July 9-15, 2006



# News and Opportunities

# **FELLOWSHIP**

**Fourth Forum,** a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Devon Seafood (39 E. Chicago).

Join Fourth Dimension, a group of individuals age 50 and older, for a morning walk. The group meets each Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Belden and Lincoln Park West. All are welcome. For more information, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

**The Gathering,** a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, is on break for the summer but will resume in August.

# **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

After the Benediction today, please remain seated for a very brief sound survey. Your responses, via show of hands, to various questions will help the sound professionals measure the effectiveness of the additional speakers being used this week.

Fourth Church extends congratulations to member Linda Valentine upon her recent appointment as Executive Director of the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Linda will be greeting people after worship next Sunday, July 16. Adam Fronczek will be installed as Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship during the 11:00 service on Sunday, July 23.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry of this congregation. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

# The Fourth Church Summer Blood

**Donor Drive**, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be held Sunday, July 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All donors must have an appointment. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 1.800.GIVELIFE or visit www.givelife.org. The Fourth Church sponsor code is 3352.

#### The Chicago Avenue Community Garden

site is open for gardening during the following hours each week: *Weekdays:* 4:00 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.

## WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**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, July 28.

**Printed copies of recent sermons** are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org, where audio versions are also available. For tapes and CDs of morning services, stop by Coffee Hour.

**Printed copies of the daily devotions,** written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks in the narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available by e-mail. Send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

#### **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

Jeff Boyd, a PCUSA mission worker in Cameroon, will be interpreting his experiences and involvement in the mission work of the Presbyterian church in Central Africa at a 12:00 noon brunch today in the Page Smith Room. Summer Day, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, begins this Monday, July 10 at the church. This full-day academic and fine arts program enrolls more than 120 students from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods for four weeks each summer. To learn about the ways in which Summer Day is helping children build bridges to a brighter future, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour.

To mark its 25th birthday, Summer Day is hosting a birthday party at Ravinia, featuring a performance by the Russian American Kids Circus. This event will take place on Saturday, July 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and includes breakfast and a boxed lunch. For information about ticket prices or to RSVP, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour or contact Allison Graham at the church at 312.981.3596 (agraham@fourthchurch.org).

# Volunteers are needed to join the 2007 Mission Benefit Committee.

Committee members will work together to plan this February 16, 2007, gala to raise funds for Chicago Lights, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church. For more information about this opportunity or to sign up, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 23.

"Your Mission Dollars at Work," an information piece from the Presbytery of Chicago that details the way in which mission giving provides VBS for small Presbyterian churches, is available in the literature racks.

*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 Presbyterian Church in Colombia

celebrates its 150th anniversary this August. A delegation from the Presbytery of Chicago will be traveling to Colombia on August 3–15 in celebration of the event. If you are interested in learning more about this travel opportunity or would like to participate, contact Vicki Reynolds, Fourth Church Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@ fourthchurch.org).

## **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Current Volunteer Needs Sunday School teachers for this fall Fourth Church member to usher at Vespers services

- Helpers for Summer Day program, July 10 to August 4
- **Licensed plumber** to finish piping a restroom in a nonprofit agency
- Attorneys to assist a nonprofit legal agency
- Hosts and registrars for the Fourth Church blood donor drive
- Piano accompanist for children's choirs, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sundays, mid-September to mid-May.

#### **Current Donation Needs**

- Men's clothing, especially casual pants and summer-weight shirts
- Textbooks for Chicago Lights
- Pregnancy ultrasound equipment and wheelchairs for a nonprofit clinic
- **Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges** to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women
- Worsted-weight knitting yarn for volunteers to make goods for needy children

#### Legos and Duplos for Kids' Cafe

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

# ENRICHMENT

**Cynthia Campbell**, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, will present a report from the 2006 General Assembly today at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony. The 2006 General Assembly meeting and its implications for the life and work of Fourth Church will be discussed.

Bible Study opportunities this week: John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

# MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Outdoor concerts in the Garth** take place each Friday at 12:10 p.m. This week's free concert will feature Gayle Bisesi and the Gb Project. A schedule of upcoming concerts in the "Music by the Fountain" series, which continues through August, is available in the literature racks.

The Pentecost banners, comissioned for Fourth Church in 1999, present Old Testament and Pentecost themes, including creation, Hebrew law, harvest, Passover, and tongues of fire. These banners, which hang in the sanctuary on the Day of Pentecost, are on display in the Loggia through July.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

**Sunday school** meets today at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) does not meet today.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest. John Vest, the new Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, will be speaking.

# CALENDAR FOR JULY 9-15, 2006

Sunday, July 9			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preach	ning Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preach	ning Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	2006 General Assem	006 General Assembly Report Anderson Hall	
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preach	ing Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	-	Garth
12:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
12:00 p.m.	Brunch with Jeff Boyd Pa		Page Smith Room
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Forum		(see announcement)
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Keith C. Harris preaching	
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	I	Anderson Hall
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Monday, July 10			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Monday–Friday)		Chicago Avenue Garden
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
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Wednesday, July 12			
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	y	Large Conference Room
Friday, July 14			
12:10 p.m.	Music by the Founta	in: Gayle Bisesi and the Gb	Project Garth
Saturday, July 15		r. 11	(
8:00 a.m.	Fourth Dimension Walk		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Garden

Preaching on Sunday, July 16John M. Buchanan8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

John W. Vest 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.