

May 18–24, 2008

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# News and Opportunities

## 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 this Monday, May 19 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 25.

**John Buchanan was presented the Distinguished Service Award** by McCormick Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 10 in recognition of his outstanding service to the seminary as well as his distinguished leadership in church and community. Dr. Buchanan first joined the Board in 1985. He served on the Presidential Search Committee that brought Cynthia Campbell to McCormick, was Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2003–2007 and Co-Chairperson of the last comprehensive campaign. This award recognizes as well his outstanding service to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to the larger church.

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

**For a preview of next Sunday's worship** and for news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

**Lake Shore Drive will be closed** next Sunday, May 25 from Hollywood to 57th Street until 10:30 a.m. for Bike the Drive. A post-ride festival will take place in Grant Park until early afternoon, which may further alter traffic routes for those driving to and from worship.

**The Book Nook**, in Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour, makes available books for book groups and Academy classes.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign** is underway. Gifts to this campaign foster education and literacy, 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](http://www.chicagolights.org).

**The Chicago Avenue Community Garden** is open each Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Beginning June 2, weekday hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

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

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

#### **Volunteers for Women's Health Week**

(June 1–7) preparation and events

#### **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*

**Household and personal items** for church member who lost everything in a fire; a list is available at the Volunteer Table

**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

**Greeting cards and stamps** for guests of Sunday and Monday night suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

**Children's items:** cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes, coats, and books

*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.*

## WORSHIP

**This Friday, a service in the style of Taizé** will be held at Fourth Church, as it is each fourth Friday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**A Vespers Communion service** is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

**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.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School meets today** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House. The summer Sunday School schedule begins next Sunday, May 25: classes will be held at 9:30 a.m. only throughout the summer.

**A "Music and Tots" class** for parents and their infants and toddlers will take place Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP for this music and movement class, contact Beverly Escuder at [bescuder@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bescuder@fourthchurch.org).

**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.

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

*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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**A new New Moms' Group** will begin Tuesday, June 17 for those who are expecting a child or have had a child within the last year. The group provides opportunity for fellowship and an exploration of how faith can be a resource during these exciting and challenging times. Groups typically meet for eight weeks in a member's home. Babysitters are provided. To join a group or for more information, e-mail [newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org](mailto:newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org).

**Vacation Bible School** will take place August 11–15 this year. Information is available in Westminster House and by contacting Emilie Syberg at 312.640.2578.

## 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).

### **Bible Study opportunities:**

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
*Men's*, Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. in the Loop  
(call 312.640.5398 for details)  
*Morning*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.  
*Women's*, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.  
*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.  
*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

**An arthritis information session** focusing on Social Security disability insurance will take place Wednesday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. There is no charge for this event, but preregistration is required (call 800.735.0096).

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

**A Michigan Avenue Forum on understanding black churches** and their traditions will be held this 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.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Today Fourth Acts** reads new scripts for future production. All are welcome to participate at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

**The Apollo Chorus** will present its concert “Music of Heaven and Earth” today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour.

**Organist David Jones** will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Art by members of the Center for Life and Learning** is on display in the Gallery throughout May. On display in the Loggia is “**Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty**,” an exhibition by Fourth Church members and photographers Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter.

## 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 discussion with Hardy Kim on identity and faith.

**CALENDAR FOR MAY 18–24, 2008**

**Sunday, May 18**

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Hardy Kim preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
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
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson Hall Balconies
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Activity Center
3:00 p.m.	Apollo Chorus Concert		Sanctuary
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>Hardy Kim preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

**Monday, May 19**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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**Tuesday, May 20**

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

**Wednesday, May 21**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

**Thursday, May 22**

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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**Friday, May 23**

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: David Jones, organ	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Serving Fourth Friday Night Supper	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Taizé</b>	<b>Anderson Hall</b>

**Saturday, May 24**

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours	Community Garden
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***Preaching on Sunday, May 25***

Joyce Shin	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Joyce Shin	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.