## August 27-September 2, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# **News and Opportunities**

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Fourth Church has been abuzz with activity this summer! The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than filled our campus on summer weekdays—from Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Chicago Lights Summer Day to Vacation Bible School—depend on the generous summertime giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving or placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. When completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Each Sunday you are with us, please take a moment to sign the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or member, whether your contact information needs to be updated or is the same—so we might know you are with us.

**Connection Corner** during Coffee Hour helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will be offered next Sunday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. On that day attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar and information about upcoming events.



## Did you see the solar eclipse photo with our steeple?

You can view it online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch (even if you don't have a Facebook account)—where you can also read favorite quotes from sermons, prayers, and devotions; catch pictures of church life and activities; and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news as well as invitations to upcoming concerts and events.

#### Worship

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

**Sacred Pause** meditative silence is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Next Sunday's Jazz at Four Communion** service will be held outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

The next Taizé service, held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will be on September 22 in Buchanan Chapel.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. (See page 4 for times.)

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

## Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School and youth gatherings will resume after Labor Day, on Sunday morning, September 10 when we kick off another exciting year of programming for children, youth, and families. There will also be a family picnic in the Michigan Avenue courtyard that noon, along with games and a dunk tank.

**Family worship bulletins** are available from the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. ushers.

"We Play Together," an interactive class for parents and their children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered by the Day School on Tuesdays, September through June, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. To sign up, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Confirmation registration is open for youth entering eighth grade. High school students wishing to make a profession of faith are also invited to participate in this program, which begins in September. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Those who will be in college this fall are invited to participate in a mission trip to Mexico December 26 to January 2 to build cisterns in Yucatan. The deadline to sign up is this Thursday, August 31. Details and a registration form are posted online: www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17info

### **Music and the Arts**

Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.

The Fourth Church Choral Society invites all who like to sing to join them on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. for their first weekly rehearsal preparing music by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi for a November 10 concert that will be presented at Fourth Church.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Handbell Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

Free Friday Noonday Concerts move back indoors this Friday, September 1 with a performance by flutist Kathryn Flum and pianist Beilan Han at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## **Fellowship**

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Stephanette Walker in honor of the memory of Kristi Walker and of Fred Henry Allen and in celebration of the birth of Stephanette Walker. To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults meet for their weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. This Monday they play beach volleyball at Oak Street Beach at 6:30 p.m.

#### Enrichment

Cornerstones, a fellowship gathering hosted by those fifty and over, meets this Friday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a program—presented by professional storyteller Anne Shimojima—on the impact World War II incarceration had on Japanese American families. RSVP (required) by this Wednesday to Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

A new Center for Life and Learning program year kicks off the week of September 11. The CLL offers a wide range of classes, exercise programs, and day trips for adults sixty and over. Details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership—are available at www.fourthchurch.org/cll

Men's Book Club meets this Monday, August 28 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room to discuss *An American Sickness* by Elisabeth Rosenthal.

Men's Bible Study next meets on Tuesday, September 5 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

## **Volunteers/Donations Needed**

102 new tutors by October 2 to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church; a one-session volunteer orientation will be offered on September 7, 12, 13, 18, and 26 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room; to learn more or to RSVP online for an orientation session, go to www.tutoringnvo2017.eventbrite.com

**Individuals to staff the Book Nook** during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

Sunday School teachers (in rotating teams) for 9:30 a.m. (third grade class) and 11:00 a.m. (three- and four-year-old class; fourth- and fifth-grade class)

**Individually wrapped snack items** for bag lunches (label donations "Meals Ministry")

Men's pants, all sizes and styles, for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

**Shopping bags**—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Share Shop and Food Pantry

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up or for information about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)

### Calendar for August 27-September 2, 2017

Sunday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Worship Rocky Supinger preaching Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Michigan Ave. Courtyard

9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Nursery / Day School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary

10:30 a.m Coffee Hour Michigan Ave. Courtyard

10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Michigan Ave. Courtyard

12:30 p.m. Young Adults Room 5A 4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

Monday, August 28

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Buchanan Chapel

7:30 a.m. Men's Book Club Parish House Dining Room 4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper Catholic Charities 6:30 p.m. Young Adults Volleyball Oak Street Beach

7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, August 29

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Buchanan Chapel

7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Stone Chapel

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed., Thurs.) Anderson Hall

Wednesday, August 30

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk Buchanan Chapel

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12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall

Thursday, August 31

10:30 a.m. Moms' Group Room 4C

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall

Friday, September 1

12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert Buchanan Chapel

6:00 p.m. Cornerstones Borwell Dining Room

Saturday, September 2

8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk Buchanan Chapel

#### Worship on Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Matt Helms preaching | Communion

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

4:00 p.m. Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching | Jazz Communion Outdoors