

May 11–17, 2008

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Application forms for the Urban Plunge mission trip (May 30–June 1) to First Presbyterian Church in Woodlawn are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour. They can also be found in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org.

The Healthy Children Act currently being considered by Congress would address the matter of 2,100 babies being born each day without health insurance. Information about this issue and letters to send to Congress are available at the Mission and Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

A reception for Hector Mendez, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, will be held Monday, May 12 in the Manse from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. All are invited to stop by to greet Pastor Mendez.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden opens for the 2008 season on Saturday, May 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at the church at 312.274.3831.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes meeting today are “**An Introduction to New Testament**” at 9:30 a.m. (Anderson Hall North Balcony) and, at 11:00 a.m., “**An Introduction to Mormonism:**

An Outsider’s Look In” (Anderson Hall North Balcony) and “**Understanding Black Churches and Their Traditions**” (Anderson Hall South Balcony).

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.

A monthly Women’s Bible Study,

led by Ali Trowbridge in May, meets Wednesday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Lunch will follow.

A Michigan Avenue Forum on

understanding black churches and their traditions will be held Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dr. Dwight Hopkins of the University of Chicago Divinity School and author of *Being Human: Race, Culture, and Religion* will speak.

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. On Wednesday, June 4, Joyce Shin will lead the group in discussing *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel

Books by Women will discuss *American Bloomsbury* by Susan Cheever on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

WORSHIP

A **Pentecost Jazz Vespers** service will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. The Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble will provide music leadership.

Members of Fourth Church Rising, the confirmation class, will be confirmed during 9:30 worship next Sunday.

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.

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 **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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Carol Carpenter, a member of the Morning Choir, will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Apollo Chorus will present its concert "Music of Heaven and Earth" on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour.

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. The art is currently on exhibit in the gallery.

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

Dream, this year's Festival of the Heart, will be performed by students of the Chicago Lights Near North Magnet Cluster at 12:00 noon on May 13, 14, and 15 and at 4:00 p.m. on May 14 at the Chopin Theater (1543 W. Division). For free tickets, contact the Chicago Lights office (312.981.3596).

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 for a program on peacemaking in the Philippines. To learn more about the **young adults mission trip** to southwest Colorado to work with Habitat for Humanity August 2–9, contact Hardy Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org.

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.

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6–7) will be participating in the flower sale this morning during all Coffee Hours. **Fourth Church Rising** (grade 8 Confirmation) gathers from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. **Senior Highs** (grades 9 to 12) gather from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

The Elevation Flower Sale takes place today during Coffee Hour. Funds raised will support the youth in their June work camp trip to assist with the Illinois Special Olympics.

Spring Family Camp at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan, will be May 30 to June 1. Information is available in Westminster House and by contacting Emilie Syberg at 312.640.2578.

Vacation Bible School will take place August 11–15 this year.

Adoptive families are invited to a lunch on Sunday, June 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse. There will be food, fellowship, and a program for parents and games for the children. RSVP to Emilie Syberg at the church at 312.640.2578.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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.

The Book Nook, in Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour, makes available books for book groups and Academy classes and also has children's Bibles.

The Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign is underway. Gifts to this campaign help provide education, advance health and wellness, and alleviate hunger and homelessness. To help Chicago Lights reach its \$320,000 goal, gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by going online to www.chicagolights.org.

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Current Donation Needs

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

CALENDAR FOR MAY 11–17, 2008

Sunday, May 11

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.	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		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	The Rising		Page Smith Room
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		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
3:00 p.m.	Chicago Chamber Orchestra Concert		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Jazz Vespers	Martha Langford preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, May 12

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Reception for Pastor Mendez		Manse

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	<i>Dream</i> (also Wednesday and Thursday)		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Wednesday, May 14

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	<i>Dream</i>		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Thursday, May 15

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Center for Life and Learning Art Reception		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, May 16

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Carol Carpenter, mezzo-soprano		Sanctuary

Saturday, May 17

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours		Community Garden
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum Potluck		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Preaching on Sunday, May 18

Hardy Kim	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Hardy Kim	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.