

October 2–8, 2011

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**FOURTH
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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet today 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 next meets Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Men’s Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

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

“Race, White Privilege, and Faithful Engagement,” a luncheon workshop, will take place next Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by Wednesday, October 5.

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

“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.

Martin Marty and John Buchanan will talk about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his Letters and Papers from Prison on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newberry Library. (This is a free event.)

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A **“Sharing Sacred Spaces”** tour of Midwest Buddhist Temple (435 W. Menomonee) will take place today between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. All are invited. Fourth Church will host the Sacred Spaces tour on Sunday afternoon, October 23.

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work. The number of lanes in use on Michigan Avenue will also be limited during October.

The 737 building, which provides additional off-site program and office space during P2C construction, is located on Chicago Avenue, two blocks south of Fourth Church and just east of Michigan Avenue and Walgreens.

To vote for Chicago Lights Tutoring to win a grant through the Sun Shine Project, visit www.chicagolights.org by Sunday, October 9.

Photos of Judy Watt's installation 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).

Directions and the easiest routes to get to Fourth Church on Sunday, October 9, the day of the Chicago Marathon, can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf.

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. A receipt will be printed immediately, and gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Flutist Mary-Christine Stingley will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

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.

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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WORSHIP

Audio of the 9/11 interfaith service is available online in podcast, streaming audio, and MP3 formats: www.fourthchurch.org.

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.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Church Alive, the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards have been sent to member homes and are also available in the pew racks, online, and in Coffee Hour. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 30, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. For information, stop by Coffee Hour or contact Kathryn Johnson, Associate Director for Development Relations, at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Second-Floor Conference 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 today at 11:00 a.m. at the 737 building.

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.

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 or online at www.fourthchurch.org. Forms are also available in Sunday School.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Men’s clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island 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

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today is Mission Trip Sunday. All are invited to visit Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour to learn about Fourth Church mission trips planned for 2012.

A letter urging U.S. senators to reject funding cuts to Medicaid for mental illness research, services, housing, and veterans programs is available for signing during Coffee Hour.

A new hands-on mission group will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

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, ext. 454.

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.

A trip to Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesday, October 19. Anyone sixty years and more is invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2–8, 2011

Sunday, October 2

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Kerri N. Allen 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
11:00 a.m.	“No Bullies in the Kingdom”		737 Building
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.	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, October 3

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class		Randolph Room

Tuesday, October 4

7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Hands-On Mission Group Meeting	Second-Floor Conference Room	

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

5:00 p.m.	T’ai Chi Class		737 Building
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Friday, October 7

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: Mary-Christine Stingley		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones with John Buchanan		737 Building

Saturday, October 8

8:00 a.m.	Men’s Group		Dining Room
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Young Child Playgroup		Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, October 9

Calum I. MacLeod 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.