

September 11–17, 2005

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

In response to the devastation brought about by Hurricane Katrina, Fourth Church has partnered with Holy Name Cathedral to collect diapers, peanut butter, and granola bars, which are being loaded on a truck at Holy Name today. There is also opportunity to assemble Personal Health Kits and Hope-in-a-Box Kits. Details are available during Coffee Hour and on the Fourth Church website. Information about the Disaster Relief Offering can be found on page 8 of the worship bulletin.

Today is “Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Sunday. Stop by Coffee Hour to sign up for Academy classes and learn about a variety of other opportunities—including fellowship, Faith Builder, music, and educational groups.

The original paintings used for the Fourth Church commemorative plates will be offered in a silent, blind auction this fall, with all proceeds going to Project Light. Each of the three paintings by noted local artist Jack Simmerling will be on display through September, and bids can be placed during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings, September 25 and October 2.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. Forms also can be downloaded from www.fourthchurch.org/nominating.html. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry of this congregation. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

“Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism,” a class offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, meets today at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony and concludes tomorrow, September 12. This is the final class taught by John Cairns, retiring Dean of the Academy.

Registration for new Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes takes place today during Coffee Hour.

Martin Marty will be the featured speaker at a congregational supper and conversation on Wednesday, September 21. Dr. Marty will address the topic of "When Faiths Collide: The Role of Persons of Faith in the Twenty-First Century." Two of his books about that subject are available during Coffee Hour in September. For more information or to RSVP, call the event infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 444.

Walter Brueggemann, preacher, professor, and author of several theological works, will speak on "Some Theses on the Bible in the Church" on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmer House Hilton. Tickets for this dinner and lecture event, hosted by the *Christian Century*, are available for \$150 each by contacting the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School begins today. All children and their parents are invited to meet in rooms W03 and W04 on the lower level at 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place today following the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets for the first time this year at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

The All-Youth Kick-Off and Luncheon for youth and their parents takes place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Fall Family Camp is October 7-9 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. To register, call Jill Schiltz at the church at 312.640.2578.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, September 23.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Rehearsal for the Cherub, Children's, and Youth choirs begins today in the Dining Room. The Youth Choir will rehearse from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., the Children's Choir from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m., and the Cherub Choir from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

The Chancel Choir invites additional voices to join them in singing during 8:00 a.m. worship throughout the school year. The choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Violinist Andrew Smith will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

The annual Volunteer Fair, a time to learn about volunteer opportunities at the church and in the community, will be next Sunday, September 18 during Coffee Hour.

Current Volunteer Needs

Fourth Church members to teach

Sunday School and serve as shepherds on alternate Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. throughout the school year

Tutors for children from public housing, one evening a week at Fourth Church starting September 26

Assistants for Kid's Cafe

Musicians and set construction crew for fall children's musical at Fourth Church

Current Donation Needs

Back-to-school supplies; lists of needed supplies are available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour

Men's clothing in L, XL, and XXL sizes

Brown paper bags with handles

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, meets today for brunch at McCormick and Schmick's following 11:00 worship.

Fourth Couples, a gathering of couples, either married or in a committed relationship, meets today from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. in the Manse

The Gathering, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, which will change drastically as of January 1, 2006, will be explained in three identical information sessions sponsored by the Center for Whole Health. The first of these sessions will be held this Tuesday, September 13 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. For more information and dates of the remaining sessions, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/health.html.

The Smoking Cessation Program, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health in partnership with the Northwestern Memorial Hospital Wellness Institute, will meet for eight weeks from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, September 20. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call Terrill Stumpf, Director of the Center, at the church at 312.981.3396.

The Fourth Church Flu Immunization Campaign is scheduled for Friday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Sunday, November 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/health.html.

The Chicago Avenue site is open for gardening during the following hours each week:

Tuesdays and Thursdays:

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For information about the garden, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369, or visit www.fourthchurch.org/garden.html.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2005

Sunday, September 11

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	"Get Connected . . . Stay Connected"	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	"Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism"	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	"Get Connected . . . Stay Connected"	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	"Get Connected . . . Stay Connected"	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Manse
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	All-Youth Kick-Off and Luncheon	Dining Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 12

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
7:00 p.m.	"Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism"	Anderson Hall S. Balcony

Tuesday, September 13

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
12:00 p.m.	Medicare Information Session	Dining Room

Wednesday, August 14

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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Thursday, September 15

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, September 16

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Andrew Smith, violin	Sanctuary

Saturday, September 17

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Gardens

Preaching on Sunday, September 18

Dana Ferguson	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Carol J. Allen	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.