

October 8–14, 2017

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

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“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2018 Annual Appeal, is underway. Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we are already 37 percent of the way to our goal! If you have not already done so, please submit your pledge by Commitment Sunday, October 29, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive. Pledges can be submitted online at www.bit.ly/fpccpledge or by using the forms in the pew racks: each and every pledge is vital in supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights.

Inquirers’ Class, a one-session class that is a prerequisite for membership, is offered today and again on Sunday, November 12 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. the day they participate in the class.

A **congregational meeting** has been called by Session for Sunday, October 22 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service. At that time, the Senior Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present, for congregational vote, their recommended candidate for Senior Associate Pastor for Leadership Development and Adult Education.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. The next fifty-hour training course for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers begins on February 3, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. More information is available in the literature racks.

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

Together we surpassed our snack goal of 10,000 items!

Many thanks to all who contributed to our September snack challenge: your generosity resulted in our receiving more than 13,000 items, from granola bars to chips to fruit cups! Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center have an ongoing combined need of 5,000 snacks a month to pack in lunch and emergency food bags for those who are hungry, and these 13,000 snacks will sustain those efforts well into November. From Meals Ministry, Chicago Lights, and our guests, thank you!

Worship

A **Blessing of the Animals** service will be held this Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

The next **candlelit Taizé** service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 27.

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.

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

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

Mission and Outreach

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba; to Mexico to build rain cisterns; and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression and resistance is available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and also in brochures in the literature racks.

Our thoughts are with the Marathon Team of Chicago Lights, including Shannon Kershner and more than thirty others, who are running in support of Chicago Lights today. We are grateful to them and to those who have supported their efforts, helping them raise more than \$60,000 for the church's nonprofit outreach arm.

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School children are joining us in worship tooday at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for their Sunday School classrooms. Worship bulletins specifically for families are available from the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. ushers.

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.

Our annual "Pumpkin-Decorating" Family Night will be Friday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. A shared meal will be followed by time for crafts as well as pumpkin painting.

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, does not meet today but resumes next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

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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Youth meet for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. At 11:00 a.m. all youth will continue to meet together this week, again in the Bumpus Room.

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet today: “Martin Luther and the World He Lived In,” taught by Claudia Boatright and Laura Sterkel, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G and “Apocalyptic Literature and the Apocalypse of John,” taught by Stephen Hall, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

Books by Women discusses *The Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren this Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible study meets Wednesday noon, October 11 in 5H.

Men’s Breakfast will meet this Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room. The guest speaker will be Daniel J. Olsen, Director of the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Men’s Bible Study next meets on Tuesday, October 17 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century Study Group will meet Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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

“**Introduction to Systemic Racism**,” a one-day workshop, will be offered on Saturday, October 21. For fee and registration details, call Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) by October 13.

A **meditation group** hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room, with a suggested donation of \$10 per session. Those who would like to stay for a time of discussion afterwards are invited to do so.

Music and the Arts

“**Palestine: Unlimited**,” a photo exhibition in the Loggia, will be the topic of a program and reception today in Borwell Dining Room following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Soprano Natalie Mann will present this week’s free Friday Noonday Concert.

Fellowship

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

Young Adults, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A for a time of Gathering fellowship and discussion.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

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

Greeters for the weekly Jazz at Four service and the fourth Friday Taizé service

Men’s clothing in L, XL, XXL, and XXXL sizes for Social Service Center guests

Shopping bags for guests of the Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

For details about volunteer opportunities, stop by Coffee Hour or contact Robert Crouch (312.981.3382; rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)

Calendar for October 8–14, 2017

Sunday, October 8

	8:00 a.m. Worship	Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
	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	Anderson Hall / Commons	
	9:00 a.m. Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery / Day School	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship	Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. "Martin Luther"	Room 5G	
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. "Apocalyptic Literature"	Room 5D	
	11:00 a.m. Youth Get-Together	Bumpus Room	
	12:15 p.m. "Palestine: Unlimited" Reception	Borwell Dining Room	
	12:15 p.m. Sanctuary and Organ Tours	Sanctuary	
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults	Room 5A	
	4:00 p.m. Jazz Worship	Alex Wirth preaching	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall	

Monday, October 9

	9:00 a.m. Day School Preschool (<i>also Tues.–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	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
	5:00 p.m. Tutoring (<i>also Tues.–Thurs.</i>)	Fifth Floor, Gratz Center

Tuesday, October 10

	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
	7:00 p.m. Meditation with Replogle Center	Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, October 11

	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
	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. Women's Horizons Bible Study	Room 5H

Thursday, October 12

	7:00 p.m. Choral Society Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
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Friday, October 13

	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert	Buchanan Chapel
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Saturday, October 14

	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	Parish House Dining Room
	10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals Service	Michigan Avenue Courtyard

Worship on Sunday, October 15

	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. Nanette Sawyer 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.