

September 5–11, 2010

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**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individuals forty-seven and older, will gather on Saturday, September 11 for a walking tour of Old Town. For details or to RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Tuesday, September 7.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel.

Young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five are invited to participate in a Saturday, September 18 Habitat for Humanity project in Joliet. For details or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

The Cycling Club will gather on Sunday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony A to discuss future group rides and programming. To RSVP, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

"Overcoming the Fear of Recurrence" is the topic of the Tuesday, September 7 Triumph over Cancer presentation, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For details, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

A twelve-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. For more details or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Learn about educational programs open to those sixty and over when the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning hosts its free Autumn Open House on Thursday, September 9. Attend between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall or between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. For details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 389.

Caring Circles will host an informational luncheon on Thursday, September 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

British historian Peter Cormack will give a lecture about the stained glass at Fourth Church on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This free event offered by the Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Foundation will be preceded by a 5:00 p.m. tour highlighting the glass.

Ken Stone, professor of Bible, culture, and hermeneutics at Chicago Theological Seminary, will be the speaker at the Friday, September 17 Changing Conversations gathering, a series inviting members and friends of Fourth Church into discussion about issues affecting gay and lesbian persons and our life together in community.

A twelve-week Nia exercise course begins Wednesday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall; a Nia “Splash Out” will be held Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. For details or to register (required), call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

New Academy for Faith and Life courses begin Sunday, September 26. Courses will include “Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit,” “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible,” and “What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?” Descriptions are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/courses.html.

Vanderbilt Divinity School professor Ted Smith will speak on “Sex and the Limits of Ethics,” the topic of the next Michigan Avenue Forum, which will be held on Sunday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

“**Steppin’ Up Sunday**” is next Sunday, September 12. Sunday school classes for children will resume 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 confirmation) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow’s Nest. Choir practice will be held in the Dining Room, with Junior High Choir at 9:30 a.m., Cherub Choir at 10:30 a.m., Children’s Choir at 11:00 a.m., and Senior High Choir at 11:45 a.m. Then at 12:00 noon, children, youth, and their families are invited to a luncheon in Anderson Hall.

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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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 weekly jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer will be held this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday–Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

A daytime labyrinth walk will be available on Saturday, September 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall during the fall Open House for visitors.

A service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month; the next service will be September 24.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A P2C exhibition highlighting concepts for the proposed new building is on display in the Gallery; “Seeing the Savior” is on exhibition in the Loggia.

The Chancel Choir, which sings during 8:00 a.m. worship, invites additional voices to join them for the new season. For more details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Acts will meet on Sunday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center for lunch and a planning session.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Gifts to help those in Pakistan affected by the recent flooding can be made by using the special envelopes in the pew racks. For more information or to give online, visit www.pcusa.org/pda.

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for Sunday, September 19 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and act on a recommendation from the Project Second Century Steering Committee, which has been working on a proposal for (a) a new building be built in the space currently occupied by the parking lot, Westminster House, and the Counseling Center and (b) a capital campaign to fund such a project. A new exhibit in the Gallery presents some of the concepts for the new building; details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Fourth Church welcomes two new pastoral residents to the staff: Kerri Allen and Matt Helms. They will be formally introduced to the congregation on Sunday, September 12. Please take opportunity to introduce yourself and greet them.

All are invited to attend the annual "Get Connected" Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 26 to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities. The following Sunday, October 3, all are encouraged to attend the annual Volunteer Fair. Mission Trip Sunday will be held Sunday, October 17.

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. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Nominating forms are due Thursday, September 30.

The scaffolding outside the sanctuary will be there for the next few months as repairs are made to the ninety-eight-year-old stonework. This work is being undertaken as part of P2C.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

"Celebrating the Whole Household of God" is the theme of the 2010 Covenant Network Conference, which will be held November 4-6 in Houston. For more information, visit www.covnetpres.org/conferences/2010-covenant-conference/.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Orientation for new tutors (one session) will be offered Tuesday, September 7; Monday, September 13; and Thursday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. For details, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560.

A Christmas-break mission trip to Guatemala will provide opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. Contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Wednesday, September 15 to apply.

VOLUNTEERS

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers for alternate Sundays; teach in pairs

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and

Monday night suppers; car essential

Tutors for the Tutoring program

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

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 5–11, 2010

Sunday, September 5

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Anderson Hall N. Balcony
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, September 6 *Labor Day: Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, September 7

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutor Orientation Session		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Triumph over Cancer		Randolph Room

Wednesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 9

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	CLL Autumn Open House		Anderson Hall
12:30 p.m.	Caring Circles Informational Luncheon		Manse
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi for Beginners		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	CLL Autumn Open House		Manse
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, September 10

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Musicerend Gezelschap		Anderson Hall

Saturday, September 11

9:45 a.m.	Fourth Dimension		<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Open House for Visitors		Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, September 12

Jo Preuninger preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.