

Time of Crisis, Time of Transformation Riverside

27.10.85

Luks 19 v. 41-44

There comes the time in the life of every individual, institution or country when a decision has to be taken in the sphere of what is just or unjust, good or evil, the outcome of which choice will determine the future destiny of those involved.

In Bible. ~~Hebrew~~ / ~~Greek~~. This is described as the KAIROS, the moment of truth - and usually such a moment is brought about by a single crisis or a series of events leading up to a final crisis in the life of such an individual / institution / country.

It is both a moment of judgment and of grace, a moment of suffering + despair but also of hope.

Such a moment ~~has~~ arrived in my life on March 21, 1960 - Sharpsville - preceded by a series of experiences + events leading up to that KAIROS - decisive moment of truth

- Such a moment I believe has arrived ^{history of} in SA to-day - a moment of truth with a number of events leading up to it.

1. Some to 1976 - Bantu Edu.

2. Nov. 1983 - Referendum

3. 3 Sept. 1984 - Sharpsville / Sebokeng (The govt has declared war on us)

4. 21 July 1985 - State of Emergency

What is the nature of this crisis leading to the KAIROS?

1. Political crisis
2. Educ. crisis
3. Economic crisis

4. Moral Crisis = - immoral, evil policy
 - misuse of legal machinery, law + order
 - duplicity of lies + half-truths -
 (justification; extra, evil -
 - anti commitments)

But also a moral crisis for the churches?

- * - Adherence to violence - non-violence
- Meaning of justice
- Unjust of reconciliation
- Stand re civil disobedience
- last measures for peaceful change:
disinvestment - sanctions
- Moral legitimacy of the govt (Sprang)

Conflict + agency of clergy, laity in view of suffering, bloodshed, death : KAIROS doct -

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Contents: 1) Message to the State Critique
 2) Church
 3) and the Profits

→ Agency of the Christians: Telex Cape Town

Agency of the people: - Suffering of Blacks
 - Suffering of Whites

Agency of God:

Sign
Message of hope:

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1. The birth of a confessing church
2. The crisis which divides & purifies
3. The suffering preceding the liberation
4. The KAIROS for the church to look ahead & provide a vision for a more just society, lay the foundation for a better future.
5. The incredible goodwill of the oppressed:

THIS WEEK AT THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
(October 27 - November 3, 1985)

All events listed are open to members of Riverside and the community. Most are free; a few have a charge.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - REFORMATION SUNDAY

12:15 p.m. Sermon talk-back with Dr. Beyers Naude, Dominee, Dutch Reformed Church, and General Secretary, South African Council of Churches.

You are invited to the coffee hour in the assembly hall. A small contribution is requested to defray the cost of coffee.

Information/registration tables at the coffee hour include:

1. Ad Hoc Committee on South Africa
2. Arts & Crafts
3. Arts at Riverside Dance/Theatre School registration
4. Black Christian Caucus
5. Coalition for American Indian Justice
6. English Conversation Program
7. Food & Justice Program
8. Housing Task Force
9. Latinos at Riverside
10. Maranatha: Riversiders for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
11. Membership Committee
12. Men's Class
13. Peace & Disarmament Task Force
14. Prison Task Force
15. Riverside Fellowship
16. Riverside Singers cake sale
17. Sanctuary Committee
18. Sermon Cassettes
19. Shelter Committee
20. Student Fellowship
21. Women's Center retreat information

For further information on some of the programs listed, see "The Next Weeks at Riverside" section of this bulletin.

A tour of the church begins in Christ Chapel immediately after the service.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 12:15 p.m. (cont'd)

Audio cassettes of today's sermon, and some past sermons, are available at the coffee hour. Cost: \$3, \$4 if mailed (allow two weeks for delivery). Tape sales at coffee hour only on Sundays.

The cloister library is open with a display of new books.

The Visitors' Center in the south hall lobby is open with books, cards, pamphlets, slides and records/tapes of Riverside music.

Buffet dinner, south hall: full course, \$5.35; sandwiches also available.

The Pastoral Counseling Center offers individual, marital and family therapy on a sliding scale basis. Call ext. 259.

12:30 p.m. MEN'S CLASS OPEN FORUM, 18th floor tower. Seminar on computers and financial management led by Gustav Roesch.

1:00 p.m. STUDENT FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH, 9th floor tower lounge. Guest speaker: Dr. Coffin.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH DRAMA & CULTURAL CLUB, 10th floor tower, for youth in grades 7-12.

