

September 12–18, 2010

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**FOURTH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
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# News and Opportunities

## 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. Afterwards, there will be activities in the Garth.

**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.

**A new fellowship group for mothers with children ages 5–12** will begin Sunday, October 3. For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at [enickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

**Fall Family Camp**, a weekend of activities for parents and children, will be held October 8–10 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms will be available in Westminster House in the coming weeks.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Fourth Church welcomes two new Pastoral Residents today:** Kerri Allen and Matt Helms. For the next two years, Fourth Church will be privileged to have these recent seminary graduates as part of the staff, using their pastoral gifts and skills among us while they continue in their formation as practicing Presbyterian ministers.

**A congregational meeting** has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for next 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 (P2C) Steering Committee, which has been working on a proposal for (a) a new building to 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html).

**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/](http://www.covnetpres.org/conferences/2010-covenant-conference/).

## ENRICHMENT

### **Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:**

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

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

*CLL*, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**British historian Peter Cormack** will give a lecture about the stained glass at Fourth Church this 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.

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

**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. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org))

**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.

**Three new Academy for Faith and Life courses** begin Sunday, September 26: "Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit," "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible," and "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?" Course descriptions, room locations, and times are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academycourses.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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html).

*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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## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The Fourth Acts theater ensemble** will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center for lunch and a planning session.

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

**Oboist Jelena Dirks** will perform this Friday's Free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

## 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** 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 each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel; the next service will be held Friday, September 24. Prior to the service, a labyrinth walk is available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

**The Guatemala mission trip deadline** is Wednesday, September 15. This Christmas-break trip will provide opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. Contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 to apply.

## FELLOWSHIP

**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.

**The ThirtiesForties fellowship group** will gather on Sunday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Manse to view and discuss a short film. This meeting will be the first in a three-part series entitled Living in the Enlightened Spirit (LITES).

## 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

**Cooks and supervising cooks** for men's shelter; rotating Wednesday evenings

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

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 12–18, 2010

### Sunday, September 12

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Jo Preuninger preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Cloisters
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Anderson Hall N. Balcony
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
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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		Cloisters
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Kickoff for Children, Youth, and Families		Anderson Hall
12:20 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Activity Center
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon Worship</b>	<b>John W. Vest preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

### Monday, September 13

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation		Anderson Hall
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room

### Tuesday, September 14

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Tour		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Charles J. Connick Stained Glass Lecture		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		Manse

### Wednesday, September 15

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 16

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi for Beginners		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation		Anderson Hall

### Friday, September 17

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jelena Dirks		Anderson Hall
7:00 p.m.	Changing Conversations		Manse

### Saturday, September 18

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Young Adult Habitat for Humanity Project		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Farm Stand Open / Volunteer Hours		Chicago Lights Urban Farm

### **Preaching on Sunday, September 19**

John Buchanan preaching	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Victoria G. Curtiss 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.