

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
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August 26–September 1, 2007

# News and Opportunities

## 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.

**“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.

**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.

**“Called to Serve: The Balance Between Lay and Staff Leadership,”** a leadership forum, will take place at Fourth Church on Saturday, September 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information or to RSVP, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

**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](http://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).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**This summer’s final outdoor concert in the Garth** takes place Friday, August 31 at 12:10 p.m. with Evelyn Danner singing.

**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.”

## 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 Friday, September 28.

**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.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**A golf outing to support Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan**, will be held this 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](http://www.prescamps.org/signup.shtml) or call John Vest at 312.981.4037.

**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.

**The Chicago Avenue Community Garden** will be open for gardening during the following hours each week:  
*Tuesday-Friday:* 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
*Saturdays:* 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
For more information or to sign up for the garden e-mail newsletter, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html).

*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

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

**Parents of Tots**, a fellowship opportunity for parents of children three years old and younger, are invited to brunch on Sunday, September 9 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony. Information about about moms’ groups and music programs at the church will be available.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Women@Fourth Connect and the Community Ministries Committee** are collecting back-to-school supplies through the end of 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/women.html). For more information, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**The Chicago Lights Annual Fund** has raised more than \$240,000 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, which benefit the Center for Life and Learning, the Center for Whole Health, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Near North Magnet Cluster Schools, Summer Day, and Tutoring and Scholarship, can be made using the cards available in the literature racks throughout the building and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights.html). For more information, call Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

## 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 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  
**Leaders for Fourth Church youth programs and special activities**

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Low-sodium and sugar-free 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

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

**CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 26–SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

|                                  |  |                           |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, August 26</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  | Garth                     |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>                 | <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>          |
| 9:30 a.m.                        | John Knox Bible Study                                    | Page Smith Room           |
| 10:30 a.m.                       | Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time                    | Garth                     |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>                | <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>          |
| 12:00 p.m.                       | Coffee Hour  | Garth                     |
| 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.                       | Inquirers' Class   | Page Smith Room           |
| 4:00 p.m.                        | Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper                | Dining Room               |
| 5:30 p.m.                        | Vespers Choir Rehearsal                                  | Sanctuary                 |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b>                 | <b>Vespers</b> <b>Alice M. Trowbridge preaching</b>      | <b>Sanctuary</b>          |
| 7:30 p.m.                        | Coffee Reception   | Anderson Hall             |
| <br><b>Monday, August 27</b>     |  |                           |
| 9:30 a.m.                        | Morning Prayer   | Stone Chapel              |
|                                  | Presbyterian Camps Golf Outing                           | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 6:30 p.m.                        | Young Adults Volleyball                                  | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| <br><b>Tuesday, August 28</b>    |  |                           |
| 9:00 a.m.                        | Morning Prayer   | Stone Chapel              |
| 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.                | Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)                  | Chicago Avenue Garden     |
| <br><b>Wednesday, August 29</b>  |  |                           |
| 9:30 a.m.                        | Morning Prayer   | Stone Chapel              |
| 12:10 p.m.                       | Noonday Bible Study                                      | Large Conference Room     |
| <br><b>Thursday, August 30</b>   |  |                           |
| 9:30 a.m.                        | Morning Prayer   | Stone Chapel              |
| <br><b>Friday, August 31</b>     |  |                           |
| 9:30 a.m.                        | Morning Prayer   | Stone Chapel              |
| 12:10 p.m.                       | Noonday Concert: Evelyn Danner                           | Garth                     |
| <br><b>Saturday, September 1</b> |  |                           |
| 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.          | Community Garden Hours                                   | Chicago Avenue Garden     |

***Preaching on Sunday, September 2***

Joyce Shin    8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.  
Hardy Kim    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.