



September 25–October 1, 2005

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today Sunday, September 25: "Introduction to the Bible" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Understanding Islam" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m.; "Worship: How It Works" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Paradise Lost" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Those who have not registered can do so in class.

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.

Walter Brueggemann, preacher, professor, and author of several theological works, will speak on "Some Theses on the Bible in the Church" this 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.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will 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.

"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 Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, which will change drastically as of January 1, 2006, will be explained in an information session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health next Sunday, October 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Activity Center. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

"First Steps: Impaired Vision," a series of information sessions sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will feature staff from the Guild for the Blind who will discuss the resources available for visually impaired individuals and their families. These sessions will take place next Tuesday, October 4 at 12:00 noon and Sunday, October 9 at 12:15 p.m.

"Beyond Barriers," a festival to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Center for Older Adults, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will take place Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will include a morning presentation by Drew Leder, a buffet lunch, and afternoon workshops. To RSVP, contact Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386 by Friday, October 21.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A reception to honor John Cairns, who will be retiring at the end of September, will take place next Sunday, October 2 during Coffee Hour. All are invited to this time of celebration and appreciation for John and Betsy Cairns.

Bids can be placed today for the original paintings used for the Fourth Church commemorative plates. These paintings are being offered in a silent, blind auction, with all proceeds going to Project Light. They are on display outside the south transept doors. Bids can be placed in Anderson Hall today and next Sunday, October 2.

Today is the last day to submit recommendations for officers.

Nominating forms 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 or dropped off at the reception desk.

WORSHIP

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.

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 will be Friday, October 28.

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.

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place today following the 9:30 worship service.

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

The Junior High Academy Class meets for the first time this year at 9:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

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

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest before going on a scavenger hunt on Michigan Avenue.

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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Fall Family Camp is October 7-9 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. RSVP by tomorrow, September 26 by using the registration forms found in Westminster House or by calling Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry Office at 312.640.2578.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Letters asking the City Council to act on the Living Wage ordinance will be available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday, September 27 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. This is a time for 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 information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

A support group for those dealing with issues of grief is being offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center and begins Tuesday, October 4. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

The Benevolent Guild, a Women@Fourth Connect group that creates toys and treats for needy children, returns to work next Wednesday, October 5. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. 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.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Fourth Couples, a gathering of couples, either married or in a committed relationship, meets today from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. in the Manse

An Open House for College Connection Groups takes place today: Undergraduate students meet at 12:30 p.m. (Anderson Hall S. Balcony); Graduate students meet at 7:30 p.m. (Page Smith Room).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

The Partners in Education Tutoring Program is in need of 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 the church

Current Donation Needs

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

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 25–OCTOBER 1, 2005

Sunday, September 25

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John A. Cairns preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John A. Cairns preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:45 a.m.	Junior Highs Academy Class	Large Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	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 John A. Cairns preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Manse
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Undergraduate Student Open House	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Richard Williams preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Graduate Student Open House	Page Smith Room

Monday, September 26

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, September 27

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room

Wednesday, September 28

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Beena David, mezzo-soprano	Sanctuary

Saturday, October 1

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
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Preaching on Sunday, October 2

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	
Keith C. Harris	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.