



May 22-28, 2005

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A congregational meeting will take place today following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two associate pastor nominating committees.

Lake Shore Drive will be closed next Sunday, May 29 from Hollywood to 57th Street until 10:30 a.m. for Bike the Drive. A post-ride festival will take place in Grant Park until early afternoon, which may further affect traffic for those driving to and from worship.

Interested in gardening and helping Fourth Church build community with Cabrini neighbors? Attend an orientation session at the gardens on the Fourth Church Chicago Avenue site (between Cleveland and Hudson) next Saturday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/garden.html.

The public is invited to the performances of *Alex in Wonderland*, presented by students of the Near North Magnet Cluster program of Partners in Education. Shows take place this Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Near North Magnet Career Academy (1450 N. Larrabee). Call the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3561 for free tickets.

ENRICHMENT

Adult education courses offered by the Academy for Faith and Life today are "Finding a Place to Stand: A Course about Making Ethical Decisions" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Introduction to Church History, Part 3" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Looking beyond the Future" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. "Prize-Winning American Fiction: 'The Known World'" meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (Randolph Room).

Bible Study opportunities this week: *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. *Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. *Women's*, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. *Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

"Primer on Counseling," a luncheon forum sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, takes place today in the Page Smith Room immediately following the congregational meeting.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet next for breakfast on Saturday, June 11 at 8:00 a.m. Bob Bergstrom, former Lieutenant USNR and Staff Officer for Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, will be speaking. Reserve a space by calling the church at 312.787.4570 by Friday, June 10. All are welcome.

WORSHIP

Tonight's Vespers service was planned and will be led by the youth being confirmed during 11:00 worship this morning.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel this Friday, May 27.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Sandwich makers on the second Sunday of the month after 11:00 worship or on the last Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Tennis Camp coaches and helpers Mondays and Wednesdays, June 20–July 20, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Amateur flower arrangers for a Fourth Church program

Workers to clean, repair, and construct cabins at Presbyterian Camps at Saugatuck, May 23–26

Fourth Church members to serve as Vespers ushers

Receptionists for nonprofit children's music school

Cooks to prepare and deliver casseroles to homebound on an as-needed basis

Current Donation Needs

Costume pearls and old ties for a special event in a Cabrini-Green school

New children's games and toys to be used as prizes in Fourth Church's Reading Readiness program

Men's white T-shirts in large sizes and in good condition, men's socks

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Spring Choral Concert, featuring the Morning, Chancel, Vespers, and Children's Choirs, takes place today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All proceeds will go to benefit victims of the recent tsunami disaster.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House. Beginning next Sunday, May 29 and continuing throughout the summer, classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. only.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) and their parents meet today at 10:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest to prepare for worship.

The Junior High Academy Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Junior Highs (grades 6–7) meets today at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Tomorrow is the last day to register for Spring Family Camp, to be held June 3–5. Register by picking up a form from the literature racks in Westminster House. For more information, contact Jill Schiltz at the church at 312.640.2578.

"Parents of Tots" are invited to an end-of-the-year picnic at the playground near the Museum of Contemporary Art (on Pearson Street) this Wednesday, May 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In the event of rain, the group will meet in the Crow's Nest. For more information, call Jill Schiltz at 312.640.2578.

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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Vacation Bible School will be held August 15–19. Preschool and elementary aged children will experience a Serengeti Trek—Where Kids are Wild About God during the week’s activities. Junior and senior high youth are encouraged to volunteer as crew leaders. Registration is required by Monday, August 8. To register, pick up a form from the literature racks in Westminster House. For more information, call Jill Schiltz at the church at 312.640.2578.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Couples in their 40s and under are invited to the Manse today following the congregational meeting to meet other couples and share ideas.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and their friends, will meet for a potluck in a member’s home this Saturday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. For details, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Interested in becoming involved with Habitat for Humainty? A discussion about ways to volunteer with this program takes place today at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Each year, thousands of Americans with mental illnesses cycle through the criminal and juvenile justice systems, punished for the mental health system’s failure to provide services that can help them lead more successful lives in the community. Letters to encourage the funding of these services are available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

The Hunger Walk, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, will take place Saturday, June 18. All the money raised by walkers registered through Fourth Church will directly support the Sunday and Monday Night Supper programs of the Elam Davies Social Service Center, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. To sign up, stop by the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour or contact Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3385.

Those interested in traveling to Northern Ireland as part of the Fourth Church/Old St. Patrick’s mission trip (October 21–30) are asked to turn in their application by Tuesday, July 5. Details about this and other Fourth Church-sponsored mission trips are available in brochures in the church literature racks or by contacting Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384.

Did You Know . . .

1,824 hours of real-world job experience were gained by high school students participating in the Partners in Education job training internships

To learn more about the ways in which Partners in Education and the other programs of Chicago Lights touch lives, one at a time, read the Chicago Lights 2004 annual report, mailed to every member home and available online at www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights.html. Gifts supporting the programs of Chicago Lights can be made by using their Annual Appeal envelopes available in the pew racks.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 22-28, 2005

Sunday, May 22

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Academy Class	Large Conference Room
10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:45 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity Discussion	Large Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	"Primer on Counseling" Forum	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Couples in Their 40s and Under	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering: Young Adults	Randolph Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
3:00 p.m.	Spring Choral Concert	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Led by the 2005 Confirmation Class	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, May 23

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, May 24

5:30 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting	Large Conference Room
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Wednesday, May 25

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	"Parents of Tots"	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Performance: Festival of the Heart	(see announcement)

Thursday, May 26

11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Large Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Performance: Festival of the Heart	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, May 27

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Geoffrey Ward, organ	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel

Saturday, May 28

11:30 a.m.	Cabrini Community Garden Open House	Chicago Avenue Site
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, May 29

Alice M. Trowbridge	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
John H. Boyle	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.