



October 23–29, 2005

News and Opportunities

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 will be this Friday, October 28.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. During the October 30 service, the Morning Choir will sing *Lux Aeterna* in memory of departed loved ones.

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

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

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A reception honoring Carol Allen, who is retiring at the end of this month, will be held following 11:00 worship today. All are invited to attend and to sign a book of well wishes for Carol, which will be available in Anderson Hall during the morning Coffee Hours.

The limestone frame around the windows in Stone Chapel is undergoing cleaning. The chapel will remain closed until this work is completed.

Feedback about the racial-ethnic experience at Fourth Church will be collected at a lunch hosted by the Multicultural Enrichment Subcommittee on Sunday, October 30 at 12:30 p.m. Members and friends are invited to this time of input and fellowship. RSVP to Keith Harris at 312.981.3598.

The anniversary of the ordination of women in the Presbyterian Church as deacons (1906), elders (1930), and as Ministers of Word and Sacrament (1956) is being observed with four celebrations taking place across the U.S. The celebration cohosted by Fourth Church the weekend of November 5–7 will include Linda Loving's performance of *Julian*, an afternoon expo, a special Vespers service, and a banquet. Details and registration forms are available in the literature racks.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday. Be sure to set your clocks back for Sunday morning, October 30.

ENRICHMENT

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 courses begin today: “Cabrini-Green Transformation: What’s Next?” at 9:30 a.m. and “An Overview of the Gospel of Mark” at 11:00 a.m., both in Anderson Hall N. Balcony. Continuing today is “Introduction to the Bible” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m.

Today is the last day to sign up for an Interfaith Bible Study taught by John Buchanan and Rabbi Michael Sternfield that begins Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. This four-week Bible study series will bring together members of Fourth Church and Chicago Sinai for discussion of the books of Ruth and Jonah. Those interested in taking part are asked to contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

The next “Arthritis Therapies” seminar will be this Monday, October 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. 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/health.html.

“Reframing: A Strategy to Support Positive Coping in Difficult Situations,” a presentation offered by the Center for Whole Health, will take place Tuesday, October 25 at noon in the Dining Room.

“Beyond Barriers,” a fortieth anniversary festival for the Center for Older Adults, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will take place Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. RSVP by this Tuesday, October 25 by calling Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

“Leaders Learning from Leaders at Fourth Church,” a leadership forum sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, will be held Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 by Friday, November 3.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet for breakfast Saturday, November 12 at 8:00 a.m. Owen Muelder, Director of the Galesburg Colony Underground Railroad Freedom Center at Knox College, will be speaking. RSVP by noon on Friday, November 11 by calling the church at 312.787.4570.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Church officers who served during the years 1994–2004 are invited to a bring a guest to an informal time of fellowship and appetizers on Friday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. RSVP to Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448 by Friday, October 28.

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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STEWARDSHIP

Next Sunday, October 30, is Commitment Sunday. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate that morning. Cards are available in the pew racks and on the church website. For more information about the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

All are invited to a congregational Stewardship dinner on Thursday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Traveling in Northern Ireland this week as part of a peace and reconciliation pilgrimage are ten people from Fourth Church and Old St. Pat's Catholic Church. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Letters regarding Medicare reimbursements will be available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour.

An orientation session for those wishing to tutor or volunteer in other ways with the Tutoring and Scholarship programs will be held this Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students are available during Coffee Hour at the Chicago Lights table. They can also be ordered on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit Partners in Education Tutoring, a program of Chicago Lights. For more information, call Jennifer Keegan at the church at 312.981.3546.

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. in the Crow's Nest.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fourth Church

Assistants for Kid's Cafe on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

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

Helpers for a Halloween party and cookout at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden on October 29, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hosts for the Ordination of Women conference, Sunday, November 6, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Assistants for vision-impaired conference attendees, November 3–5 in the River North area

Current Donation Needs **Canned vegetables**

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.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 23–29, 2005

Sunday, October 23		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Carol J. Allen 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 Carol J. Allen 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 Carol J. Allen preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Reception for Carol Allen	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary, by the Pulpit
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, October 24		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
11:30 a.m.	"Arthritis Therapies" Seminar	Dining Room
Tuesday, October 25		
12:00 p.m.	"Reframing" Seminar	Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
5:00 to dusk	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
Wednesday, October 26		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Interfaith Bible Study	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Tutoring and Scholarship Orientation Session	Dining Room
Thursday, October 27		
5:00 to dusk	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, October 28		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Derek Nickels, organ	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel
Saturday, October 29		
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	"Beyond Barriers" Celebration	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Halloween Garden Cookout	Chicago Avenue Gardens

Preaching on Sunday, October 30

Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

Lux Aeterna 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.