

July 7–13, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



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.



We're taking our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service ◀ outdoors today to the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. for a time of worship, the music of the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet, and fellowship with one another, all while surrounded by the beauty of summer.

Individuals can lift up **prayer concerns** with a Deacon in ▶ Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today. \* **Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. \* **Sacred Pause** meditation, a weekly time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.



Our summer **Urban Youth Mission** program continues this week as we welcome youth from the First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul, Minnesota, as they join us for a weeklong experience of learning and serving.

If you haven't already, **sign up** for our email newsletter ([www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews](http://www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews)), bookmark our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest from Fourth Church!

**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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The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Such opportunities include **Men's Bible study** on Tuesday, July 16; **Knitting and Crocheting** ▶ on Tuesday, July 23; and **LGBTQIA brunch** on Sunday, July 28. \* Tomorrow (Monday, July 8) a **summer exercise program** for adults sixty and older begins through our Center for Life and Learning (*registration required*).



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**Horizons Bible study**, which meets this Wednesday, July 10, will be studying the story of Ruth this summer, challenging the old religious mindset of gender. The study is based on the book *The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules* by Carolyn Custis James. It is not necessary to purchase the book, as there will be handouts in class.



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.

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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**. \*

If you are interested in learning more about these or other **volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382, [rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).



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◀ **To recommend for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board** any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating); when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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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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Next Sunday fresh produce from the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm** will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour; proceeds benefit the community outreach work of the Farm. Produce is also available at the Urban Farm's Farmstand (*444 W. Chicago*) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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**Inquirers' Class** provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will be offered next Sunday, July 14 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those interested in attending this or a future session may register at [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)

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Our annual **School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women at Fourth, kicked off last Sunday. Again this summer we are collecting school supplies and backpacks for children connected with the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Summer Day, Summer Dance Intensive, and Tutoring programs. In addition to volunteers, they also need donations! Backpacks ► filled with school supplies are being collected for 280 children and youth, and they are collecting school supplies for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) to volunteer or to receive a supply list. \* On July 25 Women at Fourth will prepare those donated backpacks and school supplies and backpacks for the Summer Day students as part of **Women at Fourth's service project**.



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**Spiritual direction**—an ongoing conversation between a trained guide and a person seeking self-awareness and an understanding of how God is moving them toward wholeness—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)).

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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. \* If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** or know someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

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Our free outdoor concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, kicks off this Friday noon in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Come join us for the music while enjoying the beauty of summer! This week the concert features the talents of Libby York.

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**For details, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up)**

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## Calendar for July 7–13, 2019

- Sunday, July 7** . . . . . **8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching** . . . . . Sanctuary  
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Michigan Avenue Courtyard  
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery . . . . . Nursery / Day School  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss 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  
**4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joe Morrow preaching** . . . Michigan Ave. Courtyard  
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Monday, July 8** . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . *Catholic Charities*
- Tuesday, July 9** . . . . . 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, July 10** . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
**9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer** . . . . . **Buchanan Chapel**  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Thursday, July 11** . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall  
7:00 p.m. Men’s Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary
- Friday, July 12** . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain: Libby York . . . . . Michigan Avenue Courtyard
- Saturday, July 13** . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . . Parish House Dining Room

See [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)  
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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