

**September 17–23, 2017**

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Are you looking to meet new people** at Fourth Church? Engage in learning and conversation? Share your gifts with others? Grow in faith? Come explore the host of opportunities we have for you that we are highlighting during today's special "Get Connected" Coffee Hour. Find ways to get connected—or reconnected!—and also enjoy a tasty treat from the Chicago Lights Associates Board Bake Sale to support the outreach work of Chicago Lights!

“Like” **Fourth Church** on Facebook to keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news.

**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.

**Please take a moment to update, create, or review** your Fourth Connect profile today at the Volunteer Ministry table. Fourth Connect is an online tool to help us better communicate with you while connecting you with various congregational activities that match your interests.

**This week we are honored to host** Chicago Sinai Congregation as they hold their community Rosh Hashanah services here in the Sanctuary as they have for several years.

**A Stephen Minister** is a trained lay person who walks alongside an individual experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers will begin early next year, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, stop by Coffee Hour or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

### **7,795 more single-serving snack items by Sunday, October 1!**

We have already received 2,205 snacks this month for neighbors in need: thank you! With everyone's help we can reach our goal of 10,000, which is the quantity of individually packaged snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, chips, etc.) that will be used in September and October in Fourth Church Meals Ministry bag lunches and Chicago Lights Social Service Center emergency snack packs. Donations can be dropped off during Coffee Hour or, during the week, at the church reception desk.

## Children, Youth, and Family

**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 High in the Bumpus Room).

## Worship

**Paul Roberts**, President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, will be our guest preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, September 24, kicking off our “Always Reforming” sermon series that marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Following that 11:00 service, he will speak at an adult education forum in Borwell Dining Room.

**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.

**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.

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

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

## Enrichment

**Two adult education classes** meet today: “The Language of Discipleship: A Brief Statement of Faith,” led by Jeff Doane at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E, and “The Architecture of Faith,” led by Suzanne Morgan at 11:00 in Room 5D.

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

**Sacred Sound Meditation** will be hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For details, see [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc)

**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).

**Men’s Book Club** meets on Monday, September 25 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss Elisabeth Rosenthal’s *An American Sickness*.

*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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**Carol Moseley Braun** will speak on “Christianity and Capitalism” on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This event is free and open to the public; no RSVP necessary. Prior to the presentation, Cornerstones, a group of those fifty and older, will host their monthly dinner in Borwell Dining Room. Prepaid reservations for the dinner are required by Wednesday, October 4 by contacting Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Inquirers’ Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—a prerequisite for membership—will be held Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

**Linda Loving** will talk about her new book, *A New Song to Sing*, which is written for women with breast cancer, at a reception in Anderson Hall on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**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](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

## Fellowship

**Young Adults**, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets for a weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will share in Bible study this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

### A ThirtiesForties Meet-and-Greet

Reception hosted by Nanette Sawyer will be held next Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis: 312.573.3369.

**Women at Fourth** will have their monthly gathering on Thursday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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

## Mission and Outreach

**Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm** is available for purchase during Coffee Hour today.

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

## Music and the Arts

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** invites all who like to sing to join them on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for rehearsals preparing music by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi for a November 10 concert.

## Volunteers/Donations Needed

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

**Tutors** to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church

**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

*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 17–23, 2017

### Sunday, September 17

	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship</b>	<b>Vicky Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</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.	"Get Connected" 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. Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	
9:30 a.m.	"A Brief Statement of Faith"	Room 5E	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor, Gratz Center	
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	(see announcement)	
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Randolph Room	
12:15 p.m.	Sanctuary and Organ Tours	Sanctuary	
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A	
<b>4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall	

### Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool ( <i>also Mon.–Fri.</i> )	Day School Classrooms
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
6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation	Borwell Dining Room
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Manse

### Tuesday, September 19

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	(see announcement)
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
7:00 p.m.	Sacred Sound Meditation	Boyle Conference Room

### Wednesday, September 20

<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
6:00 p.m.	Christian Century Study Groups	Randolph Room

### Thursday, September 21

7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
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### Friday, September 22

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John Sherer	Sanctuary
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Taizé</b>	<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>

### Saturday, September 23

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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### Worship on Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching   Communion
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Paul Roberts preaching   New Members at 11:00
4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes 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.