2:00 p.m. RIVERSIDE DANCE FESTIVAL, cloister theatre. "Choreo Showcase I."

3:00 p.m. CARILLON RECITAL by James R. Lawson.

4:00 p.m. CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Chapel of the Cross.

5:30 p.m. EXCERPTS FROM A SERVICE OF WORSHIP, CTN (Cable Television Network of New Jersey). Check local New Jersey cable TV listings.

8:00 p.m. EXCERPTS FROM OCTOBER 20 SERVICE OF WORSHIP,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 8:00 p.m. (cont'd)

Group W and Manhattan Cable TV, channel D.

RIVERSIDE DANCE FESTIVAL, cloister theatre. "Nanette Bearden Contemporary Dance Theatre."

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00-3:00 WOMEN'S SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOP, 16th floor tower. Sewing, knitting and crocheting. Bring a sandwich; cookies and beverage provided.

7:00 p.m. "EAST-WEST TENSION/NORTH-SOUTH CONFLICT," room 411, south wing. "Places of Superpower Conflict - The Middle East" is discussed by Carol Jensen, former AFSC Middle East field representative, and Dr. Rashid Kjalidi, Columbia University and Middle East Institute.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, room 425, south wing.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:30-11:30 MOTHERS' WORKSHOP, 9th floor tower lounge. Call ext. 454 weekdays for details.

10:00-3:00 MEMORIAL SOCIETY open under the direction of Rumsey M. McGregor. Call ext. 258 for an appointment.

11:30-1:00 CLOISTER LIBRARY open.

2:30 p.m. OLDER ADULTS PLAY READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP, room 425, south wing. Dr. Ruth Blackburn, former professor of drama and literature at Rutgers University, facilitator. Final meeting.

7:30-9:30 "BY WHOM SHALL I BE HEALED," 9th floor tower lounge. Fifth session of a course in religious healing. Prior registration necessary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:30 a.m. FRENCH CONVERSATION FOR OLDER ADULTS, room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10:30 a.m. (cont'd)
425, south wing. Tuition course. Call ext.
358 weekdays for details.

7:00 p.m. AL-ANON MEETING, room 425, south wing.

"THE CHURCH AND SEXUALITY," assembly hall.
Fourth session of the fall adult education
series. "Meeting Intimacy Needs" is
discussed by Robert W. Gunn, therapist,
Riverside Pastoral Counseling Center, and
Joan Kavanaugh, director, Riverside Pastoral
Counseling Center. Cost: \$3.00 at the door
for those who have not pre-registered. See
"The Next Weeks at Riverside" for upcoming
programs.

8:00 p.m. RIVERSIDE DANCE FESTIVAL, cloister theatre.
"Balletfore."

8:30-10:00 ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS MEETING, room
425, south wing.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30-9:30 VIGIL FOR PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA, Times
Square Armed Forces Recruiting Station and
U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Call the
Disarmament Program, ext. 238, weekdays for
details.

10:00 and OLDER ADULTS ART OF MOVEMENT CLASSES, room
11:00 a.m. 430, south wing. This is a tuition course.
Call ext. 358 weekdays for information.

12:30-3:30 CLOISTER LIBRARY open.

2:00 p.m. TOWER LEAGUE FOR OLDER ADULTS, assembly
hall. Hallowe'en is celebrated with
presentation of the film "The Witches of
Salem: The Horror and The Hope."
Refreshments follow.

5:30 p.m. TOPS CLUB (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), room
425, south wing. Annual membership, \$12.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, room 430, south wing.

"FREE FALL FILM FESTIVAL ON THE SOVIET
UNION," assembly hall. "Siberia - The
Endless Horizon." Sponsored by the
Disarmament Program. For information on
upcoming films, call ext. 349 weekdays.

MEN'S CLASS BIBLE STUDY, 7th floor tower,
led by Rev. Molly J. Picirillo.

8:00 p.m. "COPING WITH ANXIETY ABOUT AIDS," 18th floor
tower. Third of six sessions sponsored by
the Pastoral Department. The nature of the
AIDS epidemic, medically and socially, makes
it more provocative of anxiety, hysteria and
panic in our society than any disease in
recent history. Sessions will explore ways
to reduce the fear and anxiety, both
rational and irrational, created by this
crisis. Dr. Robert W. Gunn, pastoral
psychotherapist, will lead discussion.

RIVERSIDE DANCE FESTIVAL, cloister theatre.
"Morocco & The Casbah Dance Experience."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:30 p.m. RIVERSIDE YOUTH DRAMA & CULTURAL CLUB, 10th
floor tower, for youth in grades 7-12.

