

September 21–27, 2008

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**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Today's Volunteer Fair provides a way to get connected, through service, at Fourth Church. Information about a variety of ways in which people can live out their faith, serving one another, this city, and the world, will be available during Coffee Hour.

Among Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Tutoring program; meet weekly for 1½ hours

Current Donation Needs

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 Fair today during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A special Coffee Hour focused on mission trips will take place on Sunday, October 5. Stop by Anderson Hall that day to learn about past and upcoming mission trips.

The Benevolent Guild will meet this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room to create toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters.

“Luminaria at the Lakefront,” a candle-lighting ceremony that honors those who have died from domestic violence, will take place Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

All are invited to bring a picture of a favorite pet or animal to decorate the Care of Creatures table (sponsored by Care of Creation) during Coffee Hour on October 5. Pictures can be dropped off at the reception desk prior to October 5. Information about caring for God's creation will be available at the table.

The 2008 Crop Walk to alleviate global hunger will take place Sunday, October 19 at the University of Illinois Chicago (750 S. Halsted St.). John Buchanan is this year's honorary chairperson. To donate or sign up to walk, visit www.chicagocropwalk.org.

A mission trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to help with flood cleanup and rebuilding, will take place Thursday evening, November 6 through Monday, November 10. For an application, which is due Thursday, October 15, stop by the mission table at Coffee Hour or contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, will share information about biblical stewardship.

A Harvest Cookout will take place this Saturday, September 27 at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson). The garden is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ThirtiesForties will kick off the program year this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse with a discussion about faith and spiritual interests. For details about this fellowship group, contact Sergio Soltero at the church at 312.573.3369.

“Church History in Your Hymnal,” a special Cornerstones presentation led by Deborah Kapp, will take place Friday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Violinist Danielle Nelson will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Information about intergenerational handbell choirs is available in the literature racks. For details, contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595.

Art exhibitions on display in the Gallery and Loggia are “Miss Helen’s Magical World” and “Images of Fourth Church.”

WORSHIP

“Gathering All Nations” will be the theme of an October 5 multicultural worship service. The service will be held at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston and is sponsored by the Multicultural Church Ministry Team of the Presbytery of Chicago.

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 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.

A service in the style of Taizé will be held this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel, as it is each fourth Friday of the month. A labyrinth walk will precede the service, available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, September 28, the service will commemorate the “God Not Guns Sabbath,” which is part of a nationwide observance calling people of faith to reflect on the spiritual issues at the core of gun violence and to create nonviolent communities.

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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NEWS AND RESOURCES

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

An estate and wills seminar for young adults is scheduled for Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Child care will be provided. For more details or to RSVP, contact Cerry Letrich at the church at 312.981.3381.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

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 next Sunday, September 28:

- **“The Book of Genesis,”**
taught by Tom Dozeman at 9:30 a.m.
- **“Financial Stewardship,”**
taught by Lisa Radetski at 9:30 a.m.
- **“Can You Be a Church without Doctrine?”** taught by Nanette Sawyer and John W. Vest at 9:30 a.m.
- **“Bible Stories You Should Know,”**
taught by Adam Fronczek at 11:00 a.m.

Course descriptions are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

Men sixty and over are invited to learn about the making of Chicago’s Chinese art collection. This event, which takes place on Thursday, October 2 at 11:00 a.m., is sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning. For more details, contact Laura Darby at the church at 312.981.3386.

“How Grief Works and How to Do Your Own Grief Work,” an information session led by John Boyle, will be held at the Counseling Center on Monday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. For details and to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

The Books by Women book group will be discussing *The Memory Keeper’s Daughter* by Kim Edwards on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

An eleven-week Nia fitness series, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, will begin Wednesday, October 1. To register or for information about class times, visit www.niachicago.com or call the Nia Class Infoline at the church (312.787.2729, ext. 371).

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** (grade 8 confirmation) meets 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.

An afternoon tea for new moms and moms-to-be is scheduled for Saturday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. at *Unique so Chic*. For more details, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

Family Camp, a weekend of activities for families, will take place Friday, October 10 to Sunday, October 12 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and on www.fourthchurch.org.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 21–27, 2008

Sunday, September 21

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
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11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
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 Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 22

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, September 23

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours (also Thursday)	Community Garden

Wednesday, September 24

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, September 25

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, September 26

10:00 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Danielle Nelson	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Serving Fourth Friday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Worship Service	Blair Chapel

Saturday, September 27

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Harvest Cookout	Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, September 28

	Hardy Kim	8:00 a.m.
	John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
	Victoria G. Curtiss	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.