

August 25–31, 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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Our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service will be held outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard next Sunday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m. \* Our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, concludes with a performance by Elsie Wagner Sherer this Friday at 12:10 p.m. \* **Free Friday Noonday Concerts** continue this autumn, with performances moving indoors on September 6. The concert schedule can be found on the Fourth Church website.

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Stop by Coffee Hour today and support the work of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit arm of Fourth Church, by purchasing baked goods at the ◀ **Associates Board Bake Sale** or produce from the **Urban 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. \* Chicago Lights is also offering a one-session **tutor orientation** several times in September. If you are interested in tutoring, visit [www.bit.ly/cltutor2019](http://www.bit.ly/cltutor2019) to learn more.

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Our **Day School** weekday preschool program is still accepting applications for fall 2019. See our 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. This week and next, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them; special children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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**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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Registration for **Confirmation** is now open. This eight-month weekly group equips eighth graders and older youth who have not made a profession of faith to participate at Fourth Church as active members. See the sign-up page to register. \* Registration is also open for the **Confirmation Retreat** happening from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21. See the sign-up page to register for this fun get-to-know-you weekend!

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**“Foundation of Faith: A Year with the Bible”** is an engaging new weekly Bible study that will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Taught by our Associate Pastors, it is designed for everyone with an interest in the Bible, whether you’re a closet biblical scholar or are unfamiliar with the text. Each class will also be self-contained, so you can attend as your schedule allows, and a reading list will be posted online if you want to read along. Watch for more details in the next weeks about this and other new Academy for Faith and Life offerings for autumn!

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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 our sign-up page.



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We need your help! 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.

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If you would like to partner with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center in identifying employment opportunities for low-income persons, you are invited to attend the next meeting of the **Employment Network mission group** on Thursday, September 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room.

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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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)). They are also available at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

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If you haven't done so 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 news, quotes, and photos from Fourth Church!

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Did you know that Fourth Church offers **automatic giving**? You can support the mission and ministry of the church by setting up a recurring gift from your bank account or charged to your credit card. Contact Andrea Miller ([amiller@fourthchurch.org](mailto:amiller@fourthchurch.org); 312.640.2576) for details.

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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 or in the literature racks; when completed, 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.

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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.) John will be discussing themes that animate his writing.

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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. \* Included is an invitation to join the LGBTQIA+ **Widening Our Welcome** group today at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room to discuss ideas for “what’s next” for the group. The monthly **brunch** at a neighboring restaurant will follow. \* **TwentiesThirties brunch** is also today! Meet at the TwentiesThirties table in Coffee Hour at 12:15 p.m. to walk to a nearby restaurant. The group also invites young adults to join them for **beach volleyball** tomorrow, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. on Oak Street Beach. See the sign-up page for more information. \* **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet this Tuesday, August 27. \* **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, September 10 to discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.

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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. \* The **Choral Society's** next concert, which will be on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., will feature music highlighting events of 1969. Interested in singing? Rehearsals will be held in Buchanan Chapel on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning on September 26. \* The **Music Mission Choir** will be returning to Cuba March 2–9, 2020. See the sign-up page if you would like to join us!

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

## Calendar for August 25–31, 2019

- Sunday, August 25 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Matt Helms 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 • Matt Helms preaching. . . . . Sanctuary**  
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Widening Our Welcome (*brunch to follow*). . . . . Borwell Dining Room  
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour. . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. TwentiesThirties Brunch . . . . . *See announcement*  
**4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Nanette Sawyer preaching . . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Monday, August 26. . 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. CLL: Mindful Meditation. . . . . Randolph Room  
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. . . . . *Catholic Charities*  
6:00 p.m. TwentiesThirties Beach Volleyball . . . . . Oak Street Beach
- Tuesday, August 27 . . . . . 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting . . . . . Room 4F
- Wednesday, August 28. . . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Thursday, August 29 . . . 12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. . . . . Anderson Hall
- Friday, August 30 . . . . . 12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain. . . . . Michigan Ave. Courtyard
- Saturday, August 31 . . . . . 10:30 a.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open (until 3:00 p.m.). . . . . 444 W. Chicago Ave.

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

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