8:00 p.m. RIVERSIDE DANCE FESTIVAL, cloister theatre.
"Balletfore."

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:00 noon CARILLON RECITAL by James R. Lawson.

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"Balletfore."

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8:30 p.m. ON STAGE AT RIVERSIDE, Group W Cable TV,
channel C.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - COMMUNION/ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

- 5:00 a.m. BROADCAST OF OCTOBER 27 SERVICE, 106.7 FM.
- 8:30-9:00 EUCHARIST, chancel of the nave.
- 9:00 a.m. INTERCESSORY PRAYER, 9th floor tower library.
- 9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY, 9th floor tower library, led by Dr. Samuel Jenkins on the following: Mark 10:2-9; Psalm 91:9-16; Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-13.
- "THREE NEW TESTAMENT VIEWS OF CHRIST," 9th floor tower lounge, led by Christian Von Dehsen. First of three sessions will be based on Galatians 2:15-21. See "The Next Weeks at Riverside" for upcoming sessions.
- CHURCH SCHOOL, south wing and tower rooms.
- 10:30 a.m. CHILD CARE: toddlers, 8th floor tower; pre-school, room 615, south wing.
- 10:45 a.m. SERVICE OF WORSHIP, nave. Dr. Coffin preaching.
- 12:30 p.m. "NEW YORK CITY ELECTIONS: SEARCHING FOR LEADERSHIP AGAINST RACISM," room 411, south wing. Audrey Bynoe, campaign director of the "Vann '85 Campaign," speaks on "Achieving True Political Power for Minorities." Coffee and tea will be available.
- MEN'S CLASS COMMUNITY FORUM ON "THE PRIORITY ANSWER TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION," room 430, south wing. Speakers who have been invited: Falilou Kane, Ambassador of Senegal; Neo Mnumzana, chief representative at the United Nations from the African National Congress, and Joseph Barba, chair, UN Special Committee Against Apartheid.
- 1:00 p.m. RIVERSIDE YOUTH DRAMA & CULTURAL CLUB, 10th floor tower, for youth in grades 7-12.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (cont'd)

- 2:00 p.m. RIVERSIDE DANCE FESTIVAL, cloister theatre. "Balletfore."
- 3:00 p.m. CARILLON RECITAL by James R. Lawson.
- 4:00 p.m. CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Chapel of the Cross.
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THE NEXT WEEKS AT RIVERSIDE

LETTER WRITING ON SOUTH AFRICA AT COFFEE HOUR

The Ad Hoc Committee on South Africa sponsors a letter writing campaign at today's coffee hour. Riversiders are urged to write to senators and representatives about present federal legislation pertaining to sanctions on South Africa. A written update on current events in South Africa is also available at the table.

For more information, call John Vaughn, ext. 315, weekdays. The Ad Hoc Committee is under the sponsorship of the office of education for Christian discipleship.

SANCTUARY TRIAL INFORMATION AT TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR

Riversiders are urged to visit the Sanctuary table today for news of the trial of the sanctuary workers which began in Tucson, Arizona, last Tuesday. Riverside has a special concern in the trials -- our own refugee family is named among the unindicted co-conspirators along with Sanctuary Committee

SANCTUARY
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member Mary Ann Lundy, who is required to be present at the trial to testify for the prosecution.

Crucial issues which are at the heart of the trial -- rights of refugees from Central America to safe haven in this country (as provided by U.S. law), conditions in Central America that create refugees, U.S. military policy in the area, the infiltration of churches by the government with its efforts to dictate what is and is not religious activity -- all have been declared inadmissible as testimony in the trial.

Please visit the table briefly to keep up with developments. Organized letter-writing will be suspended today so that Riversiders can direct their energies to the letter writing campaign at the South Africa table.

BAPTIST
HOME FAIR
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 30

The Baptist Home will hold its "Christmas Preview" Wednesday, October 30, from 10:30 to 4:30 at the home, located at 3260 Henry Hudson Parkway in the Bronx. Aprons, jewelry, baby clothes and toys, handmade Christmas decorations, new and nearly new clothing, home baked goods, accessories, stationery and linens will be among the items for sale. Proceeds go to the home. Buffet luncheon, \$4.00 per person, will be served from 12:30 to 1:30, and afternoon tea, \$2.50 per person, will be served from 2:00 to 4:00.

