



August 8–August 14, 2004

News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts is holding informal auditions and rehearsals for fall plays today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. All are invited to participate in this group committed to exploring and expressing God's presence through theater. For more information, call John Sherer at the church at 312.981.3592.

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals Thursday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information about this volunteer choir, call John Sherer at the church at 312.981.3592.

Outdoor concerts in the Garth take place Friday afternoons at 12:10 p.m. throughout August. This week's free concert will feature the vocalist Evelyn Danner.

The art exhibit "Bread Upon the Waters," made possible by CIVA (Christians in the Visual Arts), is on display in the Loggia.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place in the Garth following 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

Vacation Bible School will be held August 16–20. Preschool and elementary aged children will "travel" to Lava Lava Island: Where God's Love Flows during the week's activities. There are still openings for elementary aged children to register, and registration details are available in Westminster House. For more information, call Jill Stephens Schiltz in the Children and Family office at 312.640.2578.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets today in the Crow's Nest at 10:45 a.m. to work on a local mission project for the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today in the Crow's Nest at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for the Senior Highs Work Camp lunch and celebration.

The Youth Kick-Off is scheduled for Sunday, September 12 from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m. RSVP by Sunday, September 5 to Liz Thomson at the church at 312.640.2576 (lthomson@fourthchurch.org).

To schedule a baptism, please call Jill Stephens Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578. Available times for baptisms are often filled three to four months in advance, so please call as soon as possible after the child to be baptized is born.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Sunday parking rates at the 900 North Michigan garage have increased, effective Sunday, August 1, to \$7.50 for validated parking between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please note that this validation is *only valid for three hours or less*. For parking exceeding three hours, the validation will not be honored and regular garage rates will apply. Tickets must be validated at the church—either in the Narthex, at Coffee Hour, or at the reception desk. Sunday parking also continues to be available at the Hancock garage at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. Other possible sources of discounted parking are being explored. Weekly rates at the 900 garage remain unaffected.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry of this congregation. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

The Chicago Avenue Garden site is unlocked and open for gardening during the following hours each week:

Weekdays: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
and 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

During these hours, an intern from Growing Power is present to provide basic tools and answer questions. For more information, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 or visit www.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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Pocket cards detailing the hours and services of the Elam Davies Social Service Center are now available from the receptionist or from the Chicago Lights table at Coffee Hour.

FELLOWSHIP

Venture Fourth, a group for single adults, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room for spiritual reflection and fellowship.

Young Adults (20s and 30s) are invited to play volleyball at Oak Street Beach summer Mondays at 6:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. Games take place weather permitting.

The Center for Older Adults Summer Film Series takes place August Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are welcome to enjoy a bag lunch and the featured film. A movie schedule is available at the COA reception desk.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Nine members of Fourth Church travel to Northern Ireland this Friday, August 13. They will be joining members of Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church for this mission trip to Belfast. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Calling all tutors! Partners in Education is looking for tutors and students, past and present, who have stories or memories to share at the Tutoring Program's 40th Anniversary celebration. Please come to the Chicago Lights Table at Coffee Hour today and fill out a Tutor Story Card.

Shop 'til you Drop! Support Chicago Lights through a shopping benefit at Bloomingdale's. Tickets for up to twenty percent off at Bloomingdale's stores on September 1 are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit Chicago Lights. Call Judith Moore at 312.981.3566 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes sorters on Mondays for the Social Service Center's Share Shop

Fourth Church members to teach

Sunday School at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. on alternate Sundays

Fourth Church members to serve as sanctuary hosts Sunday afternoons and during the week

Fourth Church member to purchase and cut bread for Vespers on the fourth Sunday of each month

Vacation Bible School volunteers August 16–20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Donations toward 125 hot meals to be served at the Fourth Church–sponsored Monday night supper; donations may be made in memory or honor of loved ones

Baby and infant clothes, beds, bedding, stuffed animals, and strollers

Gas stove in good condition

Refrigerator in good condition

Inexpensive manual can openers to be given with emergency food bags

(Fourth Church programs do not currently need used computers and have no way of disposing of them in a beneficial manner.)

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

Women@Fourth Connect is collecting “back-to-school” supplies during the month of August to benefit children in local social service agencies and participants in the Partners in Education Tutoring Program. Donations will be taken during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings or can be dropped off at the church reception desk. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

ENRICHMENT

The John Knox Bible Study Class, now in its eightieth year, is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Led by Fourth Church member Tassos Malliaris and combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

Noonday Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

“Navigating Career Transition” is the topic of a weekly series on practical tools, tips, and motivation for employment held on Wednesdays at 7:45 a.m. in the Dining Room. This week's presentation is “Getting Your Foot in the Door.” For more information, contact Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398.

Barbara Brown Taylor, one of the country's most accomplished preachers, will speak on “Faith on Edge” on Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmer House Hilton. Tickets for this dinner and lecture event, hosted by the *Christian Century*, are available for \$125 each by contacting the *Century* (events@christiancentury.org) at 312.263.7510. Seating is limited; reservation deadline is Friday, September 3.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 8–AUGUST 14, 2004

Sunday, August 8			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	J. Frederick Holper preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	J. Frederick Holper preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Garth
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	J. Frederick Holper preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth		Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Raldolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	John A. Cairns preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Loggia
Monday, August 9			
7:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Cabrini Garden Hours (Monday–Friday)		Chicago Avenue Site
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Cabrini Garden Hours (Monday–Friday)		Chicago Avenue Site
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball		Oak Street Beach
Tuesday, August 10			
11:30 a.m.	COA Film Series		Page Smith Room
Wednesday, August 11			
7:45 a.m.	"Navigating Career Transitions"		Dining Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
Friday, August 13			
12:10 p.m.	Free Noonday Concert: Evelyn Danner, vocalist		Garth
Saturday, August 14			
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Cabrini Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Site
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, August 15

Carol J. Allen 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
 Tamara Leonard Lara 6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. (validation is for three hours or less) and \$6.25 after 5:00 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 during Coffee Hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.