

April 22–28, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

Today is **Care of Creation Sunday**, a day when we hold in prayer God's amazing creation and recommit ourselves to the good stewardship of that life-giving gift. As part of our observance, *This Changes Everything*, a film highlighting those on the front lines of climate change and their hopeful path for the future, will be shown today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F.

**Nanette Sawyer will be installed** as Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry on Sunday, April 29 during the Jazz at Four 4:00 p.m. service.

**Joe Morrow** will be joining our pastoral staff for a two-year appointment as Minister for Evangelism starting May 1.

**Individuals experiencing life challenges** can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Learn more at [www.fourthchurch.org/caring](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring)

A **congregational meeting** has been called by Session for Sunday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the recommendation from Session and the Board of Trustees that Fourth Church acquire a new manse for the use of our current and future senior pastors. Detailed information has been mailed to all member homes. The letter and a proposal synopsis is also posted online at [www.bit.ly/fpcmanse](http://www.bit.ly/fpcmanse)

An **information session** about the senior pastor housing proposal will be held at 12:15 p.m. today in Borwell Dining Room. Members of the Senior Pastor Housing Committee will be on hand to provide a brief overview and answer questions.

**If you are a Fourth Church member** and did not receive the email about the housing proposal, be sure to subscribe to our email news list to see future updates. You can subscribe online to the News list at [www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews](http://www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews)



## **Needed: 10,000 snack items by Mother's Day!**

We need your help in collecting 10,000 snack items—a two-month supply of single servings of granola bars, chips, pretzels, and fruit cups—that Fourth Church Meals Ministry will pack in the sack lunches that are distributed, as part of the Bag Lunch program in Anderson Hall, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to our neighbors in need.

## Worship

**This Friday a candlelit Taizé service**—a contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection—will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A hosted labyrinth walk will be offered beforehand, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

**Devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

**Families worshipping with young children** are encouraged to request family worship bulletins from the ushers.

**Individuals can lift up prayer concerns** with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

**Sacred Pause** meditation, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

**Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel and offers a time to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and those in need.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Youth** meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. At 11:00 a.m. Junior Highs meet in Room 4G; Confirmation in Room 5G; and Senior Highs in Bumpus.

**A Family Communion Service** will be held next Sunday, April 29 at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel and offers opportunity for families to learn about and participate in Communion together.

**This year's Family Camp** will be held on Friday, May 18–Sunday, May 20 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online at [www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp18](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp18)

**The Fourth Church Day School** is accepting applications for its various 2018–19 early childhood programs as well as its June weeks. For details, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; [khager@fourthchurch.org](mailto:khager@fourthchurch.org)).

## Mission and Outreach

**Cuba mission trip participants** leave for Havana this Monday to spend a week with our sister congregation, the First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep these eight travelers and First Church in your prayers in the days ahead.

**Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday afternoon, April 24 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

**The Benevolent Guild** meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. (*No sewing experience necessary.*)

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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“Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism” training will be offered May 24–26 here at the church. Contact Vicky Curtiss ([vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)) to register. Early-bird rates are available through this Thursday, April 26.

**Join the Gospel Run 5K/10K** (and a half-mile walk for children) on Saturday, June 2 to walk, run, or pledge to raise funds in support of anti-racism training programs at Fourth Church through the Interfaith Council Against Racism. Register or pledge online by May 15 at [www.raceroster.com/16612](http://www.raceroster.com/16612)

## Music and the Arts

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** will present their spring concert featuring Baroque music from the Bolivian rainforest on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

**Bella Voce will present a concert** this Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.bellavoce.org](http://www.bellavoce.org)

## Fellowship

**Coffee Hour Chats**, led by Dave Handley at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room, offer opportunity to discuss themes from today’s sermon.

**The Young Adults** group will attend the screening of *This Changes Everything*—in Room 4F following today’s 11:00 a.m. service—in place of their weekly Gathering discussion time. Next weekend they will be in Michigan on retreat. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey in community, discernment, and prayer.

**Men’s Book Club** will discuss *Sapiens* by Yuval Harari this Monday, April 23 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

**Women at Fourth** will discuss prayer with Shannon Kershner this Thursday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All women are invited.

**Fourth for Bridge** will gather to play bridge on Saturday evening, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home. For details, call Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

**A new men’s discussion group**, “How to Hear God Speaking Personally through the Gospels,” will meet for three months on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. beginning in May. Come learn more about this opportunity on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.

## Enrichment

**Two adult education classes meet today** in Room 5D: “Religion within the Bounds of Mere Reason” at 9:30 a.m. and “Church and Empire” at 11:00 a.m.

**Cornerstones**—a group for people fifty and older—will meet on Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program presented on “The Rise and Fall of Cabrini-Green.” Register (*required*) at [www.bit.ly/cfpc0518](http://www.bit.ly/cfpc0518) or with Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) by Wednesday, May 2.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Volunteers to untie the blue bows** on the trees; this Friday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m.

**Coffee Hour Hospitality Team** members

**Ushers for the 11:00 a.m.** service

*To sign up or for information about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; [rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).*

## Calendar for April 22–28, 2018

<b>Sunday, April 22</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter / Care of Creation Sunday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Lucy Forster-Smith preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel	Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots	Day School	Classroom B
9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals		Room 4F
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School	
<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship</b>		<b>Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center	
9:30 a.m.	"Religion and Mere Reason"		Room 5D
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour Chats		Randolph Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	"Church and Empire"		Room 5D
12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Senior Pastor Housing Information Session	Borwell Dining Room	
12:15 p.m.	Care of Creation Documentary		Room 4F
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four</b>	<b>Lucy Forster-Smith preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, April 23</b>			
7:30 a.m.	Men's Book Club	Parish House Dining Room	
9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool ( <i>also Tues.–Fri.</i> )	Day School Classrooms	
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper		Catholic Charities
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring ( <i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i> )		Fifth Floor, Gratz Center
<b>Tuesday, April 24</b>			
7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause		Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches ( <i>also Wed.–Thurs.</i> )		Anderson Hall
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting		Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room	
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble		Buchanan Chapel
<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>			
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>		<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
<b>Thursday, April 26</b>			
5:30 p.m.	Women at Fourth		Bumpus Room
7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday, April 27</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Blue Bow Removal		Outside the Manse
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John Sherer, organ		Sanctuary
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Hosted Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Taizé Worship</b>		<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday, April 28</b>			
7:30 p.m.	Bella Voce		Sanctuary
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<b>Worship on April 29</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching   Communion		
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching		
4:00 p.m.	Installation of Nanette Sawyer   Jazz Communion		