

September 23–29, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2019 Annual Appeal, is underway! Pledge cards are in the pew racks, and 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 Sunday, October 28, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!

If you did not have opportunity this past Sunday to complete an “Interests and Gifts” profile, we encourage you to do so during Coffee Hour today as a way that we might help you find new ways to be connected with the life of Fourth Church.

Deacons at the Connection Corner can help you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church as well. Look for the lighted table during Coffee Hour.

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 next 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

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



3,577 more single-serving snack items by October 1!

We have already received 1,423 snacks this month for neighbors in need: thank you! With everyone’s help we can reach our goal of 5,000, which is the quantity of individually packaged snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, chips, etc.) that will be used in October in Fourth Church Meals Ministry bag lunches. Particularly needed are fruit snacks; donations can be dropped off at the reception desk.

TwentiesThirties (formerly known as *the Young Adults group*) will be hosting small groups rather than their Sunday Gathering time. “Soul and Psalms” Bible study will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Another small group focusing on discernment and spirituality will meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Both groups will meet at a local coffee shop for six weeks. For details, contact Abbi Heimach-Snipes (312.640.5449; aheimach-snipes@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Club will meet this Monday, September 24 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish Dining Room to discuss Bill Browder’s *Red Notice*.

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

Cornerstones—a group for those fifty and older—next meets on Friday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room to hear a presentation on “The New Old Post Office” by Les Ventsch. Register online by October 3 at www.bit.ly/cfpc1018

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet today. “Genesis” meets at 9:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, while “Just and Unjust Wars” meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

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

“**Exploring Self-Compassion**” is a course offered through the Replogle Center beginning Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register online at www.bit.ly/rccwsc18

Author, pastor, and civil rights activist Joseph Ellwanger will be with us on Sunday, September 30 to talk about his new book *Strength for the Struggle* at 1:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. RSVP for a 12:15 p.m. lunch to Anne Ellis by Thursday, September 27. (aellis@fourthchurch.org)

A men’s discussion group on “Considering How God Speaks to us through Scripture and Our Own Experience,” led by Tom Forster-Smith on Fridays at 7:15 a.m. from October 12 through December 14. Contact Anne Ellis to learn more. (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).

Mission and Outreach

A Disaster Relief Offering is being received today to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by recent disasters such as Hurricane Florence and Super Typhoon Mangkhut. Gifts, which will be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, can be made by using the Disaster Assistance envelopes in the pew racks, by writing “Disaster Assistance” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at pda.pcusa.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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Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available today at Coffee Hour.

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

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

An Interfaith Immigrant Justice Vigil will take place on Tuesday, October 2 at 5:15 p.m. in the courtyard. For details call Vicky Curtiss (312.981.3598).

Worship

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.

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.

A candlelit Taizé service will take place this Friday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A labyrinth will be available to walk beforehand in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

A Blessing of the Animals service will take place Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard (or, in the event of rain, in Buchanan Chapel). Bring your pet (on leash or in carrier) or their photo.

Brian Ellison, Executive Director of the Covenant Network, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, October 7 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Children, Youth, and Family

Youth programming meets today, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in Bumpus; all youth at 10:30 a.m. in Allison Library; and Senior High in Bumpus at 11:00 a.m. Confirmation is away on retreat.

The Day School will offer complimentary introductory classes of the weekly “Together We Play” toddler-and-parent class on October 2 and 9. Contact Josie Phelps (jphelps@fourthchurch.org).

Tunes for Tots will meet next Sunday, September 30 in the Nursery at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service

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

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring; sign up for 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)

Music and the Arts

This week’s Free Friday Noonday concert is by our very own John W. W. Sherer, organ, in the Sanctuary.

Calendar for September 23–29, 2018

Sunday, September 23			Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Lucy Forster-Smith 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	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.	Senior High		Bumpus Room	
	11:00 a.m.	"Just and Unjust Wars"		Room 5E	
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour		Sanctuary	
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour		Sanctuary	
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching		Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall	
Monday, September 24					
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Book Club		Parish Dining Room	
	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"		<i>(see announcement)</i>	
Tuesday, September 25					
	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	
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center		Boyle Conference Room	
Wednesday, September 26					
	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	
	7:00 p.m.	Exploring Self-Compassion		Boyl Conference Room	
	7:30 p.m.	TwentiesThirties "Discernment"		<i>(see announcement)</i>	
Thursday, September 27					
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary	
	7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel	
Friday, September 28					
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary	
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall	
	7:30 p.m.	Taizé		Buchanan Chapel	
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Worship on September 30			Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms Communion			
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching			
	4:00 p.m.	Nannette Sawyer 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.