

February 8–14, 2015

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today's 145th Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following 11:00 worship. As part of the meeting, the congregation will elect new officers. All members are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided.

Today's congregational luncheon will follow the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Tickets for this intergenerational, Italian-themed meal held in Borwell Dining Room are available at the door. Please join us!

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago and @FPCAngel

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for worship and church life information. If you have a Facebook account, “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on news and photos!

LENT

Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with Communion and opportunity for imposition of ashes at both services.

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. For details or to register, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Cuba mission trip applications are due today!

Join us and Shannon Kershner as we travel to Havana to celebrate with First Presbyterian Church the new diplomatic relationship between our two countries. Applications, which are due February 8, are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. They are due February 15 for the “Racial Reconciliation” trip and April 11 for the Guatemala trip.



“Mindful Parenting,” a monthly series for parents that is led by Sue Schemper, will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Youth in grades 8–12 gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Elevation youth in grades 6–7 are attending a retreat at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin.

An **“Animal Night” Family Night** will be held on Friday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ENRICHMENT

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: “Experiencing the Word of God through Bible Stories,” led by Tom Payne, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D and “The Impact of American Slavery on African American Spirituals: From Sounds of Defiance to Sounds of Liberation,” led by A. Alyce Claerbaut, at 2:45 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. “Perspectives on Healing and Faith” at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G will begin on February 15. To register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Books by Women will discuss *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

“Shamanic Meditation and Journey,” offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A SoulCollage® seminar, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Sunday, February 22 in Boyle Conference Room. An introductory session will take place at 12:30 p.m., followed by card creating and readings at 1:00 p.m. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

“Dying to Know: Life-Affirming Conversations about Living and Dying Well,” offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held on Saturday, February 28 at Fourth Church. More information is available at www.fourthchurch.org/rc. Register by February 20 for a discounted rate.

NEXT Church—which is committed to “sparking imaginations, connecting congregations, and offering a distinctively Presbyterian witness to Jesus Christ” and on whose strategy team Shannon Kershner serves—will be holding its 2015 national gathering at Fourth Church March 16–18. All are invited to register. Details are available at www.nextchurch.net

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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FELLOWSHIP

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored in honor of National Black History Month by Robert A. Crouch. To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Young Adults will gather today for discussion and fellowship at 12:45 p.m. in Room 5A.

Fourth Dimension will meet for "Stealing Authority from Ferguson" this Friday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register (required), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, February 11.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert this Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.org

Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform a piano program for this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Chicago Mosaic School will present on the work of Verdiano Marzi—whose art will be on exhibit in the Loggia this spring—next Sunday, February 15 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A Spring Splendor Drawing for a night out at Everest, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the Park Hyatt will benefit Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Tickets for this Gala of Hope drawing, held on Friday, March 6, are available at Coffee Hour and online at www.bit.ly/GalaOfHope

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

The Sunlight Project, which addresses sexual exploitation and trafficking of youth, invites women who may be interested in being a hotline volunteer to attend an orientation on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Fourth Church. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org

Gala of Hope tickets, in support of Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, are available at Coffee Hour or online at www.bit.ly/GalaOfHope. Tickets to this March 6 benefit are selling fast and seating is limited, so don't wait to make your reservations!

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording operators for Sunday morning worship

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring; one evening a week, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Book Nook attendants during Sunday morning Coffee Hours

Helpers to assist with the Identity Arts program and Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets for the Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Men's and women's sturdy winter clothes

Individually wrapped food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 8–14, 2015

Sunday, February 8

	8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to	12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots	Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”	Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m. and	12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Sanctuary
	12:45 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
	1:00 p.m.	Congregational Luncheon	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, February 9

7:30 a.m. to	9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to	3:00 p.m.	Day School (<i>also Tuesday–Friday</i>)	Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>also Wednesday–Friday</i>)	Stone Chapel
5:30 to	7:30 p.m.	Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor

Tuesday, February 10

7:30 a.m. to	3:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	“Shamanic Meditation and Journey”	Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, February 11

7:30 a.m. to	5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B

Thursday, February 12

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Choir Loft
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Friday, February 13

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Thomas Gouwens	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Page Smith Room

Saturday, February 14

7:30 a.m. to	12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, February 15

8:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	John W. Vest preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.