

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
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September 25–October 1, 2011

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Today three new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin 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, meet at 9:30 a.m. “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?” led by Matt Helms, meets at 11:00 a.m.

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

“Race, White Privilege, and Faithful Engagement,” a luncheon workshop sponsored by the Multicultural Initiatives and Resources Committee, will take place on Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by Wednesday, October 5.

“The King James Bible at 400,” a special Michigan Avenue Forum at the Newberry Library, will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, with Randall Zachman speaking, on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. To register for this free event, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Calvin Room at the 737 building to discuss *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

Beginning bridge lessons, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, take place on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. For details, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

All are invited to a reception in honor of Judith Watt in Anderson Hall following 11:00 worship today. During that service Judy will be installed as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

Photos of John Buchanan throwing the first pitch at last Tuesday’s Cubs game are posted on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: “Like” Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Church Alive, the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, kicks off today! Materials are being mailed to member homes, and giving response cards are also available in the pew racks, online, and wherever “Church Alive” posters are displayed. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 30, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. For details, call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

Those parking at Water Tower Place today can pick up validation tickets in the Narthex and at reception. The validated parking will cost \$11. This is the only Sunday validated parking will be available at that garage. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.

September 30 is the last day to submit recommendations of members to serve as Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board member. Nominating forms are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work.

The Book Nook is located in Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter urging legislators to pass the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2011 is available for signing during Coffee Hour.

The Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Consumer Choice Food Pantry will hold its grand opening on Tuesday, September 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and learn more about fighting hunger in the community. For details, contact Dan Hula at 312.981.3567.

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 Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room at the 737 building.

Mission Trip Sunday is next Sunday, October 2. All are invited to visit Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour that day to learn about Fourth Church mission trips for 2012.

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.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray with a Deacon at that time.

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary 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 on Friday, October 28.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Anyone interested in joining the Fourth Church handbell choir is invited to call Thom Gouwens at 312.981.3594.

A special Fourth Church concert in honor of John Buchanan's ministry at Fourth Church will be held on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Fourth Church choirs and ensembles, including Tower Brass, will perform, and a piece composed by Aaron David Miller and based on a Walter Brueggemann text will be premiered.

The art exhibition "Bound for Glory" by Timothy Botts is on display in the Loggia now through late November.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center
Grocery bags for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour
Church members to teach Sunday School at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

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

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), will meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

"No Bullies in the Kingdom: A Forum for Parents and Concerned Adults," will be led by John Vest on Sunday, October 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the 737 building. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

Fall Family Camp 2011 will take place October 7–9 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Register by Monday, October 3 with Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org) or online at www.fourthchurch.org. Forms are also available in Sunday School.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Cornerstones will meet for "A Fireside Chat" with John Buchanan on Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. Space is limited; to register (required), call the Cornerstones infoline at 312.787.2729.

Men's Group will gather on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room for breakfast and "Out the Door: Thoughts on the Eve of Retirement," led by John Buchanan. To register, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, October 5.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a picnic dinner on Friday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building and will then attend the concert in honor of John Buchanan at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 25–OCTOBER 1, 2011

Sunday, September 25

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes		The Clare
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
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	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class		The Clare
12:15 p.m.	Reception for Judith Watt		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
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 26

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Tutoring Orientation		Anderson Hall

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	EDSSC Food Pantry Grand Opening		Lower Level
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group	Ontario Room – 737 Building	

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class		737 Building
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Friday, September 30

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: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary

Saturday, October 1

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

Preaching on Sunday, October 2

Kerri N. Allen preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan 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.