimble
- Kate Werning
- Rev. John Dorhauer
- Rev. Jan Powell
- Rev. Jason Chesnut
- Rev. Ellen Robison
- Kate Bowler
- Rev. Dustin Pickett
- Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
- Rev. Brian McLaren
- Minister Christian Peele
- Rev. Paul Raushenbush
- Rev. Bertram Johnson
- Rev. Brandon Robertson
- Bishop Michael Curry
- Rev. Debra Northern
- Shane Claborne



Weekly Sermons
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A Look Ahead
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Subway Liturgy
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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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The Riverside Youth Group is all about justice in the city. For more info on youth activities see pages 2-3.



[@FredJoseph](#)

Great conversation with [@PastorAmyTRC](#) about the [@RiversideNYC](#) using it's platform to make change. #KingInTheWilderness

[@JennyBoylan](#)

Dear [@VP](#). Will you come to services at [@RiversideNYC](#) church in NYC with me? I keep feeling like you don't know any transgender people, let alone LGBTQ Christians. If you'd join me maybe we'd find some common ground. Maybe you'd be surprised. Come on, you, let's do this.

[@JusticeAid_](#)

"A lack of fear." Just one powerful quote from the definition of #justice given by Reverend Bertram Johnson of [@RiversideNYC](#). Don't miss the rest of what he has to say. #WhatJusticeMeansToMe

[@ImpolitePod](#)

It's crossover week! After executive minister Rachel Johnson joined us for the latest episode, Amy offered a Palm Sunday reflection for [@RiversideNYC](#)'s Be Still & Go podcast series

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"We realized that what we're doing here [[@RiversideNYC](#)] just can't stay in our four walls," says [@IdeasDoneDaily](#), associate minister of digital strategy and online engagement.



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