News and Resources

February 21–February 27, 2021

This morning's Minute for Mission is presented on behalf of **Stephen Ministry**. If you or someone you know are experiencing challenging times and would appreciate a phone conversation with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. You can also learn more about Stephen Ministry at www.fourthchurch.org/ caring/stephen-ministry.html; in this season when many of us are struggling to sort things out, Stephen Ministers are available to be **God's listening presence**.

- Throughout Lent we receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering.** This special offering supports the work of Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, use the designation "OGHS Lenten Offering" when giving at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.
- If you are looking to add devotional meditations into your Lenten disciplines this year, we invite you to join the more than 4,000 people who use the daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff. These reflections are are available by email (you can sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).
 During our online Ash Wednesday worship service this past week, Nanette Sawyer created an "Imposition of Ashes" painting during the service. You can watch the video of her at work during worship on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).
- We look forward to the **installation of Joe Morrow as Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement** during worship next Sunday, February 28. We hope you will join us in celebration online at 11:00 a.m. that morning!
- On Monday evening, March 1 at 7:00 p.m., we will host a special **online Michigan Avenue Forum** at at www.fourthchurch.org. That evening we will have opportunity to **hear Shannon Kershner talk with Dr. Kevin Ban,** Chief Medical Officer for the Walgreens Corporation and former faculty member at the Harvard Medical School, as they discuss **COVID-19 vaccine distribution and implications.** We hope you will join us online for this important conversation!
- Each Sunday we host a **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom**, which begins immediately following the postlude. You can join this time of fellowship at **www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship** (Zoom details are also posted at www.fourthchurch.org). You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

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- Lifting up Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of the Beloved Community, "Building Beloved Community" will be the topic of a **Muslim-Presbyterian Dialogue**, co-moderated by Nanette Sawyer, this Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For details, register at www.bit.ly/ building0221 * The adult education class led by Carol Allen, **"On Restoring God's Beloved Community: Looking for Guidance in Scripture,"** continues via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays through February 28. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/restoring21 * Hanging above our Sanctuary entrance throughout Black History Month is a banner with an image of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the words **"Moving the Dream Forward."** It is a continued expression of our commitment to embrace racial equity by purposely including all people, striving for radical hospitality, and modeling an antiracist approach in all areas.
- Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and the *Horizons* Bible Study for women meets this Wednesday, February 24 at 12:00 p.m. For Zoom details for these Bible studies, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*). * A Bible study for those in their twenties and thirties meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For Zoom details, sign up at www.bit.ly/2Yq3znE; TwentiesThirties also meets for a "Living Faith" series. For details, email Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*).
- In addition to their Bible study, several other opportunities hosted by Women at Fourth take place this week. **Knitting and Crocheting** will meet via Zoom this Tuesday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m. to share in fellowship while working on projects for the agencies we support. * The **Benevolent Guild**, which has been making face masks, meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. * Speakers from *Come Alive!* will talk about the **connection between spiritual practice and physical health and holistic well-being** when Women at Fourth has its monthly gathering this Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details for these various opportunities, email Anne Ellis (*aellis@fourthchurch.org*).
- On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom.** Email Carol Allerton (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*) for the details. *** If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries. *** If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). *** To explore options for teletherapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, call the Center at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ***** The Center is also hosting **"Tools for Well-Being: Quarantine Edition"** on Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom, For details for this workshop offering simple techniques to help calm our minds, energize our bodies, and connect to our true selves, register at www.bit.ly/well-beingtools0321
- Sunday School and family activities meet online. For details, email Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org). * For details about youth groups and Confirmation, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org). * Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the Center for Life and Learning; for details, email Susan Quaintance (squaintance@fourthchurch.org) or see www.fourthchurch.org/cll * Organist John Sherer will present this week's Friday Noonday Concerts at 12:10 p.m. at www.bit.ly/fpcprograms, Facebook Live, and YouTube.

- The **Chicago Lights Gala of Hope at Home** will be held online on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. This gala annually benefits the life-changing youth development and social service programs of Chicago Lights—the community outreach arm of Fourth Church—and the community support efforts of our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being**. For details about attending this event, for which you can register for free, or becoming an event sponsor, sign up at **chicagolights.org/gala** * During the Gala, we will auction stays at vacation homes. If you or a family member or friend would be willing to **donate time at your vacation home** to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center, please email Laura Woods (*lwoods@chicagolights.org*).
- Sunday Night Supper is in need of cooks, servers, and runners to assist with these "grab and go" meals. Those interested in helping are asked to email the Director of Volunteer Ministry, Robert Crouch (*rcrouch@fourthchurch.org*). * Fourth Church's Employment Network, which works in partnership with the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center on the South Side, is looking for volunteers to support job-preparedness workshops and internship to job opportunities. For details, email employmentnetwork@fourthchurch.org
- The First Tuesday Book Club, hosted by the Adult Education Committee, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Union Made: Working People and the Rise of Social Christianity in Chicago by Heath Carter. Joe Morrow will lead the conversation with the author; for Zoom details, register at www bit ly/firsttuesdaybooks * Books by Women will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 p m to discuss Whose Body by Dorothy L. Sayers. For Zoom details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).
- For the forseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at **www.bit.ly/FPCworship** (where the service is available throughout the week), the service is available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (toll-free) at the time of the service (the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.). * During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).
- Last Sunday we began our celebration of the **150th anniversary of the founding of Fourth Presbyterian Church**. If you missed that special worship service or would like to enjoy it again, you can find it at **www.fourthchurch.org/150**; the bulletin from that service—with pictures on its cover of the three buildings called "Fourth Church" over the past century and a half—is available there as well. Also posted on the website are the first in a series of monthly historical accounts, "**Back and Fourth: 150 Seconds of History,**" and a **letter to the congregation** from the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Chicago, Sue Krummel.
- Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/ fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. Online events are posted on the church calendar at **www.fourthchurch.org/calendar**