

May 4–10, 2008

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for the Guatemala mission trip (August 2–9), which will be led by Tom and Sue Schemper, are due Monday, May 5. Details and application forms are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website. Also available are details about the **Urban Plunge mission trip** May 30 to June 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Woodlawn.

The annual Women@Fourth Connect Mission Tea will be held Saturday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, complete the form found in the literature racks or call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

Information about the Clean Car Act, as well as letters to legislators to advocate support of the bill, are available at the Mission table.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6–7) gathers from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse Basement. Senior Highs (grades 9 to 12) gather from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

The May Youth and Families Lunch is today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

The Elevation Flower Sale to raise funds for the youths' June 12–15 work camp trip to assist with the Illinois Special Olympics will take place during Coffee Hour next Sunday, May 11.

Support the Senior Highs fund-raising efforts while enjoying a meal at Ed Debevic's this Monday, May 5. For details, contact John Vest at 312.981.4037 (jvest@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

WORSHIP

The fifth annual candlelighting Vespers for mental illness recovery and understanding, in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, takes place tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next Sunday evening, the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble will provide music leadership for the **Pentecost Jazz Vespers**.

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 in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at Fourth Church each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service will be Friday, May 23.

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

- Ushers for Vespers** (rotating schedule)
- Bread cutters** for the third Sunday of the month and for 8:00 a.m. worship
- Observers of exemplary teachers** in grant-winning programs in Chicago Public Schools
- Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Current Donation Needs

- Men's casual spring and summer clothes**, especially shoes, jeans, and belts in larger sizes
- Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges**, to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless
- Children's items:** cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes, coats, and books
- Greeting cards and stamps** for guests of Sunday and Monday night suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Violinist Rachel Laporte will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert on Sunday, May 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets for the May 18 concert by the **Apollo Chorus**, also at 3:00 p.m., are available from the Apollo Chorus (312.427.5620).

A reception for the Annual Showcase of Art by members of the Center for Life and Learning takes place Thursday, May 15 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend.

"Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty," an exhibition by Fourth Church members and photographers Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter, is on display in the Loggia.

This year's Festival of the Heart, performed by students of the Chicago Lights Near North Magnet Cluster, will be *Dream*. It will take place at the Chopin Theater (1543 W. Division) at 12:00 noon on May 13, 14, and 15 and at 4:00 p.m. on May 14. Free tickets are available from the Chicago Lights office (312.981.3596).

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities:

- John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- Men's*, Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. (*RSVP to 312.640.5398*)
- Morning*, Wednesday at 12:10 p.m.
- Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
- Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Academy for Faith and Life classes continuing this week are **"An Introduction to New Testament"** (9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony) and **"An Introduction to Mormonism: An Outsider's Look In"** (11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony).

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“Understanding Black Churches and Their Traditions,” a three-session Academy for Faith and Life class, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. On Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m., Dwight Hopkins of the University of Chicago Divinity School will speak at a **Michigan Avenue Forum** focusing on what to make of the recent news reports about black churches and their preachers.

A **two-part grief series** for those dealing with significant losses will be led by John Boyle and Allyson Rich Wolcott at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Wednesdays, May 7 and May 14 at 7:00 p.m. To participate, call the Center at 312.787.8425 by 12:00 noon on May 5.

“Nutrition and Arthritis” will be the topic of a seminar cohosted by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights, on Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register for this free session, call 312.372.2080.

President of the Investment Services Division of Opportunity International, Ken Vander Weele, will speak at the May 10 Fourth Church Men’s Group gathering at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. All are invited to learn about this microfinance organization’s commitment to solving global poverty. For breakfast reservations, call the church office at 312.787.4570 by noon on Friday, May 9.

The Book Nook in Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour makes available children’s Bibles as well as a variety of books for Academy classes, book groups, and other Fourth Church events.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

“Mom’s Night Out” for expectant moms, new moms, and moms of toddlers will be Friday, May 9 at 8:00 p.m. at Emilio’s Tapas. For details and to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will gather for a potluck in a member’s home at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. For information or to RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

The Community Book Group will discuss *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man’s Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* by A. J. Jacobs on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Adam Fronczek will lead the discussion.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Please stop by Anderson Hall following 9:30 and 11:00 worship today to thank Fourth Church officers for their service and commitment to this congregation.

Graduating in 2008? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact John Vest at 312.981.4037 (jvest@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 19 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 25.

For a preview of next Sunday’s worship and news from Fourth Church, 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.

DVDs of the 2007 Christmas Eve service, as televised by CBS, are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 4–10, 2008

Sunday, May 4

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		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
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson Hall Balconies
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour Honoring Church Officers		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
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
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson Hall Balconies
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour Honoring Church Officers		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Families Lunch		Dining Room
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	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, May 5

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel

Wednesday, May 7

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, May 8

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, May 9

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Rachel Laporte, violin	Sanctuary

Saturday, May 10

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group: Opportunity International	Dining Room
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Preaching on Sunday, May 11

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	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.