

September 10–16, 2006

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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Today is “Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Sunday. All are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, faith-building groups, Bible studies, choirs, and other events.

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study will kick off the year on Wednesday, September 20 at 11:30 a.m. This year’s theme is *Women at the Well: Encounters with Women in the Bible and in Our Midst*. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at 312.640.5495.

William Willimon, a Methodist bishop, well-known preacher, and former Dean of the Chapel at Duke University, will be the featured speaker at the *Christian Century*-sponsored dinner on Thursday, September 28 and workshop on Friday, September 29. For information about the costs for the dinner and the workshop and for reservations, contact the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

Life Line vascular health screenings will be offered Friday, September 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Registration is required and appointments fill quickly. To register, call 1.800.643.6075.

Poet and author Wendell Berry will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be preceded by a congregational dinner in Anderson Hall at 6:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at McCormick and Schmick’s (41 E. Chestnut Street).

The College Connection Group meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

ThirtiesForties will meet next Sunday, September 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Jayber Crow, a novel by Wendell Berry, will be the first book discussed by the new Community Book Group. All are invited to this book conversation on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Faith Builder Small Groups provide an opportunity for adults to meet regularly to support one another in living out their Christian faith. To learn about new groups forming now, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday school begins today. All children and their parents are invited to meet in Rooms W03 and W04 on the lower level at 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) kicks off the year today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest. Eighth graders and their parents are invited to attend.

The All-Youth Kickoff Luncheon takes place today from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Garth. All youth and their parents are invited to attend.

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 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 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 is Friday, September 22.

Printed copies of the daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks. They are also available by e-mail. Send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

The annual Volunteer Fair, a time to learn about volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church and in the community, will be next Sunday, September 17 during Coffee Hour.

Those interested in volunteering as a tutor in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend the final orientation session on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, call Alex Ciesla in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3565.

Those interested in volunteering with Kids' Cafe, part of the Tutoring Program, are invited to attend one of four identical orientation sessions on September 20, 21, 25, or 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Additional Volunteer Needs

Assistants to perform 10–20 hours of light office work for Chicago Lights Assistants for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week
Cooks and servers for the Sunday and Monday night suppers

Current Donation Needs

Examining table and stool for a Chicago Lights program
Back-to-school supplies to benefit children in need (list available at the Volunteer table)
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 the church at 312.981.3382.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Eight mission trip participants are currently in Guatemala and will return Thursday, September 14. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price, a documentary film about this corporate giant, will be shown on Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as part of a documentary film series sponsored by the Mission Committee.

The 2006 Crop Walk will take place Sunday, October 15. The kickoff is at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois, Chicago. For more information, to make a donation, or to register for the walk, visit www.fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html.

Voter registration is available during Coffee Hour through Sunday, October 10.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

“Start Up Chicago,” a class on entrepreneurship, is being offered by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago beginning Tuesday, September 19. Those interested in attending the class are invited to meet the instructor, Tom Murray, at Fourth Church next Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. 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.

A support group for those dealing with divorce will meet in the Counseling Center on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 19 for a period of six weeks. For more information and to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Church Associate Organist Thomas Gouwens will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Rehearsal for the Cherub, Children’s, and Youth Choirs begins next Sunday, September 17 in the Dining Room. The Youth Choir will rehearse from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., the Children’s Choir from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m., and the Cherub Choir from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. For more information, call Beverly Escuder at the church at 312.981.3595.

Growing Relationships, an exhibit featuring photographs from the Chicago Avenue Community Garden, is on display in the Gallery. For more information about the Garden, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

The Post Narrative, a mixed media installation by artist Granite Amit, is on display in the Loggia through October 4.

Dave Brubeck and the Dave Brubeck Quartet will be in concert on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The quartet will be joined by the Fourth Church Morning Choir and Tower Brass. Tickets are available by calling the church at 312.640.2570 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or by visiting www.ticketweb.com.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 10–16, 2006

Sunday, September 10

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.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected”	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow’s Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected”	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected”	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	All-Youth Kickoff Luncheon	Garth
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	College Connection Group	Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Catherine Knott preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 11

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Monday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, September 12

Wednesday, September 13

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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Thursday, September 14

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, September 15

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Thomas Gouwens, organ	Sanctuary
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Saturday, September 16

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, September 17

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