

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Today a presentation about Native American spirituality, given by Tillie Black Bear, a member of the Sicangu Lakota Nation/Rosebud Sioux tribe, will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Later on, at 12:15 p.m., she will speak on "Healthy Relationships and Healthy Families: Crosscultural Perspectives for a Healthy World" at a luncheon in the Page Smith Room.

"The Importance of Peace in a Violent World," a program hosted by Young Adults and presented by the Reverend Diego Higuita of Colombia, takes place at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

A grief support group, led by John Boyle, will meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

John Buchanan will discuss his new book, A New Church for a New World, on Friday mornings October 17, 24, and 31 at 7:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Copies of his book are available during Coffee Hour.

Speakers from the Democratic and Republican parties will join members and guests of the Center for Life and Learning at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 16. For details or to RSVP, call the Center at 312.981.3386. "The Emerging Church" will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Brian McLaren and Diana Butler Bass will be the featured speakers at this event, which is hosted by McCormick Theological Seminary.

The Community Book Group will discuss *The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical* by John Claiborne on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.; John W. Vest will lead conversation.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Soldier's Heart* by Elizabeth Samet.

Today's adult education opportunities,

offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "The Book of Genesis," taught by Tom Dozeman (Page Smith Room), "Financial Stewardship," taught by Lisa Radetski (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), and "Can You Be a Church without Doctrine?" taught by Nanette Sawyer and John W. Vest (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.; and "Bible Stories You Should Know," taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Adults sixty and over are invited to take a day trip to Lake Geneva with the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning on Wednesday, October 22. For reservation information, contact Patricia Amis at the Center 312,981,3386.

An All-Church Fall Social will take place Friday, October 24 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are available today during Coffee Hour and, during the week, at the reception desk. Those attending are asked to bring a canned food item to donate. For more details, e-mail fallsocial@fourthchurch.org.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower for families who are expecting or have had a baby in the last six months will take place Sunday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP for lunch, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.573.3369.

WORSHIP

Next Sunday, Victoria G. Curtiss will be installed as Associate Pastor for Mission during 11:00 a.m. worship. A reception in her honor will follow the service.

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 the chapel or pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be Friday, October 24.

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 Vespers Communion Service is held Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. On Sunday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Domestic Violence Service for Remembrance, Healing, and Hope.

ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2009 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. To date, we have received \$576,937 in gift intents, from 102 households, toward our \$6.3 million goal. For more information, stop by the display during Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009appeal. html, or contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries at 312.981.3380.

The visual display for the 2009 Annual Appeal, located in Anderson Hall, represents the progress of the appeal; as we move closer to achieving our goals, the lights will to continue to rise.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Tenor Mark Eldred will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Fourth Acts will perform *The Road to Mecca* on Saturday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

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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The Swedish all-male chorus Orphei Dränger will be in concert on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (312.294.3000).

Requiem by John Rutter will be sung by the Morning Choir as part of the All Saints' Sunday Vespers service on November 2.

Only one Chanticleer Christmas concert will be held at Fourth Church this year, on Monday, December 1. Tickets, which sell out quickly, are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso. org; 312.294.3000).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6-7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9-12) meet in the Crow's Nest.

The children's musical, Are We There Yet?, the story of Moses and the Exodus, will be performed Friday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The purple bows on the Michigan Avenue trees represent the thousands of individuals who are victims of domestic violence each year. Also in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Silent Witness Project is on display in Coffee Hour and the Clothesline Project is on display in the Loggia.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available during Coffee Hour, online at www. chicagolights.org, and at the reception desk. All proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

Applications for the Iowa mission trip (November 6-10) are due October 15: applications for trips to Mississippi (December 28-January 3) and Colombia (February 6-15) are due November 3. For details, stop by the Mission table at

Coffee Hour or contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

The 2008 CROP Walk to alleviate global hunger will take place next Sunday, October 19 at the University of Illinois Chicago (750 S. Halsted St.). To donate or sign up to walk, stop by the Mission table or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to staff the Book Nook cart during Coffee Hours

Audio operator to record occasional services in the sanctuary during the week, on an as-needed basis; training will be provided

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, visit the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 12-18, 2008

Sunday, October 12			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship A	lice M. Trowbridge pread	ching Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship D	eborah Kapp 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.	Academy Classes		anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	Native American Spirituality		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Churc	ch Rising, Senior Highs	(see announcement)
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship D	eborah Kapp preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.			son Hall South Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	"Healthy Relationships	and Healthy Families"	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	"The Importance of Pea	ce in a Violent World"	Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center St	ınday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	l	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers A	dam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
Monday, October 13			,
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group		Counseling Center
Tuesday, October 14			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Election Issues Luncheon (also Thursday)		(see announcement)
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Wednesday, October 15			
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
Friday, October 17			
7:30 a.m.	Iohn Buchanan: A New	Church for a New World	Anderson Hall
10:00 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Charen for a rick world	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mark Eldred		Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Children's Musical		Sanctuary
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Saturday, October 18			
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
7:00 p.m.	Fourth Acts Performance		Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, October 19

John W. Vest 8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Joyce Shin 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.