

July 6–July 12, 2008

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today a special congregational meeting, called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be held in the sanctuary following 11:00 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Mission.

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. RSVP by calling Laura Ericson at the church at 321.981.3599 or emailing lericson@fourthchurch.org

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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.

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, 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 The funds also may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day Fourth Church or Chicago Lights receives your check.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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Sugarcreek Road will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth, as part of the "Music by the Fountain" series. This weekly series will continue through August.

“Confirming Our Faith: Artistic Expressions of What My Faith Means to Me,” an exhibit created by members of Fourth Church Rising, the eighth-grade confirmands, is on display in the Gallery.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The annual “Back-to-School Supply Drive,” cosponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Community Ministry Subcommittee, starts Sunday, July 6. During Coffee Hours, lists will be available of needed supplies. These supplies, which will be collected through September, will be given to students who are part of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program as well as those served by various community agencies. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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).

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

People to collect, sort, and inventory donations for the Back-to-School Supply Drive during Coffee Hour (3 per shift) in July and August
Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers
Observers of exemplary teachers in Chicago Public Schools programs
People to bag groceries Sunday afternoon for the Social Service Center guests

Current Donation Needs

Items for the Back-to-School Supply Drive, including book-bags, writing utensils, notebooks, folders, and more; see the drive list during Coffee Hour
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.

WORSHIP

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each fourth Friday of the month. It will be preceded by a meditative labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall. The next service will be Friday, July 25.

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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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.

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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 pray for those in need.

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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.

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.

ENRICHMENT

The Center for Life and Learning invites seniors to explore the city this summer with a **Chocolate Walking Tour** down Michigan Ave. on 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 at 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 10 in the Page Smith Room. Those attending are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

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

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Pastoral Resident Hardy Kim will report on the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). 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.

An intergenerational luncheon to raise awareness about bone health will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17 in the Anderson Hall South Balcony. The Center for Whole Health is seeking adults who wish to attend the luncheon and socialize with young people from Summer Day. This event has no charge, but does require registration. Contact Denise Keane at 312-981-3387 or dkeane@fourthchurch.org to register.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 6-JULY 12, 2008

Sunday, July 6

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. 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 M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting		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
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 8

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 9

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:45 p.m.	Chocolate Walking Tour	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Thursday, July 10

12:00 p.m.	Pathways to Wellness	Page Smith Room
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Friday, July 11

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Free Noonday Concert: Sugarcreek Road	Garth
1:00 p.m.	Sketch about Town	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Saturday, July 12

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours	Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, July 13

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Calum I. MacLeod	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.