

August 20–26, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. When completed, paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Fourth Church is abuzz with activity this summer! The programs, opportunities, outreach, and services that more than fill our campus on summer weekdays—from Meals Ministry Bag Lunches to Center for Life and Learning exercise classes to the Grief Support Group—depend on the generous summer giving of members and friends. Gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving or placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!

Each Sunday you are with us, please take a moment to sign the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or member, whether your contact information needs to be updated or is the same—so we might know you are with us.

Alex Wirth will be joining our pastoral staff on September 5 for a two-year term as Minister for Evangelism. So he might have flexibility in helping us think about how to define the Associate Pastor for Evangelism position in the future, he will not be eligible for that role. Alex will also serve as the primary pastoral presence at the Jazz at Four service while he is with us.

Connection Corner during Coffee Hour helps you discover ways to get involved in the life of Fourth Church.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life and keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



What can we do about systemic racism?

As we explore questions of systemic racism and how we might address it, we invite you to take part in a training opportunity that will be held at Fourth Church on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and led by Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism. For fee details and to register, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Worship

Family worship bulletins are available from the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. ushers.

Individuals can lift up prayer concerns with a Deacon in Stone Chapel following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship today.

Sacred Pause meditative silence is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in praying for all Fourth Church members and for those in need.

This Friday a candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, as it is on the fourth Friday of each month. Prior to this contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection, there will be a labyrinth available in Anderson Hall for walking between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is also available for walking this week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. (*See page 4 for times.*)

Children, Youth, and Family

“We Play Together,” an interactive class for parents and their children ages eighteen to twenty-four months (by September 1), will be offered by the Day School on Tuesdays, September through June, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. To sign up, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Sunday School does not meet in August. Families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 10.

Youth and their families will go camping in Michigan over Labor Day weekend. For details or to sign up (*space is limited*), go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Confirmation registration is open for youth entering eighth grade. High school students wishing to make a profession of faith are also invited to participate in this program, which begins in September. Sign up online at www.bit.ly/confirmationfpc

Those who will be in college this fall are invited to participate in a mission trip to Mexico December 26 to January 2 to build cisterns in Yucatan. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, August 31. Details and a registration form are posted online: www.bit.ly/fpcmexico17info

Mission and Outreach

Today fresh produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available during Coffee Hour. It is also available at the Farm's Farmstand (*444 W. Chicago*) each Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, August 22 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

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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Enrichment

Men's Book Club meets on Monday, August 28 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room to begin a discussion of *An American Sickness* by Elisabeth Rosenthal.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a program—presented by professional storyteller Anne Shimojima—on the impact World War II incarceration had on Japanese American families. RSVP (*required*) by Wednesday, August 30 to Carol Allerton (312.640.5448; callerton@fourthchurch.org).

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

Yoga Nidra, an opportunity to create a meditative healing space at the intersection of sleeping and waking, will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. For fee details and to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will next be offered on Sunday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. On that day attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

Fellowship

To sponsor **Coffee Hour** in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults meet for their weekly Sunday Gathering time of fellowship and discussion on various topics at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. On Mondays they play beach volleyball at Oak Street Beach at 6:30 p.m.

Music and the Arts

The final Music by the Fountain free outdoor concert of the season will be this Friday at 12:10 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard, featuring the music of vocalist Elaine Dame.

The Fourth Church Choral Society invites all who like to sing to join them on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. for their first weekly rehearsal preparing music by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi for a November 10 concert at Fourth Church.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Shopping bags—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Individually wrapped snack items for bag lunches (*label donations "Meals Ministry"*)

Sunday School teachers (*in rotating teams*) for 9:30 a.m. (third grade class) and 11:00 a.m. (three- and four-year-old class; fourth- and fifth-grade class)

Greeters and liturgists for the Taizé service on the fourth Friday of the month

Ushers for the 4:00 p.m. jazz service

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up or for information about other volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Robert Crouch at 312.981.3382 or rcrouch@fourthchurch.org

Calendar for August 20–26, 2017

Sunday, August 20

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Michigan Ave. Courtyard
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery		Nursery / Day School
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Michigan Ave. Courtyard
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons		Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Michigan Ave. Courtyard
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Nanette Sawyer preaching	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, August 21

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper		Catholic Charities
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball		Oak Street Beach
	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group		Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, August 22

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause		Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed., Thurs.</i>)		Anderson Hall
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting		Room 4F
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga Nidra		Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, August 23

	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel

Thursday, August 24

	10:30 a.m.	Moms' Group		Room 4C
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Friday, August 25

	12:10 p.m.	Music by the Fountain		Michigan Ave. Courtyard
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service		Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, August 26

	8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		Chicago Lights Urban Farm Farmstand		(444 E. Chicago Ave.)
	12:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Volunteer Hours at the Urban Farm		Urban Farm

Worship on Sunday, August 27

	8:00 a.m.	Rocky Supinger preaching Communion		
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching		
	4:00 p.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching Jazz Communion		

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.