



October 9–15, 2005

News and Opportunities

STEWARDSHIP

The 2006 Stewardship Campaign, “You Are a Letter of Christ,” begins today. Because pledges help make it possible for Fourth Church to carry out its mission and ministry, the Stewardship Committee asks all members to complete a pledge card—mailed to member homes and available in the pew racks—and return it on Commitment Sunday, October 30.

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Couples meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse

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

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, meets today for brunch at 12:30 p.m. at Mike Ditka’s. On Saturday, October 22, Fourth Forum will gather in a member’s home for a potluck. For details, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

The Fourth Dimension, a gathering of individuals age 50 and older, will meet this Friday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A reception to honor Carol Allen, who is retiring at the end of October, will be held following 11:00 worship on Sunday, October 23. Carol will also preach at all three morning services that day.

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, Director of the Center for Whole Health, at 312.981.3396.

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.

ENRICHMENT

Today’s adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are “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.

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.

“First Steps: Impaired Vision,” an information session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health that will feature staff from the Guild for the Blind, takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

“Arthritis: Unique Alternative Therapies,” a three-part seminar series cosponsored by the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, begins this Friday, October 14. Registration is required; to register, call 312.372.2080 or visit www.arthritis.org. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/arthritis.html.

Spiritual direction opportunities are available at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center through appointments with spiritual director Suzanne Dunbar. To learn more about these opportunities and the role of a spiritual director, pick up an information card from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/spiritualdirection.html. Appointments can be made by calling the Center at 312.787.8425.

“Maintaining Your Sense of Self: Interconnectedness in Relationships,” an eight-week group offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, begins Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

“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. RSVP by Friday, October 21 by calling Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

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 after 9:30 worship.

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

The Junior Highs Sunday School meets today 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. at the Chestnut Street entrance before going to Navy Pier to play miniature golf.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Information and letters to Senators Durbin and Obama regarding the reauthorization of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act will be available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour.

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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“Making Strides Against Breast Cancer,” a noncompetitive walk supporting the American Cancer Society, will take place next Sunday, October 16. To join the Fourth Church team sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Center for Whole Health, sign up during Coffee Hour, call Lisa Cochrane (312.640.5495) or Terrill Stumpf (312.981.3396) at the church, or register online at www.makingstrides.org.

A Caregiving Luncheon Celebration for caregivers and their care recipients will take place Thursday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

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.

Lauren Walker will play the French horn at Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“It’s Cool in the Furnace,” a musical performed by the children and youth of Fourth Church, will be presented on Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to enjoy this evening of music and drama.

The Caravaggio artwork that was to be on display at Fourth Church beginning in October will instead be at a different venue to be determined by the exhibit host, Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA). Unanticipated technical difficulties required LUMA to relocate to different sites several of the artworks in this traveling exhibition.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children, one evening a week at Fourth Church

Assistants for Kid’s Cafe

RNs, pharmacists, and hospitality volunteers for Fourth Church’s flu immunization campaign on October 21 and 26 and November 6

Servers for a caregiving luncheon celebration on October 20 from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

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 Blair 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.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 9–15, 2005

Sunday, October 9		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan 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 M. Buchanan 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
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:45 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School	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 M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster 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.	"First Steps: Impaired Vision"	Page Smith Room
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, October 10		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
Tuesday, October 11		
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
Wednesday, October 12		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, October 13		
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, October 14		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m.	"Arthritis: Unique Alternative Therapies"	Dining Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Lauren Walker, French horn	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse
Saturday, October 15		
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens

Preaching on Sunday, October 16

John M. Buchanan 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.