

July 30–August 5, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. When completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer! The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Chicago Lights Summer Day to Urban Youth Mission to Meals Ministry Bag Lunches—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving. Thank you for your support!

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will be offered next Sunday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

Each Sunday you are with us, please take a moment to sign the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or member, whether your contact information needs to be updated or is the same—so we might know you are with us.

Connection Corner during Coffee Hour helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



Needed: School Supply Donations and Volunteers!

Our annual School Supply Drive is underway! Organized by Women at Fourth, the drive collects back-to-school supplies for children taking part in our Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Tutoring, and Summer Day programs. For a list of materials and help needed, stop by Coffee Hour today, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org), or visit www.fourthchurch.org

Worship

Family worship bulletins are available from the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. ushers.

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for all Fourth Church members and for those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Saturday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Jazz at Four outdoor worship will be held in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on Sundays, August 13 and September 3.

A candlelit service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. Friday, August 25 will be our next opportunity to gather for this contemplative time of song and meditation.

Children, Youth, and Family

The last day to register for VBS—which will be held the mornings of August 7–11—is tomorrow, Monday, July 31. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcvbs17 for this week of fun that this year will take us back to ancient Rome, where we will travel with the Apostle Paul and learn about the early church and our call to be disciples.

Summer Sunday School concludes today at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

There will be no Sunday School in August. During that time, families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. A worship bulletin designed for children and families is available from the ushers. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10.

Yesterday seven of our youth and three adult leaders headed to the mountains of western North Carolina to take part in a weeklong national youth conference held at Montreat, a Presbyterian Church (USA) conference center. In the days ahead, please keep in your prayers these travelers and all the youth and leaders gathered with them.

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3, at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan. For details or to sign up (*space is limited*), go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Our Day School preschool program here at the church has openings for the 2017–18 school year. For details, call Kathy Hager at 312.640.2579.

Those who will be in college this fall are invited to participate in a mission trip to Mexico December 26 to January 2 to build cisterns in Yucatan. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, August 31. Details and a registration form are posted online: www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17info

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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Youth who are entering eighth grade are invited to register for Confirmation, which begins in September. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Mission and Outreach

A fun-filled performance by Chicago Lights Summer Day students to mark the end of this year's six-week program will take place this Thursday, August 3 at 1:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to attend this free showcase of music, dance, singing, and more.

Next Sunday fresh produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour. It is also available on Saturdays at the Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and through the Community-Supported Agriculture program (visit www.bit.ly/clcsa2017).

A Community Cookout with food, music, and fellowship will be held on Saturday, August 12 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm. All are invited to this free event.

Selah Freedom Training, which will be offered on Saturday, August 5 at 9:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, offers a deeper understanding of the issue of commercial sexual exploitation of children and the population Selah Freedom serves in its homes for survivors of sex trafficking.

"Introduction to Systemic Racism," a one-day training opportunity on Saturday, September 23, will be held at Fourth Church and led by staff of Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism. Space is limited; register with Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Enrichment

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, August 1 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Horizons Bible Study, a monthly Bible study for women, next meets Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet for their weekly Sunday Gathering time of fellowship and discussion on various topics at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. On Mondays they play beach volleyball at Oak Street Beach at 6:30 p.m.

Music and the Arts

An annual favorite, cabaret duo Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie will perform this week's free Friday Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

Volunteers Needed

Cookout volunteers to assist with the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Cookout Saturday, August 12 at 444 W. Chicago Ave.; shifts begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue through 3:00 p.m.

To sign up or for information about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch at 312.981.3382 or rcrouch@fourthchurch.org

Calendar for July 30–August 5, 2017

Sunday, July 30

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.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
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Michigan Avenue Courtyard
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons		Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Michigan Avenue Courtyard
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, July 31

	9:00 a.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day <i>(also Tues.–Thurs.)</i>	Fifth Floor
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball	Oak Street Beach

Tuesday, August 1

	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Summer Film Series	Room 4G
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		Meals Ministry Bag Lunches <i>(also Wed.–Thurs.)</i>	Anderson Hall

Wednesday, August 2

	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
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Thursday, August 3

	10:30 a.m.	Moms' Group	Room 4C
	1:30 p.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day Showcase	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, August 4

	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain	Michigan Avenue Courtyard
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Saturday, August 5

	8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	8:30 a.m.	Selah Freedom Training	Borwell Dining Room
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand	<i>(444 E. Chicago Ave.)</i>
	12:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Volunteer Hours at the Urban Farm	Urban Farm

Worship on Sunday, August 6

	8:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt preaching Communion
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt preaching Communion
	4:00 p.m.	Nanette Sawyer preaching Jazz Communion

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.