

News and Opportunities

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet Saturday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner at a member's home. To RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

"Books by Women," a book group reading works by women authors, will meet Tuesday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life* by Queen Noor.

"The Da Vinci Code-Fact? Fiction?" is the topic that will be discussed by Margaret M. Mitchell, Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature at the University of Chicago, at the Friday, September 8 meeting of Fourth Dimension. All are welcome at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494 by September 7.

Cornerstones, a group of couples over 50, will meet Friday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. John Buchanan will be speaking.

WORSHIP

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, August 25.

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 at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Women@Fourth Connect and the Volunteer Ministry Committee are collecting back-to-school supplies throughout August and September to benefit children in need. Donations will be taken during Coffee Hour or can be dropped off at the church reception desk. A list of suggested supplies is available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour and at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html.

Those interested in volunteering for the 2007 Mission Benefit Committee can stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour today. 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.

A support group for those dealing with divorce will meet in the Counseling Center on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 19 for a period of six weeks. For more information and to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price, a documentary film about this corporate giant, will be shown on Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as part of a documentary film series sponsored by the Mission Committee.

Voter registration is available during Coffee Hour through Sunday, October 10.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Youth fellowship programs do not meet today.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Join us for a cookout at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden Saturday, August 26 at 12:00 noon. Cookouts take place at the garden site (between Hudson Avenue and Cleveland Street) once a month. For more information about the community garden, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/garden.html.

"Start Up Chicago," a class on entrepreneurship, is being offered by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago beginning Tuesday, September 19. Those interested in attending the class are invited to meet the instructor, Tom Murray, at Fourth Church on Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

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.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

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

CDs of Walter Brueggemann's Bible studies, forums, and Sunday sermons, recorded while he was Theologian in Residence at Fourth Church, are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

William Willimon, a Methodist bishop, well-known preacher, and former Dean of the Chapel at Duke University, will be the featured speaker at *The Christian Century*-sponsored dinner on Thursday, September 28 and workshop on Friday, September 29. For information about the costs for the dinner and the workshop and for reservations, contact the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

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 Evelyn Danner.

This is the last week *Talmud: The Art* of *Ben Zion and Marc Chagall*, an art exhibition of biblical-themed works created by these Jewish artists, will be on display in the Loggia. This exhibition is sponsored by Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA), an organization of which Fourth Church is a member.

The Neighborhood Project, an exhibition of photographs taken by students from Schiller Elementary School, is on display in the Gallery through August 27. The goal of this exhibit is to preserve and present the positive side of Cabrini-Green, the community in which most of the students live. The students have also included a notebook to collect comments from those viewing the photos.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

High school students looking for community service opportunities are encouraged to consider volunteering with Chicago Lights. A variety of openings are available after school each day of the week. For more information, call Allison Graham in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3596.

Those interested in volunteering as a turor in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend one of three identical orientation sessions on September 5, 7, or 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, call Alex Ciesla in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3565.

Additional Volunteer Needs
Assistants for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to
6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week
Cooks and servers for the Sunday and
Monday night suppers
Fourth Church members to process
telephone ticket sales for the
October 11 Dave Brubeck concert,
weekdays in September and October
Attorneys to help a nonprofit legal agency
Docents for Fourth Church art exhibits

Current Donation Needs
Furniture for a family in need
Canned vegetables
Men's clothing, especially casual pants
and summer-weight shirts
School supplies (list available at the
Volunteer table)

Cell phones and 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 call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 20-26, 2006

Sunday, August 20			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Block preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	-	Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Block preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	•	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Stud	dy	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Block preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	-	Garth
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	1	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties		Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Patrick Daymond preach	ing Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	-	Anderson Hall
Monday, August 21 9:00 a.m. 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer (Mor Community Garden l	nday–Friday) Hours (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel Chicago Avenue Garden
Wednesday, August 23 12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
Friday, August 25 12:10 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Music by the Fountain: Evelyn Danner Taizé		Garth Blair Chapel
Saturday, August 26 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Community Garden I Community Garden (Fourth Forum		Chicago Avenue Garden Chicago Avenue Garden (see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, August 27

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Calum I. MacLeod 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.