

October 18–24, 2009

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# News and Opportunities

## 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.

**A Domestic Violence Service for Remembrance, Healing, and Hope** takes place today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After the 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.

**A service in the style of Taizé** will take place this Friday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel, as it does each fourth Friday of the month. Prior to the service, a meditative labyrinth walk will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**A labyrinth walk will be held** on All Saints' Day, Saturday, October 31. in Anderson Hall. The walk will be available between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a photo of a loved one who has died and walk in that person's memory.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The 2009 CROP Walk to alleviate global hunger** will take place today, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at UIC (750 S. Halsted St.). There is still time to sign up to walk with the Fourth Church team or donate; visit the CROP Walk table during Coffee Hour for details.

**Today is Bread for the World Sunday.** A letter to Senators requesting that the U.S. provide foreign assistance in order to reduce poverty and hunger will be available to sign during Coffee Hour.

**The purple bows on the Michigan Avenue trees** represent the thousands of individuals who are victims of domestic violence each year.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Current Volunteer Needs*

**Sandwich makers for new team**, meeting fourth Sundays after 11:00 service

**Tutors** for the Tutoring program, especially Monday and Tuesday nights

**Reading and math tutors** for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools

**Choir members and instrumentalists** for 4:00 p.m. worship

**Sunday School teachers** for 11:00 a.m. classes; alternate Sundays

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

## ENRICHMENT

### **Weekly Bible Study opportunities:**

*Women*, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

### **Today's Academy for Faith and Life**

adult education opportunities are "Doing Theology inside *The Shack*" and "The Bible and Our Culture" at 9:30 a.m.; and "Egypt and the Bible" and "The Book of Job and the Invention of Faith" at 11:00 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. For details, call the Academy Office at 312.573.3364.

### **New Academy classes will begin next**

**Sunday, October 25:** "The Five Love Languages," led by Tom Schemper and Elise Magers at 9:30 a.m. and "A Family Rooted in Vibrant Faith," taught by Ali Trowbridge and Sue Schemper and "All Kinds of Prayer for All Kinds of People," taught by Linda Loving at 11:00 a.m. For details, pick up an Academy brochure from the literature racks or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html).

### **"Becoming a Multicultural Church,"**

a workshop for church members and friends, will be held next Sunday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Center. Today is the final day to register; for details or to RSVP, stop by Coffee Hour or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**The Community Book Group** will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Watchmen* by Alan Moore. John Vest will lead discussion.

**Books by Women** will meet Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert*, *Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell.

**A grief support group**, led by John Boyle and staff from the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Center, beginning October 26. For details or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

**The 2009 Covenant Network Conference** will be held November 5–7 in Cleveland. Those interested in attending are asked to contact J.C. Cadwallader at 312.640.2571.

### **An excursion to Ten Chimneys in**

**Wisconsin**, hosted by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place Thursday, November 5. Those age sixty and over are welcome. For information, call Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387 or visit [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org).

**Cheryle Jackson, former president of the Urban League of Chicago**, will speak about the history and current work of the League and her decision to run for election to the United States Senate at the Fourth Church Men's Group breakfast on Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 before noon on Friday, November 13.

**Krista Tippett of public radio's "Speaking of Faith"** will be interviewed by Eboo Patel at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Academy Office at 312.573.3364 or visiting [www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html).

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## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Please take a moment to update your email address** in the church records.

Addresses can be updated online by clicking on “Update Your Information” at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) or by emailing the address to [databasechanges@fourthchurch.org](mailto:databasechanges@fourthchurch.org).

“**Called to be a Church Alive,**” the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Next Sunday, October 25 is Commitment Sunday; all are encouraged to make their gifts by and attend a special celebratory Coffee Hour that day. Giving response cards are available in the pew racks, wherever “Church Alive” display stands are found, and in Coffee Hour and can be completed online today and next Sunday at computer stations located in the Loggia and Anderson Hall. We are grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2010 Annual Appeal. To date, we have received \$857,336 in gift intents, from 207 households. For more details, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 312.981.3380 or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html).

**The Fourth Church community will mark the one-year anniversary of Dana Ferguson’s death** when it celebrates All Saints’ Sunday on November 1. During morning worship that day, the first Ferguson Fellows will be announced, and they will be honored during a special Coffee Hour following the 11:00 service. In addition, on Thursday evening, November 19 there will be an event celebrating the life and ministry of Dana, at which time there will be further opportunity to meet and congratulate the Fellows. Proceeds from that event will support the Ferguson Fellows program. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 ([lradetski@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lradetski@fourthchurch.org)).

**A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street** will be closed until the end of the month while Peoples Gas repairs gas lines.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources** for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For more information, contact Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Ali Trowbridge at 312.573.3360.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Chanticleer will perform their annual Christmas concerts** at Fourth Church on Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8 in the sanctuary. Tickets, which sell out quickly, are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org); 312.294.3000).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School** classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Fourth Church youth** meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon: 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.

**Today a “Great Expectations” baby shower** for parents who are expecting or have welcomed a child into their family in the past year will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

**The Children’s Fall Festival Cookout** at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue) will take place Saturday, October 24 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. All are invited.

**A new evening moms’ group** will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning November 3. For more details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

