

August 12–18, 2012

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Kerri Allen and Matt Helms, Pastoral Residents at Fourth Church, complete their two years with us this month. Please join us today as we take time during Coffee Hour to thank them for their ministry among us and wish them Godspeed.

A virtual preview of the new Gratz Center will be shown this Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. All are invited to attend.

A General Assembly information session will be presented by Presbytery of Chicago Commissioners Judy Watt and Sam Evans next Sunday, August 19 at 12:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Space of the 737 building. They will offer firsthand reports and observations about the actions of the 220th General Assembly (GA), held earlier this summer in Pittsburgh. A printed summary of GA is available in the literature racks.

Tom Rook, who will be retiring at the end of August, will be honored during morning Coffee Hours on Sunday, August 26. Please join us then for an opportunity to thank Tom for his long ministry among us and wish him well in the next chapter of his life.

September 1 is the deadline for submitting recommendations of members for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board. Recommendation forms are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to receive applications and recommendations for the position of Pastor of Fourth Church. Suggestions or questions can be sent to pnc@fourthchurch.org. More information, including the survey summary, is available at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Have you seen the latest Gratz Center photos?

A year ago, the Gratz Center was only a foundation. As you can see in the latest Gratz Center photo album, construction has come a long way since then! For a link to the pictures—and to other albums of Fourth Church life and events—keep tabs on the “Photo Albums” page at www.fourthchurch.org (also accessible by scanning the code here with any smartphone).



We are halfway to our goal of raising \$3 million to rebuild the Fourth Church organ! To those who have already made a gift or pledge to this project, thank you! To make a gift or pledge that will be matched \$1 for every \$2, through the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust, use the pledge card in the pew racks; visit www.fourthchurchorgan.org, where you can also learn more about the Fourth Church organ and the rebuilding project; or contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

Save the date for Gratz Center

celebrations: the Cornerstone Laying will take place on Sunday, September 16 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, and the Dedication and Celebration of the Official Opening will take place on Sunday, November 18 following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter at

[@fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago) and [@fpccangel](https://twitter.com/fpccangel).

WORSHIP

Today Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, offering time for meditative singing and prayer. The next service will be on Friday, August 24 in the Sanctuary.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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Morning Prayer is held on weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except on Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Save the date for Carnival 2013—Friday, February 22—and watch for details in the weeks ahead.

Applications for the New Orleans mission trip (September 24–30) are due this Wednesday, August 15. Details and applications are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour and online.

Two letters to state representatives are available for signing at the Mission table this morning: one urging support of stricter handgun registration laws and another urging support of legislation that helps ex-felons with low-level, nonviolent records find employment.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets, which offer a way to give to those in need while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant, are available at Coffee Hour or by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

“Small Bites, Small Bands” will take place this Friday, August 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). All are invited to attend this free event, which will feature refreshments and live music.

The Chicago Lights Associates Board will hold a bake sale next Sunday, August 19 during Coffee Hour following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. Proceeds will benefit the programs of Chicago Lights.

A vigil to recognize the victims and survivors of sex trafficking will take place on Wednesday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Garth.

More Carnival 2013 committee members are needed to help solicit donations from organizations, corporations, and individuals to support this February 22 event. Those interested are invited to attend a planning meeting on Thursday, September 6 at the 737 building. For information, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall: Thursday, September 6; Monday, September 10; Wednesday, September 12; or Tuesday, September 18. For details, call Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Vacation Bible School for preschool through fifth grade children will be held this week, August 13–17.

Senior Highs will meet for a movie gathering this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 14, 15, and 16, at 2:00 p.m. each day in the Crow's Nest.

Sunday School classes do not meet today. They will resume on Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion about homelessness.

ThirtiesForties will “break bread” together today at Go Roma (848 N. State St.) following 11:00 a.m. worship.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, on rotation
A shopping aide to assist food pantry guests on Wednesdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.
Personal shoppers to assist Social Service Center guests on Wednesdays or Thursdays
Food truck unloaders in the morning on the second and fourth Fridays of the month

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes (T-shirts, polos, shorts, jeans, etc.) in larger sizes

For details, to volunteer, or for information about other opportunities, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Wicker Park Choral Singers will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth as part of the Music by the Fountain series.

ENRICHMENT

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! Identical Bible studies that offer opportunity to reflect on the assigned texts meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., both at the 737 building. The reading list is available online and in the literature racks. Devotions on the texts are available online and via Facebook, Twitter, and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

A Career Transitions Center (CTC) introductory information session will be held this Wednesday, August 15 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at 703 W. Monroe. To register (required) for this free event, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 12–18, 2012

Sunday, August 12

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Anderson Hall S. Balcony	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Kerri N. Allen preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Anna Carter Florence preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Anna Carter Florence preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties “Break Bread”		<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, August 13

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School <i>(also Tuesday–Friday)</i>	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Beach Volleyball	Oak Street Beach

Tuesday, August 14

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Senior Highs Movie Viewing	Crow’s Nest
6:00 p.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	737 Building

Wednesday, August 15

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Career Transitions Center Session	<i>(see announcement)</i>
2:00 p.m.	Senior Highs Movie Viewing	Crow’s Nest

Thursday, August 16

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	737 Building
2:00 p.m.	Senior Highs Movie Viewing	Crow’s Nest
7:00 p.m.	Gratz Center Virtual Preview	Dining Room

Friday, August 17

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Wicker Park Choral Singers	Garth
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	“Small Bites, Small Bands”	444 W. Chicago

Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Inquirers’ Class	Randolph Room
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Preaching on Sunday, August 19

Hardy H. Kim preaching	8:00 a.m.
Joyce Shin preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest preaching	4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$6 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.