

September 9–15, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! Next Sunday, September 16, all are invited to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons following morning worship for our annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour—which will include opportunity to fill out interest profiles, participate in photo-booth fun, and identify ways to connect with the Fourth Church community through educational opportunities, fellowship groups, volunteer needs, and other activities.

**Connection Corner** during Coffee Hour is another way you can discover ways to get more involved in the life of Fourth Church.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating)). These recommendations for church leadership are due by Sunday, September 30.

**This week we are honored to host** Chicago Sinai Congregation as they again hold Rosh Hashanah services in the Sanctuary.

**Individuals experiencing life challenges** can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. For more information visit [www.fourthchurch.org/caring](http://www.fourthchurch.org/caring)

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Today is Kickoff Sunday** for children and family programs! All children, youth, and families are invited to celebrate with us at a picnic, complete with games, at 12:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

**Sunday School begins today!** Classes for three-year-olds through fifth-graders meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center and include Children’s Chapel.

**Registration for the Confirmation retreat** (September 21–23) can be completed online at [www.bit.ly/8thconf](http://www.bit.ly/8thconf)



### **Needed: 5,000 single-serving snack items!**

We need your help in collecting 5,000 snack items during September. These single servings of granola bars, chips, pretzels, and fruit cups will be used by Fourth Church Meals Ministry to pack in the bag lunches they serve Tuesday–Wednesday–Thursday in Anderson Hall. Donations can be dropped off at Coffee Hour or, during the week, at the church reception desk.

**Youth programming kicks off next Sunday**, September 16 with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m.; a time of fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m.; and Senior High and Confirmation gatherings at 11:00 a.m.

**Choirs for children and youth** resume rehearsals this morning in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir at 10:00 a.m. (for grades 9–12, with grades 6–8 joining at 10:15 a.m.), and Children’s Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

## Worship

**Today’s Jazz at Four Communion service** will be held in Buchanan Chapel at 4:00 p.m. since we will be welcoming Chicago Sinai Congregation to the Sanctuary this evening for their Rosh Hashanah Eve service.

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

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

**Morning Prayer** is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray for all members and those in need.

**A candlelit Taizé service** with meditative song, silent reflection, and prayer will be held Friday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m., as it is on the fourth Friday of each month.

**A Blessing of the Animals** service will take place Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

**Daily devotions** written by members and staff are available via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.

## Music and the Arts

**This week’s free Friday Noonday concert** features the instrumentalists of Credo Chicago at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Those interested in singing** with the Fourth Church Choral Society for its November 9 concert commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I are invited to the first rehearsal on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

## Enrichment

**John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman** are teaching a four-week adult education class, “In the Beginning: God and Humankind in Genesis,” which starts today at 9:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

**“Just and Unjust Wars,”** a four-week course taught by Richard Hoskins, also begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

**The Center for Life and Learning’s** new program year for adults sixty and over kicks off this Monday, September 10. Online class registration and CLL membership renewal is available at [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) or by contacting Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386).

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**The humanitarian crisis in Syria** will be the subject of a presentation by Mary Mikhael, of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, next Sunday, September 16 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5G.

**Fourth Church's Racial Equity Council** will host a book lecture on *Strength for the Struggle* by Joseph Ellwanger—author, pastor, and civil rights activist—on Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. To RSVP for a 12:15 p.m. lunch beforehand, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**A meditation group** of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Room.

**A men's discussion series** on the Gospels begins this Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 a.m. in Room 5A. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Men's Bible Study** will next meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 18 in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

**Inquirers' Class**, a one-session class about Fourth Church—and also a prerequisite for membership—is offered today and again Sunday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Participants are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day they attend. To register for a class, visit [www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers)

## Fellowship

**To sponsor Coffee Hour**, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Men's Breakfast** meets this Saturday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 4E.

**TwentiesThirties** (*formerly known as the Young Adults group*) will no longer have Sunday morning Gathering time but is focusing on establishing small groups instead. For details, email Abbi Heimach-Snipes (aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org). Registration for their October 19–21 Michigan retreat is due September 20; sign up online at [www.bit.ly/2030retreat1018](http://www.bit.ly/2030retreat1018)

**Books by Women** book group will discuss Julia Baird's *Victoria the Queen* on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Bumpus.

## Mission and Outreach

**Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase during Coffee Hour today. It is also available at their Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

**The Benevolent Guild** gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Book Nook** volunteers for the 12:00 p.m. Sunday Coffee Hour

**Tutors** to mentor Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; to sign up for a one-session orientation, visit [www.bit.ly/CLtutoring2018](http://www.bit.ly/CLtutoring2018)

**Pianist to play in Children's Chapel** from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. three Sundays a month

**Shower Ministry greeters** for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

*To sign up or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382)*

## Calendar for September 9–15, 2018

<b>Sunday, September 9</b>			<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Lucy Forster-Smith preaching</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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			Gignilliat Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery			Nursery / Day School
	9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class			Page Smith Room
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:30 a.m.	"Genesis"			Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School			Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons			Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	"Just and Unjust Wars"			Room 5E
	12:00 p.m.	Children/Youth/Family Kickoff Event		Michigan Ave.	Courtyard
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour			Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour			Sanctuary
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz at Four</b>	<b>Joe Morrow preaching</b>		<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper			Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, September 10</b>					
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper			<i>Catholic Charities</i>
<b>Tuesday, September 11</b>					
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Books by Women			Bumpus Room
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center			Boyle Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, September 12</b>					
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Discussion Group			Room 5A
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>			<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild			Room 5B
<b>Thursday, September 13</b>					
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal			Sanctuary
<b>Friday, September 14</b>					
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Credo Chicago			Buchanan Chapel
<b>Saturday, September 15</b>					
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			Room 4E
	10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand			(444 W. Chicago Ave.)

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<b>Worship on September 16</b>			<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss   Communion			
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching   New Members at 11:00			
	4:00 p.m.	Nanette Sawyer preaching   Jazz Communion			

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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.