

July 26–August 1, 2009

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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Los Angeles Children's Chorus will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. The "Music by the Fountain" series will return outdoors next Friday.

"Patterns of Colorful Lives: Guatemalan Textiles" is on display in the Loggia in conjunction with the Fourth Church mission trip to Guatemala. This artwork, which is accompanied by pictures and information about previous Guatemala trips, is on exhibition until Tuesday, September 14.

A world music instrumental ensemble is being organized for the 4:00 worship service. Those who have experience with or interest in music of other cultures—especially African, Asian, Native American, and Latin American music—are invited to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Participants on the Guatemala mission trip will spend July 25–August 2 working with Common Hope, an organization dedicated to educating children and empowering families living in poverty. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in this global mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

The annual School Supply Drive, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. Lists of needed supplies are available during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and online at www.fourthchurch.org. These supplies, which will be collected through Thursday, August 20, will be given to students who are involved in the Community Garden and the Tutoring program as well as those served by various community agencies. See the donations section of News and Opportunities (p. 2) for a list of most-needed items. For more details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson) 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Summer Sunday School for preschoolers through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School will take place Monday, August 17–Friday, August 21. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and at www.fourthchurch.org. Space is limited, and preschool registration is almost full. Grade school registration will close on Wednesday, August 12. For more details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Saturday bread-cutters for 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Communion

Community Supper volunteers to help with beverage pouring and chair stacking, dish washing, and tablecloth washing

Art instructor, station leaders, and snack servers for Fourth Church Vacation Bible School, August 17–21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Items for the Back-to-School Supply

Drive, including large backpacks, 2-pocket 3-prong folders, spiral notebooks, 24-packs of crayons, glue sticks, pencils, and large pencil/supply boxes; a full list of items is available at Coffee Hour

Boxes of disposable diapers for child in need (Huggies Pull-Ups, size 4T–5T girls)

Household furnishings for Cabrini-Green grandmother who lost many possessions in a fire; a list of needs is available at the volunteer table

Cell phones to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

For details and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Manse. Young adults are also invited to join in weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays.

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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ENRICHMENT

Jeff Lehn will lead the John Knox Bible Study this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Noonday Bible Study meets Wednesdays in the Large Conference Room.

The annual field trip to the Presbyterian Homes, sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning and the Center for Whole Health, will take place Thursday, August 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided on the tour. There is no charge for this outing, but registration is required. To RSVP, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387 by Friday, July 31.

The Center for Life and Learning will tour a special exhibit related to African American art at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies on Wednesday, August 12 at 9:45 a.m. All men and women 60 and over are welcome to attend. For more information or to RSVP, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

“Splash Out: A Nia Community Class” will be offered on Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. This special session will provide newcomers an opportunity to experience Nia, a class that fuses dance, yoga, martial arts, and other forms of self-expression. To register, call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

The 2009 Parliament of the World’s Religions will meet in Melbourne, Australia, this December. Those interested in joining Joyce Shin in traveling to the Parliament December 2–13 are asked to contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Discover Egypt January 10–24, 2010, on an educational tour led by Adam Fronczek. Brochures are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. For more details, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

WORSHIP

An afternoon worship service including Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After each 4:00 service, all are invited to share in a community meal in Anderson Hall.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

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 is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Prior to the service, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., there is an opportunity to participate in a labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall. The next Taizé service will be held Friday, August 28.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today an Inquirers' Class will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. This one-session class, which offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For information about available resources, contact Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Ali Trowbridge at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org), call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446, or pick up a “Fourth Church Cares” card from the literature racks.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. 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.

Because of the generosity of many, we have currently received pledges and gifts totaling \$4.1 million toward the 2009 goal of \$5.1 million to support the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. As we seek to close the \$1 million gap, we are asking all members and friends to join in “Meeting the Challenge” by increasing their pledges—or pledging for the first time—or making an additional gift. To help meet the challenge, please complete the response card in the pew racks, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009challenge.html, or contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins and News and Opportunities; devotional resources; and programming information.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 26–AUGUST 1, 2009

Sunday, July 26

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
10:00 a.m.	The Gathering		Manse
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, July 27

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Summer Day (also Tuesday–Friday)		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
5:15 p.m.	Deacons' Tennis Camp Celebration		Garth
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball		Oak Street Beach
7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group		Counseling Center

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Nia Class		Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

Thursday, July 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
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Friday, July 31

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Nia Class		Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Los Angeles Children's Choir		Sanctuary

Saturday, August 1

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Hours at the Garden		Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, August 2

John H. Boyle	8:00 a.m.
John W. Vest	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek	4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$7.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.