

January 19–25, 2020

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

# News and Opportunities



## *Chicago Lights*

### **Building Brighter Futures**

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 Chicago Lights, which builds brighter futures for Chicago's youth and adults through supportive relationships and life-changing programs. It is your support of this Fourth Church mission arm that makes this possible, through—

**The Dance Academy** as it fosters self-esteem and academic growth through dance instruction taught by professional artists for more than 1,500 students at Chicago schools.

**The Elam Davies Social Service Center** as it helps more than 1,300 adults achieve individual goals through case management and enrichment groups, plus provides appointments for food, clothing, housing case management, and other resources.

**Summer Day** as it bridges the summer learning and safety gap for 125 students through six weeks of academic, arts, and enrichment programming, outdoor recreation, field trips, and a dynamic final performance.

**Tutoring** as it matches 440 students one-to-one with caring volunteer mentors to help students build academic and social-emotional skills, graduate from high school, and pursue meaningful careers.

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



#### **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 6 supports the life-changing work of this community outreach program.

Details are available during Coffee Hour and online at [bidpal.net/clgala2020](https://bidpal.net/clgala2020)

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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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Today we join churches and communities across the nation in **honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, who was born ninety-one years ago, on January 15, 1929. A banner in his memory hangs above our Sanctuary entrance this weekend as public witness for all who pass by. \* Dr. King envisioned a Beloved Community where all people see one another as beloved children of God. This morning at 11:00 a.m. we continue our **"Beloved Community: Shaping Our Lives Together"** class. In it we are looking at biblical and theological foundations for working toward racial healing, reconciliation, and justice and identifying what Fourth Church can do on the path toward justice and racial equity. \* Next month a variety of guest lecturers will guide us in learning more about **"Black History: Impact on Our Faith Traditions"** in a Sunday morning series on February 2–23 at 11:00 a.m. \* Also in honor of Black History Month, Robert Crouch will present a **Cornerstones** program on the Racial Equity Council-sponsored **civil rights movement tour** this past fall. All those fifty and over are invited to this Friday, February 7 dinner and program. To register (*required by February 4*), see the Sign-Up Page noted on page 3.

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This Friday, January 24 the **labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel will be available for walking between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.; hosts will be on hand for anyone who has never walked a labyrinth before and would like to learn more about it. \* The **weekly livestream** of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship) and the Fourth Church website, where it can also be viewed throughout the week. \* If you **give to Fourth Church electronically**—whether via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or our website—we encourage you to place in the offering plate an "I give" card from the pew racks.

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Several options for Bible study are available this week: The weekly **"Foundations of Faith" Bible study** led by pastoral staff continues today at 9:30 a.m. with Vicky Curtiss leading a discussion of Daniel 7; next week she will lead a session on John 1. (If you would like to view past sessions of the study, you can do so at [www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations](http://www.bit.ly/fpcbiblefoundations)) \* **Men's Bible Study** meets this Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details see the Sign-Up Page listed on the bottom of page 3. \* **Women's Horizons Bible Study** meets this Wednesday, January 22 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

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

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Cozy winter fun is on the calendar for the January **Women at Fourth** gathering this Thursday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. Come join in celebrating the season with hot chocolate, stories, and good cheer! \* Also this Thursday, January 23, **TwentiesThirties** will gather for their monthly social outing, this time at MingHin (333 E. Benton Place, #300) at 7:00 p.m. \* And our monthly **LGBTQIA Brunch** will take place next Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m.

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This Saturday, January 25 the **Day School is hosting its winter Open House** from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Preschoolers and their families are invited to explore the classrooms and meet the teachers. \* Friday, January 31 is the registration deadline for the **youth summer trips** to Detroit and Ferncliff, Arkansas. For details or to sign up, see the Sign-Up Page noted below.

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Fourth Church's new mission group, **Employment Network**, is working in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center to increase job opportunities for those in the Auburn-Gresham and Englewood neighborhoods and could use your help: if you become aware of **entry-level job openings** where you work or live, please email [employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org](mailto:employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org) so we can share that information through the Resource Center. \* Those interested in criminal justice reform or worshiping and talking with detainees in the Cook County Jail are asked to email [jailministry@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jailministry@fourthchurch.org) by Friday, January 31. Participation in our 2020 **jail ministry** requires attendance at a one-hour training by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in early February.

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Fourth Church offers many ways to connect through service, including the **Benevolent Guild** on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and **Knitting and Crocheting** on Tuesday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m. \* Are you looking for **volunteer opportunities in 2020**? Check out our new volunteer management software, **VOMO**, for ideas! You can sign up for and manage your volunteer engagement with the church by going to [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers). (Simply click "join" on the right side of the VOMO page and fill out the requested details.) For assistance with VOMO or volunteering with Fourth Church, please contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).

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Do you have gifts for compassionate listening? Do you feel called to be present with and pray for individuals experiencing challenging times? If so, we encourage you to **consider becoming a Stephen Minister**. Our next fifty-hour Stephen Ministry training class begins in March and will be offered on Saturdays. Details and links to the application are on the Sign-Up Page noted below.

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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)

## Calendar for January 19–25, 2020

- Sunday, January 19 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship • Victoria G. Curtiss preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
     8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Buchanan Chapel  
     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  
     9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m. Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals . . . . . Room 4F  
     9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . Gratz Fourth Floor  
     **9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship • Shannon J. Kershner preaching . . . . . Sanctuary**  
     9:30 to 10:30 a.m. “A Year with the Bible” . . . . . Room 5G  
     9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Junior High Youth Group . . . . . Bumpus Room  
     10:30 to 11:00 a.m. All-Youth Fellowship . . . . . Allison Hall  
     10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Time of Prayer with Deacons . . . . . Stone Chapel  
     11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. “Beloved Community” . . . . . Room 5G  
     11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Confirmation . . . . . Room 4G  
     11:00 to 12:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group . . . . . Bumpus Room  
     12:00 p.m. New Member Brunch . . . . . Page Smith Room  
     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, January 20 . . . . . Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
     4:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper . . . . . Catholic Charities
- Tuesday, January 21 . . . . . 7:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study . . . . . (see announcement)**  
     7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation . . . . . Stone Chapel  
     9:00 a.m. Day School (also Wed.–Fri.) . . . . . Day School Classrooms  
     12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (also Wed.–Thurs.) . . . . . Anderson Hall  
     5:00 p.m. Chicago Lights Tutoring (also Wed.–Thurs.) . . . . . Gratz Fifth Floor
- Wednesday, January 22 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime . . . . . Room 4A**  
     9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild . . . . . Room 5B  
     12:00 p.m. Horizons Bible Study . . . . . Bumpus Room
- Thursday, January 23 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Men’s Faith Discussion Group . . . . . Randolph Room**  
     5:30 p.m. Women at Fourth . . . . . Manse  
     6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . Sanctuary  
     7:00 p.m. TwentiesThirties . . . . . (see announcement)
- Friday, January 24 . . . . . 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Lyric Opera Stage Artists . . . . . Sanctuary**  
     6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk . . . . . Buchanan Chapel
- Saturday, January 25 . . 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Day School Open House . . . . . Day School Classrooms**

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

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