

October 9–15, 2011

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today is the last day to vote for Chicago Lights Tutoring to win a grant through the Sun Shine Project. Please stop by the Chicago Lights table in Coffee Hour to cast your vote.

For two Sundays only, Tutoring Holiday Cards will be available during Coffee Hour: October 16 and October 23. Cards are also available Monday–Thursday evenings during Tutoring this month. The cards being offered this year are cards remaining from previous years, as the Holiday Card program has been discontinued. Cards are available in 16-card packs, for \$5 per pack.

Information about opportunities to volunteer as a mentor at various Chicago organizations will be available today at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour.

A letter urging U.S. senators to reject funding cuts to Medicaid for mental illness research, services, housing, and veterans programs is available for signing during Coffee Hour.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Second-Floor Conference Room.

Children, youth, and families are at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan, for Fall Family Camp and Senior Highs fall retreat.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7) and Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), will meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower for parents who are expecting a child or who have had a child in the last year will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

A Moms' Group for moms of children ages 5-12 meets the first and third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. at Oak Tree (900 N. Michigan). For information, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Single parents interested in forming a group to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting are invited to contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties will meet to “break bread” following 11:00 a.m. worship today with lunch at Go Roma. They will also gather next Sunday, October 16 for “Face to Face” with guest John Buchanan at 12:30 p.m. in the Calvin Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a picnic dinner on Friday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building and will then attend the concert in honor of John Buchanan at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A trip to Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesday, October 19. Anyone sixty years and more is invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet today at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). “An Introduction to Howard Thurman,” led by Carol Allen, and “The Big Questions: Essentials of Christian Theology,” led by Adam Fronczek, meet at 9:30 a.m. “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?” led by Matt Helms, meets at 11:00 a.m.

“Race, White Privilege, and Faithful Engagement,” a luncheon workshop, takes place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building to discuss *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

Martin Marty and John Buchanan will talk about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his *Letters and Papers from Prison* on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newberry Library. (This is a free event.)

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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“The King James Bible at 400,” a special Michigan Avenue Forum at the Newberry Library, will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, with Randall Zachman speaking, on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. To register for this free event, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class next meets this Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Randolph Room.

“The Branch We Seldom Climb,” a discussion for men sixty years and more about the U.S. Supreme Court will take place on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the 737 building. Register for this Center for Life and Learning event by calling Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A Fall Festival, including a costume contest, pumpkin carving, and fresh food harvested from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, will take place on Saturday, October 22 at 12:00 noon at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago).

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights or to fulfill pledges.

To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: “Like” Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

The 737 building, which provides additional off-site program and office space on the 19th floor during P2C construction, is located on Chicago Avenue, two blocks south of Fourth Church and just east of Michigan Avenue and Walgreens.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work. The number of lanes in use on Michigan Avenue will also be limited during October.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A special Fourth Church concert in honor of John Buchanan's ministry at Fourth Church will be held on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Fourth Church choirs and ensembles, including Tower Brass, will perform, and a piece composed by Aaron David Miller and based on a Walter Brueggemann text will be premiered. A reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

A Chicago Ensemble concert will take place on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

Pianist Mark Valenti will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert.

The art exhibition "Bound for Glory" by Timothy Botts is on display in the Loggia through late November.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray with a Deacon at that time.

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be on Friday, October 28.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Church Alive, the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards have been sent to member homes and are also available in the pew racks, online, and in Coffee Hour. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 30, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. For information, stop by Coffee Hour or call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center
Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at Fourth Church
Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour
Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers
Church members to usher at the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship services
Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and during the week
Church members to replenish a care team for the family of a chronically ill child

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 9–15, 2011

Sunday, October 9

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes		The Clare
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class		The Clare
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties: Breaking Bread	<i>(see announcement)</i>	
12:30 p.m.	“Race, White Privilege, and Faithful Engagement”		Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary

Monday, October 10

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>		Anderson Hall

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		Knox Room
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Concert		Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 12

10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>		737 Building
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Superior Room – 737 Building

Thursday, October 13

5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class		737 Building
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Friday, October 14

10:00 a.m.	Beginning Bridge Lesson		737 Building
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Superior Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mark Valenti		Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension		737 Building
7:00 p.m.	Concert Celebrating John Buchanan's Ministry		Sanctuary

Saturday, October 15

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Young Child Playgroup		Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, October 16

Matthew J. Helms preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Judith L. Watt 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.