

September 27–October 3, 2015

**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
A Light in the City

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A **congregational meeting** has been called by Session for Sunday, October 11 at 12:15 p.m. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Joyce Shin. The congregation of Swarthmore Presbyterian Church in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, is meeting today to call Joyce to be their new Pastor and Head of Staff.

A **reception for Joyce Shin**, Michael, and Sophia will take place on Sunday, October 11 following the congregational meeting. Please plan to be with us as we thank them for their ministry among us and wish them Godspeed!

Did you see this week's photos of church life? They're posted at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, along with quotes from prayers and devotions, and the latest news of upcoming events.

The tree at Michigan and Delaware, which was planted in the mid-1930s and has been dying for the past two years, will need to be cut down this Monday and Tuesday, September 28 and 29, as it poses a safety hazard. A new tree will be planted in its place either later this year or next spring.

FELLOWSHIP

A **Young Adults retreat** will take place this coming weekend, October 2–4, at Grand Beach Inn in New Buffalo, Michigan. Register online at www.bit.ly/yaretreat15

Cornerstones will meet this Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "U.S. Submarine *Illinois* Commissioning," presented by Bob Koonce and Chris Gaines. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at callerton@fourthchurch.org by this Wednesday, September 30.

The deadline for 2016 officer recommendations

is this Wednesday, September 30. Before then, please share with the Nominating Committee suggestions of Fourth Church members who you think would serve this church well as elders, deacons, trustees, or Chicago Lights Board members. You can do that by completing the form in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org



Fourth Dimension will gather for the presentation “The Changing Role of Women in the Mosque,” led by Hind Makki, on Friday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To register (*required*), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, October 7.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On Friday, October 2 Presbyterian Women will tie purple bows on the trees outside the Manse, as they do annually, to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence. To volunteer, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 4. All are invited to visit Coffee Hour that day to learn about Fourth Church mission partners and 2016 mission trips.

A Peacemaking Offering, which supports ministries that further reconciliation and address violence, will be received next Sunday, World Communion Sunday.

Orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be offered on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cltutor2015

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children, is looking for new members. For details, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

A January mission trip to Mexico, led by Tom and Sue Schemper, will engage participants in partnering with local villagers to build rain cisterns to collect drinkable water. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html. Registration is due by November 16.

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope, co-chaired by Cynthia Joho and Elaine Scales, will be Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. For details, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576).

ENRICHMENT

“Lectionary and Job,” led by Mark Eldred, is a new Academy for Faith and Life class meeting on Sundays through October 25 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

“Thinking Theologically,” a three-week Academy class led by Carolyn Roncolato, will begin next Sunday, October 4 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

“Art of Architecture: Today’s Black Architects,” with Carolyn Armenta Davis, will be offered by the Academy for Faith and Life on Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

ThirtiesForties’ “Answering Big Questions in Good Company” series begins on Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D with discussion of the topic “Power.”

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

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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Books by Women will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich.

The Monthly Book Club of the Center for Life and Learning, open to all sixty and over, will meet on Tuesday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 5B to discuss *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande.

Mass incarceration will be the topic of a series of book discussions hosted by the Multicultural Committee. The first will take place on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. Claudia Boatright will lead that conversation about Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

"Mindful Parenting," a series for parents led by Sue Schemper, will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

The deadline for Fall Family Camp registration is this Thursday, October 1. Register online for this October 9–11 trip at www.bit.ly/familycamp1015

A Senior High lock-in will be held this coming weekend, October 2–3, at the church. To register, contact Shelley Donaldson at 312.981.4036.

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. and 12:15 p.m.

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Cellist Mira Luxion will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Choral Society welcomes new singers to rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. They will be performing Mozart's *Requiem* with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A music trip to Scotland in summer 2016 will include a Fourth Church choir concert at St. Giles' Cathedral, where Calum MacLeod is Minister. Those interested in taking part in this tour are invited to contact John Sherer at jsherer@fourthchurch.org or attend an information session on Sunday, October 11 following the congregational meeting.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one evening per week
Members to assist a child with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Nursery caregivers on Sundays
Assistants to help lead Junior High youth
Drummers for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets
Men's and women's seasonal clothing

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 27–OCTOBER 3, 2015

Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
8:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	“Lectionary and Job”	Room 5B
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”	Room 5E
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Commons
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Commons
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Hardy H. Kim preaching

Monday, September 28

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	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutor Volunteer Orientation	Borwell Dining Room

Tuesday, September 29

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, October 2

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mira Luxion	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Borwell Dining Room

Saturday, October 3

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Urban Farm Open	Urban Farm
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For a complete calendar of events, visit www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

Worship on Sunday, October 4

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Shannon J. Kershner 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.