

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Chicago Lights has raised almost \$90,000 of its \$300,000 Annual Fund goal. A separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Chicago Lights was established by Fourth Church to extend its community outreach efforts. Its programs include the Center for Life and Learning, the Center for Whole Health, the Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Near North Magnet Cluster Schools, Summer Day, and Tutoring and Scholarship. Together, these programs serve more than 7,000 people each year. Join Chicago Lights in making a difference by giving a gift that changes lives. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. For more information, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour or contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816 (kfrey@fourthchurch.org).

Mental health information and

resources, including a letter encouraging support for federal funding for housing and homelessness programs, are being made available during Coffee Hour by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church as part of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Applications for the September 7–14 trip to Northern Ireland are due June 4. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The 2007 opening celebration of the Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be Saturday, June 2 at 12:00 noon. There will be a cookout, children's art fair, games, and fellowship at the garden (It's located on Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson). All are invited.

Each week the garden will be open for gardening during the following hours: *Tuesday–Friday:* 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. *Saturdays:* 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org), or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the church literature racks and by e-mail from 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.

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.

WORSHIP

A Pentecost Jazz Vespers Communion service takes place tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, 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 boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also 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, June 22.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week: *Noonday,* Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. *Life and Learning,* Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

The book of Genesis will be the focus of the John Knox Bible Study for the next four weeks. Amy Pagliarella will lead the study beginning today at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Now in its eighty-fifth year, the John Knox Bibly Study is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago.

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) will offer an aquatics "Hydro-

Fit" exercise minicourse as a special opportunity for its members. This twice weekly, eight-week class begins June 4 and runs through July 27 at a downtown fitness club and is available for CLL members at a special reduced rate. Classes are offered from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. on Saturday. For more information or to register, call the Center at 312.981.3386. The CLL, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, welcomes men and women sixty and over seeking a place to explore new interests, pursue well-being, and continue to shape their lives and communities.

"Good Bacteria," an information session offered by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be held Tuesday, May 29. JoAnn Gruca, gerontological nurse practitioner, will be speaking. The presentation begins at 12:00 noon; those who want to enjoy lunch fellowship are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch to the Page Smith Room at 11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Children's Story Time takes place today in the southwest corner of Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship.

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 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

"**Books by Women**" will meet Tuesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet next for breakfast on Saturday, June 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Harry Vincent, former Navy officer and retired Vice Chairman of the Booz Allen and Hamilton management consulting firm, will join John Boyle in reflecting on World War II combat experiences. RSVP by 12:00 noon on June 8 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Art by members of the Center for Life and Learning is on display in the Gallery throughout the month of May.

Flutist Jennie Brown will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"Highly Favored: Contemporary Images of the Virgin Mary," a traveling show from Christians in the Visual Arts, is on display in the Loggia through June 10.

Rehearsals for the Summer Handbell

Ensemble will begin in June. This ensemble is open to youth and adults, and both beginners and experienced ringers are welcome. For more details, contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595 (bescuder@fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to operate sanctuary audiovisual equipment as needed on weekdays, Saturdays, and at occasional Vespers services

Readers for Children's Story Time during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship

Teachers and assistants for Summer Day, a program of Chicago Lights, June 18 to July 27

Leaders for Fourth Church youth programs and special activities Music librarian for Fourth Church on an occasional basis

Current Donation Needs

Individually packaged toothbrushes and toothpaste for Elam Davies Social Service Center guests

Men's casual summer clothes, large sizes **Frequent-flier miles** for a nonprofit

agency supported by Fourth Church Miniblinds for a homeless shelter

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have raised more than ever before, with \$3,116,341 from 1,320 households. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 27-JUNE 2, 2007

Sunday, May 27			
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preac	0
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preac	
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 and Children's Story Time		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preac	0
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	5 5 1		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.			Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.			Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper Dining Room		
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary		
6:30 p.m.	Jazz Vespers Elizabeth B. Andrews preaching Sanctuary		
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day-Church Office Closed		
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Tuesday, May 29	Manaina Daaraa (Tara	dan Fridan)	Storr of Charrel
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Tuesday–Friday) "Good Bacteria" Information Session		Stone Chapel
12:00 noon	8		Page Smith Room
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday) Chicago Avenue Garden		
Wednesday, May 30			
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild Page Smith		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
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Thursday, May 31 6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehea	real	Sanctuary
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Friday, June 1			
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and L	earning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
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Saturday, June 2			
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden	Opening Celebration	Chicago Avenue Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, June 3

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 Martha Langford 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.