Save the date for VBS: August 10–14! Online registration will open June 1.

Children, youth, and family festivities in celebration of the end of regular Sunday School programming and in honor of John Vest’s ministry will be held next Sunday, May 17 following the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be food on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center as well as a barbecue in the Michigan Avenue courtyard, weather permitting.

Spring Family Camp will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31. Registration forms, which are due next Sunday, May 17, can be found online at bit.ly/familycamp0415

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar; details about upcoming events; archives of prayers and sermons; devotions; and more!

Participants in the Cuba Mission Trip depart today. These eighteen individuals will spend a week at our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, celebrating the new diplomatic relationship between our countries. Shannon Kershner will later join the group to preach at First Presbyterian Church on May 17. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Did you miss this on Facebook this week:
A glimpse of three trees from the children’s musical?
Photos of a special visit to Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Day School by a wonderful Sit Stay Read dog?
An invitation to sign up for summer salad shares from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm? Check out www.facebook.com/fourthchurch to make sure you don’t miss this week’s posts!

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Snack items and portable drinks for distribution through Fourth Church Meals Ministry are being collected during May. The program uses approximately 600 snack items and 250 drinks per week. A list of needed items is at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

A Plant Sale and Art Show will be held this Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). Seedlings will be available for purchase, and artwork by students in the Farm's Identity Arts program will be on display.

The gardening workshop “Using Your Space Wisely”—about gardening in small spaces—will be held this Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm. RSVP to Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

The Mission Committee is hosting Betsy Storm’s presentation of her book Bright Lights of the Second City next Sunday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

The “Dying to Know” Book Group, a follow-up to the Replogle Center’s Midwinter conference, will discuss Being Mortal by Atul Gawande this Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

Books by Women will discuss The Traitor’s Wife by Allison Pataki, who will join the discussion via FaceTime®, this Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A musical Encore, the second annual benefit for the Center for Life and Learning, a program offering classes and fellowship for those sixty and over, will be Saturday, June 20. For tickets, contact Ashley Elskus at aelskus@fourthchurch.org

**FELLOWSHIP**

ThirtiesForties’ “Faith in Focus” series continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of faith perspectives on charisma.

Today’s Coffee Hour is sponsored by Marion and Irene Gerrans in honor of their mother, Ruth Gerrans, and all mothers this Mother’s Day. To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**WORSHIP**

Morning Prayer will be held at 9:30 a.m. (except on Tuesday, when it will be at 9:00 a.m.) in Stone Chapel (Monday through Thursday) and in Buchanan Chapel (Friday).

An ecumenical prayer service for Christian unity, cosponsored by Ecumenism Metro Chicago, will take place next Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. John Armstrong, president of ACT 3, will be preaching. To register, visit www.archchicago.org.

**ENRICHMENT**

Academy for Faith and Life classes continue today: “The Network Church,” led by John Vest, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G, and “The Politics of Revelation,” led by Claire Rothschild, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.
“A Rabbinic View of Human Rights in Israel,” led by Rabbi Arik Ascherman, will take place next Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Ascherman, president of Rabbis for Human Rights in Israel, will discuss advocacy and peacemaking in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Men’s Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

A “shaman journey,” led by shaman, healer, and artist Chris Pateros, will take place this Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will meet this Wednesday, May 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

Premarital Saturday Seminars offer couples opportunity to learn and practice skills necessary to building a healthy marital relationship. This one-session class, which will meet this Saturday, May 16 in Boyle Conference Room, is also a prerequisite for marriage at Fourth Presbyterian Church. To register, call 312.787.8425.

A SoulCollage® seminar will be held next Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For details or to register (required), call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Presbyterian Women will gather for a “Good News” hour on Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, where they will share fellowship and assemble hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Donations for the hygiene kits can be dropped off today during Coffee Hour.

Cellist Nancy Steltmann and pianist Helen Lukan will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Fourth Church Choral Society and the Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform Haydn’s Missa Brevis in B-flat on Thursday, May 21 in Buchanan Chapel. A $20 donation will be collected at the door.

Art by the Center for Life and Learning artists is on display on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center until Friday, June 26.

A mosaic workshop taught by instructors from the Chicago Mosaic School will take place next Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G. To sign up, contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org by this Friday, May 15. Italian mosaic artist Verdiano Marzi’s “Dal Sogno all’Opus Veritas” is currently on exhibit in the Loggia.

Current Volunteer Needs
Aspiring gardeners to help at the Urban Farm, Saturdays, 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.
Book Nook attendants
Servers for Monday night supper
Members to serve refreshments during Coffee Hour
Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during morning worship
Cooks to prepare and serve breakfast at Lincoln Park Community Shelter

Current Donation Needs
Rolling carts, all sizes
Clean blankets
Men’s and women’s sturdy spring clothes

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.
Sunday, May 10

8:00 a.m.  Morning Worship  Judith L. Watt preaching  Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.  Handbell Choir Rehearsal  Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.  Coffee Hour  Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  Nursery  Gratz Center, First Floor
9:00 a.m.  Tunes for Tots  Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.  Morning Worship  Shannon J. Kershner preaching  Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.  “The Network Church”  Room 5G
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  Sunday School  Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  Intercessory Prayer  Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.  Coffee Hour  Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.  Youth Gathering  Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.  Morning Worship  Shannon J. Kershner preaching  Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.  “Faith in Focus”  Room 5F
11:00 a.m.  “The Politics of Revelation”  Room 5D
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  Conversation with Shannon  Manse, First Floor
12:45 p.m.  Coffee Hour  Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.  Jazz Worship  John W. Vest preaching  Sanctuary

Monday, May 11

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  Labyrinth Walk (also Tuesday)  Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Thursday)  Stone Chapel
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.  “Dying to Know” Book Group  Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, May 12

7:30 a.m.  Men’s Bible Study  (see announcement)
9:00 a.m.  Morning Prayer  Stone Chapel
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  Books by Women  Bumpus Room
7:00 to 8:45 p.m.  Shaman Journey  Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  Labyrinth Walk  Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.  Benevolent Guild  Room 5B
12:00 p.m.  Women’s Bible Study  Room 4J

Thursday, May 14

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  Choral Society Rehearsal  Buchanan Chapel

Friday, May 15

9:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer  Buchanan Chapel
12:10 p.m.  Noonday Concert  Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, May 16

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  Premarital Seminar  Boyle Conference Room
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  Plant Sale and Art Show  (see announcement)
1:00 p.m.  “Using Your Space Wisely”  (see announcement)

Worship on Sunday, May 17

8:00 a.m.  Matt Helms preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  Joyce Shin preaching
4:00 p.m.  Layton Williams preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of $10.
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.