

News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

A time to learn about volunteer opportunities at Fourth Church and in the community takes place today during a special Coffee Hour, “Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Sunday, Part Two.

Among the Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one night a week, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Vespers bread cutter on the third Sunday of the month

Ushers for Vespers on a rotating schedule

Current Donation Needs

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

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

Cell phones, 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 at the church at 312.981.3382.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: “Introduction to Judaism,”

taught by Evan Moffic (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 8:00 a.m.; **“Introduction to the Bible,”** taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.;

and **“The Gift of Power: Corruption and Charisma,”** taught by John Boyle (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A),

“Adventures in Poetry,” led by Judy Valente and Charles Reynard (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **Theological Roundtable**, (Anderson Hall N.

Balcony B), at 11:00 a.m. Participants can register in the classroom.

The Fourth Church Community Book Group will meet this Tuesday,

September 25 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott. Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, will lead the discussion.

“Healthy Minds, Healthy Families: A Parent’s Quest to Understand Mental Illness”

will be discussed by Paul Raeburn, journalist and author, on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.

A reception and book signing will follow. This event is part of the “Shedding Light, Finding Meaning” series sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. For more information about this and other events in the series, call the Infoline at 312.787.2727, ext. 375.

A Middle East Cultural Explorations lecture and lunch, a “For Men Only”

program offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Thursday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m. This program pairs a lecture by John Woods, Professor of History at the University of Chicago, and lunch at Reza’s Restaurant. For details and to RSVP, contact the CLL at 312.981.1387.

“**Spirituality and Belonging,**” a four-week minicourse offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will meet on Mondays at 3:00 p.m., beginning October 1. To sign up or for more information on this and other minicourses, contact the CLL at 312.981.3386 or c1l@fourthchurch.org.

“**Books by Women**” will discuss *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

“**What We Currently Know about Preventing Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias,**” an information session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will take place on Tuesday, September 25 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Opportunity International, a Christian mission that provides opportunities for people in poverty by offering small business loans and job training, will be the topic of a program and brunch offered next Sunday, September 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. To RSVP, contact Sheila Cotter at the church at 312.573.3366 (scotter@fourthchurch.org).

Life Line vascular health screenings, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be offered Friday, October 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Registration is required and appointments fill quickly. To register, call 1.800.643.6075.

The 2007 Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 21. The kickoff is at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois, Chicago. For more information, to make a donation, or to register for the walk, visit www.fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html.

Women@Fourth Connect and the Community Ministries Committee are collecting back-to-school supplies through the end of September to benefit children in need. Donations are being 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, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Moms' Group, a time to meet new moms and explore the spiritual aspects of motherhood, meets Thursday, September 27, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon in a member's home. Child care will be provided. For more information, call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Ed Uhlir, Executive Director of Millennium Park, Inc., will discuss "Millennium Park: Past, Present, and Future." For more information or to RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next Sunday's service will be a special observance of the nationwide "God, Not Guns" Sabbath, a weekend commemorating the lives lost to gun violence and renewing the commitment of faith communities to a vision of a peaceable neighborhood, city, and world.

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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The next service is this Friday, September 28.

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.

Daily devotions written by Fourth Church staff are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Elevation (grades 6 and 7) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse basement.

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

Fall Family Camp will be held the weekend of October 5–7 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. To RSVP, call Emilie Syberg in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312. 640.2578.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"Soul of a Camera, Eye of a Poet," an exhibition that pairs the poems of Judith Valente and the photographs of John Matt Dorn, is on display in the Loggia.

Cellist Yi Xin will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 23–29, 2007

Sunday, September 23

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:00 a.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Part Two	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Peter Gomes preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
10:30 a.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Part Two	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow’s Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Peter Gomes preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
12:00 p.m.	“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Part Two	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith 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 John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 24

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, September 25

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	“Preventing Alzheimer’s Disease”	Page Smith Room
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Tuesday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Page Smith Room

Wednesday, September 26

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, September 27

10:00 a.m.	Moms’ Group	<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Middle East Cultural Explorations Lecture	<i>(see announcement)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	“A Parent’s Quest to Understand Mental Illness”	Anderson Hall

Friday, September 28

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Yi Xin, cello	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Serving Fourth Friday Night Supper	<i>(see announcement)</i>
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Anderson Hall

Saturday, September 29

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, September 30

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