

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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CHURCH
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August 27–September 2, 2006

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected”

Sunday, a time to learn more about the variety of programs and opportunities offered at Fourth Church and to sign up for classes and other activities will be Sunday, September 10 during Coffee Hour.

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.

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.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, September 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. John Buchanan will be speaking. RSVP by 12:00 noon on September 8 by calling 312.787.4570. All are welcome.

Poet and author Wendell Berry will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Wednesday evening, October 4. The event will be preceded by a congregational dinner in Anderson Hall.

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 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, September 22.

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 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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

“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.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden 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 (acrow@fourthchurch.org), or visit www.fourthchurch.org/garden.html.

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.

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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FELLOWSHIP

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

“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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Back-to-school supplies to benefit children in need are being collected throughout August and September by Women@Fourth Connect and the Volunteer Ministry Committee. 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.

Information about school funding reform is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

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 does not meet today but resumes Sunday, September 10, with classes at both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Today all youth (grades 6–12) will attend 8:00 worship together before leaving for Great America at 9:15 a.m. The group will return to the church at 9:00 p.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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

This is the last Sunday *The Neighborhood Project*, an exhibition of photographs taken by students from Schiller Elementary School, will be on display in the Gallery. The goal of this exhibit is to 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.

The Chancel Choir invites additional voices to join them in singing during 8:00 a.m. worship throughout the school year. The choir's weekly rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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 tutor 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

Current Donation Needs

Bedroom furniture and gas stove 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 contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 27–SEPTEMBER 2, 2006

Sunday, August 27

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:15 a.m.	Youth Trip		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, August 28

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

Wednesday, August 30

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
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Friday, September 1

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Christine Steyer, soprano		Sanctuary
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Saturday, September 2

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, September 3

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