

October 1–7, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2018 Annual Appeal, is underway! Information has been mailed to members highlighting the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Pledges can be submitted using the forms in the pew rack and online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge. 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, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

A **congregational meeting** has been called by Session for Sunday, October 22 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service. At that time, the Senior Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present, for congregational vote, their recommended candidate for Senior Associate Pastor.

The next Inquirers’ Class, a one-session class that is a prerequisite for membership, will be held next Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

Connection Corner during Coffee Hour offers opportunity to discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

Directions and the easiest routes for getting to church on Sunday, October 8 are at www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf



In all cultures of violence, God spreads a table of peace.

Your support of the Peace and Global Witness Offering helps bring more people to that table. World Communion Sunday reminds us that God’s love can heal our deepest divisions. Gifts to the offering support the work of CureViolence in Chicago and of the PCUSA as it addresses systems of injustice here and across the world in places such as South Sudan. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/mission

Mission and Outreach

On this World Communion Sunday, stop by Coffee Hour to meet our world mission partners and learn about our 2018 mission trips to Cuba with the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, to Mexico to build rain cisterns, and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression and resistance. Information is also available about joining teams of volunteers to assist in areas affected by recent hurricanes.

Chicago Lights Tutoring begins its fifty-third year this week. We look forward to welcoming back for a new school year the 400 students who will meet one-to-one with their tutors here at the church one evening a week.

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

Children, Youth, and Family

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Choirs for children and youth meet in Room 4F: Cherub (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m.; Youth (grades 6–12) at 10:00; and Children's (grades 2–5) at 10:30.

Youth meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then worship together in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

Parents are invited to view TED Talks about parenting and to share in a time of fellowship and discussion this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

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

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

Worship

Sunday School children will join us in worship next Sunday, October 8 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for their Sunday School classrooms.

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.

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.

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

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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Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet today: “Martin Luther and the World He Lived In,” taught by Claudia Boatright and Laura Sterkel, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G and “The Architecture of Faith,” led by Suzanne Morgan at 11:00 in Room 5D.

“**Apocalyptic Literature** and the Apocalypse of John,” taught by Stephen Hall, begins next Sunday, October 8 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, October 3 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible study meets Wednesday noon, October 11 in 5H.

Christian Century Study Group will meet Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Books by Women discusses *The Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Men’s Breakfast will meet next Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room. The guest speaker will be Daniel J. Olsen, Director of the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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

“**Introduction to Systemic Racism**,” a one-day workshop, will be offered on Saturday, October 21. For fee and registration details, call Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) by October 13.

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

Music and the Arts

“**Palestine: Unlimited**,” a photo exhibition that will be in the Loggia beginning Friday, October 6, will be the topic of a program next Sunday, October 8 in Borwell Dining Room following 11:00 a.m. worship.

A workshop on making fabric art will be led by Vicky Curtiss Sunday, October 15 at 12:30 p.m. Register by October 6 in Coffee Hour or online at www.bit.ly/artfabric

Fellowship

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by Terry Gubbins in celebration of God’s healing powers in Terry’s life. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Young Adults meets for Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A and Monday Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Carol Moseley Braun will speak on “Christianity and Capitalism” this Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. No RSVP is necessary for this free program open to the public. Prior to the presentation, Cornerstones will host their monthly dinner in Borwell. Prepaid dinner reservations are required by October 4: contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Donations Needed

Snacks (5,000 a month) for Meals Ministry and the Social Service Center

Men’s clothing in L, XL, XXL, and XXXL sizes for Social Service Center guests

Calendar for October 1–7, 2017

Sunday, October 1			
	8:00 a.m. Worship	Rocky Supinger 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	
	9:00 a.m. Tunes for Tots	Day School Classroom B	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. "Martin Luther"		Room 5G
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center	
	9:30 a.m. TED Talks for Parents	Fourth Floor Loft	
	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	
	12:15 p.m. Sanctuary and Organ Tours	Sanctuary	
	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, October 2			
	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	
	5:00 p.m. Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Fifth Floor, Gratz Center	
	6:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study	Manse	
Tuesday, October 3			
	7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study		(<i>see announcement</i>)
	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	
	7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room	
Wednesday, October 4			
	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. <i>Christian Century</i> Group	Randolph Room	
Thursday, October 5			
	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel	
Friday, October 6			
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert	Buchanan Chapel	
	5:30 p.m. Cornerstones	Borwell Dining Room	
	7:00 p.m. "Christianity and Capitalism"	Buchanan Chapel	
Saturday, October 7			
	8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel	

Worship on Sunday, October 8

8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching Communion
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching Baptisms
4:00 p.m.	Alex Wirth 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.