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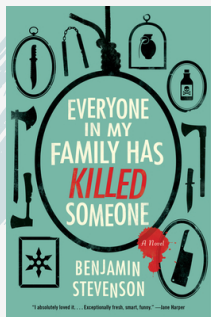
President's Corner

For too long, we've been called "the best kept secret." While that may sound flattering, I believe it's time for a shift. We're not striving to be hidden treasures quietly doing good behind the scenes. We're striving to be seen—not for the sake of popularity or attention, but so the mission, values, and impact of this incredible place we call The Interchurch Center can reach those who need it most.

Every organization within our walls stands for something meaningful. But together, we represent something even more powerful—a collective force for justice, compassion, and community. By telling our stories, amplifying our voices, and welcoming others into our work, we unlock the kind of collaboration that multiplies impact and accelerates change. In a world filled with division and noise, the work happening here is more vital than ever. Our strategy isn't rooted in competition or ego—it's rooted in partnership. At The Interchurch Center, collaboration isn't just a buzzword. It's the heartbeat of our mission and the catalyst for lasting transformation.

So let's no longer be the best kept secret. Let's be a bold, united voice that shows the world what's possible when purpose-driven people come together—with vision, with heart, and with the courage to be seen.

† Robert Bolton



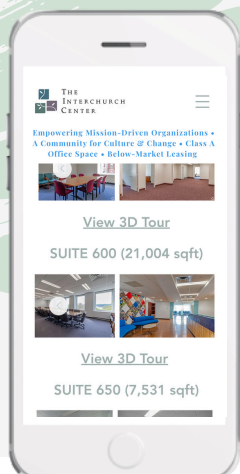
BOOKS THAT BIND BOOK CLUB @ THE RUTH STAFFORD PEALE LIBRARY

This month, the Books That Bind Book Club features *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson — a sharp, witty mystery where every family member has a deadly secret. When a murder disrupts a tense family reunion, the narrator guides us through a twisty tale filled with dark humor, clever clues, and self-aware storytelling. Both a homage to and a reinvention of the classic whodunit, this novel is sure to keep readers engaged and spark a lively, entertaining discussion.

Did You KNOW?

Know a nonprofit in need of office space? Send them to our site to explore available spaces, view photos, and take a 3D tour—all online!

AVAILABLE
SPACES



TENANT SPOTLIGHT

CASSIE SCHWERNER



Morningside Center
for Teaching
Social Responsibility

This month, we spotlight Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility—a transformative organization committed to helping schools become joyful, equitable, and inclusive communities for all.

About Morningside Center

Morningside Center partners with educators from Pre-K through 12th grade to co-create school cultures that center social and emotional learning (SEL), racial equity, and restorative practices. Their mission is to build strong school communities where students and staff feel connected, valued, and empowered.

Each year, Morningside works with hundreds of NYC public schools and after-school programs, offering training and coaching that equips teachers, administrators, students, and caregivers with skills to foster empathy, resolve conflicts, and honor diverse backgrounds.

Their work includes:

- SEL and Restorative Practices: Evidence-based programs that build emotional intelligence and conflict resolution skills.
- Racial Equity in Schools: Supporting schools in addressing systemic inequities and creating inclusive environments.
- Community Building: Strengthening connections among students, educators, and families through non-punitive approaches and shared care.

With a dedicated team—including more than 25 staff developers—Morningside Center brings both joy and justice to every classroom they touch.

Spotlight on Cassie Schwerner

Cassie Schwerner has served as Executive Director of Morningside Center since 2018. A lifelong advocate for racial justice in public education, Cassie spent over 20 years at The Schott Foundation for Public Education, working to transform policies and practices that negatively impact students of color, LGBTQIA+ students, and students with disabilities.

