

August 17–August 23, 2008

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

School supplies are needed for the annual Back-to-School Supply Drive sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect. Those overseeing the collection would appreciate having the bulk of the supplies dropped off at church by Wednesday, August 20, as later this week volunteers will begin to distribute the supplies to children in need. Details about most-needed school supplies and related volunteer opportunities can be found on page 3 of News and Opportunities, at Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website.

Those interested in volunteering as a tutor and mentor in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend one of three new-volunteer orientation sessions: Tuesday, September 9, Thursday, September 11, and Wednesday, September 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For details, contact Alex Cornwell at the church at 312.981.3565.

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 Jobabson will cook simple healthy meals.

A viewing of *Harry and Tonto*, a film about an elderly widower who is forced to leave his home against his will, will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday August 28 in the Page Smith Room. Those attending are invited to bring a bag lunch. Discussion led by gerontological nurse practitioner JoAnn Gruca will follow.

The Books by Women book group, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, will be discussing Nancy Horan’s *Loving Frank: A Novel* Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

The Family-to-Family Education Program is a twelve-week course for families and friends of adults living with mental illnesses. The first session is Monday, September 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Registration for this free course is required; call the Family-to-Family Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

An eight-session T’ai Chi course for beginners will begin Thursday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the T’ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

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

FELLOWSHIP

The August all-church cookout will take place this Saturday at 12:00 noon at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson). The garden is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Young adults are also invited to join in **weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach** (6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays).

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for a potluck on Saturday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. in a member's home. For more details, call the Fourth Forum Infoline 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Blue Soul will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth. The "Music by the Fountain" series will continue through August.

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 (bescuder@fourthchurch.org) for more details.

Regular choir rehearsals will resume this fall; interested persons are invited to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

"Miss Helen's Magical World," an exhibition of outsider art from South Africa, is on display in the Gallery through mid-October. On display in the Loggia is **"Images of Fourth Church,"** an exhibition featuring photography, paintings, and drawings of the church.

WORSHIP

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 an opportunity to pray for those in need.

This Friday a service in the style of Taizé will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel, as it is each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for prayer, song, and reflection. It will be preceded by a meditative labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall, which will be available between 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks. The transcripts are also available at www.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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper

People to collect, sort, and inventory donations for the Back-to-School Supply Drive during Coffee Hour

Tutors for the Tutoring program; meet weekly for 1-1/2 hour sessions

Current Donation Needs

Items for the Back-to-School Supply

Drive, including compasses, pocket dictionaries, markers (8-pack), pencil cases, protractors, and scissors; full lists of items are available at Coffee Hour

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

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

A fall kick-off event for children, youth, and their parents will take place Sunday, September 7, and will include lunch and other activities. Sunday school will resume on that date.

U2charist, a communion service focused on social justice issues, will be hosted by Fourth Church youth on Friday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. Songs by U2, performed by a live cover-band, will be used during the service. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact John Vest at 312.981.4037.

New moms' groups are meeting in Lincoln Park and Lakeview on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Additionally, an **evening moms' group** meets once a month on Monday evenings. For more information, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Marcus Borg will speak on "God's Passion and the Passion of Jesus" at a Christian Century-sponsored dinner on Monday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Palmer House. For information about dinner ticket prices or to make reservations, call the Christian Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 or e-mail event@christiancentury.org.

An estate and wills seminar for young adults is scheduled for Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Learn about writing a will for the future. Child care will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, contact Cerry Letrich at 312.981.3381 (cletrich@fourthchurch.org).

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.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 17–23, 2008

Sunday, August 17

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczek 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		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.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Dining 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 18

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball		Oak Street Beach

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours (also Wednesday–Friday)		Community Garden

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class		Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

Thursday, August 21

12:15 p.m.	Cooking Demonstration: Quick and Easy Meals		Kitchen
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Friday, August 22

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class		Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Blue Soul		Garth
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Worship Service		Blair Chapel

Saturday, August 23

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours		Community Garden
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	All-Church Picnic		Community Garden
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum Potluck Dinner		(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, August 24

Hardy Kim	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Church Youth	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.