



May 21-27, 2006

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about Earth Day is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Orphans of Mathare, a film that documents the lives of former street children now living in an orphanage in the Mathare slum of Nairobi, Kenya, will be shown today at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be open for gardening during the following hours each week:
Weekdays: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For information about the community garden, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/garden.html.

The public is invited to performances of *Never Too Far*, presented by students of the Near North Magnet Cluster program of Partners in Education. The five performances will be held at Near North Magnet Career Academy (1450 N. Larrabee) on Wednesday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. Call the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3561 for free tickets.

WORSHIP

Tonight's Vespers service was planned and will be led by the youth being confirmed during 9:30 worship this morning.

Walter Brueggemann will be the guest preacher next Sunday morning and also Sunday morning, June 4. Details about Dr. Brueggemann's time as Theologian in Residence at Fourth Church can be found on page three of this insert.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, May 26.

Daily devotions are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Today's sermon will be available online at www.fourthchurch.org by this Friday.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Clyde Bowles, who will be concluding his term as Clerk of Session this month, and **Marty Sherrod**, the incoming Clerk of Session, will be greeting people following 11:00 worship today.

Lake Shore Drive will be closed next Sunday, May 28 from Hollywood to 57th Street until 10:30 a.m. for Bike the Drive. A post-ride festival will take place in Grant Park until early afternoon, which may further alter traffic routes for those driving to and from worship.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an open house with a guest speaker.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet on Saturday, May 27 for a potluck supper at a member's home. For details and to RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

Cornerstones will meet for a barbeque and potluck supper on Friday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. RSVP by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Philip Blackwell, Senior Pastor at the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, will speak at the Friday, June 9 meeting of Fourth Dimension. He will address the topic of legalized gambling. All are welcome at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. RSVP by Thursday, June 8 by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Coronation Mass by Mozart will be performed by the Fourth Church Festival Chorus and the Millennium Orchestra today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Fourth Acts will present a dramatic reading of *Unholy Ghost*, a book by authors writing about their experiences with depression, this Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. There is no charge for admission.

Festival of the Artful Spirit, featuring work by members of the Center for Older Adults and part of the NARSAD Artworks, museum-quality artworks by and on behalf of mentally ill persons, is on display in the Gallery and Loggia.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tennis Camp coaches and helpers,

Mondays and Wednesdays, June 19 to July 26, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Fourth Church members to usher at Vespers services

Individuals to join the Holiday Card

Committee to help with the Tutoring program Holiday Card fund-raiser

Current Donation Needs

Textbooks for Chicago Lights

Pregnancy ultrasound equipment and wheelchairs for a nonprofit clinic

Old cell phones, empty toner and ink cartridges to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets at 9:10 a.m. in Anderson Hall to attend 9:30 worship together. The class will also meet at 4:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Crow's Nest to attend 9:30 worship together before going to the Chicago Avenue Community Garden. The group will return to the church at 12:00 noon.

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to all who have provided feedback about the new sound system. The technicians are continuing to make adjustments based on those responses.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study will meet this Thursday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony for a discussion, followed by lunch. RSVP by Tuesday, May 23 by calling Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

Walter Brueggemann to Be Theologian in Residence

Teaching Two Different Bible Studies

Mornings, at 7:30 a.m., May 30–June 1 (Tuesday through Thursday)

The Prophets: Isaiah and Ezekiel

This Bible study will consider the ancient prophets of Israel as contemporary voices of faith. Attention will be given to their common focus on social crisis and their distinct notions of how to find a future in the midst of social collapse and dismay.

Evenings, at 6:30 p.m., June 6–7 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

The Book of Psalms

This Bible study will consider the Book of Psalms as the “down and dirty” script for faith even in our own time. The focus will be on the way in which “truth speaks to power” in the Psalms and the remarkable answer back of the power of God to the fearfulness of the world. The last word that we will consider is God's imperative, “Do not fear,” a word spoken precisely to our deepest fearfulness.

Those planning to attend one or both of the Bible studies are asked to register in advance by contacting Paula Davis at 312.274.3815. There is no charge for these studies.

Speaking at Two Different Evening Forums

The forums and Bible studies are independent of one another but will consider the same weekly theme.

Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

The Prophets: Jeremiah

Thursday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The Book of Psalms

There is no charge or advance registration required for the forums.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 21–27, 2006

Sunday, May 21		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:15 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School	Anderson Hall North Balcony (B)
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Mozart's <i>Coronation Mass</i>	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Advocacy Film: <i>Orphans of Mathare</i>	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Led by the 2006 Confirmation Class	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, May 22		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Monday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden
Tuesday, May 23		
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts Presents <i>Unholy Ghost</i>	Blair Chapel
Wednesday, May 24		
11:00 a.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Never Too Far</i>	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Never Too Far</i>	(see announcement)
Thursday, May 25		
11:00 a.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Never Too Far</i>	(see announcement)
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Never Too Far</i>	(see announcement)
Friday, May 26		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Festival of the Heart: <i>Never Too Far</i>	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Joe Marchio, Organ	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel
Saturday, May 27		
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
5:00 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, May 28

Walter Brueggemann 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
 Catherine Knott 6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.