

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session for today at 12:15 p.m. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Adam Fronczek, who has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. Adam's last Sunday at Fourth Church will be May 11, when he will preach at all four worship services. Please plan to be with us for a reception in Adam's honor after the 11:00 service on May 11 as we thank Adam for his ministry among us and wish him Godspeed in this new call.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Shannon Kershner's first Sunday in the Fourth Church pulpit will be May 18, when she will preach at all four services. She will then return to North Carolina to help her family with the move to Chicago. Shannon will next preach here on Sunday, June 15 and will preach each Sunday the remainder of June and July, after which she will travel, as part of prior commitments, on Sundays, August 3, 10, and 17, before returning to Fourth Church August 24. She will be formally installed as Pastor on Sunday, September 21 during a festive 11:00 worship service, after which we will host a special reception to celebrate and officially welcome Shannon, Greg, Hannah, and Ryan.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, sermons, photos, and more.

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Come hear Shannon Kershner preach on May 18!

Join us as we welcome our new Pastor to the Fourth Church pulpit for the first time. Shannon will lead us in worship that day as we also celebrate the centennial of the 1914 Sanctuary. Don't miss being a part of this historic day in the life of this congregation, as we express gratitude for the past century and share in the excitement of the new century before us!



World Labyrinth Day is Saturday, May 3. A special labyrinth walk, in solidarity with those around the globe also walking labyrinths on Saturday, will be hosted in Buchanan Chapel between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. that day.

Celebrate the centennial of the Sanctuary and Parish House on Sunday, May 18 as we gather after the 11:00 service for an anniversary reception, which will include food from Ditka's.

We will be recognizing, on Centennial Sunday, all those who have remembered Fourth Church in their will. If Fourth Church is included in your estate plans, please let Katy Bever know at kbever@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3380) so that we can include your name in the special May 18 centennial bulletin as we celebrate legacy commitments to the future of this congregation.

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, May 5–June 9, at 7:00 p.m. here at the Replogle Center. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for up-to-the-moment news, worship, and programming information. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to "like" Fourth Church to keep up-to-date.

The new sculpture that was recently installed in Buchanan Chapel will be dedicated in memory of Dana Ferguson, who served Fourth Church as Executive Associate Pastor until the time of her death in 2008. That dedication will take place during the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 11.

WORSHIP

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet for a guided labyrinth walk on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"The Hymnal Project: Upcycling into Artwork" is on display in the Loggia today.

A Chicago Ensemble concert will be held this Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

Apollo Chorus will perform "The Beatles and Friends" concert this Friday, May 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.apollochorus.org.

Laurie Wohl, the fiber artist who designed and created our Unweavings Ordinary Time banners, will be speaking on her art "Birds of Longing: Memory and Exile" on Friday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Fourth Dimension, this program will coincide with an exhibit of Laurie's work, which will be on display in the Loggia in May.

The Choral Society will sing in a concert celebrating 100 years of music at Fourth Church on Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

ENRICHMENT

Cornerstones will gather for "Using Rap in Ministry," led by Julian "J.Kwest" DeShazier, this Friday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, April 30.

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 Fax: 312.787.4584; www.facebook.com/fourthchurch New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: "God and the Problem of Human Suffering," led by Randall Zachman, and "Introductory Overview of the Bible," led by Vicky Curtiss, at 11:00 a.m. and "The Path to Bach," led by John Sherer, and "Meditation, Neuroscience, and Christianity," led by Adam Fronczek, at 12:45 p.m.

The "Sharing Sacred Texts" series, presented by Sharing Sacred Spaces, continues next Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Seventeenth Church of Christ Scientist (55 E. Upper Wacker).

"Dealing with Job Stress," a workshop offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Bridge classes, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, begin in May. For details or to register, adults sixty and more are invited to call Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

FELLOWSHIP

To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Young Adults Spring Retreat will be held this Friday–Sunday, May 2–4 in New Buffalo, Michigan.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The "Mindful Parenting" series will conclude with the topic "Discipline: Putting It All Together" today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

A Communion service for families will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A family luncheon will follow in the Bumpus Room.

The annual Pancake Breakfast

fundraiser for the youth summer work camp trip to Haiti will take place next Sunday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour.

Spring Family Camp will be held May 30–June 1 at Camp Geneva in Holland, Michigan. Registration forms, available in the 4C Lounge of the Gratz Center and at www.fourthchurch.org, are due Sunday, May 18.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The blue bows on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness, during National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, to all those affected by child abuse. Volunteers are needed to help remove the bows this Wednesday, April 30 starting at 9:00 a.m. To sign up to help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Spring Off the Avenue," hosted by the Chicago Lights Free Write Jail Arts and the Urban Farm, will be held this Friday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Farm (444 W. Chicago). Ticket information is available at www.chicagolights.org.

Fair Trade Sunday is next Sunday, May 4, when there will be opportunity during Coffee Hour to learn more about the impact of fair trade and to shop for gifts created by Fair Trade artisans.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs
Handbell ringers for the Handbell Choir
Members to serve as ushers during
9:30 a.m. worship

Current Donation Needs
Men's and women's seasonal clothes

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

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 27-MAY 3, 2014

| Sunday, April 27 | | |
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| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship Matt Helms pread | ching Sanctuary |
| 8:00 a.m. | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | Buchanan Chapel |
| 9:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Nursery | Gratz Center, First Floor |
| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship John W. Vest prea | • |
| 9:30 a.m. | "Mindful Parenting" | Room 4G |
| 9:30 a.m. | Moms' Group | Page Smith Room |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School | Gratz Center, Fourth Floor |
| 9:30 a.m. | Youth Choir Rehearsal | Room 5B |
| 10:30 a.m. | Cherub Choir Rehearsal | Buchanan Chapel |
| 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer | Stone Chapel |
| 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship John W. Vest prea | |
| 11:00 a.m. | Academy for Faith and Life Classes | Gratz Center, Fifth Floor |
| 11:00 a.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal | Room 5B |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School | Gratz Center, Fourth Floor |
| 12:15 p.m. | Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary |
| 12:15 p.m. | Confirmation Brunch | Borwell Dining Room |
| 12:15 p.m. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 12:15 p.m. | Family Communion Service | Buchanan Chapel |
| 12:45 p.m. | Academy for Faith and Life Classes | Gratz Center, Sanctuary |
| 4:00 p.m. | Jazz Worship Edwin Estevez pr | |
| Monday, April 28 | , | , |
| 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk | Buchanan Chapel |
| 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Day School | Gratz Center, First Floor |
| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Frid | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Tutoring (also Tuesday–Friday) | Gratz Center |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chicago Ensemble Concert | Buchanan Chapel |
| Wednesday, April 30 | | |
| 9:30 a.m. | Benevolent Guild | Room 5B |
| Thursday, May 1 | | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Choral Society Rehearsal | Sanctuary Choir Loft |
| Friday, May 2 | | |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Artistry by Twos ar | nd Threes Buchanan Chapel |
| 5:30 p.m. | "Spring Off the Avenue" | 444 W. Chicago |
| 6:00 p.m. | Cornerstones | Borwell Dining Room |
| 8:00 p.m. | Apollo Chorus Concert | Sanctuary |
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| Worship on Sunday, May | 1 | |

8:00 a.m. Victoria G. Curtiss preaching

Joyce Shin preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin 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 on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.