Under her leadership, Morningside continues to model what equity, inclusion, and healing can look like in our school systems. We're honored to have Morningside Center as part of The Interchurch Center community.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

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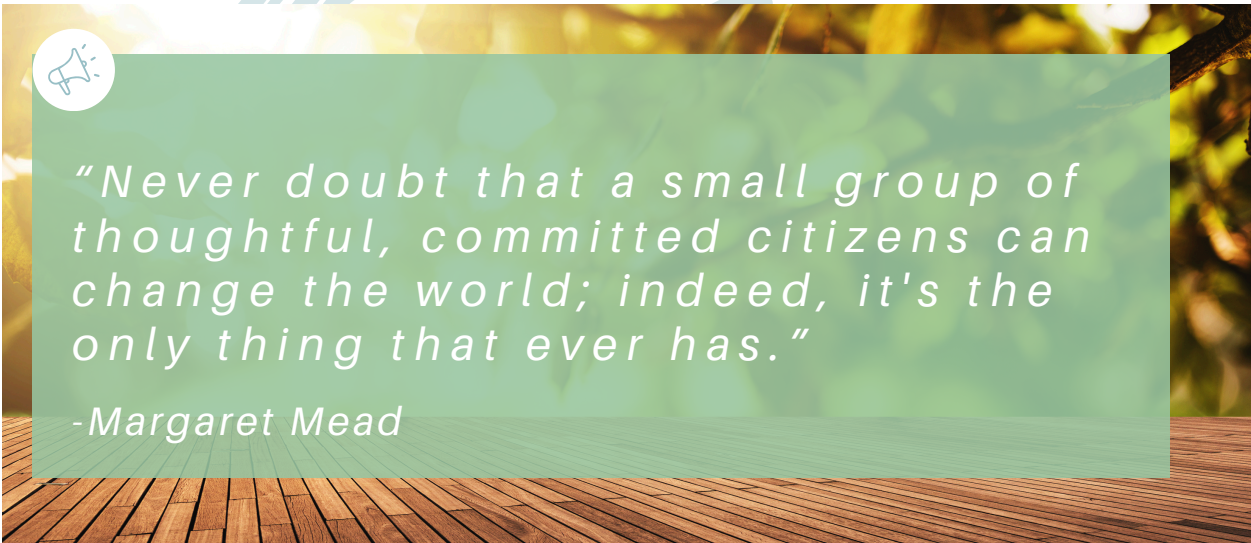


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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/7
- Building Orientation
- 8/14
- Books That Bind Book Club Meeting
- 8/22
- Back to School Supply Drive
- 8/28
- Zumba Dance & Exercise



HELP US FILL BACKPACKS
WITH LOVE!

The Interchurch Center and The Riverside Church are collecting school supplies to help students start the school year strong! Every donation—big or small—sends a message of hope, dignity, and encouragement to the next generation of leaders, dreamers, and changemakers. Together, we can help ensure that every child walks into the classroom feeling confident, prepared, and supported by their community.



RSVP

NETWORKING
EXCHANGE

Are you a non-profit organization that is making a difference in the community? Are you providing services in the community that you would like other non-profits to know about? Are you interested in partnerships and collaborations? Sign up today to table or attend TIC's 2025 Non-Profit Networking Exchange and connect for greater impact!

MISSION MASTERY
TIPS & TRICKS FOR
NON-PROFITS

BUILDING COMMUNITY: ENGAGE YOUR SUPPORTERS BEYOND FUNDRAISING

For nonprofits, building a strong community goes far beyond donations. Summer is a great time to deepen relationships with your supporters through meaningful engagement. Host an open house, send personalized thank-you notes, or spotlight a volunteer or donor in your newsletter. Create interactive content on social media—like polls, Q&As, or behind-the-scenes glimpses—to spark conversation and connection. When people feel valued and included, they're more likely to stay invested in your mission year-round.



For more ideas on engagement and strategy, explore resources at Nonprofit Tech for Good — a leading platform for digital strategy and supporter engagement tips.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
NONPROFIT TECH FOR GOOD

CECILIA WHITTAKER-DOE: MAPPING MOMENTS

Explore Mapping Moments, a new exhibit by Cecilia Whittaker-Doe featuring vibrant paintings and drawings inspired by nature and memory.

Opening Reception
Wednesday, July 23 | 5:30-7:30 PM

On view through September 5, 2025
Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 AM-5 PM

61 Claremont Ave, NY, NY

Come experience the art and meet the artist behind the work!



Riverside Cafe

Check out the weekly menu here:

<https://interchurch-center.org/the-riverside-cafe/>



Thank You

FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Got News?



Want to place an announcement in the Non-Profit Networker?

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