

August 19–25, 2007

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee can be found in the pew racks and the literature racks. 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.

A golf outing to support Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan, will be held on Monday, August 27 at Naperbrook Golf Course in Plainfield. For more information about this event, in which congregations from throughout the Presbytery of Chicago are participating, visit www.prescamps.org/signup.shtml or call John Vest at 312.981.4037.

Those traveling to worship next Sunday, August 26, will want to avoid Lake Shore Drive, as the Chicago Triathlon will be taking place that morning.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

The John Knox Bible Study Class, now in its eighty-fifth year, is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Men and women 60 and over are invited to the Center for Life and Learning Fall Open House on Thursday, September 6 in Anderson Hall. Between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon there will be opportunity to meet CLL faculty and staff and learn about the fall courses, including exercise and fitness and minicourse offerings. For more information, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

“Finding Work without Losing Heart,” a retreat for those in job transition, will be sponsored by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago, of which Fourth Church is a supporting organization. For information about this September 5–6 event, call the Center at 312.906.9908.

Peter Gomes, who will be the guest preacher at Fourth Church during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 23, will also be speaking at a Christian Century-sponsored workshop and a dinner on Monday, September 23. For information about the dinner cost and for reservations, contact the Century at 312.263.7510 (www.christiancentury.org).

Discussions of the following books will take place this fall as part of the Community Book Group. All are invited to join in one or more of these conversations. Fall books: *Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott (September 25); *What Paul Meant* by Garry Wills (October 23); and *Fight Club: A Novel* by Chuck Palahniuk (November 27).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday School does not meet today but resumes Sunday, September 9, with classes at both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Children's Story Time takes place today on the steps in the southeast corner of the Garth during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship.

A fall kickoff for children, youth, and their parents will be held on Sunday, September 9 and will include lunch and other activities.

U2charist, a communion service focused on social justice issues, will be hosted by Fourth Church youth on Wednesday, September 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Songs by U2, performed by a live band, will be used during the service. All are invited to attend. For more information, call John Vest at the church at 312.981.4037.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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 this Friday, August 24.

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.

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.

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Outdoor concerts in the Garth take place each August Friday at 12:10 p.m. This week's free concert will feature the Kevin Cline Trio. The final concert in the "Music by the Fountain" series will take place August 31 with a performance by Evelyn Danner.

A new art exhibition is on display in the Loggia: "Soul of a Camera, Eye of a Poet," which pairs the poems of Judith Valente and the photographs of John Matt Dorn. The artists invite viewers to join them in a walk-through of the exhibit on Sunday, September 9. On Sunday, September 23, Judith Valente and Charles Reynard, who together led this year's Lenten retreat, will lead a four-week Academy for Faith and Life class, "Adventures in Poetry."

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteers are needed to serve supper to the homeless on the fourth Friday of the month. In partnership with Holy Name Cathedral, Fourth Church is sponsoring this Friday night supper opportunity at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle). Volunteers are needed on August 24 and September 28, from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Additional Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one night a week, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Vespers ushers on a rotating schedule

Cooks and servers for Sunday Night Supper

Leaders for Fourth Church youth programs and special activities

Amateur flower arrangers

Current Donation Needs

Low-sodium and low-sugar canned goods for guests of Elam Davies Social Service Center

New and gently used children's books for nonprofit agencies

Men's casual summer clothes, especially jeans and belts in larger sizes

Children's and women's golf club sets for diabetic children in a summer program on a reservation

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Join us for a cookout at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden on Saturday, August 25 at 12:00 noon. Cookouts take place at the garden site (between Hudson Avenue and Cleveland Street) once a month. For more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call Anne Ellis at the church 312.573.3369.

The Chicago Lights Annual Fund has raised more than \$180,000 of its \$300,000 goal. Between now and August 31, every \$2 donated to Chicago Lights will receive a \$1 match from an anonymous donor, up to \$50,000. Donations can be made using the cards available in the literature racks throughout the building and online at www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights.html. For more information, call Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

Women@Fourth Connect and the Community Ministries Committee

are collecting back-to-school supplies throughout August and September to benefit children in need. Donations are being received during Coffee Hour or can be dropped off at the church reception desk during the week. A list of suggested supplies is available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour today and at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html. For more information, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room to make sandwiches for the Elam Davies Social Service Center. On summer Mondays at 6:30 p.m., young adults are invited to play volleyball at Oak Street Beach.

"Books by Women," a book group reading works by women authors, will meet Tuesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell* by Janet Wallach.

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, September 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Garth for an old-fashioned barbecue and potluck dinner. For more information and to RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 19–25, 2007

Sunday, August 19		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Kapp preaching Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Kapp preaching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Kapp preaching Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Dining Room
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	Martha Langford preaching Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, August 20		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball	<i>(see announcement)</i>
Tuesday, August 21		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden
Wednesday, August 22		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, August 23		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
Friday, August 24		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: The Kevin Cline Trio	Garth
3:30 p.m.	Serving Fourth Friday Night Supper	<i>(see announcement)</i>
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel
Saturday, August 25		
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
12:00 p.m.	Community Garden Cookout	Chicago Avenue Garden

Preaching on Sunday, August 26

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Alice M. Trowbridge 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.