

May 3–9, 2009

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

An old-fashioned congregational lunch on Sunday, May 17 will celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Fourth Church sanctuary and the 100th anniversary of Pastor John Timothy Stone's ministry at Fourth Church. Space is limited; tickets are available during Coffee Hour and, during the week, at the reception desk.

In this economic climate, Fourth Church wants to remind all of the spiritual, emotional, and practical services available at the church. Those who would like information about available resources are encouraged to contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org), call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446, or pick up a "Fourth Church Cares" card from the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Today enjoy all-you-can eat pancakes prepared and served by the Fourth Church Senior Highs at their breakfast fund-raiser in the Dining Room. This meal will raise funds for their summer work camp trips to Iowa City and Northern Ireland. Omelets, made to order by John Vest for an additional donation, will also be available. Breakfast will be served between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"Embracing Parents," an informal discussion group that centers on pertinent issues parents face, will meet today at 9:30 a.m. in the Tutoring Library. Child psychologist Anne Updegrove will facilitate the conversation.

Elevation youth (grades 6–7) meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse basement.

The Elevation Flower Sale will take place next Sunday, May 10 during Coffee Hour to help raise funds for their work camp trip to assist with the Illinois Special Olympics (June 11–14).

Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree in 2009 are asked to contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 by Monday, May 11 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 17.

Mothers with children age 0–4 are invited to join an Evening Moms' Group. The first meeting is Wednesday, May 13. For details or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Pianist Andrew O'Brien will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert.

An Interfaith Choir festival will take place today at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, featuring choirs from Fourth Church and Chicago Sinai congregation and guest soloist, Deborah Bard. Next Sunday the **Chicago Chamber Orchestra** will perform at 3:00 p.m. (Both concerts are free.) On Sunday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. **the Apollo Chorus of Chicago** will be in concert in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.apollochorus.org or by calling 312.427.5620.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individuals forty-seven and older, will gather on Friday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to hear from Margaret Frisbie of Friends of the Chicago River.

Corey McPherrin, sports anchor on Fox, will speak on “The Low Down on Sports” at the Men’s Group breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 before 12:00 noon on Friday, May 8.

ThirtiesForties will host a game night on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, June 1.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

An opportunity to sign a letter to support Mental Health Block Grant funding and information about the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s “Out of the Darkness” overnight walk will be available during Coffee Hour.

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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Nineteen members of Fourth Church left for Cuba on Friday, where they will spend a week with our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Youth and others from Fourth Church will be volunteering at the Healthy Community Fun Fair, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, on Saturday afternoon, May 9 at Seward Park (Division and Orleans).

Fair trade artisans from Peru will speak on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden will open Saturday, May 16. For details or to register for a plot, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 or complete the form online at www.fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

Today’s adult education classes, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are “A Tradition of Faithfulness: The Story of Fourth Church,” led by Betty Bergstrom, Tom Rook, and Morgan Simmons in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A and “Islam in the Modern World,” led by Azam Nizamuddin in Anderson Hall S. Balcony at 9:30 a.m.; “Intentional Marriage,” led by Tom Schemper and Elise Magers in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A, “Energy, Theology, and the Environment,” led by guest speakers in Anderson Hall N. Balcony B, and “Reflections on the Protestant Reformation,” led by Bruce Rigdon in Anderson Hall S. Balcony at 11:00 a.m.

Today Amy-Jill Levine will lecture on “David and Bathsheba: Criminal Intent” at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. This talk is the last in a three-part series sponsored by Fourth Church and Chicago Sinai congregation. Following the lecture, at 2:00 p.m., there will be an interfaith concert in the sanctuary.

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will meet this Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss Susan Choi’s *A Person of Interest*.

A “**Triumph over Cancer**” support session for those living with cancer will be offered Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room and is sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health. For details, call the Triumph over Cancer Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

A reading and discussion of *Healing Spaces: The Science of Place and Well-Being*, led by author Esther Sternberg, will take place on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. A reception and book-signing will follow the event.

The Community Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *The Mystery of the Child* by Martin Marty.

WORSHIP

A Candlelighting Vespers for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m., or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., to pray for members of the congregation and those in need.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

A weekly 4:00 Sunday afternoon service will begin on Sunday, June 7. This exciting new worship opportunity, recommended by the Worship Task Force and approved by the Session, will have a casual, family-friendly feel and will include Communion. The last 6:30 p.m. Vespers service will be held Sunday, May 31. After each 4:00 service, all will be invited to share in the community meal served by the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

River cleanup helpers, Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday Night Supper will expand and relocate to Anderson Hall on June 7, creating more volunteer opportunities:
Setup crew to open tables, arrange chairs
Dish washers to collect and clean dishes
Breakdown crew to collapse tables
Dining Room hosts to oversee setup
Beverage pourers to serve guests at tables
Computer supervisor to help guests
Tablecloth washers to clean linens

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR May 3–9, 2009

Sunday, May 3

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Jocelyn C. Cadwallader preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy Classes	Anderson Hall Balconies
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
9:30 a.m.	Embracing Parents	Tutoring Library
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse basement
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy Class	Anderson Hall Balconies
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:15 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
12:30 p.m.	"David and Bathsheba: Criminal Intent"	Anderson Hall
2:00 p.m.	Interfaith Choir Festival	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Victoria G. Curtiss Preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, May 4

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, May 5

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Large Conference Room

Wednesday, May 6

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

Friday, May 8

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Andrew O'Brien	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension: Friends of the Chicago River	Anderson Hall

Saturday, May 9

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group: Corey McPherrin	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Healthy Community Fun Fair	Seward Park

Preaching on Sunday, May 10

John H. Boyle	8:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Joann H. Lee	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.