



May 14–20, 2006

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Tomorrow is the application deadline for the mission trip to Guatemala (September 5–14). For more information about this and other Fourth Church mission trips, contact Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384.

Information about mental health awareness legislation is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be open for gardening beginning Saturday, May 20 during the following hours each week:
Weekdays: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For information about the community garden, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/garden.html.

The public is invited to performances of *Never Too Far*, presented by students of the Near North Magnet Cluster program of Partners in Education. The five performances will be held at Near North Magnet Career Academy (1450 N. Larrabee) on Wednesday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. Call the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3561 for free tickets.

Orphans of Mathare, a film that documents the lives of former street children now living in an orphanage in the Mathare slum of Nairobi, Kenya, will be shown Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Spring Showcase, featuring the Children's Choirs and solo performances by choir members, will be held as part of Family Night on Friday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Fourth Acts will present a dramatic reading of *Unholy Ghost*, a book by authors writing about their experiences with depression, on Friday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. There is no charge for admission.

Coronation Mass by Mozart will be performed by the Fourth Church Festival Chorus and the Millennium Orchestra on May 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Festival of the Artful Spirit, featuring work by members of the Center for Older Adults and part of the NARSAD Artworks, museum-quality artworks by and on behalf of mentally ill persons, is on display in the Gallery and Loggia.

ENRICHMENT

Walter Brueggemann will be Theologian in Residence at Fourth Church from May 28 through June 8. He will preach Sunday morning May 28 and June 4, speak at 7:30 p.m. forums on May 31 and June 8, and lead two Bible studies (May 30–June 1 at 7:30 a.m.; June 6–7 at 6:30 p.m.). To register for the Bible studies, contact Paula Davis at 312.274.3815 (pdavis@fourthchurch.org).

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Academy for Faith and Life courses meeting today are: “**Introduction to the Talmud**” and “**New Testament Survey**” at 9:30 a.m. and “**Political Power and the Religious Right**” and “**What Presbyterians Believe**” at 11:00 a.m. The class meeting Thursday at 7:00 p.m. will discuss *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson.

This week is Women’s Health Week, (May 14–20). Each weekday a different health topic will be discussed over lunch at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. There is no charge for admission and no reservations are required. Box lunches will be available for purchase. On Saturday, May 20, “Embracing Health and Wellness in Body, Mind, and Spirit,” a Healthy Heart brunch featuring several speakers, will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is required to attend the brunch. For more information or to register, call 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Women’s Bible Study will meet Thursday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony for a discussion, followed by lunch. RSVP by Tuesday, May 23 by calling Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next Sunday, May 21, the 2006 Confirmation Class will plan and lead the Vespers service.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their 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 is Friday, May 26.

Daily devotions, written by this year’s Confirmation class, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Today’s sermon will be available online at www.fourthchurch.org by this Friday.

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.

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

Those graduating from eighth grade or high school or receiving a degree in 2006 are asked to contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 15 so they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 21.

Clyde Bowles, who will be concluding his term as Clerk of Session this month, will be greeting people following 11:00 worship next Sunday, May 21 as Fourth Church recognizes his invaluable contributions to the leadership of this congregation.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties will meet next Sunday, May 21 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an open house with a guest speaker.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet on Saturday, May 27 for a potluck supper at a member's home. For details and to RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

Cornerstones will meet for a barbeque and potluck supper on Friday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. RSVP by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Philip Blackwell, Senior Pastor at the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, will speak at the Friday, June 9 meeting of Fourth Dimension. He will address the topic of legalized gambling. All are welcome at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. RSVP by Thursday, June 8 by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

The Junior High Flower Fund-raiser to benefit their June trip to work with Illinois Special Olympics takes place today during Coffee Hour.

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

Junior Highs Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony B.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) does not meet today.

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to all who have provided feedback about the new sound system. The technicians are continuing to make adjustments based on those responses.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

RNs and hosts for blood pressure screenings

Tennis Camp coaches and helpers, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 19 to July 26, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Textbooks for Chicago Lights

Pregnancy ultrasound equipment for a nonprofit clinic

Old cell phones, empty toner and ink cartridges to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

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

CALENDAR FOR MAY 14–20, 2006

Sunday, May 14		
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
9:00 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.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School	Anderson Hall North Balcony (B)
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
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	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Chicago Chamber Orchestra	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Erica Schemper preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, May 15		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Women's Health Week Lunch Discussion	Anderson Hall
 Tuesday, May 16		
12:00 p.m.	Women's Health Week Lunch Discussion	Anderson Hall
 Wednesday, May 17		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Women's Health Week Lunch Discussion	Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
 Thursday, May 18		
12:00 p.m.	Women's Health Week Lunch Discussion	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall South Balcony
 Friday, May 19		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Women's Health Week Lunch Discussion	Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, Organ	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Family Night and Spring Showcase	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts Presents <i>Unholy Ghost</i>	Blair Chapel
 Saturday, May 20		
8:15 a.m.	Women's Health Week Brunch	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden

Preaching on Sunday, May 21

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class 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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.