

News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Office assistant for Sunday School, once a month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday School teachers for the fall, alternate Sundays paired with a partner, all grades; orientation will be provided

Cooks and servers for Sunday Night Supper

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

Leaders for Fourth Church youth programs and special activities

Current Donation Needs

Low-sodium and low-sugar canned goods for guests of Elam Davies Social Service Center

New and gently used children's books for nonprofit agencies

Men's casual summer clothes, especially jeans and belts in larger sizes

Children's and women's golf club sets for diabetic children in a summer program on a reservation

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

Mini blinds (and hardware) for a shelter

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

WORSHIP

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

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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.

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, August 24.

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.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Old Testament images in the Gospel of John will be the topic of the John Knox Bible Study for the next two weeks, with discussion led by Elizabeth Nickerson. This Bible study, which meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room, welcomes new participants.

“Discovering the Sacred in the Ordinary,” the Fourth Church Summer Poetry Group, meets this Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The group writes poetry and discusses using poetry as a way of uncovering sacred moments in everyday life. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The second part of “Strong at the Broken Places,” a journal- and memoir-writing workshop with Carol LaChapelle, will be offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center this Wednesday, August 8 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. For more information and to register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

Peter Gomes, who will be the guest preacher at Fourth Church during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 23, will also be speaking at a Christian Century-sponsored workshop and a dinner on Monday, September 23. For information about the dinner cost and for reservations, contact the Century at 312.263.7510 (www.christiancentury.org).

Discussions of the following books

will take place this fall as part of the Community Book Group. All are invited to join in one or more of these conversations. Fall books: *Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott (September 25); *What Paul Meant* by Garry Wills (October 23); and *Fight Club: A Novel* by Chuck Palahniuk (November 27).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden

will be open for gardening during the following hours each week:

Tuesday–Friday: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to sign up for the garden e-mail newsletter, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html.

A golf outing to support Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan,

will be held on Monday, August 27 at Naperbrook Golf Course in Plainfield.

For more information about this event, in which congregations from throughout the Presbytery of Chicago are participating, visit www.prescamps.org/signup.shtml or call John Vest at 312.981.4037.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee

can be found in the pew racks and the literature racks. Use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry of this congregation. Forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

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

Mission trip participants are in Guatemala this week, returning on Sunday, August 12. Please keep these individuals in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Giving a gift to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund makes a difference in the lives of those served by Chicago Lights—more than 7,000 people each year, including 400 students in the Tutoring and Scholarship program. Between now and August 31, every \$2 donated to Chicago Lights will receive a \$1 match from an anonymous donor, up to \$50,000. Donations can be made using the cards available in the literature racks throughout the building and online at www.chicagolights.org. For more information, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour today or call Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

Women@Fourth Connect and the Volunteer Ministries Committee are collecting back-to-school supplies throughout August and September to benefit children in need. Donations will be received during Coffee Hour or can be dropped off at the church reception desk during the week. A list of suggested supplies is available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour today and at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html. For more information, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

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 Margaret Carlson. A schedule of upcoming concerts in the "Music by the Fountain" series, which continues through August, is available in the literature racks.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. On summer Mondays at 6:30 p.m., young adults are invited to play volleyball at Oak Street Beach.

Historian and author Carl Smith will speak about his book, *The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American City*, on Sunday, August 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Chicago Yacht Club. Reservations are required. To RSVP for this program hosted by Fourth Dimension, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494 by August 5.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Children's Story Time takes place today on the steps in the southeast corner of the Garth during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship.

"Avalanche Ranch" is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School, which will be held August 13–17. Space is still available in the first through fifth grade class. For more information or to register, call Emilie Syberg in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578.

Auditions for *Once Upon a Parable*, the youth musical taking place this fall, will be held August 14 and 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve a fifteen-minute audition slot, call Beverly Escuder at the church at 312.981.3595.

Information about Fourth Church youth programs is available at www.fourthchurch.org/youth.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 5–11, 2007

Sunday, August 5		
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
		Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
		Sanctuary
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	Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
		Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	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.	Vespers	Adam Fronczek preaching
		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, August 6		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball	<i>(see announcement)</i>
 Tuesday, August 7		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden
 Wednesday, August 8		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Writing Workshop	Counseling Center
 Thursday, August 9		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Poetry Group	Page Smith Room
 Friday, August 10		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Petra van Nuis Trio	Garth
 Saturday, August 11		
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden

Preaching on Sunday, August 12

John W. Vest 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Hardy Kim 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.