

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A mission trip to Cuba is underway, with participants spending April 21–28 at our sister church, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Volunteers to remove blue bows from the trees on Michigan Avenue, tied in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, are needed on Monday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. into the afternoon. To volunteer, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A letter urging congressional representatives to support laws protecting children against sex trafficking is available for signing at the Mission Table at Coffee Hour.

Sewing and Knitting Group will meet this Tuesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Michigan Room at the 737 building. Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission Table during Coffee Hour or call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are being collected by Women@Fourth Connect during Coffee Hour on Sundays, April 22 and May 6, 20, and 27. A list of items to be included is available from Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A one-day cycling tour of Harbor Country and the annual Links for Lights Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 18 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Information about these events, which support Chicago Lights, a community outreach organization at Fourth Church, is available at Coffee Hour and online at www.chicagolights.org.

Have you "liked" Fourth Church on Facebook? It's easy to do (visit facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code here with any smartphone), and it ensures you won't miss photos of congregational life as well as glimpses into our history. You'll also find reflections on our journey through the entire Bible, excerpts from sermons, and details about upcoming events. And you can share it all with friends too!



GoodFood Mobile, a part of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, is taking orders; a produce delivery form is available online at www.chicagolights.org.

A series of multicultural outings begins Sunday, April 29 with a trip to DuSable Museum. Details are available at Coffee Hour.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The congregation is asked to provide input to the PNC at one of two upcoming input-gathering sessions: Tuesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building and Sunday, April 29 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This input will be used to develop criteria for, later this year, evaluating candidates for the Pastor position.

Please complete a survey for the PNC to help with the pastoral search. Paper copies are available during Coffee Hour. The survey can also be completed online or downloaded at www.fourthchurch. org/pnc.html.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Servers for monthly Friday Night Suppers **Helpers** at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Cooks and servers at a men's shelter on Tuesdays 6:30–8:45 p.m.

Assistants to help with a variety of tasks at the Social Service Center Church members to usher at 8:00 or 11:00

Current Donation Needs
Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes

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

WORSHIP

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

Brother Emile of the Taizé community will lead prayers this Friday, April 27 at the Taizé service here at 7:30 p.m. Following the service, he will talk about Taizé Chicago, a Memorial Day weekend event at DePaul for young adults.

Lillian Daniel, Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services here on Sundays, May 6 and 13.

A Mental Health Candlelighting Vespers will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held on weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except on Tuesdays when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Lorax, will be presented in an allages reading by Fourth Acts today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

To help rebuild the Fourth Church organ, which is rapidly deteriorating, please use the gift intention card found in the pew rack and also available online. To make a gift online or learn more about the organ, visit www. fourthchurchorgan.org. Additional information is also available by contacting Anita Bright at 312.274.3822.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014; 312.787.4570 Phone extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584 The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Anderson Hall South Balcony.

Fourth Church youth (grades 6–12) meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

The annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for youth summer work camp trips will take place next Sunday,

April 29 in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower will take place on May 6 at 12:30 p.m.

Expecting or new parents are invited to RSVP to Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Family camp will be held June 1–3 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available in Anderson Hall and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Fourth Church Cycling Club will participate in "Bike-to-Church" Sunday on May 6, when cyclists will ride their bikes to the 8:00 a.m. service.

The construction work at the west end of Anderson Hall is creating doorways that will connect Anderson Hall to the Commons of the Gratz Center.

To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church is on Twitter: @FourthChicago and @FPCAngel.

ENRICHMENT

"Dante's *The Divine Comedy* Still Speaks," an Academy for Faith and Life class, meets today at 9:30 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! A Bible study meets at the 737 building on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is online and in the literature racks. Devotions on the texts are available via Facebook, Twitter, and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

A Sacred Spaces open house of Old St. Patrick's Church (700 W. Adams St.) will take place today 2:00–4:00 p.m.

"Relationships: Dealing with Differences," a seminar led by Elise Magers, will be held this Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. To register (required), call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

"Relative Strangers: Italian Protestants in the Catholic World," a presentation by Frank Cicero, will be held this Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clare.

Elaine Pagels will talk about her new book, Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation, at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A trip to see historical Lincoln sites in Springfield, Illinois, will take place June 18–19. Adults sixty years and more may RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Monday, April 30.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will meet today for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

Cornerstones will meet for "Reflections on the Gilded Age" on Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To RSVP (required), call 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Wednesday, May 2.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 22-28, 2012

Sunday, April 22			
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Ande	erson Hall S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preach	
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preac	hing Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	_	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class The Cla		The Clare
10:30 a.m.	Elevation and Senior Highs		737 Building
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	•	Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preac	hing Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	-	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	New Members Bru	nch	Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.			Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	•	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Lorax by Fourt	h Acts	Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gath		737 Building
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Sacred Spaces Open House (see announcement)		
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Matthew J. Helms preach	ing Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supp		Anderson Hall
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Monday, April 23			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (al	so Wednesday–Friday)	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday) Anderson Hall		
Tuesday, April 24			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group Michigan Room – 737 Building		
5:30 p.m.	PNC Congregational Input Session Knox Room – 737 Building		
6:00 p.m.	"Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study 737 Building		
6:30 p.m.	"Relationships: Dea	aling with Differences"	Counseling Center
Thursday, April 26			
10:00 a.m.	"Reading the Bible	in a Year" Bible Study	737 Building
7:00 p.m.	"Relative Strangers	3"	The Clare
Friday, April 27	ovv pull of 1		p. 11.11
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	. 1	737 Building
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Concert:)	ohn W. W. Sherer	737 Building
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labryinth Walk Anderson Hall		
7:30 p.m.	Taizé		Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Taizé Presentation:	Brother Emile	Anderson Hall
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Saturday, April 28	111 D 177	0: 1:	444 107 (01)
10:00 a.m.	Urban Farm Volunt	teer Orientation	444 W. Chicago Ave.

Preaching on Sunday, April 29

Joyce Shin preaching 8:00 a.m.

Hardy H. Kim preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

John W. Vest preaching 4:00 p.m.

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. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$6 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.