

September 20–26, 2015

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

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today is “Get Connected Sunday!”

All are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, volunteer activities, and more.

A letter from Joyce Shin was mailed on Thursday to members of Fourth Church, sharing the news that Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, will be meeting on September 27 to call Joyce as their new Pastor and Head of Staff. The letter is also posted online at www.fourthchurch.org and includes information about a congregational reception we will have for Joyce on her last Sunday with us, October 11, when she will preach at all three morning services. Please join us that day for a time to thank Joyce for her wonderful ministry among us and to wish her Godspeed!

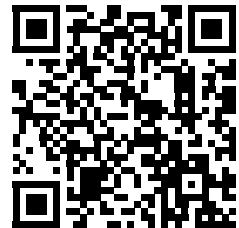
Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar and details about upcoming events, an archive of sermons, photos, and more.

The tree at Michigan and Delaware, which was planted in the mid-1930s and has been dying for the past two years, will need to be cut down later this month, as it poses a safety hazard. A new tree will be planted in its place either later this year or next spring.

Parking changes at the 900 N. Michigan garage mean that old validation tickets with the magnetic stripe are no longer valid. Please pick up, instead, a validation ticket with a bar code. These are available at the church reception desk. These tickets are valid on Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. only.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

Have you seen the fun photos of Kickoff Sunday— from pictures of Sunday School classes to dunk-tank action? They, along with images from the 50th anniversary open house of the Center for Life and Learning, are online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, where you can also find historical photos of our cornerstone celebrations, the anniversaries of which we marked this past week.



This week we are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they hold their community Yom Kippur services here in the Sanctuary as they have for several years.

FELLOWSHIP

Last week's **Coffee Hour** was sponsored in memory of William Henry Schumann Jr. and Eunice Vere Schumann—who married on September 11, 1948—by their granddaughter, Stefanie Schumann.

Presbyterian Women will gather for a time of “Good News” fellowship this Thursday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. The topic will be “What I Believe,” led by Judy Watt.

Cornerstones, Fourth Church's fellowship group hosted by couples fifty and older, will meet next Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for “U.S. Submarine *Illinois* Commissioning,” presented by Chris Gaines. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at callerton@fourthchurch.org by next Wednesday, September 30.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Associates Board bake sale today during Coffee Hour benefits Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be offered on Tuesday, September 22 and Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cltutor2015

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children, is looking for new members. For details, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

A January mission trip to Mexico, led by Tom and Sue Schemper, will engage participants in partnering with local villagers to build rain cisterns to collect drinkable water. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html. Registration is due by November 16. Look for information about other 2016 mission trips on Mission Trip Sunday, October 4.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to assist a child with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Nursery caregivers on Sundays
Assistants to help lead Junior High youth
Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

Current Donation Needs

Box fans
Umbrellas

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

ENRICHMENT

Danish artist Peter Brandes will join us today at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room to talk about his art and then lead participants in creating a stained-glass art piece that will be a gift to Fourth Church. All are invited!

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

“Death over Dinner,” a continuation of the Replogle Center’s “Dying to Know” Midwinter Conference, will take place this Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Participants will discuss end-of-life issues over an evening meal. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/ddin2015 by this Wednesday, September 23.

“Job: God in the Suffering,” a five-week course taught by Mark Eldred, will begin next Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B as part of the Academy for Faith and Life adult education offerings. Details about future Academy courses are available in Coffee Hour and on our website at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Mass incarceration will be the topic of a series of book discussions hosted by the Multicultural Committee. The first will take place on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. Claudia Boatright will lead that conversation about Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Confirmation youth and leaders are on retreat this weekend.

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

“Mindful Parenting,” a series for parents led by Sue Schemper, will be held on Sundays, September 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

Fall Family Camp will be Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online at www.bit.ly/familycamp1015

WORSHIP

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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. and 12:15 p.m.

This Friday a Taizé service, led by Shannon Kershner, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Handbell Choir rehearsal is held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

Camerata Chicago, with Grammy Award-winning Sylvia McNair, will perform Gershwin classics this Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at cameratachicago.org.

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Fourth Church Choral Society will perform Mozart’s *Requiem* with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All who are interested in singing the *Requiem* are invited to rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 20–26, 2015

Sunday, September 20

8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
8:00 a.m.	Worship Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Bake Sale Benefiting Chicago Lights	Commons
9:00 a.m.	“Get Connected” Coffee Hour	Commons / Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study	Room 5F
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”	Room 5E
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	“Get Connected” Coffee Hour	Commons / Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	“Get Connected” Coffee Hour	Commons / Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Randolph Room
12:15 to 2:00 p.m.	“Peter Brandes Art”	Borwell Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Layton Williams preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, September 21

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School (<i>also Tuesday–Friday</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>also Wednesday–Friday</i>)	Buchanan Chapel

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutor Volunteer Orientation	Borwell Dining Room

Wednesday, September 23

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B

Thursday, September 24

5:00 p.m.	“Death over Dinner”	Borwell Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Women	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Camerata Chicago Concert	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, September 25

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service	Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, September 26

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
-------------------------	----------------	-----------------

Worship on Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching