

August 28–September 3, 2011

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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which meets today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., is also a prerequisite for membership.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes will begin on Sunday, September 25. Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn about this fall's courses and Michigan Avenue Forum programs. Details are also available online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html

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

"Religion and Ideology in the Attacks on New York, Mumbai, and Oslo" will be the topic of a Michigan Avenue Forum presented by Michael Sells, of the University of Chicago, on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Autumn Open House will be Thursday, September 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. All those sixty and more are invited to come learn more about CLL opportunities.

T'ai Chi classes will be held on Thursdays starting September 8 at the 737 building. To register (required), call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Tickets are going fast for the Cubs game on Tuesday evening, September 20, at which John Buchanan will throw out the first pitch. A limited number of seats have been reserved in a Fourth Church section. Tickets are being made available on a first-come, first-served basis during Coffee Hour, so be sure to stop by today.

On September 11, a community service of commemoration will be held at Fourth Church at 7:00 p.m. Cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, the Downtown Islamic Center, Fourth Church, and Holy Name Cathedral, it will include a reflection by John Buchanan as well as the world premiere of Aaron David Miller's "Voices of Peace," sung by a 95-member choir. A reception will follow the service.

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights or P2C. Gifts can be recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

Stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news, resources, and photos: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

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.

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 1,019 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The last day to donate to the Annual School Supply Drive is this Tuesday, August 30. The top five items needed are folders, wired notebooks, #2 pencils, washable markers, and dictionaries. Donations can be dropped off at Coffee Hour or, through Tuesday, 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.

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall: Wednesday, September 7; Tuesday, September 13; or Thursday, September 15. For details, contact Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560 (mstegemann@fourthchurch.org).

A letter urging Governor Pat Quinn to oppose gambling expansion in Illinois is available for signing at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour and is also online at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

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 “Get Connected” and Volunteer Fairs will both be held on Sunday, September 18 during Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend and to learn about educational, fellowship, and community outreach opportunities available at Fourth Church.

A Guatemala mission trip over Christmas break will provide an opportunity to help build a home and a school outside of Antigua. For information or to apply, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Monday, September 19.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today following 11:00 worship for a sermon discussion and fellowship. They also gather on Monday evenings for beach volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

Cornerstones is gathering for an old-fashioned barbeque and potluck dinner on Friday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth courtyard. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by August 31.

The Benevolent Guild will resume gathering on Wednesdays beginning September 7. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building.

WORSHIP

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.

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

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, September 23. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The **CLL Chestnut Street Players** will present the play “Old-Time Radio Show Boston Blackie’s TV Poisoning” on Thursday, September 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building. All are invited to attend this free event.

Anyone interested in singing during the community service of commemoration at Fourth Church on September 11 is invited to join the combined choir for rehearsals on Thursdays, September 1 and 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For information, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

The art exhibition “**Bound for Glory,**” featuring Timothy Botts’s expressive calligraphy inspired by African American spirituals, is on display in the Loggia now through late November.

Mezzo-soprano Nina Heebink will perform this Friday’s free noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

A **drop-in playgroup** for parents and their children is held on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Sunday School classes do not meet this Sunday. They will resume on Sunday, September 11.

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

An **open house** for parents of children who are three years old and transitioning from nursery into Sunday School will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Manse basement.

A **fall kickoff event** for children, youth, and their parents will take place Sunday, September 11 and will include lunch and other activities.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to teach Sunday School or serve as an office assistant in the fall at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at Fourth Church

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and in the office during the week

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

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)

Current Donation Needs

Men’s shoes and pants for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

Sunday, August 28

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Judith Watt preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam H. Fronczek 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 Gathering		<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary

Monday, August 29

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
6:15 p.m.	Young Adults Beach Volleyball		Oak Street Beach

Tuesday, August 30

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, August 31

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>		737 Building

Thursday, September 1

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Chestnut Street Players		Knox Room – 737 Building

Friday, September 2

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Knox Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Nina Heebink		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Potluck		Garth

Saturday, September 3

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Playgroup		Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Volunteering at the Urban Farm		444 W. Chicago Ave.

Preaching on Sunday, September 4

Matthew J. Helms preaching	8:00 a.m.
Judith Watt 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.