

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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September 17–23, 2006

News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Today's Volunteer Fair provides a way to get connected, through service, at Fourth Church. Information about the ways in which people at Fourth Church live out their faith, serving one another, this city, and the world, will be available during Coffee Hour.

Those interested in volunteering with Kids' Cafe, part of the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program, are invited to attend one of four identical orientation sessions on September 20, 21, 25, or 26 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Katie Wolgemuth at the church at 312.274.3819.

Additional Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Cooks and servers for the Sunday and Monday night suppers

Current Donation Needs

Examining table and stool for a Chicago Lights program

Back-to-school supplies to benefit children in need (list available at the Volunteer table)

Cell phones, empty toner and ink cartridges to recycle to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price, a documentary film about this corporate giant, will be shown today at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as part of a documentary film series sponsored by the Mission Committee.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop returns to work Tuesday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group meets for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials for the coming month. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month will be observed and twenty years of advocacy, support, and education of Between Friends will be celebrated on Sunday, October 1. Michele Weldon, a survivor of domestic violence and a journalist and professor at Northwestern University, will be the keynote speaker at the 4:00 p.m. program. A reception will follow. Participants are invited to join in the Vespers service at 6:30 p.m.

The 2006 Crop Walk will take place Sunday, October 15. The kickoff is at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois, Chicago. For more information, to make a donation, or to register for the walk, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Women's Bible Study will kick off the year on Wednesday, September 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. This year's theme is "Women at the Well: Encounters with Women in the Bible and in Our Midst." For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, September 24.

To register, complete the form in the course catalogue (available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org), call the church office, or sign up during class. Course offerings include "**Dietrich Bonhoeffer and *Life Together***," taught by Rosemary and Robert Keller, and "**Wrestling with Scripture**," taught by Adam Fronczek, at 9:30 a.m.; "**'Mindfulness': An Introduction to Tich Nhat Hanh**," taught by Carol Allen, and "**School Funding Reform**," led by guest speakers, at 11:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m., Adam Fronczek will lead the four-week course "Brueggemann on the Psalms and Prophets."

William Willimon, a Methodist bishop, well-known preacher, and former Dean of the Chapel at Duke University, will be the featured speaker at the *Christian Century*-sponsored dinner on Thursday, September 28 and workshop on Friday, September 29. For information about the costs for the dinner and the workshop and for reservations, contact the *Century* at 312.263.7510, ext. 229.

Life Line vascular health screenings

will be offered Friday, September 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Registration is required and appointments fill quickly. To register, call 1.800.643.6075.

Poet and author Wendell Berry

will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be preceded by a 6:30 p.m. congregational dinner in Anderson Hall.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

The College Connection Group meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Anderson Hall N. Balcony (A) for lunch, fellowship, and a Bible devotional study on stress.

***Jayber Crow*, a novel by Wendell Berry,**

will be the first book discussed by the new Community Book Group. All are invited to this book conversation on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Elevation (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse. Elevation fellowship does not meet today.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Rehearsal for the Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs begin today in the Dining Room. The Youth Choir rehearses 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.

Fourth Acts, a group that presents staged readings of plays and other literature in support of programs at Fourth Church, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to begin the coming season. All are welcome.

Growing Relationships, an exhibit featuring photographs from the Chicago Avenue Community Garden, is on display in the Gallery.

The Post Narrative, a mixed media installation by artist Granite Amit, is on display in the Loggia through October 4.

Dave Brubeck and the Dave Brubeck Quartet will be in concert on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The quartet will be joined by the Fourth Church Morning Choir and Tower Brass. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour, by calling the church at 312.640.2570 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or by visiting www.ticketweb.com.

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 Sundays. Individuals can leave their 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 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 is this Friday, September 22.

Printed copies of the daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks. They are also available by e-mail. Send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

"Start Up Chicago," a class on entrepreneurship, is being offered by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago beginning this Tuesday, September 19. For more information, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

All are invited to the all-church picnic at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden. This celebration of this year's harvest will be held on Saturday, September 23 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the garden site (Chicago Ave. and Hudson). Shuttle transportation from the church to the garden will be provided. For information, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

A support group for those dealing with divorce will meet in the Counseling Center on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 19 for a period of six weeks. For more information and to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 17–23, 2006

Sunday, September 17

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.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Volunteer Fair	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	College Connection Group	Anderson Hall N. Balcony (A)
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Documentary Film	Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours (Monday–Friday)	Chicago Avenue Garden

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 p.m.	Divorce Support Group	Counseling Center
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Wednesday, September 20

11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, September 21

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, September 22

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Hall-Higdon Duo	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel

Saturday, September 23

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours	Chicago Avenue Garden
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.	All-Church Picnic	Chicago Avenue Garden

Preaching on Sunday, September 24

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Elizabeth B. Andrews 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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.