

News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Those interested in joining a handbell choir will find an information form in the literature racks and can contact Beverly Escuder at 312,981,3595 for more details.

"Images of Fourth Church," an exhibition featuring photography, paintings, and drawings of the church, is currently on display in the Loggia.

Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael are the featured artists at this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth. They will perform "The Great American Songbook" as part of the summer "Music by the Fountain" series.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Guatemala mission trip participants will spend August 2 to 9 building homes and participating in other outreach initiatives for those living in poverty. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they follow God's call to serve others in need.

The Young Adults are currently in Iowa working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and are being hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids until August 8. Please keep them in your prayers as they work to rebuild the communities affected by this spring's devastating floods.

The annual "Back-to-School Supply Drive," sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. Full lists of needed supplies are available during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org. See the donations section of News and Opportunities (p.3) for a list of most-needed items. These supplies, which will be collected through August, will be given to students who are connected with the Chicago Avenue Community Garden or are part of Chicago Lights Tutoring as well as those served by various community agencies. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or aellis@fourthchurch.org.

Visit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson), open Tuesdays through Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next monthly all-church cookout at the garden will be Saturday, August 22.

WORSHIP

Fourth Church welcomes guest preacher Deborah Kapp to the pulpit today for 9:30 and 11:00 worship. Deborah is the Edward F. and Phyllis K. Campbell Associate Professor of Urban Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary and served as an Associate Pastor at Fourth Church from 1981 to 1991.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in the 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 in Stone Chapel after 11:00 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 pray for those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and reflection. The next service will be Friday, August 22. It will be preceded by a labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Chicago Lights would like to thank those who donated to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign. Thanks to the generosity of more than 650 donors, Chicago Lights secured the \$50,000 matching gift, raising more than \$260,000 of the \$320,000 goal. Gifts to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund are accepted throughout the year. For more information, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816 or kfrey@fourthchurch.org or visit www.chicagolights.org.

The Reverend Victoria Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, was elected at the July 6 congregational meeting. She will join the church staff in September.

A trip to Maple Pointe Apartments, an active community for residents age 55 and older, is scheduled for Thursday, August 14 at 12:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Limited seats are available; contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3387 to register.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

The Fourth Church website,

www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; sermon transcripts and the text from "Prayers of the People"; the text of worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities"; devotional resources; and programming information.

ENRICHMENT

"Quick and Easy Meals," a cooking demonstration sponsored by the Chicago Lights Centers for Whole Health and Life and Learning, will take place Thursday, August 21 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fourth Church lower level kitchen. Chef Barb Joabson will prepare healthy summer dishes that are simple and easy to make.

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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Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Vacation Bible School will take place August 11–15 this year. Application forms are available in Westminster House. Space is limited and is filling quickly. For details, contact Emilie Syberg at the church at 312.640.2578.

Summer Sunday School for preschoolers through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. There is expanded nursery care for infants through kindergartners at 11:00 a.m.

New mothers or those who are expecting may be interested in joining a Fourth Church New Moms' Group for support and fellowship. For information, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today for casual conversation, coffee, and bagels at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Regular sessions will resume next Sunday, after many of the young adults return from their summer mission trip to eastern Iowa. Young adults are also invited to join in weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach (6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays).

A day trip to the Wisconsin State Fair sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning will take place Wednesday, August 6. Enjoy crafts, Clydesdales, and corn dogs via motor coach and travel. For details, contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3386 or dkeane@fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Special thanks to those who donated personal items to families who lost everything in a house fire; your donations were greatly needed and your generosity was an inspiring reflection of Christ's love.

Current Volunteer Needs

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper **Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

People to collect, sort, and inventory donations for the Back-to-School Supply Drive during Coffee Hour (3 per shift) in August

Door monitors for Vacation Bible School August 11–15

Current Donation Needs

Infants' and children's clothes, toys, strollers, cribs, car seats, and books, to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic

Clothes for a previously homeless woman; a list of needs is available at the Volunteer table

Items for the Back-to-School Supply
Drive, including composition books,
crayons, compasses, pencil cases,
protractors, and scissors (blunt
or pointed); full lists of items are
available at Coffee Hour

Greeting cards and stamps for guests of Sunday and Monday night suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges, to be recycled by a
nonprofit program benefiting women
who are homeless

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

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 3-9, 2008

Sunday, August 3			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Kapp 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		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Kapp preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.		r Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehea	rsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
Monday, August 4			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball		Oak Street Beach
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Tuesday, August 5			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours (also Wednesday–Friday)		Community Garden
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Wednesday, August 6			
10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class		Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
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12:00 p.m.	Pathways to Wellnes	S	Page Smith Room
Friday, August 8			
10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center	
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael Garth		
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Saturday, August 9			
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours		Community Garden

Preaching on Sunday, August 10

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

Jo Preuninger 6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.