Next Sunday, October 28 is Commitment Sunday! If you have not yet submitted your pledge to the 2019 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, please do so by next Sunday, when we will recommit ourselves to actively participating in God’s re-creating and reconciling work in this world. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal.

Those interested in becoming members of Fourth Church are invited to attend a one-session Inquirers’ Class, which will next be offered on Sunday, November 11 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. Register at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers.

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

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister. Leave a message at 312.573.3365 or see fourthchurch.org/caring.

Worship

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

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

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

This Friday, October 26 a candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This contemplative time of meditation, prayer, and song will be preceded by opportunity to walk a labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

An All Saints’ Service of Remembrance, including Communion and featuring the Morning Choir singing the requiem Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen, will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Fourth Church sermons are available by email (subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons); online (print and audio) at fourthchurch.org/sermons; and in the literature racks.

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.
Enrichment

“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Bible,” a monthly class taught by Rocky Supinger and Matt Helms, begins today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

The “Care of Creation” class offers its last session today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

“The Impact of Gun Violence” class continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

“Death, Dying, and Human Dignity,” a four-week class led by Michael DeVries, begins next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

“Doxology: Hymns and the Christian Tradition,” a three-week class with John Sherer and Shawn Fiedler, begins next Sunday at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Grief Group begins Monday evening, October 29. To sign up (required), contact our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

Fellowship

To sponsor Coffee Hour in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Book Club meets this Monday, October 22 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss The Soul of America by Jon Meacham.

Women at Fourth meets this Thursday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. In honor of LGBT History Month, Shawn Fiedler, Nanette Sawyer, and Anne Ellis will share coming-out stories and the intersection with their faith.

TwentiesThirties, a group for young adults, gathers next Sunday, October 28 at 12:20 p.m. in the Commons to go out for brunch.

Movie Club will watch a film on Thursday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will meet on Friday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a presentation on “Improving and Protecting Our Chicago River.” Register by Wednesday, October 31 at www.bit.ly/cpfc1118

Fourth Church is forming a new LGBTQIA group. An interest meeting will be held in the Randolph Room on Sunday, November 4 after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Volunteers Needed

Ushers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services

Volunteers to unload food trucks on a regular basis for Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center; must be able to lift 50 pounds

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring, particularly for Thursday evenings; sign up for a one-session orientation at http://bit.ly/2CLtutoring

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

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. The reception desk of Fourth Presbyterian Church is at 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014. Phone: 312.787.4570 | www.fourthchurch.org | www.facebook.com/fourthchurch
Children, Youth, and Family

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

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

Youth gatherings today begin with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room; 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.

Junior high and high school lock-ins will be held this Friday night, October 26. Sign up at www.bit.ly/lock-in1018

Tunes for Tots, a time for parents and their infants and toddlers to sing simple songs together, meets next Sunday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Mission

A Fourth Church Prison Ministry information session will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5E. For more details, contact Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Knitting and Crocheting, which creates items for those in need, meets this Tuesday, October 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F to drop off completed projects, pick up materials, and share in a time of fellowship.

Benevolent Guild, which creates gifts for children in hospitals and shelters, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

An insight trip to Cuba, led by Nanette Sawyer and Gretchen Wahl, is planned for May 6–15, 2019. To learn more or complete a trip application (deadline: January 15), see www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

A service trip to Guatemala, led by Tom and Sue Schemper, is planned for next summer: August 4–11, 2019. To learn more or complete a trip application (deadline: January 15), see www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

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.

Music and the Arts

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert will be presented by Il Duo Lyrico (cello and piano) at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Camerata Chicago will present Handel’s Messiah (Christmas) and Bach’s Magnificat on Friday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.cameratachicago.com/t/1pcc; use code FPCC for a 30 percent discount.

The 100th anniversary of the end of World War I will be commemorated in concert on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, when the Fourth Church Choral Society will present music by Elgar, Bainton, Tavener, and Mealor. A pre-concert lecture on “Remembering the Great War” will be presented that evening by Claudia Boatright at 6:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.
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.