

News and Opportunities

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today by the fountain in the Garth following 11:00 worship and will then take public transportation to the Retro on Roscoe festival. They also gather on Monday evenings for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

An excursion to the state fair in Wisconsin, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Monday, August 8. Those age sixty or more are invited to enjoy classic American tastes, sights, and sounds during this full-day trip. A private motor coach will depart from the Clare at Water Tower (55 E. Pearson) at 8:30 a.m. For information or to register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter urging Illinois state senators to support an increase in the minimum wage in Illinois is available for signing at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour and is also online at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

A Guatemala mission trip over Christmas break will provide an opportunity to help build homes outside of Antigua. For information or to apply, contact Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch. org) by Monday, September 19.

The Annual School Supply Drive,

organized by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, is underway and continues through August 28. The top six items needed this week are extra-large backpacks, pencils (packs of 8–12), black pens (packs of 8–12), scissors (blunt), folders (two-pocket, three-prong), and spiral notebooks (wide- and college-ruled). Donations can be dropped off at Coffee Hour, or during the week, at the church reception desk or at the 737 building. For a complete list of items needed, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/women.html.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission Table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm is holding open hours on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. New volunteer orientation is held each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Jerry Johnson, a member of the Morning Choir, and the **Laura Hoffman Trio** will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

An art exhibition, "Seeing with Indian Eyes," by P. Solomon Raj, will be on display in the Loggia through mid-August.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs
Men's shoes and pants for the Elam
Davies Social Service Center
Share Shop

Current Volunteer Needs
Adult assistants for Vacation Bible
School August 15-19 from 9:00 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m.

Clothes sorters for the Elam Davies Social Service Center on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Cooks/servers for the weekly Social Service Center Sunday night supper

Helpers at the Urban Farm on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and in the Urban Farm's office on weekdays to assist with community outreach

Church members to usher at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

For details or to volunteer, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion. A Bible study and sermon discussion follow the service.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be Friday, August 26. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For more information about the service, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

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 outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Those who have not yet completed a 2011 Giving Response Card for the Church Alive Annual Appeal are encouraged to do so to help Fourth Church and Chicago Lights meet the need for the \$5.2 million in pledged gifts required for the 2011 budget. We are deeply grateful to the 1,001 households who have already made pledges, with commitments totaling \$3.7 million, helping to ensure that Fourth Church is truly a Church Alive. Pledges can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive. html or by using the Giving Response Cards available in the pew racks.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation's

"Devil in the White City" tour will be available for all those sixty and more on Wednesday, August 24. Participants will explore the compelling story told in Erik Larson's best-selling book. For fee details or to register (required), contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, August 15.

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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Photos and updates from Northern Ireland mission trip participants are posted on the Fourth Church page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. Fourth Church is also on Twitter: @FourthChicago.

Every adult who owns anything and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church, needs a will. For more information about planned giving, call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, via Facebook and Twitter, and by email: send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Nominating forms for the officers 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 paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church. Recommendations will be received through September 30.

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or Project Second Century. A receipt will be printed immediately. Gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study Opportunity *CLL* Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

"Going with the Grain," a cooking demonstration, will take place on Thursday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the 737 building. To register (required), call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class next meets Saturday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Randolph Room.

Nia fitness classes offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the 737 building. For information or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Summer Sunday School for preschool through fifth grade meets today at 9:30 a.m.

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Second-Floor Conference Room.

Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through fifth-graders will be held August 15–19. (Preschool registration is now at capacity and thus closed.) Registration information is available during Coffee Hour and from Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

A drop-in summer playgroup for parents and their children through three years old is held on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Single parents interested in forming a group to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting are invited to call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

CALENDAR FOR August 7-13, 2011

Sunday, August 7				
7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery			oom/Conference Room
8:00 a.m.		Joyce Shin	preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		1.	Garth
9:30 a.m.		Joyce Shin		Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Summer Sunday So	shool	Anderson	Hall Balconies/Manse
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour			Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		1.	Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin	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.	Young Adults Gathe		1	(see announcement)
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship		Helms preach	
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supp		•	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Ser	rmon Discus	sion	Sanctuary
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Monday, August 8	M ' D			0, 01 1
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	37 11 1 11		Stone Chapel
6:15 p.m.	Young Adults Beach		r D 1	Oak Street Beach
7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Grou	p	Lorene Replo	ogle Counseling Center
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Tuesday, August 9 9:00 a.m.	Monning Drawon			Stone Chanel
	Morning Prayer			Stone Chapel
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Summer Playgroup			Page Smith Room
Wednesday, August 10				
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer			Stone Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class (a	lso Friday)		737 Building
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Thursday, August 11				
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer			Stone Chapel
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Friday, August 12				
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer			Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Bridge Lessons			737 Building
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Knox	Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: J	erry Johnsor		
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Saturday, August 13				
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Summer Playgroup			Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Volunteering at the	Urban Farm		444 W. Chicago Ave.

Preaching on Sunday, August 14

Kerri N. Allen preaching 8:00 a.m. John W. Vest preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. John W. Vest preaching 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.