

September 7–13, 2008

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# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Fourth Church welcomes Victoria Curtiss**, who joined the Fourth Church staff this week as Associate Pastor for Mission. Vicky will be working with the Mission Committee, Chicago Lights Board, and the Chicago Avenue Community Garden Committee as well as interfaith initiatives and serving as an active presence in the community.

**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 details or to RSVP, contact Cerry Letrich at the church at 312.981.3381.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Today is the fall kickoff** Sunday for children, youth, and their parents. Lunch for families will be served at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. There will be activities for all ages in the Garth.

**Sunday School resumes today** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House. Parents are invited to join children in the classroom to meet teachers.

**Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse basement. Their fall lock-in is scheduled for Friday, September 19. For more information, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

**Fourth Church Rising** (grade 8 confirmation) and their parents meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. The Risings’ fall retreat will take place the weekend of September 12–14. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow’s Nest.

**New moms’ groups** meet at member homes for fellowship and discussions of faith. For details, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org

**Family Camp**, a weekend of activities for children, youth, and their parents, will take place Friday, October 10 to Sunday, October 12 at the Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The 2009 Mission Benefit Committee seeks volunteers** to secure financial and in-kind donations from individuals, businesses, or corporations to support this annual event. Funds raised through the Benefit, which takes place in February, support Chicago Lights and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. For details, stop by the Benefit table at Coffee Hour or contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816 (kfrey@fourthchurch.org).

**The Benevolent Guild has resumed its Wednesday gatherings** 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 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org) for details.

## ENRICHMENT

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

*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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**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 this Friday 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).

**"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, 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 beginners T'ai Chi course** starts Thursday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. For details, 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 and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html).

**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.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for the Tutoring program; meet weekly for 1-1/2 hours

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

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Infants' and children's** clothes, 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

**Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges**, to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

*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

**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. The next service will be Friday, September 26.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Children and youth choirs** begin rehearsals today. See the calendar on page four for rehearsal times for the Cherub Choir (kindergarten–first grade), the Children's Choir (grades 2–5), and the Youth Choir (junior and senior high). Information about intergenerational handbell choirs is available in the literature racks.

**Art exhibitions** on display in the Gallery and Logia are "Miss Helen's Magical World" and "Images of Fourth Church."

**Kobe College musicians** will perform this Friday's Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m.

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

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Gathering**, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two 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 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays).

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 7–13, 2008

### Sunday, September 7

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Adam Fronczek preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Cloisters
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Calum I. MacLeod preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Cloisters
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Calum I. MacLeod preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Cloisters
12:15 p.m.	Kickoff for Children, Youth, and Families	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
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> Adam Fronczek preaching	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

### Monday, September 8

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

### Tuesday, September 9

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring Orientation	Anderson Hall

### Wednesday, September 10

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

### Thursday, September 11

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring Orientation	Anderson Hall

### Friday, September 12

10:00 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kobe College	Sanctuary

### Saturday, September 13

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours	Community Garden
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### *Preaching on Sunday, September 14*

Elizabeth Andrews	8:00 a.m.
Calum I. MacLeod	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Hardy Kim	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.