

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today the Reverend Milton Mejia, the former Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia, will speak in the Activity Center at a luncheon following 11:00 worship. Reverend Mejia, a leader in Colombia's ecumenical movement and a human rights activist, was forced to flee Colombia after receiving death threats and is currently attending McCormick Seminary. All are invited to attend.

A reception in honor of Beth Truett will be held during Coffee Hour this morning. Please take this opportunity to join Fourth Church in thanking Beth for her many contributions as Executive Director of Chicago Lights, a community outreach organization at Fourth Presbyterian Church, and wish her well as she moves on to become President and CEO of Oral Health America this September.

Linda McCarty will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Marcus Borg will speak on "God's Passion and the Passion of Jesus" at a Christian Century-sponsored dinner on Monday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Palmer House. For details, contact the Christian Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 (event@christiancentury.org).

An estate and wills seminar for young adults is scheduled for Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Child care will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, contact Cerry Letrich at 312.981.3381.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers
Cooks for Sunday Night Supper
Tutors for the Tutoring program; meet weekly for 1-1/2 hour sessions

Current Donation Needs

Infants' and children's clothes, toys, strollers, cribs, car seats, and books to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic
Greeting cards and stamps for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless
Items for the Back-to-School Supply Drive; including large backpacks, solar scientific calculators, 2- and 3-prong folders, pointed scissors, and wireless notebooks; a full list of items is available at Coffee Hour

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

Fourth Church youth will be leading tonight's Vespers Communion Service, which 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 an opportunity to pray for those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and reflection. The next service will be Friday, September 26.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Today eighth graders and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting about Fourth Church Rising, the confirmation program; it will take place in the Crow's Nest at 12:30 p.m.

An all-youth trip to Great America is scheduled for Sunday, August 31. For more information, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

U2charist, a communion service focused on social justice issues, will be hosted by Fourth Church youth on Friday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Songs by U2, performed by a live cover band, will be used during the service. All are invited to attend. For details, contact John Vest at 312.981.4037.

The Senior Highs fall retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 5 to Sunday, September 7. For more information, contact Anita Bright at the church at 312.573.3364.

A fall kickoff event for children, youth, and their parents will take place Sunday, September 7, and will include lunch and other activities. Sunday school will resume on that date.

New moms' groups are meeting in Lincoln Park and Lakeview on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Additionally, an evening moms' group meets once a month on Monday evenings. For details, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The last day of the annual "Back-to-School Supply Drive," sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, will be Tuesday, August 26. A list of most-needed supplies is located on page 1 of this News and Opportunities insert.

The Benevolent Guild resumes its Wednesday gatherings on September 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Newcomers are invited to join in creating toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters.

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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Those interested in becoming a tutor and mentor for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend one of three new-volunteer orientation sessions: Tuesday, September 9; Thursday, September 11; and Wednesday, September 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For details, contact Alex Cornwell at the church at 312.981.3565.

ENRICHMENT

A viewing and discussion of *Harry and Tonto* will be held from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28 in the Page Smith Room. Those attending are invited to bring a bag lunch.

The Books by Women book group, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, will be discussing Nancy Horan's *Loving Frank: A Novel* Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

The Center for Life and Learning will host its annual open house on Thursday, September 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. Take this opportunity to learn more about the CLL academic, creative, social, and wellness programs open to men and women 60 and more. For more information, contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3387 (dkeane@fourthchurch.org).

"Get Connected" through fellowship education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 14, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, faith-building opportunities, Bible studies, choirs, and other activities. On Sunday, September 21, all are encouraged to attend Coffee Hour to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

The Family-to-Family Education Program is a twelve-week course for families and friends of adults living with mental illnesses. The first session is Monday, September 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Registration for this free course is required; call the Family-to-Family Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

An eight-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will begin Thursday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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. Hardy Kim will lead a discussion focused on ordination and sexual identity, an issue raised in June's PCUSA General Assembly.

Cornerstones, a group of adults over fifty, including couples, partners, and spouses, will host an old-fashioned barbecue and potluck dinner on Friday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth. RSVP by Wednesday, September 3 by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Libby York will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth. This is the final performance in the "Music by the Fountain" series. The following week, Noonday concerts will return to the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 24–30, 2008

Sunday, August 24

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		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Brunch with the Reverend Mejia		Activity Center
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 to 1:30 p.m.	Confirmation informational meeting		Crow's Nest
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room
3:00 p.m.	The Ordination of Linda McCarty		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.	Vespers	Led by Fourth Church Youth	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, August 28

12:00 p.m.	CLL Film Viewing	Page Smith Room
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Friday, August 29

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Libby York	Garth

Saturday, August 30

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours	Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, August 31

John W. Vest 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Alice M. Trowbridge 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.