

**September 10–16, 2017**

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! Next Sunday, September 17, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about classes, fellowship groups, volunteer needs, and other activities.

Today we welcome **Alex Wirth** to the Fourth Church staff. Alex will be serving as Minister for Evangelism for the next two years and as the primary pastoral presence for Jazz at Four worship.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcnominating). Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

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

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Choirs for children and youth** meet in Room 4F: Cherub (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m.; Youth (grades 6–12) at 10:00; and Children’s (grades 2–5) at 10:30.

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**All youth** meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then break up for 11:00 a.m. gatherings (Junior High in Room 4G; Confirmation in Room 5A; Senior Highs in the Bumpus Room).

**Our Kickoff Celebration** for children, youth, and families begins at 12:00 p.m. today in the Michigan Avenue courtyard with lunch, games, and a dunk tank.

### **Needed: 10,000 single-serving snack items by Sunday, October 1!**

We need your help in collecting 10,000 snack items—a two-month supply of single servings of granola bars, chips, pretzels, and fruit cups—that Fourth Church Meals Ministry will pack in the bag lunches they serve Tuesday–Wednesday–Thursday in Anderson Hall and Chicago Lights Social Service Center will include in emergency snack packs for neighbors in need during September and October. Donations can be dropped off during Coffee Hour or, during the week, at the church reception desk.

## 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.

**Jazz at Four worship** with Communion is held Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**A memorial service for Sonja Bowen** will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

**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.

**The next Taizé service**, held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will be on September 22 in Buchanan Chapel.

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

## Enrichment

**Two new adult education classes** offered by the Academy for Faith and Life begin today in Room 5D: “The Language of Discipleship: A Brief Statement of Faith,” led by Jeff Doane at 9:30 a.m., and “The Architecture of Faith: Exploring Sacred Spaces,” led by Suzanne Morgan at 11:00.

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

**Inquirers’ Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—is offered today and again on Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. On those days attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

**A new Center for Life and Learning** program year kicks off this Monday, September 11. The CLL offers a wide range of classes, exercise programs, and day trips for adults sixty and over. Details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership—are available at [www.fourthchurch.org/ctl](http://www.fourthchurch.org/ctl)

**Books by Women book group** will discuss Madeleine Thien’s *Do Not Say That We Have Nothing* this Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Group participants need not commit to attending every monthly gathering but can join as their schedules allow and the books interest them.

**Horizons Bible Study on Hebrews**, a monthly study for women, begins this Wednesday, September 13 at 12:00 in 5H.

**Men’s Bible Study** next meets on Tuesday, September 19 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**Christian Century Study Groups**, which engage in discussion of the challenging social, ethical, and theological topics presented in the magazine *Christian Century*, begin Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP (*required*) to Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

## Music and the Arts

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** invites all who like to sing to join them this 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 that will be presented at Fourth Church with the Camerata Chicago orchestra.

**Organist Thom Gouwens will perform** this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Mission and Outreach

**Gifts to the Disaster Relief Offering** to help meet the emergency needs of those affected by recent disasters can be made online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase during Coffee Hour today. It is also available at their Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

**A Chicago Lights bake sale**, hosted by the Associates Board, will be held during Coffee Hour next Sunday. All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights, Fourth Church's nonprofit community outreach arm.

**The Benevolent Guild** gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** — which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

## Fellowship

**To sponsor Coffee Hour** in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Young Adults** will discuss prayer during today's weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their new Bible study begins this Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

**102 new tutors by October 2** to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church; a one-session volunteer orientation will be offered on September 12, 13, 18, and 26 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*to learn more or to RSVP for an orientation, go to [www.bit.ly/2wOxppc](http://www.bit.ly/2wOxppc)*)

**Individuals to staff the Book Nook** during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

**Sunday School teachers** for 11:00 classes

**Greeters** for the 4:00 worship service

**Men's pants** for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

*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 (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)*

## Calendar for September 10–16, 2017

<b>Sunday, September 10</b>			
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Judith L. Watt preaching</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00/10:00/10:30 a.m.		Cherub/Youth/Children's Choir Rehearsals	Room 4F
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.		Coffee Hour	Gignilliat Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery	Nursery / Day School
	<b>9:30 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>
	9:30 a.m.	"A Brief Statement of Faith"	Room 5D
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center
	10:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Fellowship	Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	"The Architecture of Faith"	Room 5D
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Groups	<i>(see announcement)</i>
	12:00 p.m.	Children/Youth/Family Kickoff Event	Michigan Ave. Courtyard
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Nanette Sawyer preaching</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, September 11</b>			
	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk <i>(also Tues.)</i>	Buchanan Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Manse
<b>Tuesday, September 12</b>			
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
	6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation <i>(also Wed.)</i>	Borwell Dining Room
<b>Wednesday, September 13</b>			
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool <i>(also Thurs., Fri.)</i>	Day School Classrooms
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Horizons Women's Bible Study	Room 5H
<b>Thursday, September 14</b>			
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
<b>Friday, September 15</b>			
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Thom Gouwens	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>			
	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	<i>(444 E. Chicago Ave.)</i>

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### Worship on Sunday, September 17

	8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching   Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching   New Members at 11:00	
	4:00 p.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching   Jazz Communion	

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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.