

September 2–8, 2007

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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday School resumes next Sunday, September 9, with classes at both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and time to meet the teachers prior to class time.

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

A fall kickoff for children, youth, and their parents will be held next Sunday, September 9 and will include lunch and other activities beginning at 12:15 p.m.

U2charist, a communion service focused on social justice issues, will be hosted by Fourth Church youth this Wednesday, September 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Songs from 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

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 is 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) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html.

ENRICHMENT

Get connected through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 16, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, faith-building opportunities, Bible studies, choirs, and other activities. On Sunday, September 23, all are encouraged to stop by Coffee Hour to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

“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 24. For information about the dinner cost and for reservations, contact the Century at 312.263.7510 (www.christiancentury.org).

The Fourth Church Community Book Group, a monthly opportunity to discuss a book that brings words and faith together, will meet on Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott. Ali Trowbridge will lead the discussion.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Flutist Linda Marianiello will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chancel Choir invites additional voices to join them in singing during 8:00 a.m. worship throughout the school year. The choir’s weekly rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, contact John Sherer at the church at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

A walk-through of the current art exhibit, “Soul of a Camera, Eye of a Poet,” led by the artists, will take place next Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. On Sunday, September 23, also at 11:00 a.m., 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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FELLOWSHIP

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

“Books by Women,” a book group reading works by women authors, will meet this 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.

ThirtiesForties will meet on Sunday, September 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

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. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

Mission trip participants traveling to Northern Ireland depart Friday, September 7 and will return Friday, September 14. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Life Line vascular health screenings, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be offered Friday, October 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Registration is required and appointments fill quickly. To register, call 1.800.643.6075.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Additional Volunteer Needs

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

Servers for Friday Night Supper on the fourth Friday of each month from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m. at Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle)

Leaders for Fourth Church youth programs and special activities

Vespers bread cutter on the third Sunday of the month

Current Donation Needs

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

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

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

New and gently used children’s books for nonprofit agencies

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 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2–8, 2007

Sunday, September 2

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
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
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	Hardy Kim preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, September 3 *LABOR DAY—Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, September 4

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)		Chicago Avenue Garden
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"		Large Conference Room

Wednesday, September 5

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	U2charist		Sanctuary

Thursday, September 6

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Center for Life and Learning Fall Open House		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, September 7

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Linda Marianiello, flute		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones		Garth

Saturday, September 8

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, September 9

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