

September 24–30, 2006

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# News and Opportunities

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The Sewing and Knitting Workshop** returns to work Tuesday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group meets for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials for the coming month. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

**Fourth Church mission trips will be the focus of next Sunday's Coffee Hour**, with travelers from previous trips on hand to share stories and reflections. Pictures and reflections from the July 2006 mission trip to Honduras can be found at [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html).

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month** will be observed and twenty years of advocacy, support, and education of Between Friends will be celebrated next Sunday, October 1. Michele Weldon, a survivor of domestic violence and a journalist and professor at Northwestern University, will be the keynote speaker at the 4:30 p.m. program. A reception will follow. Participants are invited to join in the Vespers service at 6:30 p.m.

**"School Funding Reform: The Candidates' Perspectives,"** a public forum hosted by Fourth Church, will take place Monday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. Representatives for the gubernatorial candidates will share their proposals for funding public education in Illinois.

**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, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html).

## WORSHIP

**Tonight's Vespers service** at 6:30 p.m. will be a service of wholeness, including a laying on of hands for those who wish.

**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.

**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, October 27.

**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](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

**For a preview of next Sunday's worship**, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch) by sending e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

## ENRICHMENT

**New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: “Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Life Together,”** taught by Rosemary and Robert Keller (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and **“Wrestling with Scripture,”** taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.; **“‘Mindfulness’: An Introduction to Tich Nhat Hanh,”** taught by Carol Allen (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and **“School Funding Reform,”** led by guest speakers (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m. **On Tuesday, September 26** at 6:30 p.m., Adam Fronczek will lead the four-week course “Brueggemann on the Psalms and Prophets.”

**Weekly Bible Study opportunities:**

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

*Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

**“Update on Breast Cancer,”** an information session led by Gerontological Nurse Practitioner JoAnn Gruca, will explain the most recent findings on care, treatment, and prevention of the breast cancer disease. This session will take place on Tuesday, September 26 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. All are invited to also bring a bag lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

**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 and for reservations, contact the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

**“Books by Women”** will discuss *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**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 6:30 p.m. congregational dinner in Anderson Hall.

**The Fourth Church Men’s Group** will meet for breakfast on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Judith Valente, PBS-TV’s *Religion and Ethics* broadcaster, and Charles Reynard, a Circuit Court judge, both published poets, will speak on the topic, “Touching the Sacred through Poetry.” RSVP by 12:00 noon on October 13 by calling 312.787.4570. All are welcome.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

***Growing Relationships***, an exhibit featuring photographs from the Chicago Avenue Community Garden, is on display in the Gallery.

***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 during Coffee Hour, by calling the church at 312.787.2729, ext. 216 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or by visiting [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

**Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Elevation** (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:30 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

**Those interested in volunteering with Kids' Cafe**, part of the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program, are invited to attend one of two remaining identical orientation sessions on September 25 or 26 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Katie Wolgemuth at the church at 312.274.3819.

### ***Additional Volunteer Needs***

**Tutors for children** in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

### ***Current Donation Needs***

**Examining table and stool** for a Chicago Lights program

**Men's clothing** in large and extra-large sizes

**Back-to-school supplies to benefit children in need** (list available at the Volunteer table)

**Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges** to recycle to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

**Legos and Duplos** for Kids' Cafe

*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 RESOURCES

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

**An eight-session T'ai Chi class** will be held at Chicago Sinai Congregation on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. beginning October 12. To register, call Terrill L. Stumpf at 312.981.3396.

**This is the final Sunday to complete nominating forms** for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee, which are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. Please use the forms to recommend members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

## FELLOWSHIP

**The new Community Book Group** will discuss *Jayber Crow*, a novel by Wendell Berry, on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

**Cornerstones**, a group of couples over 50, will meet Friday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Linda Valentine, Fourth Church member and the new Executive Director of the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be speaking. RSVP by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**Fourth Dimension**, a group of individuals over 50, will meet on Friday, October 13 for a program on Thomas Dorsey by the Pilgrim Baptist Choir. All are welcome at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

**CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 24–30, 2006**

**Sunday, September 24**

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
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.	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.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Elizabeth Andrews preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

**Monday, September 25**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Mon., Wed., Fri.)	Chicago Avenue Garden
4:30 p.m.	Kids' Cafe Orientation	Dining Room

**Tuesday, September 26**

12:00 p.m.	"Update on Breast Cancer"	Dining Room
4:30 p.m.	Kids' Cafe Orientation	Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Anderson Hall N. Balcony

**Wednesday, September 27**

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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**Thursday, September 28**

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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**Friday, September 29**

9:30 a.m.	Life Line Vascular Health Screenings	Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Acoustic Eidolon	Sanctuary

**Saturday, September 30**

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
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***Preaching on Sunday, October 1***

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