WOMEN'S
CENTER
RETREAT
NOVEMBER
1-3

The Women's Center is sponsoring a retreat for all interested women at The Grail, Cornwall-on-Hudson. It will be an unstructured weekend, for relaxation, solitude, fellowship, walks on the trails, whatever participants feel the need to do. The group will leave Friday, November 1, and return early Sunday afternoon, November 3. There will be shared meal preparation, and a closing informal worship on Sunday. Cost: \$50.00. Participation is limited to 24 persons. For more details and to register,

RETREAT
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stop at the Women's Center table at today's coffee hour, or call Rev. Fanny Erickson, ext. 359, or the Pastoral Office, ext. 415, weekdays.

RIVERSIDE
SINGERS
SPONSOR
CAKE SALE
AT TODAY'S
COFFEE HOUR

The Riverside Singers, Riverside's youth choir, hosts a cake sale at today's coffee hour to defray the costs of an exchange program which will be undertaken this year. On February 9, 1986, the Plymouth United Church of Christ Youth Choir, from Washington, D.C., will participate in the Riverside Youth Department's Black History Month Celebration. The Riverside Singers will then go to Washington, D.C. in June, 1986, to participate in the Plymouth Youth Choir's anniversary celebration.

For more information on the exchange program, contact the Youth Department, ext. 453, or Kenneth Hamilton, Riverside Singers' director, at 713-0880.

"CHURCH AND
SEXUALITY"
SERIES
CONTINUES

"Meeting Intimacy Needs" is the theme of this Wednesday's topic in the third of a six-week series sponsored by the Adult Education Committee on "The Church and Sexuality." On Wednesday, November 6, "Looking at Our Families" will be the subject, with Catherine H. Smith and Lionel Tiger. Smith is director of family life education for the Girls Clubs of America, and former director of Riverside's Youth Department. Tiger is professor of anthropology at Rutgers University and author of Men in Groups.

November 13's final session will deal with "Love, Ethics and Covenanting." Speakers will be Beverly Wildung Harrison, professor of Christian social ethics, Union Seminary, and Howard R. Moody, senior minister, Judson Memorial Church. Brochures on the series are available in the literature racks next to the cloister desk. Admission is \$3.00 per evening at the door.

SUNDAY
MORNING
BIBLE
SERIES
CONTINUES

The Biblical and Theological Studies Committee series on the Bible continues with Christian Von Dehsen, graduate student at Union Seminary leading study on "Three New Testament Views of Christ." Texts will include: Galatians 2:15-21 on November 3; Mark 8:27-9:1 on November 10; and John 3:1-4 on November 17. The class will meet in the 9th floor tower lounge from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Those wishing to listen to audio cassettes of the earlier series on "The Bible: Bane or Blessing" may do so in the cloister library.

WOMEN'S
SOCIETY
MEETING
MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 4

The Women's Society will meet in the 9th floor tower lounge on Monday, November 4 at 1:30 p.m. to hear the experiences of Margaret and Donald Sherman, non-governing board organizations' members of the United Nations, who attended Forum '85, the exciting meeting in Kenya last June which overlapped the United Nations' Women's Decade Meeting, ending the UN Decade of Women. All are invited to attend.

"LET'S HAVE
FUN TEAM"
EVENTS

The "Let's Have Fun Team" has some fun times planned in the near future. Events include:

Friday, November 8 - Post-Hallowe'en Costume Party and Dance, 8:00 p.m., in the 9th floor tower lounge. Prizes will be given for the best costumes in several categories. Tickets: \$1.00 for children, \$2.00 for adults advance purchase; \$3.00 at the door. There will be a \$4.00 charge at the door for those without costume, even if they have already purchased advance tickets. Tickets available at the coffee hour.

Monday, November 18 - Volleyball game in the gym, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20 - Evening of bowling and ping-pong in the bowling alley, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The evening of piano music has been postponed to February. It will be an informal evening of all types of piano music.

"LET'S HAVE FUN TEAM" (cont'd) Those interested in performing may sign up at the coffee hour. All ages of performers are welcome.

For further details and to sign up for any or all of the events, stop at the membership table at the coffee hour, or call Jeanette Miller, 666-6294, or Mary Kuenning, 866-6761.

CLOTHING SERVICE AND DISARMAMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCE PRE-HOLIDAY BAZAAR The Social Service Department and Disarmament Program co-sponsor the "Pre-Holiday Bazaar and Cafe," on Saturday, November 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will take place in south hall and its adjoining lobby. New and used clothing, household items, bric-a-brac, furniture, jewelry and more will be sold, with proceeds benefiting the sponsoring groups. Child care will be available.

