



May 28–June 3, 2006

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

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

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Jazz Vespers will be held next Sunday, June 4, with music leadership provided by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble.

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 Stone 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 Friday, June 23.

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Richard Williams will be greeting people after morning worship next Sunday, June 4. Richard concludes his two-year pastoral residency at Fourth Church at the end of May and has accepted a position as Campus Minister at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The 2006 opening celebration of the Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be this Saturday, June 3 at 12:00 noon. There will be a cookout, children's art fair, games, and fellowship at the garden (Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson). All are invited. For more information, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

The Fourth Church website www.fourthchurch.org makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press*; programming information; and more.

For those looking to learn more about Fourth Church or considering membership, an Inquirers' Class will be June 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information about future times for this one-session class, see page 2 of the worship bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP

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.

ThirtiesForties will meet Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Manse for a potluck supper and to discuss summer activities.

The topic of legalized gambling will be addressed at the Friday, June 9 meeting of Fourth Dimension. Philip Blackwell, Senior Pastor at the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, will be speaking. 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Today summer Sunday school begins. Throughout the summer, classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. only.

Youth Ministry programs do not meet today but will resume next Sunday, June 4.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

This is the final week of Festival of the Artful Spirit, an exhibition 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, on display in the Gallery and Loggia.

Vocalist Natalie Mann, a soprano, will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about immigration is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

The Hunger Walk, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, will take place Saturday, June 24 at Montrose Harbor. All the money raised by walkers registered through Fourth Church will directly support the Elam Davies Social Service Center, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. To sign up, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour or contact David Murad at the church at 312.981.3369.

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 Car d

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

Current Donation Needs

Casual men's clothing

Textbooks for Chicago Lights

Pregnancy ultrasound equipment and wheelchairs for a nonprofit clinic

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.

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:
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

The John Knox Bible Study Class, now in its eighty-fourth year, is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

CDs of Bruce Rigdon's presentation on the *Da Vinci Code*, held at Fourth Church in January 2004, are available at the reception desk and by contacting Paula Davis at the church at 312.274.3815 (pdavis@fourthchurch.org).

"Excessive Sleepiness," a discussion focusing on excessive sleepiness during daytime, will be offered by the Center for Whole Health on Tuesday, May 30 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. Those who wish are invited to bring a bag lunch for a time of fellowship beginning at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf, Director of the Center, at 312.981.3396.

Billy Pierce, former Chicago White Sox pitcher and a Presbyterian, will be speaking at the Fourth Church Men's Group breakfast on Saturday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. He will also sign baseballs. RSVP by June 9 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570. All are welcome.

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 28–JUNE 3, 2006

Sunday, May 28		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Walter Brueggemann preaching
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Walter Brueggemann preaching
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Walter Brueggemann preaching
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Catherine Knott preaching
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, May 29	MEMORIAL DAY—Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, May 30		
7:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Walter Brueggemann	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	"Excessive Sleepiness" Discussion	Dining Room
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden
Wednesday, May 31		
7:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Walter Brueggemann	Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Forum with Walter Brueggemann: The Prophets	Anderson Hall
Thursday, June 1		
7:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Walter Brueggemann	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, June 2		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Natalie Mann, soprano	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Manse
Saturday, June 3		
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
12:00 p.m.	Community Garden Opening Celebration	Chicago Avenue Garden

Preaching on Sunday, June 4

Walter Brueggemann 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
 Patrick Daymond 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.