

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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May 6–12, 2007

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today is Earth Sunday at Fourth Church.

During Coffee Hour, information and resources will be provided by various agencies and organizations to help those attending take steps in their own lives to be stewards of God's creation.

Information about encouraging Congress to address global warming by cutting carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050,

as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

The annual Women@Fourth Connect

Mission Tea will be held Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, complete the form found in the literature racks or call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

The Near North Ministry Alliance

Healthy Fun Fair will feature speakers, free health screenings, and entertainment in Seward Park (375 W. Elm Street) on Saturday, May 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer on the day of the Fair, call Martha Langford at the church at 312.981.4034.

Applications for the August 3–12 Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Guatemala are due May 21.

The application deadline for the trip to Northern Ireland (September 7–14) is June 4. For details and an application form, visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

Fourth Church will observe the PCUSA's Week of Prayer and Witness with Christians in the Middle East beginning with a special Coffee Hour May 13.

The public is invited to performances of

Unwritten, presented by students of the Near North Magnet Cluster, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. The five performances will be held at Near North Magnet Career Academy (1450 N. Larabee) on Wednesday, May 23; Thursday, May 24; and Friday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. For free tickets, call the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3596.

WORSHIP

The fourth annual candlelighting

Vespers service for mental health awareness will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also 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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Apollo Chorus will be in concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Festival of the Artful Spirit, featuring art by members of the Center for Life and Learning, is on display in the Gallery throughout the month of May.

“Highly Favored: Contemporary Images of the Virgin Mary,” a traveling show from Christians in the Visual Arts, is on display in the Loggia through June 10.

A drama workshop for children and youth will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. The workshop will include age-appropriate activities to strengthen kids’ knowledge of the theater as well as to develop acting, movement, and improv skills. For registration information, call Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595.

Rehearsals for the Summer Handbell Ensemble will begin in June. This ensemble is open to youth and adults, and both beginners and experienced ringers are welcome. For more details, call Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have exceeded our goal of \$3 million with \$3,102,326 in commitments from 1,306 households. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski at the church at 312.981.3380.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

“Get Connected, Stay Connected,” a one-session class taught by Joyce Shin and members of Fourth Church, takes place today at 9:30 a.m. in the Randolph Room. Participants will attend 11:00 worship as a group; a luncheon will be served in the Dining Room immediately following the service.

Graduating in 2007? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 14 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 20.

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

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.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Fourth Dimension will meet next on Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a discussion on “Finding Yourself in Helping Others.” Fourth Church members who have volunteered with humanitarian organizations overseas will be speaking. RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

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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The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet next for breakfast on Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. John Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, will speak on "Faith Encounters in Popular Culture." RSVP by 12:00 noon on May 11 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

Fourth Couples will meet next on Friday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a discussion about ways to be better stewards of the environment. Light refreshments will be served.

ThirtiesForties will meet on Sunday, May 20 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Adult handbell ringers for a summer ensemble, experienced or amateur

Volunteers to operate sanctuary audio visual equipment as needed on weekdays, Saturdays, and at occasional Vespers services

Readers for Children's Story Time during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship

Current Donation Needs

Individually packaged toothbrushes and toothpaste for Elam Davies Social Service Center guests

Men's casual summer clothes, large sizes

Cell phones and 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, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

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.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Today's Academy for Faith and Life

classes are *The Responsible Self* by

Richard H. Niebuhr, taught by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and

"Wrestling with Scripture: Jesus and Money," taught by Adam Fronczek

(Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.

and **"Church and State in the East and**

West," taught by Azam Nizamuddin

(Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

"An Evening with Andrew Greeley" will

be the next Michigan Avenue Forum,

taking place on Wednesday, May 23

at 7:30 p.m. Father Greeley, a best-

selling author, *Sun-Times* columnist,

sociologist, and Roman Catholic priest,

will speak at the event, which will follow

a congregational dinner that begins at

6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. On Tuesday,

May 15, the **Community Book Group** will

discuss a selection by Father Greeley;

Joyce Shin will lead the conversation.

For details or to purchase a copy of the

selected book, contact Anne Ellis at

312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR MAY 6–12, 2007

Sunday, May 6

7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Earth Sunday Resource Fair	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod 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.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
9:30 a.m.	“Get Connected, Stay Connected” Class	Randolph Room
9:45 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Earth Sunday Resource Fair	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow’s Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod 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.	Earth Sunday Resource Fair	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow’s Nest
3:00 p.m.	Concert: The Apollo Chorus	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, May 7

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room

Wednesday, May 9

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, May 10

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, May 11

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Julia Coronelli, harp	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse

Saturday, May 12

8:00 a.m.	Men’s Group Breakfast	Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Drama Workshop	Westminster House
1:00 p.m.	Near North Ministry Alliance Healthy Fun Fair	(see announcement)
2:00 p.m.	Women@Fourth Connect Mission Tea	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, May 13

Dana Ferguson	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00
Joyce Shin	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.