# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

## Conversations with Shannon—

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opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our new Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held on Sundays, September 7 and 14, October 5 and 19, and November 2 and 9 at 12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Manse. To RSVP (required in advance), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"Get Connected" through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 14, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual "Get Connected" Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for photos, quotes, and event details. Shannon Kershner will be installed as our next Pastor on Sunday, September 21 during 11:00 a.m. worship. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will return to Fourth Church to preach that morning, and we will have a celebratory reception for Shannon, Greg, Hannah, and Ryan following the 11:00 service.

## Nominating forms for the offices

of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org/ contact/nominating\_form.html. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church by Monday, September 22.

**Fourth Church is on Twitter:** (@FourthChicago).

# Needed: new tutors for our Chicago Lights Tutoring

program, which begins its fiftieth year this fall! We're also looking for volunteers to help with our Meals Ministry outreach and for additional ushers and lay liturgists. A complete list of volunteer needs—and opportunity to sign up—is available during Coffee Hour. Details are also posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html



The Autumn Open House for the Center for Life and Learning will take place on Thursday, September 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. Stop by to learn about the enrichment, wellness, and exercise opportunities offered by this program for adults sixty and more.

**Stephen Ministry** provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available online and by leaving a message at 312.573.3365.

**Inquirers' Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

A conversation about global poverty using the book *A Hole in Our Gospel* will be held on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

**Information about Safe Families** 

for Children, foster care for Central American refugee children, and other actions related to caring for vulnerable children is available at Coffee Hour.

Meals Ministry volunteers help with the Bag Lunch Program, Sunday Night Supper, Monday Night Supper, and partnerships that help provide meals for those in need. More information is available during Coffee Hour today or by calling Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382. New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room: Thursday, September 11; Tuesday, September 16; Wednesday, September 17; or Monday, September 22. RSVP at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

## WORSHIP

To sponsor new hymnals, please complete the sponsorship form, which can be found in the pew rack and at Coffee Hour. Personalized bookplates will be placed in the hymnals to recognize the individual or family donating the hymnal or the persons being memorialized or honored by the gift. Information about the hymnals is also available from Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org) and online at www.fourthchurch.org/ worship/hymnal.html

#### Opportunity to walk the labyrinth

in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

#### **Contemplative Prayer Meditation Group**

is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, September 26 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

*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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## FELLOWSHIP

**Cornerstones,** hosted by couples in their fifties and older, will meet for a potluck on Friday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch. org) by Wednesday, September 3.

Young Adults gather on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will also meet for volleyball this Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

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

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

There is no Sunday School today and on August 31. On these Sundays, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them. Extra children's activity bags are available from the ushers.

**Kickoff Sunday**, hosted by children, youth, and their families, is Sunday, September 7. There will be an all-church lunch at 12:00 noon as well as fun, fellowship, and games in the courtyard.

## **ENRICHMENT**

A chakras meditation seminar—led by Wyman Hall-Walker, Donna Yu, and Ruth Durchslag through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being—will be held this Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A \$10 donation will be collected at the door.

# MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Vocalist Arlene Bardelle** will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

**Chancel Choir** rehearsal resumes Thursday, September 4. All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to attend the rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

Handbell Choir rehearsal resumes on Sunday, September 7. All interested are invited to attend the rehearsals, which will be on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs
Audio recording equipment operators for Sunday morning worship services and occasional afternoon services
Labyrinth hosts in Buchanan Chapel
Volunteers to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child
Members to serve as liturgists during morning worship services

*Current Donation Needs* Colorful tablecloths for Sunday

Night Supper Small women's pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Men's and women's sturdy fall clothes in all sizes

Nonperishable food items for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

#### CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 24-30, 2014

Sunday, August 24			
8:00 a.m.	• •	Judith L. Watt preach	
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Courtyard
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.		Shannon J. Kershner	
9:30 a.m.	Moms' Group		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Courtyard
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	• •	Shannon J. Kershner	
12:00 noon	Coffee Hour		Courtyard
12:00 noon	New Member Brune	ch	Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gath		Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Shannon J. Kershner	
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supp	er	Anderson Hall
Monday, August 25			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
1:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Volle	yball	Oak Street Beach
Tuesday, August 26			
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Chakras Meditation	n Seminar	Boyle Conference Room
Wednesday, August 27			
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Contemplative Pray	er Meditation Group	Hospitality Suite
Thursday, August 28			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Moms' Group		Morse Conference Room
Friday, August 29			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: A	Arlene Bardelle	Courtyard
Saturday, August 30			
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
Worship on Sunday, Augu	st 31	r nroach in c	

8:00 a.m.Shannon J. Kershner preaching9:30 and 11:00 a.m.Shannon J. Kershner preaching4:00 p.m.Layton Williams preaching

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. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.