

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
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September 9–15, 2007

# News and Opportunities

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

**Sunday School begins today**, with classes at both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and time to meet the teachers prior to class time.

**A fall kickoff for children, youth, and their parents**, which includes lunch and other activities, takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse basement.

**Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) and their parents meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

## WORSHIP

**Peter Gomes** will be the guest preacher at Fourth Church during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 23. Dr. Gomes 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](http://www.christiancentury.org)).

**A Vespers Communion service** is held Sundays 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

**Get connected through fellowship, education, and service** at Fourth Church! Next 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.

**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. Forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

**“For Men Only” programs of the Center for Life and Learning** offer educational and cultural opportunities for men sixty and over, including the Public Agenda discussion group and the monthly Cultural Explorations series, which both begin this month. For details, contact the CLL at 312.981.1387.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Rehearsal for the Cherub, Children’s, and Youth Choirs** begins today in the Dining Room. The Youth Choir (grades 6–12) rehearses from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., the Cherub Choir (grades K–1) from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m., and the Children’s Choir (grades 2–5) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**A walk-through of the current art exhibit**, “Soul of a Camera, Eye of a Poet,” led by the artists, takes place today 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.”

**Double bassist Scott Bakshis** will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

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

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

**Vespers bread cutter** on the third Sunday of the month

**Ushers for Vespers** on a rotating schedule

### *Current Donation Needs*

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

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

**Cell phones, 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 at the church at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).*

## 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, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

*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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**Mission trip participants are currently in Northern Ireland** 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.

***Broken Vows: Religious Perspectives on Domestic Violence***, a documentary film, will be shown Sunday, September 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room as part of a documentary film series sponsored by the Mission Committee.

**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.

## ENRICHMENT

### **Bible Study opportunities this week:**

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

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

**“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.

### **“Healthy Minds, Healthy Families:**

#### **A Parent’s Quest to Understand Mental**

**Illness”** will be discussed by Paul Raeburn, journalist and author, on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow. This event is part of the “Shedding Light, Finding Meaning” series sponsored by the Center for Whole Health. For more information about this and other events in the series, call the Infoline at 312.787.2727, ext. 375.

## FELLOWSHIP

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

**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, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to discuss the topic “God and Darwin—Creation and Evolution.” For more information and to RSVP, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

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

**Moms’ Group**, a time to meet new moms and explore the spiritual aspects of motherhood, meets Thursday, September 20 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in a member’s home. Child care will be provided. For more information, call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of Fourth Church lesbians and gays, will meet for a potluck in a member’s home on Saturday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. For details and to RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

### **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.

**CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 9–15, 2007**

**Sunday, September 9**

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Alice M. Trowbridge preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia and Cloisters
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Alice M. Trowbridge preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 to 10:45 a.m.	Parents of Tots Brunch		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia and Cloisters
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Alice M. Trowbridge preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	"Soul of a Camera, Eye of a Poet" Artists Walk-Through		Loggia
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia and Cloisters
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Children and Youth Kickoff Luncheon		Anderson Hall
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
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>John W. Vest preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

**Monday, September 10**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
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**Tuesday, September 11**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)		Chicago Avenue Garden

**Wednesday, September 12**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

**Thursday, September 13**

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
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**Friday, September 14**

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Scott Bakshis, double bass		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension		Anderson Hall

**Saturday, September 15**

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Garden
8:30 a.m.	"Called to Serve" Leadership Forum		Anderson Hall

***Preaching on Sunday, September 16***

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Martha Langford	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.