

September 16–22, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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Looking to meet new people at Fourth Church? Engage in learning and conversation? Share your gifts with others? Grow in faith? Stop by Coffee Hour this morning to fill out an interests profile, take your picture at one of our fun photo booths, and share fellowship with others in this community.

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

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

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). These recommendations for church leadership are due by Sunday, September 30.

Inquirers' Class, which offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian church history and beliefs—next meets Sunday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. To register for this one-session class that is also a prerequisite for membership, visit www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. For more information visit www.fourthchurch.org/caring

Fellowship

Men's Book Club will meet Monday, September 24 in Parish House Dining Room to discuss Bill Browder's *Red Notice*.

Women at Fourth will next meet on Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room with Judy Watt presenting "Are You Listening?"—a discussion on how to improve relationships.



***Strength for the Struggle* by Joseph Ellwanger**

Author, pastor, and civil rights activist Joseph Ellwanger will be with us on Sunday, September 30 to talk about his new book, which shares his insights into the civil rights movement and urban ministry. His 1:00 p.m. presentation in Buchanan Chapel will be preceded by a lunch hosted by the Fourth Church Racial Equity Council. (RSVP for lunch to Anne Ellis: aellis@fourthchurch.org)

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

TwentiesThirties retreat registration is due this Thursday, September 20. The retreat will take place in Michigan from October 19–21; fill out the registration form online at www.bit.ly/2030retreat1018.

TwentiesThirties (formerly known as the *Young Adults group*) will be hosting small groups. “Soul and Psalms Bible Study” will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 16. Another small group focusing on discernment and spirituality will meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. beginning September 19. Both groups will meet at a local coffee shop for six weeks. For details, email Abbi Heimach-Snipes (aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

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

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

Volunteer to unload Meals Ministry food truck once a month—around 3 hours; must be able to lift 50 pounds

Tutors to mentor Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; sign up for a one-session orientation at www.bit.ly/CLtutoring2018

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

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Youth programming kicks off today, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus; a time of fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Allison Library; and Senior High (in Bumpus) and Confirmation gatherings (Room 5G) at 11:00 a.m.

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

The Day School will offer complimentary introductory classes of its new toddler program “Together We Play” September 18 as well as on October 2 and 9. Open to any parent and child 18 months to 2 years. For more information or to register, email Josie Phelps (jphelps@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

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

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

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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The humanitarian crisis in Syria will be the topic of a presentation by Mary Mikhael, of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, at 12:15 p.m. today in Room 5G.

A men's discussion group on "Considering How God Speaks to us through Scripture and Our Own Experience" will be led by Tom Forster-Smith on Fridays at 7:15 p.m. from October 12 through December 14. Learn more today or Sunday, September 30 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5D or by contacting 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.

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

A men's discussion series on the Gospels continues Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. in the Randolph Room. Register (*required*) with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

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); at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), online at www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

Music and the Arts

This week's free Friday Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. is Constellation (bass clarinet, marimba, violin) 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 this Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Mission and Outreach

Meals Ministry has a goal of collecting 5,000 individually packaged snack items in September. Donations are accepted during Coffee Hour on Sundays or at the church reception desk throughout the week.

Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available at their Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays from 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.

Knitting and Crocheting next meets on Tuesday, September 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F. Items are donated to shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Calendar for September 16–22, 2018

Sunday, September 16		Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss 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	Gignilliat Commons
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
	9:30 a.m.	"Genesis"	Borwell Dining Room
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	All-Youth Fellowship	Allison Library
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation/Senior High	(see announcement)
	11:00 a.m.	"Just and Unjust Wars"	Room 5E
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Randolph Room
	12:00 p.m.	"How God Speaks" Informational Meeting	Room 5D
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Humanitarian Crisis in Syria	Room 5G
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four	Nanette Sawyer preaching Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 17

	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool (<i>also Tues.–Fri.</i>)	Day School Classrooms
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	6:30 p.m.	TwentiesThirties "Soul and Psalms"	(see announcement)

Tuesday, September 18

	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, September 19

	7:00 a.m.	Men's Discussion Group	Room 5A
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	7:30 p.m.	TwentiesThirties "Discernment"	(see announcement)

Thursday, September 20

	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, September 21

	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Constellation	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on September 23 **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	8:00 a.m.	Lucy Forster-Smith Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	
	4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes 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.