

September 3–9, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

A **Disaster Relief Offering** is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); you can also give by texting “fourthchurch” to 73256 (*standard text messaging rates may apply*).

**Please take a moment to sign** the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or member—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.

“**Get Connected**” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 17, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, volunteer needs, and other activities.

**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](http://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.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar.



### **Needed: 10,000 snack items by Sunday, October 1!**

We need your help in collecting 10,000 snack items—a two-month supply of single servings of granola bars, chips, pretzels, and fruit cups—that Fourth Church Meals Ministry will pack in bag lunches and Chicago Lights Social Service Center will include in emergency snack packs for neighbors in need during September and October.

## Worship

**Jazz at Four worship will be outdoors** today at 4:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard and will include Communion.

**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.

**The next Taizé service**, held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will be on September 22 in Buchanan Chapel.

**The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel** is available for walking this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. (*See page 4 for times.*)

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

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School, youth gatherings, and Children's and Youth Choirs** resume next Sunday morning, September 10 when we kick off another exciting year of programming for children, youth, and families. There will also be a family picnic in the Michigan Avenue courtyard that noon, along with games and a dunk tank.

**Sunday School classes** meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. beginning September 10.

**Youth gatherings** meet at 11:00 a.m. beginning next Sunday, with a weekly time for fellowship beforehand at 10:30 a.m.

**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 September 10. Sign up online at [www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc](http://www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc)

**Choirs for children and youth** resume on Sunday, September 10 in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

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

**"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, September through June, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. To sign up, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; [khager@fourthchurch.org](mailto:khager@fourthchurch.org)).

## Music and the Arts

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** invites all who like to sing to join them next Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. for their first weekly rehearsal preparing music by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi for a November 10 concert that will be presented at Fourth Church.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin this Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.

The Handbell Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert will be presented by organist Jillian Gardner at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Fellowship

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

Young Adults will discuss prayer and the psalms during today's weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their four-week Bible study on service and faith begins on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse

## Enrichment

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will be offered next 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.

A new Center for Life and Learning program year kicks off the week of September 11. The CLL offers a wide range of classes, exercise programs, and day trips for adults sixty and over. Details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership—are available at [www.fourthchurch.org/ctl](http://www.fourthchurch.org/ctl)

Two new adult education classes begin Sunday, September 10, both in Room 5D: "The Language of Discipleship: A Brief Statement of Faith," led by Jeff Doane at 9:30 a.m., and "The Architecture of Faith: Exploring Sacred Spaces," led by Suzanne Morgan at 11:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday, September 5 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

## Mission and Outreach

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

Men's pants for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Shopping bags—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Share Shop and Food Pantry

102 new tutors by October 2 to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church; a one-session volunteer orientation will be offered on September 7, 12, 13, 18, and 26 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*to learn more or to RSVP online for an orientation session, go to [www.tutoringnvo2017.eventbrite.com](http://www.tutoringnvo2017.eventbrite.com)*)

Individuals to staff the Book Nook during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

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 (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)

## Calendar for September 3–September 9, 2017

### Sunday, September 3

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship   Matt Helms preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship   Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship   Abbi Heimach-Snipes</b>	<b>Michigan Ave. Courtyard</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

### Monday, September 4 *Church Office Closed for Labor Day*

	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
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### Tuesday, September 5

	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches <i>(also Wed., Thurs.)</i>	Anderson Hall

### Wednesday, September 6

	9:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
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, September 7

	10:30 a.m.	Moms' Group	Room 4C
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches	Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room

### Friday, September 8

	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary
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### Saturday, September 9

	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	<i>(444 E. Chicago Ave.)</i>
	12:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Volunteer Hours at the Urban Farm	<i>(444 E. Chicago Ave.)</i>

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### Worship on Sunday, September 10

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

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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.