

May 3–9, 2015

**FOURTH
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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Fourth Church extends its gratitude to the officers who this spring complete their three-year term as Elder, Deacon, or Trustee. Please take opportunity to thank them (they are wearing purple name tags today), the continuing officers, and those officers who are being ordained and installed this morning (and who are wearing pink name tags) for their dedication and service to this congregation.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, meets this Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar; details about upcoming events; archives of prayers and sermons; devotions; and more!

Conversations with Shannon—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held next Sunday, May 10 in the Manse and Sunday, May 31 in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or aellis@fourthchurch.org

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Participants in the Racial Reconciliation Mission Trip, who have formed a multiracial choir bringing together members of Fourth Church and Trinity United Church of Christ, departed yesterday. These eighteen individuals will spend a week traveling throughout the U.S. to offer music from the African American tradition and promote dialogue toward racial reconciliation. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for supporting the pancake breakfast, which last week helped the Senior Highs and Chicago Lights Tutoring students raise more than \$4,000 for their upcoming summer "Justice Journey" trip! Photos from the breakfast are posted online along with pictures from last Sunday's presentation of Bibles to kindergartners. You can find those photos and more at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch



Meals Ministry is collecting donations of snack items and portable drinks during May for their Bag Lunch Program. A list of needed items is at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

A “**Mother’s Day for Peace**” was suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872. The Mission Committee invites you to make a gift, in honor of peace and mothers, to CURE Violence. Gift certificates are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

The Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) will be open on Saturdays through the fall, starting on May 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Used bicycles are being collected by the Mission Committee this Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations should be brought to the Delaware entrance of the Gratz Center. The bicycles will be repaired and sent to those in need around the world.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) is offering “Salad Shares” on Saturdays from June 6 through October 17. For details, contact Ben Jaffe at bjaffe@fourthchurch.org. The farm will also host a plant sale and art show on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Fourth Church Choral Society and the Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform Haydn’s *Missa Brevis in B-flat* on Thursday, May 21 in Buchanan Chapel. A \$20 donation will be collected at the door.

Organist Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Dearborn Community Chorus will be in concert this Friday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The annual Center for Life and Learning Art show will open this Friday, May 8 on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center. Students in the Memoir, Watercolor, and Drawing classes will showcase their work from the past year. There will be an open reception at 4:00 p.m. that evening. The art will be on display until Friday, June 26.

A mosaic workshop taught by instructors from the Chicago Mosaic School will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G. To sign up, contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org by Friday, May 15. Italian mosaic artist Verdiano Marzi’s “Dal Sogno all’Opus Veritas” is currently on exhibit in the Loggia.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Two performances of the children’s musical, *The Tale of the Three Trees*, will take place today at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Spring Family Camp will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31. A registration form can be found online at bit.ly/familycamp0415

Save the date for VBS: August 10–14!
Online registration will open June 1.

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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A “Faith Formation” workshop will discuss “Junior and Senior High Youth: An Overview of Youth Ministry at Fourth Church” today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

FELLOWSHIP

Books by Women will discuss *The Traitor’s Wife* by Allison Pataki, who will join the discussion via FaceTime®, next Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A **Grief Support Group** for those experiencing significant losses meets on Mondays. For information or to register for the next group, call 312.787.8425.

ThirtiesForties’ “Faith in Focus” series continues next Sunday, May 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of faith perspectives on charisma.

Encore, the second annual benefit for the Center for Life and Learning, a program offering classes and fellowship for those sixty and over, will be Saturday, June 20. For details or tickets, contact Ashley Elskus at aelskus@fourthchurch.org

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Aspiring gardeners to help at the Urban Farm, Saturdays, 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.

Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during morning worship

Cooks to prepare and serve breakfast at Lincoln Park Community Shelter

Book Nook attendants

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. service

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets

Men’s and women’s sturdy spring clothes

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

ENRICHMENT

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: “The Network Church,” led by John Vest, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G, and “The Politics of Revelation,” led by Claire Rothschild, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D. For details or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Today the “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series will discuss “Death, Grief, and the Afterlife” at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5D.

“Making Peace Possible: The Shared Wisdom of the Human Heart” will be the topic of a presentation by Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche in an event hosted by Shambhala Chicago, the Fourth Church Interfaith Resources Committee, and several of our interfaith partners. It will take place this Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche is the head of the Shambhala Buddhist lineage and Shambhala International. Tickets can be purchased at www.peaceinchicago.org

This year’s women’s retreat, “Changing Our Faith Stories,” will take place this Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register, visit bit.ly/FPCPWretreat2015

The Men’s Bible Study will meet next Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, May 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR MAY 3–9, 2015

Sunday, May 3

	8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	“The Network Church”		Room 5G
	9:30 a.m.	“Faith Formation”		Room 4G
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.		Children’s Musical		Buchanan Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	“The Politics of Revelation”		Room 5D
12:15 to 12:45 p.m.		Children’s Musical		Buchanan Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
	1:00 p.m.	“Religion in Interfaith Homes”		Room 5D
	12:45 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Layton Williams preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, May 4

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		Day School (<i>also Tuesday–Friday</i>)		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>also Wednesday–Friday</i>)		Stone Chapel
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.		Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)		Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.		Inquirers’ Class		Room 4F

Tuesday, May 5

7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.		Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.		Benevolent Guild		Room 5B

Thursday, May 7

6:30 p.m.		“Making Peace Possible”		Sanctuary
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.		Choral Society Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel

Friday, May 8

12:10 p.m.		Noonday Concert: Thomas Gouwens		Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.		Dearborn Community Chorus Concert		Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, May 9

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.		Women’s Retreat		Anderson Hall & Balconies
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Worship on Sunday, May 10

8:00 a.m.		Judith L. Watt preaching		
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Shannon J. Kershner preaching		
4:00 p.m.		John W. Vest preaching		

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. 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 on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.