

August 31–September 6, 2008

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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

U2charist, a communion service focused on social justice issues, will be hosted by Fourth Church youth this 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 will depart for their fall retreat at Camp Manitoqua after Friday evening's U2charist service; they will return Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. For details, 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 activities. Sunday school will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on that date.

The Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) fall retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14. For more information, contact Anita Bright at the church at 312.573.3364.

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

ENRICHMENT

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 Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning (CLL) 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 over. For more information, contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3387 (dkeane@fourthchurch.org).

Two Bible studies resume in September: the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning study, which meets Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room beginning September 12 and is open to all who are sixty and over, and the Men's Morning Bible study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 a.m. beginning September 16. For details or to register for the Men's study, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

Year-Round Bible Study opportunities: *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. *Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Fourth Church Men's Group will gather on Saturday, September 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room for a program, led by Larry Braskamp, Professor Emeritus at Loyola University, on the role of religion in higher education. All are welcome. To RSVP for breakfast, call the Fourth Church office (312.787.4570) by Friday, September 12.

"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 fellowship groups, educational 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.

New Academy for Faith and Life courses will begin Sunday, September 28. Course descriptions are available in the literature racks, in the August issue of *Fourth Press*, and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

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.

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.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson) is open Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next cookout will be Saturday, September 27. Contact Natasha Holbert at the church 312.274.3831 for details.

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 to go out for brunch and a time of fellowship.

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

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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NEWS AND RESOURCES

Fourth Church welcomes three new Pastoral Residents who joined the staff this past week: JC Cadwallader, Sarah Johnson, and Joann Lee. For the next two years, Fourth Church will be privileged to have these recent seminary graduates as part of the staff, using their pastoral gifts and skills among us while they continue in their formation as practicing Presbyterian ministers.

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 Gerry Letrich at 312.981.3381 or cletrich@fourthchurch.org.

WORSHIP

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Noonday Concerts have moved indoors! Duo pianists Svetlana Belsky and Jennifer Maxwell will perform this Friday’s concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Only one Chanticleer Christmas concert will be held at Fourth Church this year, on Monday, December 1. Tickets, which will sell out quickly, are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso.org; 312.294.3000).

Regular choir rehearsals will resume this fall; interested persons are invited to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592. Those interested in **joining a handbell choir** will find an information form in the literature racks and can contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595 for more details.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Tutoring program; meet weekly for 1-1/2 hour sessions

Sunday School teachers for 9:30 or 11:00 classes

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper

Current Donation Needs

Clothes for a previously homeless woman; a list of specific needs 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 AUGUST 31–SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

Sunday, August 31

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest 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 W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
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
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	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, September 1 **Labor Day: Church Office closed**

Tuesday, September 2

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		Large Conference Room

Wednesday, September 3

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Thursday and Friday)		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class		Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

Thursday, September 4

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	CLL Open House		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, September 5

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class		Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Svetlana Belsky and Jennifer Maxwell		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones		Garth
7:00 p.m.	U2charist		Anderson Hall

Saturday, September 6

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours		Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, September 7

Adam Fronczek 8:00 a.m.

Calum I. MacLeod 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Adam Fronczek 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.