

December 31, 2017–January 6, 2018

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago



News and Opportunities

Worship

A **New Year's Eve Taizé** service will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This candlelit service offers opportunity to share in meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection as we look back on the year past and ahead to the year to come. *(A separate parking voucher, available at the reception desk this evening, is required to receive \$8 discounted parking at the 900 N. Michigan garage for those attending tonight's service; there is no validated parking at the Hancock tonight.)*

Weekly Jazz at Four worship with Communion will not be held today but will resume next Sunday, January 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

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

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

Video of our 2017 Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service can be viewed online at www.bit.ly/FPCworship

Sacred Pause meditative silence, hosted by the Replogle Center and our Spiritual Formation Council, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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



In order to conclude 2017 with a balanced budget, we are counting on gifts pledged for 2017 to be fully fulfilled by year end—and welcome additional generosity where it is possible! In order for gifts to be reflected on your 2017 giving statement, those gifts must be placed in the offering plate today, received online by midnight tonight, December 31 (www.bit.ly/FPCgiving), or have been postmarked in 2017..

Fellowship

Take part in our chili cook-off next

Sunday noon, January 7! Enter your chili into the contest by signing up online (at www.bit.ly/chili1718). Or come enjoy chili for lunch that day. Proceeds support the summer youth mission trips.

The Young Adults group resumes their weekly Sunday Gatherings next Sunday, January 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School does not meet today but resumes on January 7 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Families worshiping with young children are encouraged to request family worship bulletins from the ushers.

Youth do not meet this Sunday but will resume their Sunday gatherings on January 7, when they will come together for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and worship together at 11:00 a.m.

Youth can sign up for 2018 summer mission trips at www.bit.ly/youthtrips2018

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, January 2 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

"Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education" describes the January Series of one-hour lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 3–23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room: www.calvin.edu/january

Books by Women will discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study meets Wednesday noon, January 10 in 5H.

Men's Breakfast will meet Saturday, January 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room. Gregory Sakowicz, Rector of Holy Name Cathedral, will present a program on "Ecumenism and Forgiveness."

Two new adult education classes hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life begin on Sunday, January 14: "Reading Paul with the Protestant Reformers," led by Stephen Chester at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D, and a viewing of the film *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story* at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G with discussion afterwards led by Robin Lovin.

"Women of God's Story" will be the theme of this year's Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. For details, email Anne Ellis (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.

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A spiritual pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, will take place April 6–13. Applications are due Monday, January 15. Information and an application form are online at www.bit.ly/ghostranch18

“How the Constant Use of Technology Is Changing Us” will be the topic of a one-day conference hosted at Fourth Church on Saturday, February 24 by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

Music and the Arts

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert will be presented by flutists Madeline Wood and Kyle Dzapo with pianist Megan Clewell at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Fifty new tutors to tutor with Chicago Lights Tutoring one evening a week

Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

Hosts on weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the January Series

Leaders for 2018 youth mission trips; details and a sign-up form are online at www.bit.ly/youthtrips2018

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).

News and Resources

At year end, feelings of disappointment and grief over losses can be heightened. Our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers a supportive environment for reflecting on and coping with such experiences. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Through “Light Up a Life” gifts, you can remember or thank someone special while providing important year-end support of programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts

Martin Luther King Jr. weekend events that the Fourth Church Racial Equity Council invites you to consider are a labyrinth walk Saturday, January 13, 10:00–11:00 a.m., in Buchanan Chapel; a performance of *Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah* (use code RECFPC for our group discount on reservations at www.bit.ly/2kfFyfA); and a “Faith in Action” assembly with the Community Renewal Society on Monday, January 15 at Old St. Patrick’s Church (register at www.bit.ly/CRSMLK18).

The application process for new Stephen Ministers closes on Friday, January 19. Details can be found in the literature racks and online at www.bit.ly/2yOefl0

Mission and Outreach

Due today are Mexico mission trip applications (for our March 6–13 trip). Details and an application form are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips

Fourth Church Prison Ministry will be launching in the new year. A one-session information time will be offered Sunday, January 7 at 12:20 p.m. and repeated on Sunday, January 14 at 12:20 p.m.

Our 25th-anniversary Gala of Hope will be held March 2 at the Radisson Blu Aqua.

The 2018 Chicago Marathon team for Chicago Lights is recruiting runners. To sign up, contact Lauren Suppes (312.981.3383; lsuppes@fourthchurch.org).

Calendar for December 31, 2017–January 6, 2018

Sunday, December 31 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
9:00, 10:30 a.m.;	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall / Commons
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
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Time of Prayer with Deacons		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Sanctuary Tour		Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour		Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Taizé Service		Buchanan Chapel

Monday, January 1 *Church Office Closed for New Year's Day*

	4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper		<i>Catholic Charities</i>
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Tuesday, January 2

	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause		Stone Chapel
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches		Anderson Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation with Replogle Center		Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, January 3

	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	January Series		Page Smith
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches		Anderson Hall

Thursday, January 4

	11:30 a.m.	January Series		Page Smith
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches		Anderson Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, January 5

	11:30 a.m.	January Series		Page Smith
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert		Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, January 6 **EPIPHANY**

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on January 7 | **BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

	8:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching Communion	
	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	
	4:00 p.m.	Abbi Heimach-Snipes preaching Jazz Communion	