

August 18–24, 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! Care of Creation will be taking a guided **walking tour of the historic Wooded Island** in Jackson Park today at 1:00 p.m.

There is limited capacity to carpool to the park. Please check at Reception following the 11:00 a.m. service for availability. * Our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, offers a chance to enjoy music outdoors. Stu Mindeman will perform this Friday at 12:10 p.m.

* Our weekly **Jazz at Four** ► Communion service will be held in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on September 1 at 4:00 p.m.



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

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. You can learn more about Stephen Ministry at www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministry.html

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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Meals Ministry will be offering **medical services** to guests starting on Sunday, September 8 and needs medical professionals to provide services and nonmedical volunteers to help coordinate the services offered. * Fourth Church is hosting the **Chicago Presbytery Assembly** meeting on Tuesday, September 17, and volunteers ► are needed to help between the hours of 12:00 and 8:00 p.m. * The **Social Service Center** is looking for a volunteer who can advise and support them on the use of Salesforce. * Individuals are needed 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. * For more information on all of these opportunities, please see the sign-up page.



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!

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!



Your gifts support Vacation Bible School, Noonday Concerts in the courtyard, ◀ visiting youth groups, and more during the busy summer months. Please consider making an additional gift this summer to provide much needed resources for all of our summer programming. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online/index.html

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.

The September **Cornerstones** dinner on Friday, September 6 has reached capacity, but all are welcome to attend the program by John M. Buchanan that will follow in Buchanan Chapel. (Please arrive prior to 7:15 p.m.)

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 this Tuesday, August 20. See our sign-up page for more information. * All are welcome to join the LGBTQIA+ **Widening Our Welcome** group next Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room to discuss ideas for "what's next" for the group. The usual monthly **brunch** at a neighboring restaurant will follow. * **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on Tuesday, August 27.



For adults sixty and more, a host of exercise opportunities as well as classes (from French to painting to films to history) and day trips are all in store during the new program year of the ◀ **Center for Life and Learning**, which kicks off Monday, September 9. For details—and the ability to register online for classes and to renew CLL memberships—see www.fourthchurch.org/cll or contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3386).

Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to **Chancel Choir** rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. * **The Handbell Choir** ► also welcomes new ringers to their rehearsals, which begin on Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Briana Belding-Peck (312.274.3804, bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org) for more information.



Two exciting events are on the horizon in March of 2020, including a **music mission trip** to Cuba with members of Fourth Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago. 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! * You can also support Chicago Lights at the Associates Board's ◀ **annual bake sale** next Sunday, August 25.

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

Calendar for August 18–24, 2019

- Sunday, August 18 8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith 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 • Shannon J. Kershner 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
1:00 p.m. Walking Tour of Wooded Island *See announcement*
4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Shannon J. Kershner preaching . . Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
- Monday, August 19. .11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. CLL: Mindful Meditation. Randolph Room
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. *Catholic Charities*
- Tuesday, August 20 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study *See the sign-up page*
7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Wednesday, August 21. 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. Buchanan Chapel**
12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Thursday, August 22 . . . 12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall
- Friday, August 23 12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain: Stu Mindeman . . Michigan Ave. Courtyard
- Saturday, August 24 10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.). . 444 W. Chicago Ave.

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

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