News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A LIGHT IN THE CITY

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Today Tom Rook, who will be retiring at the end of the month, will be honored during morning Coffee Hours. Please join us for this opportunity to thank Tom for his long ministry among us and to wish him well in the next chapter of his life.

This Saturday, September 1 is the deadline for submitting recommendations of members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board. Recommendation forms are available in the pew racks and also online at www. fourthchurch.org. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk,

Frequently Asked Questions about the pastoral search process—and their answers—are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

or mailed to the church.

The Gratz Center Cornerstone Laying will take place Sunday, September 16 following the 11:00 service. All are invited to this historic event, which will take place 100 years after the cornerstone was laid for the Sanctuary. Two months later, on Sunday, November 18, the Gratz Center and Buchanan Chapel will be dedicated and the official opening of the building celebrated.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter at @fourthchicago and @fpcangel.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Two letters to state representatives are available for signing at the Mission table this morning: one urging support of stricter handgun registration laws and another urging support of legislation that helps ex-felons with low-level, nonviolent records find employment.

Save the date for Carnaval 2013—

Friday, February 22—and watch for details in the weeks ahead.

Have you seen the latest Gratz Center photos? With the November 18 official opening of the Gratz Center less

than three months away, the interior spaces in the building are taking shape, as you can see in the latest Gratz Center photo albums. For a link to the pictures—and other albums of Fourth Church life—keep tabs on the "Photo Albums" page at www. fourthchurch.org (also accessible by scanning this QR code).



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 contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@ fourthchurch.org).

Helping Hands will participate in a work day at First Presbyterian Church (6400 S. Kimbark) on Saturday, September 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To volunteer, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

More Carnaval 2013 committee

members are needed to help solicit donations from organizations, corporations, and individuals to support this February 22 event. Those interested are invited to attend a planning meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. For information, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m.

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

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, offering opportunity for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be on Friday, September 28 in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Fall Family Camp at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan, will be the weekend of September 28–30. Registration forms are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/children/ family-camp.html or by contacting Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

Sunday School classes do not meet today. They will resume on Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Senior Highs will gather for a movie night this Wednesday, August 29 at 8:30 p.m. in the Garth courtyard. For details, contact Kimberlee Frost at 312.981.4035 (kfrost@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A tour of the Fourth Church organ begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the front of the Sanctuary and continuing up into the choir loft.

Submissions for an art exhibit of work by Fourth Church members, program participants, and staff are being accepted through Friday, September 7. For submission details, visit www. fourthchurch.org/arts/exhibitions.html.

Vocalist Libby York will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth, the last in this year's Music by the Fountain series.

Light, the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

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

New Academy for Faith and Life adult education opportunities will begin this fall. Course descriptions are available at Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which meets today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

The Center for Life and Learning

(CLL), a learning community for those sixty and more, is hosting their annual Autumn Open House on Thursday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. No RSVP is necessary; for details, call the CLL Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 389.

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! Identical Bible studies that offer opportunity to reflect on the assigned texts meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., both at the 737 building. The reading list is available online and in the literature racks. Devotions on the texts are available online (www. fourthchurch.org) and via Facebook, Twitter (@fourthchicago), and email (send addresses to devotions@ fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room: Thursday, September 6; Monday, September 10; Wednesday, September 12; or Tuesday, September 18. For details, call Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560.

Current Volunteer Needs

Professional fundraiser to lead a workshop for a local, nonprofit housing organization supported by Fourth Church

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, on rotation

A shopping aide to assist food pantry guests on Wednesdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Dishwashers following Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Personal shoppers to assist Social Service Center guests on Wednesdays or Thursdays

Food truck unloaders in the morning on the second and fourth Fridays of the month

Sorters to go through donated clothes on Mondays or Thursdays

Cooks and servers to prepare a meal at a men's shelter on Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8:45 p.m., on a rotating schedule

Church members to usher during 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes (T-shirts, polos, shorts, jeans, etc.) in larger sizes

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Social Service Center

For details, to volunteer, or for information about other opportunities, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion. They will also gather on Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Vaughan's Pub (2917 N. Sheffield).

Cornerstones, a fellowship group hosted by couples fifty and older, will gather for a picnic on Friday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth courtyard. To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

Sunday, August 26			
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Ande	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	• •	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	• •	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supp	er	Anderson Hall
Monday, August 27			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Beach	n Volleyball	Oak Street Beach
Tuesday, August 28 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer "Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study		Sanctuary 737 Building
Wednesday, August 29 9:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Senior Highs Movie Night		Sanctuary Garth
Thursday, August 30 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer "Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study Young Adults Fellowship		Sanctuary 737 Building (see announcement)
Friday, August 31 9:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	Morning Prayer Noonday Concert: Libby York		Sanctuary Garth
Saturday, September 1			
10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Urban Farm Volunt Helping Hands Wor		444 W. Chicago Ave. (see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, September 2

Hardy H. Kim preaching 8:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss 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.