



September 4–10, 2005

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

“Get Connected . . . Stay Connected” Sunday, a time to learn more about the variety of programs and opportunities offered at Fourth Church and to sign up for classes and other activities, will be next Sunday, September 11 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.

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. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have shown 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.

ENRICHMENT

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

“Books by Women,” a book group reading works by women authors, will meet this Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Mrs. Kimble* by Jennifer Haigh.

All are invited to a Center for Older Adults open house Thursday, September 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group welcomes all to a new season of breakfast meetings this Saturday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Mike Ditka will be speaking. Reservations are required; RSVP by Friday, September 9 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

“Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism,” a three-session adult education class offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, begins this Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. and concludes September 11 and 12. This will be the final class taught by John Cairns, retiring Dean of the Academy.

New Academy for Faith and Life catalogues, detailing upcoming adult education opportunities, have been mailed. Registration for fall classes will take place next Sunday, September 11 during Coffee Hour.

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.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats 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 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

Crew members for recording and duplicating worship and other services

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

Palm Pilots (with pens and adapters) in working order for children in the Fourth Church Job Training program

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, will meet next Sunday, September 11 for brunch at a nearby restaurant. For details and to RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School will not meet this morning. Classes will resume Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place today following the 9:30 worship service.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A kick-off for the Children's and Youth Choirs, which begin rehearsing next Sunday, September 11, will be held Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel. Lunch will be served after the kick-off. Following lunch, auditions will be held for the fall musical, *It's Cool in the Furnace*. For more information, call Beverly Escuder, Children's Choirmaster, at 312.981.3595.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Pastor Nyansako-ni-Nku, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, will be honored at a reception and dinner this Wednesday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP, call Breisa Youman at the church at 312.573.3364.

Life Line vascular health screenings, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will be offered Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Registration is required and appointments fill quickly. To register, call 1.800.324.1851. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

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 on 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.

New Fall Hours at the Chicago Community Garden

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, the Chicago Avenue site will be 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.

September 6 also marks the end of kid's programming at the garden site.

For information about the community garden, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org), or visit www.fourthchurch.org/garden.html.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 4–10, 2005

Sunday, September 4

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	JoAnne Terrell preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	JoAnne Terrell preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Garth
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	JoAnne Terrell preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, September 5 *LABOR DAY—Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Gardens
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women" Book Group		Large Conference Room

Wednesday, August 7

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	Mission Reception and Dinner		Manse

Thursday, September 8

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	COA Open House		Anderson Hall
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Gardens
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	"Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism"		Anderson Hall S. Balcony

Friday, September 9

9:00 a.m.	Life Line Vascular Health Screenings		Dining Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Sarah Sommer, clarinet		Sanctuary

Saturday, September 10

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Life Line Vascular Health Screenings		Dining Room
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Community Garden Hours		Chicago Avenue Gardens

Preaching on Sunday, September 11

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Calum I. MacLeod 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.