



September 14–20, 2003

News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Today is Volunteer Awareness Sunday. A volunteer fair will be held during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. Stop by and learn how you can share your time and talent with others.

Current Donation Needs

Gently used unisex school uniforms (blue pants, yellow shirts) for children from grades 1 to 8.

Pencils, black ballpoint pens, spiral notebooks, loose-leaf lined paper, flashcards, and crayons for Fourth Church's Tutoring program and Cabrini-Green schools.

Deodorant, travel-sized toothpaste, and plastic shopping bags for guests of the Social Service Center

Two refrigerators in good working order. (Call about delivery.)

Unless otherwise noted, please label donations and drop them off at the reception desk at the Chestnut Street entrance. For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 981.3382.

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

September 28 is Launch Sunday, when Fourth Church will officially begin its capital campaign, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace." That day, all are invited to attend a special brunch

following worship (brunch is at 9:00, 10:30, and 12:00) to learn more about the campaign. RSVP at the Capital Campaign table during Coffee Hour or by contacting Cheryl Heads at 274.3820 (cheads@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Nominating Committee requests recommendations for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. Please use a nomination form to list Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry of this congregation. These forms are available in the pew racks and literature racks and when completed may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

Printed copies of the Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Sermons are also available in audio and print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Family Night, a monthly time to gather for food and fellowship, is Friday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Come learn about this summer's family mission trip to Puerto Vallarta. RSVP to Jill Stephens in the Family Ministry Office at 640.2578.

Fall Sunday School kicks off today with Rally Day. All children and parents are invited to meet in rooms W03 and W04 on the lower level at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Fall Family Camp is October 10–12 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. Join Joanna and Al Adams and other Fourth Church families for a weekend experiencing “God’s Bountiful Harvest.” Space is limited, so reserve early using registration forms found in Westminster House or by calling Jill Stephens in the Family Ministry Office at 640.2578.

ENRICHMENT

Women are invited to join Joanna Adams this fall for a monthly Bible study on the Gospel of John. The series, offered through Women@Fourth Connect, begins Thursday, September 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Lunch will be served following the study. For more information, please call Lisa Cochrane at 312.640.5495.

“Discerning God’s Abundance in Your Life”

This series of three conversations hosted by the Stewardship Committee, continues this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. John Buchanan will talk about “Giving: Putting Faith and Prayer into Action.” Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Lynn Bailey in the Giving Ministries Office at 981.3380.

New adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, begin today: “Introduction to the Bible” (Anderson Hall South Balcony) and “How the Church Talks to the State” (Anderson Hall North Balcony) at 9:30 a.m.; “Introduction to World Religions” (Anderson Hall North Balcony) and “Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism” (Anderson Hall South Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. is “Mrs. Dalloway and Other Fictions of the Mundane” (Anderson Hall North Balcony).

“Better Together”

Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*, and Lewis Feldstein will speak at a forum hosted by Fourth Church and the Chicago Public Library on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The forum will address the ways communities can be fostered in an increasingly segmented world, including ongoing projects in the Gold Coast and Cabrini-Green neighborhoods. This event is free and open to the public.

Bible Study for Parents begins this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. This twice-monthly Bible study is led by John Cairns. Child care is provided.

Connections, a new Sunday School class offering participants the chance to examine current issues through the lens of Christian faith, begins today in the Page Smith Room at 11:00 a.m.

Young Adult Bible Study will discuss "The Problem of Evil" when it gathers on Tuesdays in September at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Faith Builder Small Groups provide an opportunity for groups of 10 to 12 adults to meet regularly to support one another in living out their Christian faith through study, prayer, fellowship, and service. To learn about or sign up for new groups forming in October, come to an introductory meeting on Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The annual Midwinter Night's Dream Mission Benefit will take place Friday, February 20, 2004, at the Drake Hotel. Plan on joining us for a festive "Carnaval Brazil."

Become a Partners in Education tutor. PIE tutors work with students from Cabrini-Green one day a week (Monday to Thursday) from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church. To learn more, attend one of the Tutor Orientation and Training sessions, offered from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. this Monday and Wednesday. For more information, contact Stacy Jackson at 981.3562.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Join Fourth Acts in performing liturgical drama during Vespers services. The first meeting of the year will be next Sunday, September 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Newcomers are welcome.

Organist Otto M. Krämer will perform the free Noonday Concert on Friday, September 19 at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Jazz Vespers is next Sunday at 6:30 p.m., with music leadership by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble. The 2003 Confirmation Class will lead worship that evening.

The Chancel Choir, which sings during 8:00 morning worship during the school year, welcomes new singers. The group rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information about singing with the Chancel Choir, contact John Sherer, Director of Music, at 981.3592.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Fourthlights, a fellowship of single adults in their late 40s and above, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, after the new Connections Sunday School class.

Join Fourth Forum, a fellowship of gays and lesbians and their friends and families, for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Bistro 110 (110 E. Pearson Street). On Saturday, September 20, the group will meet for a potluck dinner at a member's home. For more information, contact Jenny Blandford at 981.4087 (jblandford@fourthchurch.org).

Care of Creation, a Common Connection group focusing on issues in environmentalism and Christianity, will begin the year with a discussion and Bible study this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 14–20, 2003

Sunday, September 14

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Connections	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour and Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)
12:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Carol J. Allen preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia

Monday, September 15

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Tutor Orientation and Training	(see announcement)

Tuesday, September 16

7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m.	Bible Study for Parents	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	"Discerning God's Abundance in Your Life"	Manse
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Tutor Orientation and Training	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Care of Creation	Page Smith Room

Thursday, September 18

11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House

Friday, September 19

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Otto M. Krämer, organist	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Family Night	Anderson Hall

Saturday, September 20

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
7:00 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, September 21

Joanna M. Adams	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Keith C. Harris	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.

For child care arrangements (other than during Sunday morning worship services), call (312) 787-2729, ext. 282 at least three working days in advance.