

July 27–August 2, 2008

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Participants traveling to Guatemala will spend August 2 to 9 building homes with Habitat for Humanity and participating in other outreach initiatives for those living in poverty. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in this global mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

The annual “Back-to-School Supply Drive,” sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. Lists of needed supplies are available during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org. These supplies, which will be collected through August, will be given to students who are connected with the Chicago Avenue Community Garden or are part of Chicago Lights Tutoring as well as those served by various community agencies. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or aellis@fourthchurch.org.

Visit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson), open Tuesdays through Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information about this community outreach project, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 or nholbert@fourthchurch.org.

The Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign has raised nearly \$200,000 of its goal of \$320,000 through the generosity of more than 400 donors. Between now and July 31 every dollar raised through an increased or new gift will result in a matching gift, up to \$50,000, to the Chicago Lights education programs. Gifts can be made by using the envelopes in the pew racks, making a check payable to Chicago Lights, or giving online at www.chicagolights.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Senior Highs are currently in New Orleans working with the United Church of Christ Disaster Recovery team and will return August 3. Please keep these youth and their leaders in your prayers as they participate in this work camp experience.

Vacation Bible School will take place August 11–15 this year. Application forms are available in Westminster House. Space is limited and is filling quickly. Youth are needed to serve as crew leaders. For details, contact Emilie Syberg at the church at 312.640.2578.

Summer Sunday School for preschoolers through fifth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. There is expanded nursery care for infants through kindergartners at 11:00 a.m.

A new **New Moms' Group** will begin later this summer for those who are expecting a child or have had a child within the last year. For information, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. This week's discussion will be about immigration issues and the Chicago New Sanctuary Movement. Young adults are also invited to join in **weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach** (6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays).

A **day trip to the Wisconsin State Fair**, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning, will take place Wednesday, August 6. For details, contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3386.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Thank you to those who donated personal items to families who lost everything in a house fire; your donations were greatly needed and your generosity was an inspiring reflection of God's love.

Current Volunteer Needs

Cooks for Sunday Night Supper

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

People to bag groceries Sunday afternoons for the Social Service Center guests

People to collect, sort, and inventory donations for the Back-to-School Supply Drive during Coffee Hour (3 per shift) in July and August

Current Donation Needs

Infants' and children's clothes, toys, strollers, cribs, car seats, and books, to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic

Clothes for previously homeless woman, list of needs available at Volunteer Table

Items for the Back-to-School Supply

Drive, including composition books, scientific calculators, and colored pencils; full lists of items are available at Coffee Hour

Greeting cards and stamps for guests of Sunday and Monday night suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges, to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Those interested in joining a handbell choir will find an information form in the literature racks and can contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595 for more details.

The Elaine Dame Duo will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth, as part of the summer "Music by the Fountain" series.

"Images of Fourth Church," which features photography, paintings and drawings of the church, is currently on display in the Loggia.

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

Fourth Church welcomes guest preacher Deborah Kapp to the pulpit next Sunday, August 3 for 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. Deborah is the Edward F. and Phyllis K. Campbell Associate Professor of Urban Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary and served as an Associate Pastor at Fourth Church from 1981 to 1991.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in the Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

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

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each fourth Friday of the month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and reflection. The next service will be Friday, August 22. It will be preceded by a labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Reverend Victoria Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, was elected at the July 6 congregational meeting. She will join the church staff in September.

A trip to Maple Pointe Apartments, an active community for residents age 55 and older, is scheduled for Thursday, August 14 at 12:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Limited seats are available; contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3387 to register.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

To keep membership information up to date, please note any changes in mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number on the pew pads, e-mail them to databaschanges@fourthchurch.org, or click on "Update Your Information" on the Fourth Church website.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; sermon transcripts and the text from "Prayers of the People"; the text of worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities"; devotional resources; and programming information.

ENRICHMENT

A five-session series on travel writing, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning, begins Wednesday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m. To register, contact Denise Keane at 312.981.3387.

Bible Study opportunities:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 27-AUGUST 2, 2008

Sunday, July 27

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczeck preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczeck preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczeck preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Elizabeth Nickerson preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, July 28

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Volleyball	Oak Street Beach

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours (also Wednesday–Friday)	Community Garden

Wednesday, July 30

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
10:30 a.m.	Travel Writing Workshop Series	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, July 31

12:00 p.m.	Pathways to Wellness	Page Smith Room
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Friday, August 1

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: The Elaine Dame Duo	Garth

Saturday, August 2

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours	Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, August 3

John H. Boyle	8:00 a.m.
Deborah Kapp	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
John H. Boyle	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.