September 16–22, 2012

News and Opportunities

**Today we also kick off “Reflecting the Love of God,”** the 2013 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. Watch your mailbox in the coming days for an invitation to support the many ways in which this church daily lives out its call to be a light in the city, reflecting the love of God. For more information, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! Next Sunday, September 23, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities.

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by Michael M. Kazanjian in memory of his mother, Anna Dabaghian, and his grandparents, Kazar and Lucy Dabaghian. To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

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**Today we celebrate the 100th anniversary** of the laying of the cornerstone of this Sanctuary on September 17, 1912. That stone, carved with 1912, can be seen outside on the northeast corner of the church.

**Today we will also lay the cornerstone** for a new building, the Gratz Center, at 12:15 p.m. The service will take place on Delaware, outside the Gratz Center, and will last approximately half an hour. Those who would prefer to sit rather than stand for the ceremony are invited to take a seat in the Sanctuary, where there will be a live video feed of the cornerstone laying service.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work to identify a candidate for Pastor to lead this congregation into its second century on Michigan Avenue. For updates on the work of the PNC, visit www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

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Even if you like us on Facebook, you might be missing some of our posts. To make sure you aren’t, go to facebook.com/fourthchurch. Hover over, or point to, the “Like” button under the tulip photo and make sure “Show in News Feed” has a checkmark in front of it. If it doesn’t, click on those words. That way you’ll ensure you’ll see all of our posts of the latest Fourth Church news, resources, and fun photos!
What is going on when and where at Fourth Church? Check out the calendar on the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org.

**WORSHIP**

K.C. Ptomey Jr., Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, is preaching at 9:30 and 11:00 worship this Sunday and next Sunday, September 23.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals may also place written prayer requests outside Stone Chapel.

**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. each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, September 28. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH**

The Cherub, Children’s, and Youth Choirs rehearse today, with the Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, the Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1) at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, and the Children’s Choir (grades 2–5) at 11:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room.

**Youth** in grades 6 through 12 gather today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building (on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan).

Eighth graders and their parents meet at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building for confirmation orientation.

A new Lakeview Parents’ Group will meet on Tuesdays, beginning October 9, at 11:00 a.m. For details, email Liz at lnickerson@fourthchurch.org.

**The last opportunity to attend an orientation session** for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program is this Tuesday, September 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

**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.

**Early-bird tickets for Glow**, the Chicago Lights Associates Board gala for young adults, are available through Thursday, September 20. Details about this October 20 event at the MCA, which will benefit Chicago Lights, are available at www.chicagolights.org.

**CONNECT WITH CHICAGO LIGHTS**

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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“Small Bites, Small Bands” will be held this Friday, September 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). All are invited to attend this free event.

Save the date for Carnaval 2013—Friday, February 22—and watch for details in the weeks ahead.

A petition through the Chicago Coalition of Clergy urging Illinois state representatives to support legislation that requires titles whenever gun ownership changes and that bans military assault weapons in the hands of civilians is available for signing at the Mission table at Coffee Hour.

Applications for a mission trip to South Africa (April 2–18, 2013) are due by Monday, October 1. Details and application forms are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

Choir rehearsals for the Chancel Choir are held on Thursdays and Sundays. For more details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/music/choirs.

Soprano Linden Christ will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Fourth Church Choral Society’s first rehearsal is open to all singers in the community and will be held on October 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Four new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin on Sunday, September 30: “Our Pastors and Their Call to Ministry,” led by a different Fourth Church pastor each Sunday, at 9:30 a.m.; “The Book of Mormon,” led by Adam Rose, at 9:30 a.m.; “Before and After Constantine,” led by Ken Sawyer, at 11:00 a.m.; and “Faith, Politics, and Why You Should Care,” led by Edwin Estevez, at 11:00 a.m. Details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.

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. Devotions on the texts are available online and via Facebook, Twitter, and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

**VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

**Current Volunteer Needs**

**Church members** to teach Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. to three-year-olds or at 11:00 a.m. to kindergarteners/first graders on alternate Sundays

**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 Elam Davies Social Service Center guests on Wednesdays or Thursdays

**Sorters** to go through donated clothes on Mondays or Thursdays

**Current Donation Needs**

**Men’s sturdy clothes** in larger sizes

For details or to volunteer call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.
Sunday, September 16
7:30 a.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
4:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  Nursery  
8:00 a.m.  Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.  Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m.  Morning Worship  
12:15 p.m.  Cornerstone Laying  
4:00 p.m.  Jazz Worship  

Monday, September 17
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)  
9:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  CLL Classes (also Tuesday–Friday)  

Tuesday, September 18
7:30 a.m.  Men’s Bible Study  
9:00 a.m.  Morning Prayer  
6:00 p.m.  “Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.  Tutoring Orientation  

Wednesday, September 19
9:30 a.m.  Benevolent Guild  

Thursday, September 20
10:00 a.m.  “Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal  

Friday, September 21
12:10 p.m.  Noonday Concert: Linden Christ  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  “Small Bites, Small Bands”  

Saturday, September 22
10:00 a.m.  Urban Farm Volunteer Orientation  

Preaching on Sunday, September 23
Victoria G. Curtiss preaching  8:00 a.m.  
K.C. Ptomey Jr. preaching  9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Judith L. Watt 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.