Those with contributions to the sale may call Ruth Herrmann, ext. 233, or Donna Bartell, ext. 349, weekdays.

DANCE/
THEATRE
SCHOOL
BEGINS
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 9

The Arts at Riverside Program will begin session one of its Dance/Theatre School on Saturday, November 9. Classes, which will meet for five Saturdays, excluding Thanksgiving weekend, will include the following: musical theatre with Shelley Bransford; acting/playwriting with Arthur Wilson, and ballet with Diana Byer. Jazz and modern dance classes will also be offered for pre-teens, teens and adults. For more information, stop at the coffee hour, or call Shelley Bransford in the registration office, 864-2929.

"COFFEE: GROUNDS" TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 The Disarmament Program will sponsor "Coffee: Grounds for Discussion" on Sunday, November 10, at 12:30 p.m. in the assembly hall. John Kenneth Galbraith, professor emeritus in economics at Harvard University, will speak on "Prospects for the Reagan-Gorbachev Summit."

The coffee hour on that day will be held in the cloister lounge.

RIVERSIDE FELLOWSHIP WILL MEET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 The Riverside Fellowship will hold its first meeting on Sunday, November 10, at 1:00 p.m. Diana Mihida, M. Div., psychotherapist, will present a program on "Addictive Relationships." Discussion and fellowship will follow. For details, stop at the Fellowship table at the Sunday coffee hour.

PROGRAM ON GUATEMALAN MEDICAL AID SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 On Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the 10th floor tower, the Sanctuary Committee and the Coalition on American Indian Justice will co-sponsor a program entitled, "A Nation in Flight - Medical Aid in Rural Guatemala." Vincent Phillips, M.D., will present a slide documentary, followed by discussion of the Guatemalan Health Rights Support Project and the Maryknoll Project in Huehuetenango District, Guatemala. All are invited to attend.

SPIRITUALITY AND SEXUALITY WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 15-16 On November 15-16, James B. Nelson, author of Embodiment and Between Two Gardens, will lead a workshop on spirituality and sexuality, building on the Wednesday evening series themes -- how we might find greater connections between our sexuality (who we are as sexual beings and how we express those meanings) and our spirituality (our deepest commitments to God and the world). Included will be presentations, small group discussion and exercises. Registrations will be taken at the November 3 and 10 coffee hours. Enrollment is limited to 100 persons. For details, call Jane Gropp, adult education coordinator, ext. 455, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

"ISRAEL IN EGYPT" WILL BE PERFORMED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 George Frideric Handel's "Israel in Egypt" will be performed in the nave on Sunday, November 17, at 4:00 p.m. The Riverside Choir, the New Philharmonia and soloists will be directed by Dr. John Walker, Riverside's director of music. Admission to the concert is free. A carillon recital by James R. Lawson will precede the concert at 3:00 p.m.

1986 EVERY MEMBER CANVASS GOAL IS \$800,000 The 1986 Every Member Canvass campaign is underway, and the goal is \$800,000. Dr. Coffin's sermon on the subject, preached on Pledge Sunday, October 20, is available on audio cassette at the sermon cassette table during the coffee hour. Those who missed the sermon may wish to purchase it at the table for \$3.00, listen to it, and make their pledges.

The goal for 1986 is \$800,000. Please make your pledge today.

UPCOMING CARILLON DEADLINE

Copy, typed double spaced, is due in the Communications Department, room S-6, on Monday, November 4, for the third issue of Carillon this fall. The issue will be mailed from the church early in December.

DECEMBER "CALENDAR" DEADLINE

This publication is a chronological listing of events taking place at the church for an entire month. Copy, typed double spaced, is due in the Communications Department, room S-6, on Wednesday, November 13, for December's "Calendar." If you have questions concerning this publication, please call ext. 448 or 449 during the week. The "Calendar" is distributed at the Visitors' Center in south hall lobby, the literature rack next to the cloister security desk, and the community events table in the cloister lounge.

"THIS WEEK/ NEXT WEEKS" AND OTHER DEADLINES

Copy (typed or printed) for "This Week/Next Weeks at Riverside" and for possible bulletin inserts is due in the Communications Department by 4:30 p.m. Monday for inclusion in the following Sunday's issue.

Requests for publicity tables at the coffee hour and for weekend videotape playback equipment are due at the same time. With video equipment, indicate the tape format needed, 3/4-inch or VHS. The church does not have Betamax equipment.