

September 4–10, 2011

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News and Opportunities

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

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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.

Organist Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP

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.

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.

Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday through Friday at 9:30 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, September 23. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize.html.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

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, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

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

The annual “Children and Youth Kickoff” will be held next Sunday, September 11. Sunday school classes for children will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Youth will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Calvin Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Multipurpose Space. Choir practices are as follows: Youth Choir at 9:30 a.m. in the third-floor Conference Room, Cherub Choir at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, and Children’s Choir at 11:00 a.m. in the third-floor Conference Room. At 12:00 noon, children, youth, and their families are invited to a luncheon in Anderson Hall and activities in the Garth.

ENRICHMENT

Men’s Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather on Tuesday, September 4 at 7:30 a.m. at 300 N. LaSalle in the Kirkland and Ellis Office. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

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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“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, this Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. To register for this free event, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Autumn Open House takes place Thursday, September 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

T’ai Chi classes will be held on Thursdays starting September 8 at the 737 building.

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class next meets Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Beginning bridge lessons will be offered through the Center for Life and Learning on Fridays starting September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the 737 building. For details, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

New Academy for Faith and Life classes will begin on Sunday, September 25. Courses will include “An Introduction to Howard Thurman,” “The Big Questions: Essentials of Christian Theology,” and “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?” For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. for a sermon discussion and fellowship. They also gather on Mondays for volleyball at 6:15 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

The Benevolent Guild will resume gathering this Wednesday, September 7. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the 737 building to discuss *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand.

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 very limited number of seats remain in the Fourth Church section. Tickets are being made available on a first-come, first-served basis during Coffee Hour.

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 1,039 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.

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.

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C. A receipt will be printed immediately.

Stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: “Like” Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

Changing Conversations will host a potluck on Friday, September 16 to offer opportunity to learn about upcoming Changing Conversations programs, which bring people together to explore in community issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning persons. For details or to RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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: this Wednesday, September 7; Tuesday, September 13; or Thursday, September 15. For information, call Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560.

“Get Connected” Sunday will be September 18. All are invited to stop by Coffee Hour that day to learn about educational, fellowship, and community outreach opportunities available at Fourth Church.

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

A new hands-on mission group, to do painting, construction, cleaning, and gardening together, is being formed by the Outreach Ministries Committee. To learn more, attend an organizational gathering on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 4–10, 2011

Sunday, September 4

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Matthew J. Helms preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Judith Watt preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Judith Watt 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>
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary

Monday, September 5 *Labor Day: Church Office Closed*

6:15 p.m.	Young Adults Beach Volleyball	Oak Street Beach
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Tuesday, September 6

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Knox Room – 737 Building
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>	737 Building
6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring Orientation	Anderson Hall
7:00 p.m.	“Religion, Ideology, and Terrorist Attacks”	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 8

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	CLL Autumn Open House	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class	737 Building
7:00 p.m.	Combined Choir Rehearsal for 9/11 Service	Sanctuary

Friday, September 9

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: Thomas Gouwens	Sanctuary

Saturday, September 10

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Playgroup	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Volunteering at the Urban Farm	444 W. Chicago Ave.
10:00 a.m.	Open House: Transitioning into Sunday School	Manse Basement

Preaching on Sunday, September 11

Calum I. MacLeod preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam H. Fronczek preaching	4:00 p.m.
John Buchanan and Guests preaching	7:00 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.