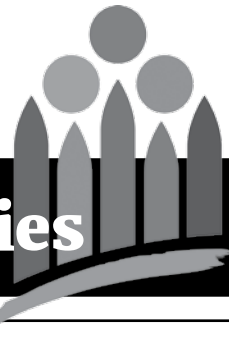


January 24–30, 2016

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Chicago Lights

Making a Difference. Changing Lives.

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 nonprofit community outreach organization, **Chicago Lights**.

Through supportive relationships and diverse programs, Chicago Lights provides hope and opportunity to Chicago's children, youth, and adults facing the challenges of poverty. It is your support of this Fourth Church mission arm that makes this possible, through—

Chicago Lights Dance Academy as it promotes learning and creative self-expression through dance classes taught by professional artists for nearly 1,000 students attending under-resourced and underperforming schools in Chicago.

Elam Davies Social Service Center as it meets the basic human needs of 1,800 persons who are hungry, homeless, or in transition, helping individuals on their journey toward self-sufficiency through case management, a food pantry, and clothing assistance.

Summer Day as it reduces summer learning loss for 100 first- through ninth-grade students who are at risk of struggling academically. This six-week full-day program offers academic and arts classes, career prep, and field trips.

Tutoring as it encourages 400 students living in under-resourced neighborhoods to graduate from high school and pursue higher education. Matching first- through twelfth-graders one-to-one with tutors, it promotes long-term academic and social success.

Urban Farm as it cultivates a thoughtful and engaged community of youth and adults through educational and economic 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 early-bird reservations for the Gala of Hope, a fun-filled benefit on Friday, March 4 that supports the work of this community outreach program. Participate in the Gala drawing or make a Gala of Hope contribution. Details are available during Coffee Hour and online at www.bitly/GalaofHope16

News and Resources

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 14 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.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, worship, and programming information and to access resources such as excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

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

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women’s Bible study, will meet today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

“What Is Justice?”—an Academy for Faith and Life class—continues today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

The last lectures of the January Series offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed in the Page Smith Room at 11:30 a.m. include “Cyber Security in a Shrinking World” on January 25 and “A Tough Calling: The Joys and Struggles of Pastoring in Palestine” on January 26. Visit www.calvin.edu/january to learn more.

“The Eyes of All”—a panel discussion on mass incarceration with district attorney John Chisholm, the Presbytery of Chicago’s Barbara A. Wilson, Chicago Theological Seminary’s Christophe Ringer, and McCormick Theological Seminary’s Reggie Williams—will be held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Author, Cook County defender, and Fourth Church member Jeanne Bishop will moderate this Michigan Avenue Forum discussion.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, January 31 in Borwell Dining Room: “The Belhar Confession,” led by Jeff Doane, at 9:30 a.m. and “Theology, Racism, and White Supremacy,” led by Carolyn Roncolato, at 11:00 a.m. Visit fourthchurch.org/academy for details.

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, February 22–March 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Replogle Center. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Lent

“Lent and Luke,” with Shannon Kershner, is a one-session Academy for Faith and Life class that will be held on Sunday, February 7 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Join us for a light lunch and discussion of the Gospel that will guide our Lenten journey.

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

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

Young Adults will gather for discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Presbyterian Women welcomes Elise Magers of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and John Stracks of the Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern Hospital for a panel discussion—"How Does Your Mind Affect Your Body and Your Faith?"—on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All are invited to attend.

"**Claiming Our Faith Stories,**" a retreat for women, will be held this Saturday, January 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Led by Layton Williams, Vicky Curtiss, and members of Fourth Church, the morning will include a variety of workshops. Register online at bit.ly/wretreat16

Worship

Prayer requests can be submitted in the Prayer Request Box next to the literature racks that are outside the Sanctuary south transept doors (between the Sanctuary and Anderson Hall).

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

Mission and Outreach

The anti-violence group of the World Mission and Social Justice Committee has information about gun policies available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

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

Knitting and Crocheting will next gather this Tuesday, January 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Youth gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2016–2017 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For more information or to apply, contact Ruthie Hornaday at 312.640.2579.

Music and the Arts

Organist John W. W. Sherer will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An exhibition of art by Sergio Gomez will be on display in the Loggia until Monday, February 29.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers

Experienced cooks for the Melting Pot Cooking Club

Food pantry volunteers to help unload the Social Service Center food truck

Attendants to staff the Book Nook after the 11:00 a.m. service

Artistic adults for the Identity Arts

Program, Tuesdays, February 9–May 24

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's winter clothing

Yoga mats, new or used

For more opportunities or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382

Calendar for January 24–30, 2016

Sunday, January 24

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5H
	10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	“What Is Justice?”		Room 4G
	12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, January 25

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
	11:30 a.m.	January Series		Page Smith Room
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.		Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)		Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
	7:00 p.m.	Mass Incarceration Panel		Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 26

11:30 a.m.		January Series		Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.		Knitting and Crocheting		Room 4J

Wednesday, January 27

7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B

Thursday, January 28

6:00 p.m.		Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary Choir Loft
6:00 p.m.		Presbyterian Women		Bumpus Room

Friday, January 29

12:10 p.m.		Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary
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Saturday, January 30

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.		Women’s Retreat		Anderson Hall
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Worship on Sunday, January 31

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