

September 18–24, 2005

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News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

The annual **Volunteer Fair** takes place today during Coffee Hour. This celebration of time and talent is a chance to learn about volunteer opportunities at the church and in the community. To accommodate the many volunteer displays, the Welcome Table and the Parking Validation Table usually found in Anderson Hall are today in the Loggia.

The Partners in Education Tutoring Program is in need of 150 more tutors.

To tutor a child from public housing one evening a week at Fourth Church or for more information about Tutoring, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, call Stacy Jackson at the church at 312.981.3562.

Current Volunteer Needs

Assistants for Kid's Cafe

Musicians and set construction crew for fall children's musical at Fourth Church

Current Donation Needs

Back-to-school supplies; lists of needed supplies are available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour

Men's clothing in L, XL, and XXL sizes

Brown paper bags with handles

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

ENRICHMENT

Martin Marty will be the featured speaker at a congregational supper (6:00 p.m.) and conversation (7:00 p.m.) this Wednesday, September 21 in Anderson Hall. Dr. Marty will address the topic of "When Faiths Collide: The Role of Persons of Faith in the Twenty-First Century." Two of his books about that subject are available during Coffee Hour. For more information or to RSVP, call the event infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 444.

Bible Study opportunities this week:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, September 25. To

register, complete the form in the course catalogue (available in the literature racks and online), call the church office, or sign up during class.

Walter Brueggemann, preacher, professor, and author of several theological works, will speak on "Some Theses on the Bible in the Church" next Thursday, September 29 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 \$150 each by contacting the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

“Books by Women,” a book group reading works by women authors, will meet Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will next meet for breakfast on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. John Rogers of the Midwest US-China Association will be speaking. Reservations are required; RSVP by Friday, October 7 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

WORSHIP

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, September 23.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

For a preview of next Sunday’s worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Children’s Corner does not take place today but will resume next Sunday, September 25 following 9:30 worship.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets today at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Fall Family Camp is October 7–9 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. To register, 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.

A cookout to celebrate this year’s harvest at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be held at the garden site (Hudson and Larabee) this Saturday, September 24. For more information, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A new exhibition, Passionate Focus, a collection of works by artists who are blind or visually impaired, is on display in the Loggia through November 13.

Vocalist Ann Marie Boyle, a soprano, will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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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NEWS AND RESOURCES

In response to the devastation brought about by Hurricane Katrina, Fourth Church is collecting Personal Health Kits and Hope-in-a-Box Kits. Details are available during Coffee Hour and on the Fourth Church website. Information about the Disaster Relief Offering can be found on page 8 of the worship bulletin. Thank you to all who brought peanut butter, granola bars, and diapers last week: those donations filled one third of the truck trailer loaded at Holy Name.

John Cairns, who will be retiring at the end of this month, will preach at all three services next Sunday morning, September 25. Past Pastoral Residents will be returning to join him in worship leadership. On Sunday, October 2 all are invited to a reception in honor of John and Betsy Cairns, which will be held during Coffee Hour.

The original paintings used for the Fourth Church commemorative plates will be offered in a silent, blind auction this fall, with all proceeds going to Project Light. Each of the three paintings by noted local artist Jack Simmerling will be on display through September, and bids can be placed during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings, September 25 and October 2.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. Forms also can be downloaded from www.fourthchurch.org/nominating.html. 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.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, which will change drastically as of January 1, 2006, will be explained in information sessions sponsored by the Center for Whole Health. These identical sessions take place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room and Sunday, October 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Activity Center.

The Smoking Cessation Program, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health in partnership with the Northwestern Memorial Hospital Wellness Institute, will meet for eight weeks from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. beginning this Tuesday, September 20. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call Terrill Stumpf, Director of the Center, at the church at 312.981.3396.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop returns to work Tuesday, September 27. The group meets from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up yarn and material for the upcoming month. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

The Fourth Church Flu Immunization Campaign is scheduled for Friday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Sunday, November 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 18–24, 2005

Sunday, September 18

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Medicare Information Session	Page Smith Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Carol J. Allen preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 19

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, September 20

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
5:30 p.m.	Smoking Cessation Program	Activity Center

Wednesday, September 21

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Supper and Conversation with Martin Marty	Anderson Hall

Thursday, September 22

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, September 23

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Ann Marie Boyle, soprano	Sanctuary

Saturday, September 24

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
12:00 p.m.	Cabrini Garden Cookout	Chicago Avenue Gardens

Preaching on Sunday, September 25

John A. Cairns	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Richard Williams	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.