

July 14–20, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



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We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! \* **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. \* We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

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

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Today we are receiving a **special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** to aid immigrant families at the border. Gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks, by writing "PDA" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, or online at [pda.pcusa.org/give](http://pda.pcusa.org/give). Policy recommendations for public advocacy for immigration reform is available at the Mission table in Coffee Hour.

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This Tuesday, July 16 our **Equitable Education Group** will be hosting Ralph Matire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, and Gaby Roman, Policy Director, who will speak with us about fiscal and economic issues that impact Chicago Public School funding. The presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

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If you haven't already, **sign up** for our email newsletter ([www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews](http://www.bit.ly/fourthchurchnews)), bookmark our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@FourthChurch) to stay up-to-date on the latest from Fourth Church!

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**This "News and Opportunities" insert is our invitation to you** to join us in taking part in the programs and resources available to you here at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. On our website you will find even more opportunities, as well as the page [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up) with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

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This week several of our youth will be taking part in the July 16–20 ► **Presbyterian Youth Triennium**. This is the marquee youth event for the Presbyterian church that happens once every three years. Thousands of youth from across the United States and even the globe converge on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, for four days of worship, play, and reflection. Please keep them, their leaders, and all the participants in your prayers. \* Later this summer our **Vacation Bible School** will travel to ancient Greece to learn about the Apostle Paul when we gather the mornings of August 5–9 for a week of learning, crafts, games, and songs. Registration is open for preschool children to fifth graders. \* To assist with the journey we also need **middle school and high school youth volunteers**. See the sign-up page for more information.



Over the summer, a ◀ **Strategic Directions task force** is meeting to help discern priorities for the next three to five years of Fourth Church's life together. From all who call this church home they are interested in hearing what areas of our mission or ministry you would want to prioritize and into which of them you would want to invest new energy and imagination. Please join the task force in conversation on Sunday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room or Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

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The events and programs on the Fourth Church calendar are invitations to connect with others here at Fourth Church or in the community. Such opportunities include **Men's Bible study** this Tuesday, July 16; **Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, July 23; and **LGBTQIA brunch** on Sunday, July 28.

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Are you looking for ways to serve or to connect with others while volunteering? We are in need of individuals to wrap silverware, help cook, or serve food for our **Sunday Night Suppers**. \* **Docents** are needed to give church tours on a rotating basis following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Training will be provided. \* If you are interested in learning more about these or other **volunteer opportunities** at Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382, [rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).

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Did you know that more than 4,000 people around the world receive **devotions** from Fourth Church in their inbox every morning? To receive them by email, sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org); and in booklets in the literature racks.



◀ **To recommend for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Chicago Lights Board** any Fourth Church members—including yourself!—who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry, please use the forms available in the pew racks and also online at [www.bit.ly/fpcnominating](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating); when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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Today fresh produce from the **Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase during Coffee Hour; proceeds benefit the community outreach work of the Farm. Produce is also available at the Urban Farm's Farmstand (*444 W. Chicago*) on Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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This Friday's free Noonday concert in the Sanctuary will feature music from After School Matters, an organization that provides programs for more than 18,000 Chicago high school teens.



For our annual **◀ School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women at Fourth, we are collecting school supplies and backpacks for 280 children connected with the Chicago Lights Summer Day, Summer Dance Intensive, and Tutoring programs. Lists and information are available in Coffee Hour. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) to volunteer or to receive a supply list. \* On July 25 Women at Fourth will prepare those donated backpacks and school supplies and backpacks for the Summer Day students as part of **Women at Fourth's service project**.

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Share the gift of music and be inspired by the faith of our Cuban Christian sisters and brothers! Join members of Fourth Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church of Chicago on this weeklong **▶ music mission trip to Cuba** from February 17 to 24, 2020. Our hosts will be Liudmila Hernández and her congregation, the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, with whom Fourth Church has had a partner relationship for more than nineteen years. For more information, please see the sign-up page.



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If you are interested in meeting with a **Stephen Minister** or know someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from such a caring relationship, please leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365 or learn more at Coffee Hour.

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**For details, go to [www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up)**

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## Calendar for July 14–20, 2019

- Sunday, July 14 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour . . . . . Michgan Avenue Courtyard  
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery . . . . . Nursery / Day School  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class . . . . . Page Smith Room  
**9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Rocky Supinger preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School . . . . . Borwell Dining Room  
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Organ Tour . . . . . Sanctuary  
**4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Monday, July 15 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Chicago Lights Summer Day (also Tues.–Fri.) . . . Gratz Fifth Floor**  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities
- Tuesday, July 16 . . . . . All Day Presbyterian Youth Triennium (also Wed.–Sat.) . . . Purdue University**  
7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study . . . . . (see sign-up page)  
7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall  
6:00 p.m. Education Funding Presentation . . . . . Room 4F
- Wednesday, July 17 . . . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer . . . . . Buchanan Chapel**  
10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . Parish House Dining Room  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall
- Thursday, July 18 . . . . . 10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . Parish House Dining Room**  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches . . . . . Anderson Hall  
7:00 p.m. Women's Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary
- Friday, July 19 . . . . . 10:30 a.m. Chicago Lights Dance Academy . . . . Parish House Dining Room**  
12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: After School Matters . . . . . Sanctuary
- Saturday, July 20 . . 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Urban Farm Farmstand . . . . . 444 W. Chicago**

See [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)  
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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