

June 16–22, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



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We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! \* **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. \* We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

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Today is **Trinity Sunday**, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. \* Our **"Big Questions" sermon series**—in which we consider questions submitted by the congregation earlier this year—continues today with "What does a Christian *have* to believe?" Next week we'll ask, "What do Presbyterians believe about homosexuality?"

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Next Sunday, June 23, please join us in welcoming to Fourth Church two global partners in ministry! ◀ **Joshua Heikkila**, West Africa Regional Liaison for Presbyterian Church (USA) World Mission, will be preaching at our 8:00 a.m. worship service that day. Then at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, Josh—who was a member of Fourth Church prior to his ordination—will talk with us about his ministry since his World Mission move to Ghana in 2009.

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We will also welcome ▶ **Liudmila Hernández**, pastor of our sister congregation, the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, and the vice-moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Cuba. On Sunday, June 23 she will take part in 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship and preach at Jazz at Four, after which we will have a reception in her honor in Allison Library. Then on Monday, June 24 Liudmila will join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room for a conversation about the current atmosphere in Cuba.



**This "News and Opportunities" insert is our invitation to you** to join us in taking part in the programs and resources available to you here at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. On our website you will find even more opportunities, as well as the page [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up) with details about signing up for the programs listed here. To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

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Later today we begin our **2019 Urban Youth Mission program** ► by welcoming the youth group from the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving. This Fourth Church UYM program offers youth the opportunity to explore diverse city neighborhoods while performing valuable hands-on service and reflecting on God, faith, and the Christian call to justice.



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A visit to ancient Greece with the Apostle Paul is on the horizon for our children this summer! **Vacation Bible School** will take them on a Bible adventure with Paul when we gather the mornings of August 5–9. Registration is open for preschool children to fifth graders. \* **Youth volunteers** are also needed for this journey about sharing God’s immeasurable love. \* Children are also invited to join us for **Summer Sunday School**, which continues at 9:30 a.m. through July 28. \* They are also always welcome to **worship with their parents**; be sure to ask an usher for a children’s bulletin!



Our summer candlelit ◀ **Taizé** service will be held Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. (The next Taizé service after that will be this fall.)

\* Ten years ago this month we began our weekly **Jazz at Four** Sunday afternoon service. If you’ve not had a chance to experience this unique worship opportunity, why not stop by Buchanan Chapel at 4:00 p.m. some summer Sunday afternoon?

\* All are invited to join staff for **Morning Prayer** on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

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**Spiritual direction**—an ongoing conversation between a trained guide and a person seeking self-knowledge and an understanding of what the Spirit invites that person to do with their life—is available through our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Associate Pastor Vicky Curtiss is also among those who offer one-on-one spiritual direction. If you would like to learn more, please contact Vicky ([vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)). \* A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses is also offered by our Replogle Center. For details, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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Join us for ► **Encore**—the sixth annual Center for Life and Learning benefit—this Saturday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel! Tenor Cole Seaton will be joined by musical friends for a performance of Broadway songs, after which we will gather for a reception in the Commons. (*Tickets are only available in advance; visit the sign-up page for details.*) \* Beginning on July 8, the Center for Life and Learning will offer a **summer exercise program** at the church for adults sixty and older. Registration is now open!



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

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When you are out shopping or are ordering online, please consider adding to your cart some individually packaged snacks for our **Fourth Church Meals Ministry Snack Drive**. We serve more than 900 snacks a week as part of our Bag Lunch program for guests who are hungry. Donations can be dropped off at Coffee Hour or the reception desk or shipped to the church, "Attn: Meals Ministry."

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Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers**. \*

The six-week Chicago Lights **Summer Day** program also needs volunteers to work with students at the church; a one-session orientation will be held this Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. \* If you are interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3382).

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On Sunday, June 30 a Fourth Church contingent will be expressing our support of the LGBTQIA community by walking in the **Chicago Pride Parade** with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, of which Fourth Church is a partner congregation.

For details about when and where to meet on the day of the parade, email Nanette Sawyer ([nsawyer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nsawyer@fourthchurch.org)). \* In further recognition of Pride Month, Robert Starshak and Ross Draeger are sponsoring **Coffee Hour** today in recognition of milestones in LGBTQIA progress since the 1969 Stonewall uprising fifty years ago.

\* Next Sunday, June 23 those who would like to join our monthly **LGBTQIA brunch** are invited to meet at Coffee Hour at 12:15 p.m. and from there go to a restaurant for a time of fellowship.

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These events and the many other programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Among those upcoming opportunities are **Men's**

**Bible Study**, which meets this Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30 a.m.; **Women at Fourth**, which meets on Thursday, June 27 for a program on sacred music, led by ► John Sherer, Fourth Church's Organist and Director of Music; and **Knitting and Crocheting**, which meets on Tuesday, June 25.



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Will you be traveling over the summer? **Keep up to date** on the happenings here by bookmarking the Fourth Church website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) or by following us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch)! \* You can easily make **pledge gifts online** at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) or by clicking on the "To Make a Gift" button on the Fourth Church website.

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## Calendar for June 16–22, 2019

- Sunday, June 16 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
*Trinity Sunday* 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  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School . . . . . Borwell Dining Room  
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. New Member Brunch . . . . . Page Smith Room  
**4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching . . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Monday, June 17. . . . . 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . *Catholic Charities*
- Tuesday, June 18. . . . . 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study . . . . . The Loop  
7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, June 19 . . . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer . . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Thursday, June 20 . . . . 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall  
6:00 p.m. Summer Day Volunteer Orientation . . . . . Room 4E  
7:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary
- Friday, June 21 . . . . . 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: An Tran, guitar . . . . . Sanctuary
- Saturday, June 22 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
5:00 p.m. Encore . . . . . Buchanan Chapel

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for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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