

August 4–10, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities

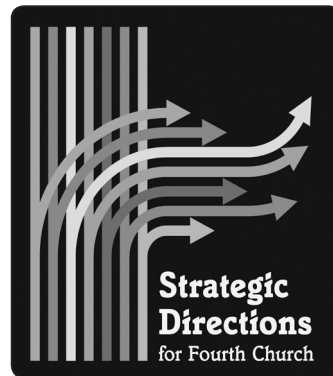


We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * We invite you 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 have many opportunities to celebrate the beauty of nature this month, starting with having our weekly ◀ **Jazz at Four** Communion service outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard today at 4:00 p.m. * Our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, offers another chance to enjoy music outdoors. The Ugandan Children's Choir will perform this Friday at 12:10 p.m. * Care of Creation will be taking a guided **walking tour of the historic Wooded Island** in Jackson Park on Sunday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m. See the sign-up page for more information.

Today the **Strategic Directions task force** ▶ invites you to join them in conversation at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. The task force is working to help discern priorities for the next three to five years of Fourth Church's life together. From all who call this church home they are interested in hearing what areas of our mission or ministry you would want to prioritize and into which of them you would want to invest new energy and imagination. There will be another conversation next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. If you are unable to be with us for one of those conversations, the task force would greatly appreciate your emailing to them (priorities@fourthchurch.org) your thoughts about priorities and areas of commitment.



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 with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

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Learn about the **art of Colombian basketry** of the Wounaan today from curator Karen Torres during a presentation in Borwell Dining Room following the 11:00 a.m. service. ◀ An exhibit of Wounaan baskets is on display in the Loggia through September 2.

Our annual **School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women at Fourth, is continuing to collect school supplies for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Stop by Coffee Hour or contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) to volunteer or to receive a supply list.

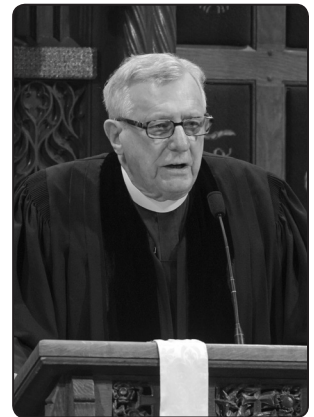
This week, our **Vacation Bible School** is traveling to ancient Greece to learn about the Apostle Paul when we gather for learning, crafts, games, and songs! * **Sunday School** is on break until Sunday, September 8, when it will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. In the weeks ahead, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them; special children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

* Our **Day School** ► weekday preschool program is still accepting applications for fall 2019. See the sign-up page for more information.



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

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**, which will meet on Tuesdays, August 6 and August 20. See our sign-up page for more information. * **Horizons Bible study** for women will meet on Wednesday, August 14. * All are welcome to join the LGBTQIA+ **Widening Our Welcome** group on Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Borwell Dining Room to discuss ideas for "what's next" for the group. The usual monthly **brunch** at a neighboring restaurant will follow. * **Cornerstones**, a group for those over age fifty, is hosting an evening with John Buchanan ► on Friday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. See the sign-up page to register by Wednesday, September 4. Please do so early as space is limited!



Did you know that more than 4,000 people around the world receive **devotions** from Fourth Church in their inbox every morning? To receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions). They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our ► **Sunday Night Suppers**. * **Docents** are needed to give church tours on a rotating basis following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Training will be provided. * If you are interested in learning more about these or other **volunteer opportunities**, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382, rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).



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; when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church. The deadline is Monday, September 30. The Nominating Committee appreciates your input!

Grief Support Groups for those experiencing significant loss are offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. The next group will meet on Mondays, from August 12 through September 23. Preregistration is required; for more details or to register, please call the Center at 312.787.8425.

There will be no **Tuesday Evening Meditation** with the Replogle Center throughout the month of August. Watch for details about the fall schedule. * For those who would like to practice meditation this month, the **Center for Life and Learning's Mindful Meditation** group invites the wider church community to join them on Monday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Did you know that Fourth Church offers **automatic giving**? You can support the mission and ministry of the church throughout the summer and anytime you're away by setting up a recurring gift. Contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576) for details.



Two exciting events are on the horizon in March of 2020, including an invitation to join members of Fourth Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago on a **music mission trip to Cuba**. (Please note that this trip was originally planned for February but has been rescheduled for March 2–9.) See the sign-up page for more information. * You are also invited to support our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights, by attending the annual ◀ **Gala of Hope** benefit on Friday, March 6, at the Radisson Blu Aqua!

For details, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for August 4–10, 2019

- Sunday, August 4 8:00 a.m. Worship • Judith L. Watt 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 • Judith L. Watt preaching Sanctuary
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. Stragic Directions Forum Bumpus Room
12:30 p.m. Wounaan Art Presentation Borwell Dining Room
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching. . . Michigan Ave. Courtyard
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, August 5 . . 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Bumpus Room**
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CLL: Mindful Meditation Randolph Room
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. *Catholic Charities*
- Tuesday, August 6. 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study See sign-up page**
7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Bumpus Room
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, August 7 . . 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Bumpus Room**
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Thursday, August 8 . 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Bumpus Room**
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall
7:00 p.m. Women’s Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
- Friday, August 9 . . . 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Bumpus Room**
12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain Michigan Ave. Courtyard
- Saturday, August 10. . 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open 444 W. Chicago Ave.**

See www.fourthchurch.org/calendar
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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