

September 16–22, 2007

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today is “Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Sunday. 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 the International Day of Peace, Friday, September 21, Fourth Church will join St. James Cathedral in an all-day peace vigil to be held at the cathedral (Wabash and Huron) from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a Taizé service for peace at 5:30 p.m. at the cathedral.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

ThirtiesForties are invited to the fall kickoff today at 12:45 p.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony. Author James Finn Garner will be speaking.

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.

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Ed Uhler, Executive Director of Millennium Park, Inc., will discuss “Millennium Park: Past, Present, and Future.” For more information or to RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Soul of a Camera, Eye of a Poet,” an exhibition that pairs the poems of Judith Valente and the photographs of John Matt Dorn, is on display in the Loggia. On Sunday, September 23 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.”

Organist Walden Moore will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP

Peter Gomes will be the guest preacher at Fourth Church during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship next 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).

A Vespers Communion service is held on Sunday 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. 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.

Daily devotions are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

A time to learn about volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church and in the community will take place next Sunday, September 23 during Coffee Hour.

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

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).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

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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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.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund and helped exceed the goal of \$300,000, with \$339,546 from 625 donors. To learn more about the programs of Chicago Lights, visit www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights.html.

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, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

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.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, September 23.

Information about upcoming classes is available during Coffee Hour today and also can be found in the the course catalogue (available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org). To register for classes, stop by Coffee Hour, complete the form included in the catalogue, call the church office, or sign up during class.

The Fourth Church Community Book Group 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.

“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.

A Middle East Cultural Explorations lecture and lunch, a “For Men Only” program offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Thursday, September 27. This program pairs a lecture by John Woods, Professor of History at the University of Chicago, and lunch at Reza’s Restaurant. For details and to RSVP, contact the CLL at 312.981.1387.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 16–22, 2007

Sunday, September 16

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected”	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected”	Anderson Hall
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
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected”	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Film Screening: <i>Broken Vows</i>	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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, September 17

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, September 18

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 19

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

Thursday, September 20

10:00 a.m.	Moms’ Group	<i>(see announcement)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, September 21

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	All-Day Peace Vigil	<i>(see announcement)</i>
5:30 p.m.	Peace Vigil Taizé Service	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Walden Moore, organ	Sanctuary

Saturday, September 22

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Preaching on Sunday, September 23

John W. Vest	8:00 a.m.
Peter Gomes	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
John H. Boyle	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.