

September 7-13, 2003

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# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Today is Registration Sunday**. Stop by Coffee Hour to learn more about the many different ways in which you can "Get Connected and Stay Connected" in the Fourth Church community. Representatives of various programs will be available to provide information and opportunities to sign up for classes and activities, and coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be provided.

**The Nominating Committee** requests recommendations for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. Please use a nomination form to list Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry of this congregation. These forms are available in the pew racks and literature racks and when completed may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

**Next Sunday's Volunteer Fair** will be held during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. More than 150 volunteer opportunities will be represented, including many of the Chicago nonprofit agencies for which Fourth Church provides volunteers. Stop by and learn how you can share your time and talent with others.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**A new art exhibit** opens today in the Loggia. The exhibit depicts life in Cabrini-Green and includes photographs by children who live there.

**Videotapes of BBC's *Songs of Praise*** featuring Fourth Church are available at the reception desk for \$5. Fourth Church was the second church in the U.S. selected to host this show.

**The Chancel Choir**, which sings during 8:00 morning worship during the school year, welcomes new singers. The group rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information about singing with the Chancel Choir, contact John Sherer, Director of Music, at 981.3592.

## FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**Try a new workout:** the Nia Technique, offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Nia uses fluid movements with a mix of musical styles for an aerobic and strength workout. This class is offered through the Center for Older Adults. For more information, call Mary Belcastro or Pat Langton in the COA at 787.4570.

**Fourthlights**, a fellowship of single adults in their late 40s and above, meets for brunch and discussion today at 11:00 a.m. at Mity Nice Grill (Water Tower Place). On Friday, September 12, the group will discuss the book *What Should I Do with My Life* by Po Bronson as well as their own life-changing stories at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Then next Sunday, the group will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, after the new Connections Sunday School class.

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** returns this week. Men are invited to enjoy breakfast and a presentation on Project Light given by coordinator Don Allerton in the Dining Room this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. RSVP by this Friday to the church receptionist at 787.4570.

**Residents of the South Loop** are invited to join in worship and fellowship this Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in the Community Room of the Studios (1801 S. Wabash). This time for deepening spirituality and developing connections is sponsored by Fourth Church and Sixth-Grace Presbyterian Church.

## ENRICHMENT

**Women are invited to join Joanna Adams this fall** for a monthly Bible study on the Gospel of John. The series, offered through Women@Fourth Connect, begins Thursday, September 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Lunch will be served immediately following the study. For more information, please call Lisa Cochrane at 312.640.5495.

**Join John Buchanan for a book study** this fall, which will focus on Karen Armstrong's *A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. The course, offered through the Academy for Faith and Life, will be held on Fridays from September 12 through November 21 at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact Sheila Cotter at 573.3366 (scotter@fourthchurch.org).

**"Discerning God's Abundance in Your Life,"** a series of three conversations hosted by the Stewardship Committee, begins Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Joanna Adams will speak at the first session, discussing "What Did Jesus Have to Say about Money?" Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Lynn Bailey in the Giving Ministries Office at 981.3380.

**Connections, a new Sunday School class** starting this September, will give participants the chance to examine current issues through the lens of Christian faith. This gathering will convene each Sunday beginning September 14 in the Page Smith Room from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lecture and small group discussion about an assortment of contemporary topics. All adults are welcome to attend anytime.

**Books by Women**, a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will discuss *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Jeter Naslund Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at 312.640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

**Young Adult Bible Study** will discuss "The Problem of Evil" when it gathers on Tuesdays in September at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*, and Lewis Feldstein** will speak at a forum hosted by Fourth Church and the Chicago Public Library on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The forum will address the ways communities can be fostered in an increasingly segmented world, including ongoing projects in the Gold Coast and Cabrini-Green neighborhoods. This event is free and open to the public.

### SHARING GOD'S GRACE

**One of the essential parts of the upcoming capital campaign** "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace" is each member's thoughtful prayer about his or her role in the investment in the future of Fourth Church. The campaign Prayer Team's goal is to facilitate that process through education about the campaign and through planning a congregation-wide prayer activity in October. The Prayer Team encourages you to watch this space in the weeks ahead for information about what fellow members are doing as leaders of the various campaign teams and asks you to keep those teams in your prayers.

### VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Sanctuary hosts** to welcome visitors, weekdays and weekends.

**Sunday School teachers** at 9:30 a.m. on alternate Sundays

**Ushers** for 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. worship.

*For information about volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour*

*or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 981.3382.*

#### **Current Donation Needs**

**Deodorant, travel-sized toothpaste, and plastic shopping bags** for guests of the Social Service Center.

**Pencils, black ballpoint pens, spiral notebooks, loose-leaf lined paper, flashcards, and crayons** for Fourth Church's Tutoring program and Cabrini-Green schools.

**Gently used unisex school uniforms** (blue pants, yellow shirts) for children from grades 1 to 8.

**Two refrigerators** in good working order. (Call about delivery.)

*Unless otherwise noted, please label donations and drop them off at the reception desk at the Chestnut Street entrance. For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 981.3382.*

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Register for Sunday School today** in Anderson Hall. Fall Sunday School activities will resume with Rally Day next Sunday, September 14 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

#### **Become a Partners in Education tutor.**

PIE tutors work with students from Cabrini-Green one day a week (Monday to Thursday) from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church. To learn more, attend one of the Tutor Orientation and Training sessions, offered from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. this Tuesday; this Thursday; Monday, September 15; and Wednesday, September 17. For more information, contact Stacy Jackson at 981.3562 (sjackson@fourthchurch.org).

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2003

### Sunday, September 7

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Registration Opportunities	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Registration Opportunities	Anderson Hall
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour and Registration Opportunities	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b> <b>John A. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia

### Monday, September 8

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

### Tuesday, September 9

6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Large Conference Room
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Tutor Orientation and Training	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Randolph Room

### Wednesday, September 10

6:00 p.m.	"Discerning God's Abundance in Your Life"	Manse
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### Thursday, September 11

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutor Orientation and Training	(see announcement)
7:15 p.m.	South Loop Worship	(see announcement)

### Friday, September 12

6:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	Anderson Hall
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### Saturday, September 13

8:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Men's Group	Dining Room
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### **Preaching on Sunday, September 14**

Joanna M. Adams	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Carol J. Allen	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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For child care arrangements (other than during Sunday morning worship services),  
call (312) 787-2729, ext. 282 at least three working days in advance.