

October 7–13, 2007

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today is Mission Trip Sunday. During Coffee Hour, participants from previous Fourth Church mission trips will be on hand to talk about their experiences. Information about the trips planned for 2008—to Cameroon, Cuba, Guatemala, New Orleans, the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, a farm in Illinois, and an urban plunge in Chicago—will also be available.

Information about gun control is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour today.

The 2007 Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 21. The kickoff is at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois, Chicago. For more information, to make a donation, or to register for the walk, stop by Coffee Hour or visit www.fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html.

Application deadlines for mission trips to New Orleans (December 29–January 7) and Cameroon, Africa (February 8–20) are Monday, October 22 and Monday, November 5 respectively.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop returns to work Tuesday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m. The group meets for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters. For more details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards are available for purchase during Coffee Hour. Cards are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next week's service, led by Martha Langford, will have a Stewardship focus and will include selections from the oral history of Fourth Church, as presented by Fourth Acts.

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.

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.

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, October 26.

ENRICHMENT

Today's adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are **"Introduction to Judaism,"** taught by Evan Moffic (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 8:00 a.m.; **"Introduction to the Bible,"** taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.; and **"The Gift of Power: Corruption and Charisma,"** taught by John Boyle (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), **"Adventures in Poetry,"** led by Judy Valente and Charles Reynard (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **Theological Roundtable,** (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), at 11:00 a.m. Participants can register in the classroom.

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Men's Bible study will meet next on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

Women's Bible study will be held the third Wednesday of each month, beginning October 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Spirituality and Belonging," a four-week minicourse offered by the Center for Life and Learning and led by John Boyle and Carol Allen, continues on Monday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. To sign up or for more information, contact the CLL at 312.981.3386.

"Critical Aspects of Disability and Aging in the World Today: What Should Religion Do?" is the title of the lecture being presented by Henry Betts, a renowned physiatrist and past Medical Director, President and CEO of Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, on Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

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, October 25. This program pairs a presentation on "U.S.-Middle East Foreign Policy from WWI to Today" and lunch at Old Jerusalem Restaurant. For details and to RSVP, contact the CLL at 312.981.1387.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Moms' Group, a time to meet new moms and explore the spiritual aspects of motherhood, meets Thursday, October 11, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon in a member's home. For more information, call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

Fourth Dimension will meet next on Friday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Greg Cameron of the Museum of Contemporary Art will be discussing "Fear No Art." To RSVP, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“The Redemption Series,” an art exhibition featuring abstract photographs reflecting grace, is on display in the Gallery through October 23.

“The Clothesline Project,” a collection of T-shirts made by women who have survived domestic violence, is on display in the Loggia through October 31 in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Violinist Catherine Crilly will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

RNs for blood pressure screenings and flu injections

More than 20 tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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 and 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 call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382.

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) returns today from their Fall Retreat at 4:30 p.m.

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

“Arthritis and You” is a three-part seminar series being sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. The first session will be held on Wednesday, October 17 at 8:45 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Dr. Linda Ehrlich-Jones, of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, will be speaking. Registration is required; to register call 1.800.735.0096 or visit www.arthritis.org.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be open for gardening on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up for the garden e-mail newsletter, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html.

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.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 7-13, 2007

Sunday, October 7

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Tom Taylor preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Tom Taylor 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
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Tom Taylor preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 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 Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, October 8

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
3:00 p.m.	"Spirituality and Belonging" Minicourse	Randolph Room

Tuesday, October 9

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, October 10

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Wednesday-Friday)	Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, October 11

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, October 12

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Catherine Crilly, violin	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Anderson Hall

Saturday, October 13

9:00 a.m.	"Critical Aspects of Disability and Aging"	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden

Preaching on Sunday, October 14

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.