

August 11–17, 2019

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

News and Opportunities



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.

We have many opportunities to celebrate the beauty of nature this month! Our free concert series, **Music by the Fountain**, offers a chance to enjoy music outdoors. Andy Brown will perform this Friday at 12:10 p.m. * Next Sunday, August 18 Care of Creation will be taking a guided **walking tour of the historic Wooded Island** in Jackson Park at 1:00 p.m. (*See the sign-up page for more information.*) * Then on Labor Day weekend, our weekly **Jazz at Four** Communion service will be held in the Michigan Avenue courtyard on Sunday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m.



Today the ◀ **Strategic Directions task force** invites you to join them in conversation at 9:45 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. The task force is working 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. If you are unable to be with us for this conversation, the task force would greatly appreciate your emailing to them (priorities@fourthchurch.org) your thoughts about priorities and areas of commitment.

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.

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 with details about signing up for the programs listed here.

To receive our weekly email newsletter, subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

Our annual **School Supply Drive**, sponsored by Women at Fourth, is continuing to collect school supplies for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Stop by Coffee Hour or contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) to volunteer or to receive a supply list.

Registration for **Confirmation** is now open. This nine-month weekly group equips those in eighth grade and above who have not made a profession of faith to participate at Fourth Church as active members. * Our **Day School** weekday preschool program is still accepting applications for fall 2019. See the sign-up page for more information about Day School and Confirmation. * Have you seen our photos from ancient Greece? This past week was filled with fun and learning as preschoolers through fifth graders traveled through ancient Greece for Vacation Bible School's focus on the Apostle Paul and our call to be disciples. Check out the **VBS pictures** ► on Instagram: www.instagram.com/fourthchurch * **Sunday School** is on break until Sunday, September 8, when it will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. In the weeks ahead, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them; special children's bulletins are available from the ushers.



Your **gifts** support Vacation Bible School, Noonday Concerts in the courtyard, visiting youth groups, and more during the busy summer months. Please consider making an additional gift this summer to provide much needed resources for all of our summer programming. Gifts can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online/index.html

* Did you know that Fourth Church offers **automatic giving**? You can support the mission and ministry of the church throughout the summer and anytime you're away by setting up a recurring gift. Contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576) for details.

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; when completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church. The deadline is Monday, September 30. The Nominating Committee appreciates your input!

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 stop by the Stephen Ministry table in Coffee Hour or leave a message on the Stephen Ministry confidential voicemail at 312.573.3365.

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. They are also available at **facebook.com/fourthchurch**, **Twitter** (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org; and in booklets in the literature racks.

The **Social Service Center** is looking for a volunteer who can advise and support us with improving the efficiency of how we use Salesforce. For more information, please see the sign-up page. * 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**, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry (312.981.3382, rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

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



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 ◀ **Horizons Bible study** for women, which meets this Wednesday, August 14. * **Men's Bible study** will meet on Tuesday, August 20. See our sign-up page for more information. * All are welcome to join the LGBTQIA+ **Widening Our Welcome** group on Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room to discuss ideas for "what's next" for the group. The usual monthly **brunch** at a neighboring restaurant will follow. * **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet on Tuesday, August 27.

For adults sixty and more, a host of exercise opportunities as well as classes (from French to painting to films to history) and day trips are all in store during the new program year of the **Center for Life and Learning**, which kicks off Monday, September 9. For details—and the ability to register online for classes and to renew CLL memberships—see www.fourthchurch.org/ctl or contact Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3386).

Those interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to **Chancel Choir** rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. * **The Handbell Choir** also welcomes new ringers to their rehearsals, which begin on Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m.

Two exciting events are on the horizon in March of 2020, including a **music mission trip** to Cuba. See the sign-up page for more information. * You are also invited to support our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights, by attending the annual **Gala of Hope** benefit on Friday, March 6, at the Radisson Blu Aqua! * You can also support Chicago Lights later this month at their Associates Board's **annual bake sale** on Sunday, August 25.

For details, go to www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up

Calendar for August 11–17, 2019

Sunday, August 11 8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching. Sanctuary
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour Michigan Avenue Courtyard
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Nursery / Day School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Nanette Sawyer preaching Sanctuary
9:45 p.m. Stragic Directions Forum 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 • Nanette Sawyer preaching. Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

Monday, August 12 . . 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. CLL: Mindful Meditation Randolph Room
4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper. *Catholic Charities*

Tuesday, August 13 7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall

Wednesday, August 14. 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. *Horizons* Bible Study Room 5H
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches. Anderson Hall

Thursday, August 15 . . . 12:00–1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches Anderson Hall

Friday, August 16 12:10 p.m. Music by the Fountain: Andy Brown Michigan Ave. Courtyard

Saturday, August 17. . 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Urban Farm Farmstand Open 444 W. Chicago Ave.

See www.fourthchurch.org/calendar
for a complete events calendar, including online registration links.

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