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# News and Opportunities

## ENRICHMENT

**Poet and author Wendell Berry** will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. as the final event in the observance of John Buchanan's 20 years of ministry in Chicago. A congregational dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**Today's adult education opportunities**, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "**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. "**Brueggemann on the Psalms and Prophets**," taught by Adam Fronczek, meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** begins this Wednesday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. This group gathers twice a month for in-depth discussion of a biblical book. For more information, call Christina Wollerman at 312.573.3364.

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

**Riad Jarjour, the General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches**, will discuss issues facing and related to Christian churches in the Middle East on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. For more information and to RSVP, call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

**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.

"**The Power of Knowledge: Lupus and Rheumatoid Arthritis Therapies**," a seminar cosponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will be offered on Wednesday, October 18 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. To register, call 312.372.2080 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

"**Discerning the Call: Ordination and Mutual Forbearance**," a conference offered by the Covenant Network, will take place November 9–11 at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio. For more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Fourth Church mission trips are the focus of Coffee Hour today.** Mission trips for 2007 will be announced and travelers from previous trips will be on hand to share stories and reflections.

**El Porvenir**, an agency working to improve the standard of living for people in rural Nicaragua, will be the topic of a Mission-sponsored luncheon today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Hernaldo Lara, Executive Director of El Porvenir, will be speaking.

**Today Domestic Violence Awareness Month** will be observed and twenty years of advocacy, support, and education of Between Friends will be celebrated. Michele Weldon, a survivor of domestic violence and a 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.

**The Benevolent Guild**, a Women@Fourth Connect group that creates toys and treats for needy children, returns to work this Wednesday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

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

**Chicago Lights Holiday Cards** are available for purchase during Coffee Hour. Cards are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**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).

**An Inconvenient Truth**, a documentary film about Al Gore’s crusade to halt global warming, will be shown on Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as part of a documentary film series sponsored by the Mission Committee.

## WORSHIP

**Tonight’s Vespers service** at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel will include prayers of hope and remembrance for those affected by domestic violence.

**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, October 27.

*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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## FELLOWSHIP

**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 Executive Director of the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be speaking. To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant next Sunday, October 8 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the Fourth Forum infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

**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. Tim Samuelson, Chicago's cultural historian, will speak about the history and structure of the Pilgrim Baptist congregation. All are welcome at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**This is the final week *Growing Relationships***, an exhibit of photographs from the Chicago Avenue Community Garden, will be 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. 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).

## 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) returns from a weekend retreat at 4:00 p.m. today.

**A six-week Mandarin Chinese class** for children and adults who want to learn the language will be offered on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. beginning next Sunday, October 8. For more information, call Emilie Syberg at 312.640.2578.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**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.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### ***Volunteer Needs***

**Assistants for Kids' Cafe**, 4:30 to

6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

**Tutors for children** in a Fourth Church program on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**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.*

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1–7, 2006

<b>Sunday, October 1</b>		
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	Westminster 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	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
12:30 p.m.	Mission Luncheon	Page Smith Room
4:30 p.m.	Domestic Violence Program	Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Blair Chapel
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Keith C. Harris preaching</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, October 2</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
4:00 to dark	Community Garden Hours (Mon., Wed., Fri.)	Chicago Avenue Garden
<b>Tuesday, October 3</b>		
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
<b>Wednesday, October 4</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Congregational Dinner	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum: Wendell Berry	Anderson Hall
<b>Thursday, October 5</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, October 6</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kaye Clements, flute Pamela Kimmel, guitar	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Anderson Hall
<b>Saturday, October 7</b>		
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden

### ***Preaching on Sunday, October 8***

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