

September 24–30, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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We are honored to welcome Paul Roberts, President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (JCSTS), as our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. today to launch our “Always Reforming” sermon series, marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. At 12:00 p.m. he will speak in Borwell Dining Room about the future of JCSTS and the Presbyterian church.

Nominating forms are due this Saturday, September 30 for the offices of Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board. Forms are available in the pew racks and online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

This week we are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they again hold Yom Kippur services in the Sanctuary.

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2018 Annual Appeal, is underway! Information is in the mail to members about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge by October 29, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!

A Stephen Minister is a trained lay person who walks alongside an individual experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers will begin February 3, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, stop by Coffee Hour today.

Save the date! Our 25th-anniversary Gala of Hope will be held Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel

Marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Today begins our sermon series “Always Reforming,” which will focus on “Sovereignty of God” (Sept. 24), “Priests without Robes (or Tabs)” (Oct. 1), “Depraved and Confused” (Oct. 8), “Total Grace” (Oct. 15), “Gratitude and Responsibility” (Oct. 22), “Always Being Reformed” (Oct. 29), and “Commitment to the City” (Nov. 5). The Academy for Faith and Life will also begin a series of Reformation-focused classes, starting with one on Martin Luther next Sunday.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

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

Youth meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. At 11:00 a.m. Junior Highs meet in Room 4G; Senior Highs in Bumpus. Confirmation is away on retreat.

Mission and Outreach

1,293 more single-serving snack items: that is what we need to receive by Sunday, October 1 to reach our goal of 10,000, the number of snacks needed by Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Social Service Center for September and October. Donations can be dropped off during Coffee Hour or, during the week, at the reception desk.

To join a team of volunteers assisting areas hurt by recent hurricanes, stop by the Mission table in Coffee Hour.

Cheer on Chicago Lights Marathon Team members, including Shannon Kershner, as they run 26.2 miles on October 8! Contact Kate Solis Silva (ksolis@chicagolights.org) by Friday, September 29 for details about joining our cheer team.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, September 26 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Women at Fourth will again join Between Friends in marking this month by tying purple bows on the trees along Michigan Avenue outside the Fourth Church cloisters. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) if you can help this Friday, September 29.

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet today: "The Language of Discipleship: A Brief Statement of Faith," led by Jeff Doane at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E, and "The Architecture of Faith," led by Suzanne Morgan at 11:00 in Room 5D.

"Martin Luther and the World He Lived In," taught by Claudia Boatright and Laura Sterkel, meets Sundays, October 1 and 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Men's Book Club meets this Monday, September 25 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss Elisabeth Rosenthal's *An American Sickness*.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room, starting next Tuesday, October 3, with a suggested donation of \$10 per session.

A workshop on how to make fabric art will be led by Vicky Curtiss on Sunday, October 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. No experience is needed. Register by Friday, October 6 in Coffee Hour or at online at www.bit.ly/artfabric

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

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Linda Loving will talk about her new book, *A New Song to Sing*, which is written for women with breast cancer, at a reception in Anderson Hall on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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

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.

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

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

The next candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 27.

Fellowship

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored in memory of Robert and Arvilla Crouch by their son Robert A. Crouch. To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets for a weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will share in Bible study this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

A ThirtiesForties Meet-and-Greet Reception hosted by Nanette Sawyer will be held this Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis: 312.573.3369.

Women at Fourth will have their monthly gathering on Thursday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. "Different Pathways to Serving Others," presented by Chicago Lights staff, will be the program.

Carol Moseley Braun will speak on "Christianity and Capitalism" at a Cornerstones event cohosted with the Academy for Faith and Life on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This program is free and open to the public; no RSVP necessary. Prior to the presentation, Cornerstones, a group of those fifty and older, will host their monthly dinner in Borwell Dining Room. Prepaid reservations for the dinner are required by October 4: contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Men's clothing for Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests

Tutors to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church

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 September 24–30, 2017

Sunday, September 24

	8:00 a.m. Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft	
9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals	Room 4F	
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship	Paul Roberts preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. "A Brief Statement of Faith"	Room 5E	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center	
	10:30 a.m. Youth Fellowship	Bumpus Room	
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel	
	11:00 a.m. "The Architecture of Faith"	Room 5D	
	11:00 a.m. Youth Groups	(see announcement)	
	12:00 p.m. Paul Roberts Forum	Borwell Dining Room	
	12:15 p.m. Sanctuary and Organ Tours	Sanctuary	
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults	Room 5A	
	4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship	Alex Wirth preaching	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall	

Monday, September 25

	7:30 a.m. Men's Book Club	Parish House Dining Room	
	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms	
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tues.</i>)	Buchanan Chapel	
	4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities	
	6:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study	Manse	

Tuesday, September 26

	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause	Stone Chapel	
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed., Thurs.</i>)	Anderson Hall	
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4F	
	6:00 p.m. New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room	

Wednesday, September 27

	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel	
	9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild	Room 5B	
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel	
	6:00 p.m. ThirtiesForties Reception	Randolph Room	

Thursday, September 28

	5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth	Bumpus Room	
	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel	

Friday, September 29

	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert:	Buchanan Chapel	
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Saturday, September 30

	8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel	
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Worship on World Communion Sunday, October 1

	8:00 a.m. Rocky Supinger preaching Communion	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching Communion	
	4:00 p.m. Shannon J. Kershner preaching Jazz Communion	

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.