

August 13–19, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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

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.

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.

Alex Wirth will be joining our pastoral staff on September 5 for a two-year term as Minister for Evangelism. So he might have flexibility in helping us think about how to define the Associate Pastor for Evangelism position in the future, he will not be eligible for that role. Alex will also serve as the primary pastoral presence at the Jazz at Four service while he is 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.



Join us for jazz worship outdoors this afternoon!

We're taking our weekly Jazz at Four Communion service outdoors this Sunday—and again on Sunday, September 3—to the Michigan Avenue courtyard. Join us by the fountain at 4:00 p.m. today for a time of worship, the music of the Lucy Smith Quartet, and fellowship with one another, all while surrounded by the beauty of summer.

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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. (*See page 4 for times.*)

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 meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection.

Children, Youth, and Family

Those who supported the youth's summer trips to Cuba, Detroit, and Montreat are invited to hear the students share their experience. Join them following 11:00 a.m. worship today; a light lunch will be served.

Youth and their families will go camping in Michigan over Labor Day weekend. For details or to sign up (*space is limited*), go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

"We Play Together," an interactive class for parents and their children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered by the Day School on Tuesdays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., September through June. To sign up (*enrollment is limited*) or for more information, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Confirmation registration is open for youth entering eighth grade. High school students wishing to make a profession of faith are also invited to participate in this program, which begins in September. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Sunday School does not meet in August. Families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10.

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

Mission and Outreach

Fresh, local produce is available at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand (*444 W. Chicago Avenue*) on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Produce will be available during Coffee Hour next Sunday morning, August 20, as well.

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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The School Supply Drive for Chicago Lights students, which is organized by Women at Fourth, is in need of donations and volunteers. For a list of items and help needed, stop by Coffee Hour today, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org), or visit www.fourthchurch.org

Knitting and Crocheting meets on Tuesday afternoon, August 22 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

“Introduction to Systemic Racism,” a one-day training opportunity on Saturday, September 23, will be held at Fourth Church. 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 \(@FourthChicago\)](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, August 15 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Club meets on Monday, August 28 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room to begin a discussion of *An American Sickness* by Elisabeth Rosenthal.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a program on the impact World War II incarceration had on Japanese American families. RSVP (*required*) to Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by August 30.

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 next be offered on Sunday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. On that day attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

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

The Music by the Fountain free Friday concert this week features vocalist Claudia Hommel at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Individually wrapped snack items for bag lunches (label donations “Meals Ministry”)

Shopping bags—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Greeters and liturgists for the Taizé service on the fourth Friday of the month

Ushers for the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

Donations can be left at the reception desk. 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 August 13–19, 2017

Sunday, August 13

	8:00 a.m.	Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
	9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship Rocky Supinger preaching	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
10:30 a.m. and	12:15 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Randolph Room
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, August 14

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball	Oak Street Beach
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group	Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, August 15

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	(see announcement)
	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	Anderson Hall

Wednesday, August 16

	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		Meals Ministry Bag Lunches	Anderson Hall

Thursday, August 17

	10:30 a.m.	Moms' Group	Room 4C
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches	Anderson Hall

Friday, August 18

	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
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Saturday, August 19

	8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand	(444 E. Chicago Ave.)
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.		Volunteer Hours at the Urban Farm	Urban Farm

Worship on Sunday, August 20

	8:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	
	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.