

September 26–October 2, 2010

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**FOURTH  
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CHURCH**  
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# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Today is “Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Sunday.** All are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational and faith-building opportunities, fellowship groups, Bible studies, and other activities.

**This is the last week to turn in nominating forms** for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board. Forms 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.

**The scaffolding** outside the sanctuary will be there for the next few months as repairs are made to the ninety-eight-year-old stonework.

**Next Sunday, October 3 is “Bike to Church” Sunday** and the kickoff for “Bike to Church” month (October). More information about biking to church as well as the Cycling Clubs’s group ride on Saturday, October 2 is available during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, or by emailing [cyclists@fourthchurch.org](mailto:cyclists@fourthchurch.org).

**“Celebrating the Whole Household of God”** is the theme of the 2010 Covenant Network Conference, which will be held November 4–6 in Houston.

**At the September 19 congregational meeting,** the congregation voted to proceed with construction of a new multipurpose building and with the capital campaign and financing to fund it. A model of the new building, to be built as part of Project Second Century (P2C), is on display between the reception desk and Anderson Hall. P2C details and updates are available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Church Alive, the 2011 Annual Appeal** for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Members will be receiving Church Alive information in the mail this week. Giving Response cards are also available in the pew racks, in Coffee Hour, and online. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 31, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2011.

**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.

## ENRICHMENT

**The Noonday Bible Study** gathers each Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday sermon.

**New Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes** begin today. “**Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit**” will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony, led today by Calum MacLeod; “**Introduction to the Hebrew Bible**” will meet at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony A, taught by Tom Dozeman; and “**What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?**” will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony, led by Adam Fronczek. Course details are available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Understanding age-related hearing loss and treatment options** will be the topic of a Tuesday, September 28 presentation, taking place at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. No registration is required.

**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 Sunday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**Christian Century Study Groups** provide opportunity to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the *Christian Century*. Study groups will meet beginning Wednesday, October 6. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, October 4.

**Books by Women** will gather Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

**A free screening of *Kepulihan: Stories from the Tsunami*** will be shown Wednesday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**Krista Tippett** will speak on “Religion, Media, and Public Life in the Twenty-First Century” at a *Christian Century* event at the Arts Club of Chicago on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. Ticket information is available by contacting the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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

**Soprano Amy Conn** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## WORSHIP

**Ted Smith** of Vanderbilt Divinity School will be the guest preacher during 9:30 and 11:00 worship on Sunday, October 3.

**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.

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

## VOLUNTEERS

The annual **Volunteer Fair** will be held next Sunday, October 3 during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. All are encouraged to attend and learn of service and community outreach opportunities.

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**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, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

**Giggles for God!**—a weekly sing-along for parents and their babies, toddlers, or preschoolers—will meet today at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Fourth Church Youth** meet today 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.

**A new fellowship group for mothers with children ages 5–12** will begin next Sunday, October 3. For details, 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 are available in Westminster House and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/downloads/FamilyCamp0910.pdf](http://www.fourthchurch.org/downloads/FamilyCamp0910.pdf).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

A “**Silence the Violence, Support Our Youth**” Rally will be held Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Garth. Details are available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**The Sewing and Knitting Workshop** resumes its monthly meetings this Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Fourth Church will observe Domestic Violence Awareness month** this October, beginning with participation in a candle-lighting memorial ceremony Friday, October 1 at dusk on the Lakefront.

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, visit the Chicago Shares table during Coffee Hour.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Cornerstones**, a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will gather for an Egyptian dinner and program this Friday, October 1. Prepaid reservations are required and can be made by calling the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**Fourth Dimension**, a fellowship gathering for individual adults age forty-seven and older, will gather Friday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a program about “The Day of the Dead.” To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**The Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago** will be the topic of the next Men's Group meeting on Saturday, October 9. For details or to RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 6.

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 2, 2010

### Sunday, September 26

|                         |   |                               |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Nursery   | Westminster 14                |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>        | <b>Morning Worship Sarah A. Johnson preaching</b>   | <b>Sanctuary</b>              |
| 9:00 a.m.               | “Get Connected” Coffee Hour                         | Anderson Hall                 |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Giggles for God                                     | Westminster House             |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>        | <b>Morning Worship John W. Vest preaching</b>       | <b>Sanctuary</b>              |
| 9:30 a.m.               | John Knox Bible Study                               | Anderson Hall North Balcony   |
| 9:30 a.m.               | “Authors Quoted from the Pulpit”                    | Anderson Hall South Balcony   |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Sunday School                                       | Westminster House             |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Youth Choir   | Dining Room                   |
| 10:30 a.m.              | “Get Connected” Coffee Hour                         | Anderson Hall                 |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Intercessory Prayer                                 | Stone Chapel                  |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs       | <i>(see announcement)</i>     |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Cherub Choir  | Dining Room                   |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Giggles for God                                     | Westminster House             |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>       | <b>Morning Worship John W. Vest preaching</b>       | <b>Sanctuary</b>              |
| 11:00 a.m.              | “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible”                  | Anderson Hall North Balcony A |
| 11:00 a.m.              | “What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?”              | Anderson Hall South Balcony   |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Sunday School                                       | Westminster House             |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Children’s Choir                                    | Dining Room                   |
| 12:15 p.m.              | “Get Connected” Coffee Hour                         | Anderson Hall                 |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Intercessory Prayer                                 | Stone Chapel                  |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Church Tour   | Sanctuary                     |
| 12:20 p.m.              | The Gathering                                       | Randolph Room                 |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Inquirers’ Class                                    | Page Smith Room               |
| <b>4:00 p.m.</b>        | <b>Afternoon Worship Sarah A. Johnson preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>              |
| 5:00 p.m.               | Sunday Night Supper                                 | Anderson Hall                 |

### Monday, September 27

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| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday) | Stone Chapel |
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### Tuesday, September 28

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Morning Prayer               | Stone Chapel          |
| 12:00 p.m. | Hearing Loss Presentation    | Page Smith Room       |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Sewing and Knitting Workshop | Large Conference Room |

### Wednesday, September 29

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

### Friday, October 1

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| 10:30 a.m. | CLL Bible Study           | Page Smith Room |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Amy Conn | Anderson Hall   |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Cornerstones              | Manse           |

### Saturday, October 2

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10:00 a.m.              | Cycling Club Group Ride           | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Farm Stand Open / Volunteer Hours | Chicago Lights Urban Farm |

### *Preaching on Sunday, October 3*

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| Calum I. MacLeod preaching | 8:00 a.m.           |
| Ted Smith 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.