

April 15–21, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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A **congregational meeting** has been called by Session for Sunday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the recommendation from Session and the Board of Trustees that Fourth Church acquire a new manse for the use of our current and future senior pastors. Detailed information has been mailed to all member homes, and a synopsis is posted online at www.bit.ly/fpcmans

An **information session** about the senior pastor housing proposal will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room as well as next Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Members of the Senior Pastor Housing Committee will be on hand to answer questions.

If you **did not receive the email** about the housing proposal and are a Fourth Church member, be sure to subscribe to our email news list at www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews

Nanette Sawyer will be installed as Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry on Sunday, April 29 during the Jazz at Four 4:00 p.m. service.

Joe Morrow, who has been working with Interfaith Youth Core, will be joining our pastoral staff for a two-year appointment as Minister for Evangelism starting May 1.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, a trained Fourth Church member who walks alongside them as a listening presence. Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn more.

Inquirers' Class is a one-session class that provides an opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. It next meets on Sunday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room and is a prerequisite for membership. Participants are encouraged to worship with us at either 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day they attend the class.



It's Pancake Breakfast Day! Enjoy all-you-can-eat

pancakes, sides, coffee, and juice, along with gluten-free options, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets are available at the door, with all proceeds supporting the 2018 youth mission trips to Cuba, Detroit, and Missouri. Also available, for an additional donation, are Grandma's Barbacoa Breakfast Tacos. Adding to the festivities, there is a raffle for Cubs tickets as well!

Worship

Today fourth graders are receiving Bibles from the congregation during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. This is but one of the ways we live out our baptismal pledge to support the children and youth of the church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Families worshipping with young children are encouraged to request family worship bulletins from the ushers.

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

A weekly Jazz at Four worship service with Communion is held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for Fourth Church members and those in need.

Devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available daily via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

The next candlelit Taizé service—a contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection held on the fourth Friday of each month—will take place on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Sacred Pause meditation, a time of silent reflection hosted by the Replogle Center and the Spiritual Formation Council, is held Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Mission and Outreach

Our “Snacks for Sacks” drive kicks off today, with the goal of collecting by Mother’s Day 10,000 individually packaged, single-serving chip bags, fruit bars, and fruit cups. Items from this two-month supply will be included in the sack lunches distributed to guests of our Fourth Church Meals Ministry programs.

The Care of Creation Committee will host a screening and discussion of *This Changes Everything* next weekend on Earth Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4F. The movie presents portraits of communities on the front lines of climate change, laying out a hopeful path for transforming systems causing climate change into something better.

Knitting and Crocheting meets next Tuesday afternoon, April 24 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items such as lap robes, scarves, and baby booties made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

The Gospel Run 5K/10K (and a half-mile walk for children) on Saturday, June 2 will provide opportunity to walk, run, or pledge to raise funds in support of anti-racism training programs at Fourth Church through the Interfaith Council Against Racism. To register or pledge, sign up at www.raceroster.com/16612 by May 15.

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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With the blue bows tied to the trees outside the Manse during Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month we remember all those affected by child abuse.

“Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism” training will be offered May 24–26 here at the church. Contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org) to register.

Music and the Arts

The Fourth Church Choral Society will present their spring concert featuring Baroque music from the Bolivian rainforest on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

This week’s free Friday Noonday concert is presented by cellist Ian Maksin at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Fellowship

Coffee Hour Chats, led by Dave Handley, will take place next Sunday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. These chats offer time to discuss themes from that morning’s sermon.

Shannon Kershner will talk about prayer when Women at Fourth gather on Thursday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All women are invited.

The Young Adults group will attend the Pancake Breakfast together following today’s 11:00 a.m. service instead of having their weekly Gathering time.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday morning, April 17 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Club will discuss *Sapiens* by Yuval Harari on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Mindful Parenting meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft on the fourth floor.

Youth are helping with the pancake breakfast this morning.

The Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2018–19 early childhood programs as well as its June weeks. For details, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Family Camp will be held the weekend of Friday, May 18–Sunday, May 20 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online at www.bit.ly/fpcfamilycamp18

Enrichment

“Religion within the Bounds of Mere Reason,” a class led by Clare Pearson, meets today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

“Church and Empire,” taught by Walter Hansen, continues this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Volunteers to untie the blue bows on the trees; Friday morning, April 27

Used tennis shoes for recycling into materials for playground surfaces; donations will be collected next Sunday only—Earth Sunday, April 22—during Coffee Hour

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 April 15–21, 2018

Sunday, April 15			Third Sunday of Easter		
	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary	
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel	Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Day School	Classroom B
	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. to 12:30 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast		Borwell Dining Room	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Fourth Floor, Gratz Center	
	9:30 a.m.	Mindful Parenting			The Loft
	9:30 a.m.	“Religion and Mere Reason”			Room 5D
10:30 a.m. and	12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons			Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	“Church and Empire”			Room 5D
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch			Randolph Room
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour			Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour			Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Senior Pastor Housing Information Session			Bumpus Room
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults: Pancake Breakfast		Borwell Dining Room	
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four	Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary	
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper			Anderson Hall
Monday, April 16					
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)		Day School Classrooms	
	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
Tuesday, April 17					
	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, April 18					
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel	
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild			Room 5B
Thursday, April 19					
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal			Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal			Buchanan Chapel
Friday, April 20					
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Ian Maksin, cello			Buchanan Chapel

Worship on April 22			Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	8:00 a.m.	Lucy Forster-Smith preaching Communion			
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Nanette Sawyer preaching			
	4:00 p.m.	Lucy Forster-Smith preaching Jazz Communion			