

September 13–19, 2009

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Next Sunday, September 20 is “**Get Connected**” Sunday, a day when all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, choirs, Bible studies, and other activities.

“**Bike to Church Sunday**,” a day when all are invited to cycle to church, will take place Sunday, September 27 and is sponsored by the Fourth Church Cycling Club. Bike parking will be available on the playground (September 27 only) with bike valets present to assist with parking. Locks are required. For details, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For information about available resources, contact Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Ali Trowbridge at 312.573.3360, call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446, or pick up a “Fourth Church Cares” card from the literature racks.

WORSHIP

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.

An afternoon worship service including Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After each 4:00 service, all are invited to share in a community meal 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. 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 Anderson Hall each fourth Friday of the month.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts, the Fourth Church acting ensemble, will gather today 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center for a lunch meeting.

Harpist Sonia Lee will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. For details, contact Adrienne Glover at the church at 312.573.3364.

Caring Circles, a series of classes to equip participants in the CLL's Friendly Visitors project, will kick off this Thursday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are invited.

An eight-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m. For details or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

The author of the bestseller *A. Lincoln: A Biography*, Ronald C. White, will discuss his book at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Thomas Long, a widely admired preacher and influential teacher of preaching, will speak at the annual *Christian Century* lecture on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arts Club of Chicago (201 E. Ontario). For ticket fee and reservation information, contact the Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 (event@christiancentury.org).

"Splash Out: A Nia Community Class" will be held Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register for this one-session class, call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

New Academy for Faith and Life courses will begin Sunday, September 27. Course descriptions are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, October 6 to discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Christian Century Study Groups provide opportunity to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the *Christian Century*. Study groups will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., beginning Wednesday, October 7. To register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.787.4570 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Tuesday, September 22.

Fourth Church will mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of reformer John Calvin with a variety of observances, including a celebrative gathering at the Newberry Library on Thursday evening, October 15 and a series of presentations on Saturday morning, October 17 by John Buchanan, Cynthia Campbell, Anna Case-Winters, and Adam Fronczek. For details, pick up an Academy for Faith and Life brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/calvin.html. To register, call Adrienne Glover at the church 312.573.3364.

Fourth Church members and friends are invited to travel to Egypt on an educational tour led by Adam Fronczek January 10–24, 2010. Information is available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Those interested in applying are invited to contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

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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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 in the Garth for all age groups.

Fall Sunday school begins today, with classes meeting at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Youth will meet at 10:30 a.m., with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse Basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow's Nest.

Choir rehearsals will be held in the Dining Room, with Junior High Choir at 9:30 a.m., Cherub Choir (K–1) at 10:30 a.m., Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 11:00 a.m., and Senior High Choir at 11:45 a.m.

Family Camp, a weekend of activities for children, youth, and parents, will take place October 9–11 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A luncheon meeting about multicultural initiatives at Fourth Church will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are welcome.

Those interested in becoming a tutor and mentor with the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend one of the following orientation sessions: Tuesday, September 15; Thursday, September 17; or Monday, September 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The 2009 CROP Walk to alleviate global hunger will take place Sunday, October 18 at UIC (750 S. Halsted St.). To donate or sign up to walk with the Fourth Church team, visit www.chicagocropwalk.org or call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room each Sunday.

Today the ThirtiesForties fellowship group will hold a fall kickoff potluck at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their late forties and older, will host a program on Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Olympics expert John MacAloon will speak on the Olympics past and present. Preregistration is required; for details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

The annual Volunteer Fair will be held on Sunday, September 27 during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall and will highlight congregational service and community outreach opportunities.

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes this October
Community Supper volunteers to help with various tasks on Sundays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Chamber Choir singers and

instrumentalists for 4:00 p.m. worship; music selection is world, contemporary, and traditional

Current Donation Needs

Toiletries for the Social Service Center Health Fair, especially shaving cream, toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrushes, small tissue packets, and deodorant; deposit items in the wicker bin outside of Anderson Hall

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

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 13–19, 2009

Sunday, September 13

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir		Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
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
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
11:45 a.m.	Senior High Choir		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Children, Youth, and Families Luncheon		Anderson Hall/Garth
12:30 p.m.	Thirties Forties Brunch		Manse
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Activity Center
12:30 p.m.	Multicultural Initiatives Luncheon		Page Smith Room
3:00 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, September 14

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Garden Open Hours (also Thursday)		Community Garden
7:00 p.m.	Tutoring Orientation (also Thursday)		Anderson Hall

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

1:00 p.m.	Caring Circles Kickoff		Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, September 18

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Sonia Lee		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension		Anderson Hall

Saturday, September 19

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Garden Open Hours		Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, September 20

Calum I. MacLeod preaching	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek preaching	4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$7.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.