

June 29–July 5, 2008

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CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The annual **Senior Highs car wash/dog wash fund-raiser** is Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (Chicago Ave., between Cleveland and Hudson). All proceeds will benefit the youth's work camp trips to serve in New Orleans and at Presbyterian camps.

Summer Sunday School for preschoolers through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. There is expanded nursery care for infants through kindergartners at 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church youth do not have regular gatherings on Sunday mornings during the summer. Watch for information about special events and other gatherings.

A **new New Moms' Group** will begin later this summer for those who are expecting a child or have had a child within the last year. For information, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

Vacation Bible School will take place August 11–15 this year. Application forms are available in Westminster House. Space is limited and will fill quickly. Youth are needed to serve as crew leaders. For details, contact Emilie Syberg at the church at 312.640.2578 (esyberg@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

An **information session about General Assembly**, presented by John Buchanan and others from Fourth Church who attended the Assembly this past week, will be held on Sunday, July 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Brunch will be provided.

A **special congregational meeting** has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for Sunday, July 6, following 11:00 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Mission.

The **July issue of *Fourth Press*** was processed by the post office on Tuesday, June 24. If you do not receive it in a timely manner, please let your mail carrier and postal substation know of your concerns about the delay. *Fourth Press* is also posted online, at www.fourthchurch.org/newsletters.html.

The **Fourth Church website**, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; sermon transcripts and the text from "Prayers of the People"; the text of worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities"; devotional resources; and programming information.

Gifts made by check to Fourth Presbyterian Church or Chicago Lights are being processed in a more efficient, electronic way by the Fourth Church accounting department. Because of this new scanning process, beginning June 15 your bank statement may report the check payment as “Electronic Funds Withdrawal or Transfer” rather than “Check Paid” (in which case you will not receive the cashed check back from your financial institution). The funds also may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day Fourth Church or Chicago Lights receives your check. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Radetski in the Giving Ministries office at 312.981.3380.

Who needs a will? Every adult who owns anything and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church. For information about planned giving, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, July 25.

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 in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

ENRICHMENT

The Center for Life and Learning invites seniors to explore the city this summer with a **Chocolate Walking Tour** down Michigan Ave., Wednesday, July 9, and a five-session **traveling sketch class**, which will begin Friday, July 11. For details contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3387.

Pathways to Wellness is sponsoring a **video viewing** of the documentary *Sicko*, a film that investigates the American health care industry. The viewing will take place from 12:00 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 10 in the Page Smith Room. Please bring a brown-bag lunch, as food will not be provided.

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

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

A day trip to charming Grand Rapids, Michigan, sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place Monday, July 14. For more details, contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3387.

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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FELLOWSHIP

An eleven-week Nia fitness class will begin Wednesday, July 9. Classes are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Fourth Church and are sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health. Registration is required. To register or for information about class fees, visit www.niachicago.com or call the Nia Class Infoline at Fourth Church at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Young adults are also invited to join in **weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach** (6:00 p.m. on Mondays). For details, contact Hardy Kim at 312.274.3834.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Confirming Our Faith: Artistic Expressions of What My Faith Means to Me,” an exhibit created by members of Fourth Church Rising, the eighth-grade Confirmation class, is on display in the Gallery. Hanging in the Loggia is the exhibition **“Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty,”** photographs by Fourth Church members Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter.

There will be no noonday concert this Friday. Noonday concerts will resume Friday, July 11, with Sugar Creek Road performing. Throughout July and August, concerts take place outdoors in the Garth, by the fountain.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign is underway, with a goal of \$320,000. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, between now and July 31 every dollar raised through an increased or new gift to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund will result in a matching gift, up to \$50,000, to the Chicago Lights education programs. Gifts can be made by using the envelopes in the pew racks, making a check payable to Chicago Lights, or giving online at www.chicagolights.org. For information about this nonprofit community outreach organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816 (kfrey@fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Other Volunteer Needs

People to bag groceries Sunday afternoon for the Social Service Center guests
Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers
Observers of exemplary teachers in Chicago Public Schools programs

Current Donation Needs

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
Personal items for a church family who lost everything in a fire; a list is available at the Volunteer Table

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 JUNE 29-JULY 5, 2008

Sunday, June 29

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Hardy Kim preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
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	Hardy Kim preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, June 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball		Oak Street Beach

Tuesday, July 1

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours (also Wednesday–Friday)		Community Garden

Wednesday, July 2

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
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Friday, July 4 *Independence Day: Church office closed*

Saturday, June 28

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours		Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, July 6

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

John W. Vest 6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.