Chicago Lights

One of the ways that we live out our call to be a light in the city is through the work of Fourth Church’s youth-development and social-service nonprofit organization, Chicago Lights, which provides hope and opportunity to individuals facing the challenges of poverty. It is your support of this Fourth Church mission arm that makes this possible, through—

The Dance Academy as it promotes learning, self-confidence, cooperation, and creative self-expression through dance classes taught by professional artists for more than 1,500 students attending under-resourced schools. *The dancers are offering a liturgical dance during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today as part of our observance of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.*

The Elam Davies Social Service Center as it helps 1,800 individuals who are experiencing homelessness or who are in transition to gain self-sufficiency through case management, a food pantry, clothing assistance, referrals to other agencies, and outreach.

Summer Day as it reduces summer learning loss for 125 students who are at risk of struggling academically and engages them in academic and arts classes, outdoor recreation, field trips, and a dynamic final performance.

Tutoring as it matches caring adult tutors/mentors with 440 students living in under-resourced neighborhoods and provides those students with innovative educational and enrichment resources that promote long-term academic and social success.

The Urban Farm as it cultivates a thoughtful and engaged community of youth and adults through educational and economic opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and access to fresh, local, and sustainably grown produce.

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**How can you support the ministry of Chicago Lights?**
Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn more about the Chicago Lights programs.

**Make your reservations now for the Gala of Hope!**
This fun-filled benefit at the Radisson Blu Aqua on Friday, March 1 supports the life-changing work of Chicago Lights’ community outreach programs. Details are available during Coffee Hour and online at bidpal.net/clgala2019
Worship

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

Jazz at Four, a worship service with Communion, is held Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. That service’s sermon series “Who Is Jesus?” continues today with “Jesus the Prophet.”

This Friday’s Taizé service—a time of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk a labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Daily devotions are available on facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; in the literature racks; and via email (subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions).

Mission

The Care of Creation Committee invites those interested in eco-stewardship and environmental justice to attend their meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4E.

The Racial Equity Council invites you to a screening of The Long Shadow, a documentary about the origins and legacy of slavery. It will be shown at St. James Cathedral (Huron and Wabash) today at 3:30 pm and at LaSalle Street Church (1136 N. LaSalle) on Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, January 22 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

A trip to Alabama and Mississippi that focuses on the civil rights movement is being planned by the Racial Equity Council for October 26–November 2. Details and a trip application are available online at www.bit.ly/crtrip2019

News and Resources

If you have not yet fulfilled your 2018 pledge to the Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so! And if you have not yet made a pledge for 2019, please take a moment to submit it, either by using the card in the pew racks or by filling out the online form at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Youth meet this morning, with Junior High (grades 6–8) at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D; a time of fellowship for all youth at 10:30 a.m. in the fifth-floor lounge (the gathering space at the south end of the hall), and Senior High (Room 5D) at 11:00 a.m.
**Fellowship**

**TwentiesThirties Brunch is today.** Young adults are invited to gather at the TwentiesThirties Coffee Hour table at 12:10 p.m. to walk together to a neighborhood restaurant.

**Women at Fourth** will gather this Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Joe Morrow, Minister for Evangelism, will share stories from his faith and ministerial journey.

**LGBTQIA Brunch** will be held next Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m. Meet near the reception desk to walk to a neighboring restaurant. Those attending are encouraged to invite friends as well.

**Cornerstones will host a presentation by Father Michael Pfleger** on Friday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A dinner *(prepaid reservations required: www.bit.ly/cfpc0219)* will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Volunteers Needed**

**Hospitality hosts** (two-hour shifts) for the Presbytery meeting to be held at Fourth Church, Saturday, February 16

**For 8:00 a.m. worship,** ushers to serve Communion and greet; lay liturgists to read scripture

**Individuals** needed to clean, fold, and prepare liturgical linens and garments that support weekly Communion services and morning worship (once a month)

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

**Enrichment**

“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Bible” concludes today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G with Matt Helms leading this biblical exploration.

“Exploring the Theological Declaration of Barmen,” led by Jeff Doane, continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

Join the Men’s Faith Discussion Group, which meets on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. through April 12, to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. No knowledge of the Bible or theology is required. Registration is required; contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

“Yoga for Managing Stress and Mood” will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on first and third Wednesdays beginning February 6 at 7:15 p.m.

**Music and the Arts**

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert is presented by John W. W. Sherer, Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music, at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Calendar for January 20–25, 2019

Sunday, January 20 .............................. 8:00 a.m. Worship ▪ Judith L. Watt preaching ........................................ Sanctuary
  8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal ......................... Buchanan 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. Worship ▪ Shannon J. Kershner preaching .. Nursery / Day School
  9:30 a.m. Everything You Wanted to Know about the Bible .......... Room 5G
  9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Youth Groups ................................... (see announcement)
  10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons ................. Stone Chapel
  11:00 a.m. Worship | New Members ▪ Shannon J. Kershner preaching . Sanctuary
  11:00 a.m. The Theological Declaration of Barmen ..................... Room 5E
  12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour ............................................. Sanctuary
  12:15 p.m. Organ Tour ..................................................... Sanctuary
  12:15 p.m. New Member Brunch ....................................... Page Smith Room
  12:30 p.m. Care of Creation ............................................. Room 4E
  3:30 p.m. Documentary: The Long Shadow ........................ (see announcement)
  4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four ▪ Shannon J. Kershner preaching .......... Buchanan Chapel
  5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper ................. Anderson Hall

Monday, January 21 ................................ Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
  4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper .................... Catholic Charities

Tuesday, January 22 .............................. 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause ............................................. Stone Chapel
  9:00 a.m. Day School (also Wed.–Fri.) ............................... Day School Classrooms
  11:30 a.m. Calvin College January Series (also Wed.) .......... Page Smith Room
  12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.) . Anderson Hall
  4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting ........................ Room 4G
  5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Wed.–Thurs.) .... Gratz Fifth Floor
  7:00 p.m. Meditation with the Replogle Center ............. Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, January 23 .......................... 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer ...................................... Buchanan Chapel
  9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild .......................................... Room 5B

Thursday, January 24 ............................. 7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group (also Fri.) .... Randolph Room
  5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth. ........................................ Bumpus Room
  6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal .................................. Sanctuary

Friday, January 25 ................................. 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer .......... Sanctuary
  6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Hosted Labyrinth Walk ......................... Anderson Hall

For a complete Fourth Church calendar that includes links to register for programs and to add events to your own electronic calendar, see www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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