

April 17–23, 2016

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Earth Day is Friday, April 22, a day when the Care of Creation Committee calls us to hold in prayer God's amazing creation and to recommit ourselves to the good stewardship of that life-giving gift.

Be sure to "like" **Fourth Church on Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, worship, and programming information and to access resources such as excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

Connection Corner helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church. Look for the lighted table at Coffee Hour after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Pancake breakfast tickets are available during Coffee Hour today for next Sunday's breakfast in Borwell Dining Room that will support our sixth through twelfth graders as they travel to participate in Asheville Youth Mission this summer.

Tuesday is the last day to respond to the survey inviting input on fellowship opportunities in which you would like to participate at Fourth Church. If you did not receive the survey emailed earlier this month and would like to complete one, please contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

"Mindful Parenting," a series for parents led by Sue Schemper, will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in the loft on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.



Embrace the second half of your life!

That is the invitation extended by our April 30 event "Aging into Possibility: Challenging the Myths and Misperceptions of Growing Older." Hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the day will include inspiring, thought-provoking presentations. Details and registration are online at www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Youth (grades 6–12) gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A “**Magic Show**” **Family Night** will be held this Friday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A **Communion service for families** will be held next Sunday, April 24 at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Spring Family Camp will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, May 20–May 22. Register online at www.bit.ly/familycamp0416

Fellowship

Young Adults gather today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. A young adults retreat will be held May 6–8 in New Buffalo, Michigan.

Christian Century Study Groups will meet this Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369

Shannon Kershner and Leslie Ventsch will talk about sacred spaces, church architecture, and our faith journey at the next “Good News” Fellowship gathering hosted by Presbyterian Women on Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Worship

We will gather for our monthly Taizé service this Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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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Enrichment

Today “**On Going Green**,” a one-session Academy for Faith and Life class, will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Men’s Bible study will meet this Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

“**Self-Search on the Path to Death and Dying: A Conversation with Phil Kennedy**” will be hosted by the Replogle Center on Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. A light supper will be served. Register at www.bit.ly/philconvo

“**Good Grief**,” a class offered by the Center for Life and Learning and led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 5G. Those sixty and older are invited to register with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

Mission and Outreach

Our Cuba mission trip participants are joining the First Presbyterian Church in Havana for worship today. Please keep these travelers in your prayers in the week ahead as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

A **hygiene kit drive** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and organized by Fourth Church’s Presbyterian Women is happening through May 1. Donations are being accepted at the Presbyterian Women’s table during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

Today the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism (ICAR) will host a call to action presented by Jamie Kalven, human rights activist and journalist, at 2:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Businesses able to provide internships this summer for Chicago Lights Tutoring students participating in the Career Development program are asked to contact Shatoya Harper at 312.981.3384.

To join a small, interracial group that engages in dialogue to address racism, please contact Vicky Curtiss (312.981.3598).

The Restorative Justice Committee will host a presentation by Randy Kurtz, Deputy Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, on the report from the Illinois State Commission on criminal justice and sentencing reform Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G.

Fourth Church plans to sponsor a refugee family in 2016. To help, please attend an orientation on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F or contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org

New volunteers with the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center are invited to an orientation Thursday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/1R9YyIH

Sunlight Project will host a forum on “The Sex-Trafficking Web of Japan, Korea, and the United States,” presented by PC(USA) mission coworker Kurt Esslinger, next Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

The In(Justice) Film Festival, cosponsored by Fourth Church, ICAR, and Trinity United Church of Christ, will be held on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The blue bows on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness, during National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, to all those affected by child abuse. Volunteers are needed to remove bows on April 29; to help, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Music and the Arts

Janet Krehbiel Pieracci will talk about her art—which will be on exhibit in the Loggia—at an artist’s reception on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Thom Gouwens will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Camerata Chicago will be in concert on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at cameratachicago.org

“**It’s Cool in the Furnace,**” a musical presented by the Fourth Church children’s choirs, will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Gardeners at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago); Saturdays, 12:00–3:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Supper dining room helpers

Sunday School teachers

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Nursery caregivers on Sundays

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s spring clothing

Household furniture for the Urban Youth Mission program

For more opportunities or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382

Calendar for April 17–23, 2016

Sunday, April 17

	8:00 a.m. Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. <i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5H
	9:30 a.m. “Mindful Parenting”		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m. “Making Social Action Sustainable”		Room 5A
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		Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m. Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m. “On Going Green”		Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch		Randolph Room
	12:15 p.m. “Weaving the Human and the Divine”		Room 5B
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults		Room 5A
	2:30 p.m. Interfaith Coalition Against Racism		Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, April 18

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
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Tuesday, April 19

7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Restorative Justice	Room 4G

Wednesday, April 20

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	<i>Christian Century</i> Study Groups	Randolph Room
6:00 p.m.	Sponsoring a Refugee Family	Room 4F

Thursday, April 21

3:00 p.m.	EDSSC Volunteer Orientation	Room 4E
6:00 p.m.	Death and Dying	Boyle Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, April 22

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Thom Gouwens	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Family Night	Bumpus Room
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Hosted Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service	Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, April 23

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m.	Layton Williams preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching