

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Today 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 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, 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 annual "Children and Youth Kickoff" is today. Sunday school classes for children will begin 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. Youth Choir rehearses 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.

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, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

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. Any remaining tickets in the Fourth Church section will be available during Coffee Hour today.

“Get Connected” Sunday will be next Sunday, 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.

Judy Watt will be installed as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care on Sunday, September 25 during the 11:00 service.

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. 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 Friday, September 30.

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2. Those who might be able to offer a vacation home stay as a silent auction item are asked to call Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

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

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights or to fulfill pledges.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer work in the neighborhood. There will be a single drive lane only, with no parking or standing zones during that period.

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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FELLOWSHIP

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

Changing Conversations will host a potluck on Friday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of members 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.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend an orientation session from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall on either Tuesday, September 13 or Thursday, September 15. For information, call Meghan Stegemann at 312.981.3560.

The Benevolent Guild will gather on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

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.

ENRICHMENT

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which will meet Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

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

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

“Religion in Interfaith Homes: A Series for Couples and their Families,” led by Joyce Shin and David Levinsky, will begin on Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). It will then meet one Sunday a month through May 2012. For details, call Joyce Shin at 312.274.3835.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes will begin on Sunday, September 25 at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). “An Introduction to Howard Thurman,” led by Carol Allen, and “The Big Questions: Essentials of Christian Theology,” led by Adam Fronczek, will meet at 9:30 a.m. “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?” led by Matt Helms, will meet at 11:00 a.m. For details or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

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.

T'ai Chi classes take place on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to teach Sunday School or serve as an office assistant 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 Night 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 contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

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.

Elyra, featuring harpist Kara Bershad and cellist Elizabeth Anderson, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 11–17, 2011

Sunday, September 11

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary Cloisters
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Cloisters
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Kickoff for Children, Youth, and Families	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Cloisters
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Community Service of Commemoration	Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 12

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>	Stone Chapel
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Randolph Room

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring Orientation	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	737 Building

Wednesday, September 14

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Superior Room – 737 Building
10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>	737 Building

Thursday, September 15

5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class	737 Building
6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring Orientation	Anderson Hall

Friday, September 16

10:00 a.m.	Beginning Bridge Lesson	737 Building
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Elyra	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Changing Conversations Potluck	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Saturday, September 17

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 18

Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Kerri N. Allen 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.