

May 24–31, 2015

**FOURTH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
*A Light in the City*

# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Conversation with Shannon**—opportunity for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in an informal conversational setting—will be held next Sunday, May 31 in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**Those graduating** from eighth grade, high school, college, or a graduate or professional program in 2015 are asked to send their names to Shelley Donaldson ([sdonaldson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sdonaldson@fourthchurch.org)) by Sunday, June 21 so that they can be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 28, which is Baccalaureate Sunday.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events; archives of prayers and sermons; devotions; and more.

**A congregational meeting** has been called by the Session for Sunday, June 7 at 12:15 p.m. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with John Vest, who will be moving to Richmond, Virginia, where he will be Assistant Visiting Professor of Evangelism at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

**A reception for John and Anna Vest** will take place on Sunday, June 7 following the congregational meeting. Please plan to be with us as we thank John and Anna for their ministry among us and wish them Godspeed.

## ENRICHMENT

**“The Politics of Revelation,”** offered through the Academy for Faith and Life and led by Clare Rothschild, will have its final session next Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D. Please note that there will be no class today.

**It couldn't be easier to share your church with a friend:**

whether it's a thought-provoking quote from a recent sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or an invitation to an upcoming concert, you will find all on our page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)) this week.

Why not share at least one with friends?



**Gong healing meditation**, offered through the Replogle Center, will be held this Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Shannon Kershner** will speak as part of the Fuller Seminary event “The Turbulent Church in Twenty-First-Century America” this Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**Books by Women** will discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Presbyterian Women’s Horizon Bible** study will meet on Wednesday, June 10 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

## WORSHIP

**An outdoor Jazz at Four** Communion service, along with BBQ fellowship afterwards, will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. John Vest will preach—and afterwards serve BBQ—at this his final service of worship at Fourth Church.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Walkers and donors are needed** for the June 20 Hunger Walk, with credits raised supporting Meals Ministry. To sign up or to give, visit [www.bit.ly/FPCHungerWalk2015](http://www.bit.ly/FPCHungerWalk2015)

**“The Snacks for Sacks” drive** continues to collect snack items and portable drinks for distribution through Fourth Church Meals Ministry. A list of needed items is at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

**The Interfaith “Black Lives Matter”** Collaboration will be showing the film *Selma* followed by a dialogue led by Martin Marty next Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. at LaSalle Street Church (1136 N. LaSalle). To RSVP (required), contact Nancy Davis at [ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)

**The Chicago Lights Urban Farm** (444 W. Chicago Ave.) holds volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. A tour of the Farm for new volunteers is held each Saturday at 12:00 noon. For details, contact Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

**The Chicago Lights Summer Day** program is looking for volunteers to serve as classroom assistants, mealtime helpers, or field-trip chaperones. New volunteers are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions in Room 5G: Thursday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m. or Thursday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. RSVP online at [www.bit.ly/sd-volunteers-2015](http://www.bit.ly/sd-volunteers-2015)

**The Benevolent Guild** gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

**Knitting and Crocheting** will next gather this Tuesday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4K for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material for new projects. Items are then donated to families in shelters and hospitals.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Chicago SINGS!** will hold their choir festival today at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door or at [www.chicagosings.com](http://www.chicagosings.com)

**John W. W. Sherer** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The Chestnut Street Players**, the Center for Life and Learning acting troupe, will perform a *Fibber McGee and Molly* radio show reading this Thursday, May 28 at 2:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

**Mosaics by Italian artist Verdiano Marzi** are on display in the Loggia.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**There will be no Sunday School** today or during Family Camp Weekend (May 31). Summer Sunday School (with classes meeting at 9:30 only) will begin on Sunday, June 7.

A **"Great Expectations" baby shower** for anyone who has welcomed a child into their home in the past year will take place on Sunday, June 14 at 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Matt Helms at 312.573.3362.

A **bake sale** to support the Senior Highs and Chicago Lights Tutoring Students in their July 11–19 "Justice Journey" will be held on Sunday, June 21.

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

## FELLOWSHIP

**To sponsor Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Hygiene kits** will be assembled by Presbyterian Women during a "Good News" fellowship gathering this Thursday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**Discounted tickets** for the Chicago "Search" Lights Scavenger Hunt—hosted by the Associates Board this Saturday, May 30 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.—are available through this Monday, May 25 online at [www.bit.ly/ab-hunt-2015](http://www.bit.ly/ab-hunt-2015).

**Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension** will meet on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "The Music and History of Bagpipes" with bagpipe performer George Sims. To register, contact Carol Allerton at [callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, June 3.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

*Current Volunteer Needs*

**Servers for Monday night supper**

**Ushers** for the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services

**Book Nook attendants**

**Members** to serve refreshments  
during Coffee Hour

**Sunday Night Supper dining room helpers**

*Current Donation Needs*

**Rolling carts**, all sizes

**Clean blankets**

**Men's and women's sturdy spring clothes**

*A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html) or by calling Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.*

**CALENDAR FOR MAY 24–31, 2015**

**Sunday, May 24**

	<b>8:00 a.m. Morning Worship</b>	<b>Matt Helms preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
	<b>9:30 a.m. Morning Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	<b>11:00 a.m. Morning Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
	12:45 p.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Layton Williams preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m. Chicago SINGS!		Sanctuary

**Monday, May 25** *Memorial Day: Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, May 26**

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
	5:30 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting		Room 4K
	7:00 p.m. Gong Healing Meditation		Bumpus Room

**Wednesday, May 27**

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild		Room 5B

**Thursday, May 28**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School		Gratz Center, First Floor
	2:30 p.m. Chestnut Street Players Performance		Buchanan Chapel
	5:30 p.m. Hygiene Kit Assembly		Page Smith Room
	6:00 p.m. “The Turbulent Church”		Sanctuary

**Friday, May 29**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School		Gratz Center, First Floor
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 30**

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.	Chicago “Search” Lights Scavenger Hunt		<i>(see announcement)</i>
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**Worship on Sunday, May 31**

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner 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.