

May 13–19, 2007

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# News and Opportunities

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Beginning today, Fourth Church joins the Presbyterian Church (USA) in observing a Week of Prayer and Witness with Christians in the Middle East.** Today's Coffee Hour will have a Middle Eastern theme, and on Wednesday evening, all are invited to a dinner and program about the reconciling work of Christians in the Middle East. Said Ailabouni, Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in LaGrange, will be speaking. (RSVP for the dinner by calling Sheila Cotter at 312.573.3366.) Next Sunday afternoon, *Salt of the Earth*, a documentary film about the lives of Palestinian Christians on the northern West Bank, will be shown at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**Mental health information and resources**, including a letter encouraging support for federal funding for housing and homelessness programs, are being made available during Coffee Hour by the Center for Whole Health, throughout May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month.

**Chicago Avenue Community Garden** will be open for gardening beginning Opening Day, Saturday, May 19, during the following hours each week:  
*Tuesday–Friday:* 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
*Saturdays:* 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
For more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369, or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html).

**The public is invited to performances of *Unwritten***, presented by students of the Near North Magnet Cluster, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church. The five performances will be held at Near North Magnet Career Academy (1450 N. Larabee) on Wednesday, May 23 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 24 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. For free tickets, call the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3596.

**Applications for the August 3–12 Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Guatemala are due May 21.** The application deadline for the trip to Northern Ireland (September 7–14) is June 4. For details and an application form, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html) or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Graduating in 2007?** Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 ([nholbert@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nholbert@fourthchurch.org)) by Monday, May 14 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 20.

**A grief support group** for those dealing with significant loss will be held at the Counseling Center on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning May 23. For more information and to register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

To subscribe to weekly news updates by e-mail, including information about upcoming Sunday services, send e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

**Adult handbell ringers** for a summer ensemble, experienced or amateur

**Volunteers to operate sanctuary audiovisual equipment** as needed on weekdays, Saturdays, and at occasional Vespers services

**Readers for Children's Story Time** during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship

**Teachers and assistants for Summer Day**, a program of Chicago Lights, June 18 to July 27

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Individually packaged toothbrushes and toothpaste** for Elam Davies Social Service Center guests

**Men's casual summer clothes**, large sizes

**Frequent-flier miles** for a nonprofit agency supported by Fourth Church

**Miniblinds** for a homeless shelter

**Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges** 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, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

**Children's Story Time** takes place today in the southwest corner of Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour following 9:30 worship.

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

**The Elevation Flower Sale** to raise funds for the youth's June 14–17 trip to assist with the Illinois Special Olympics takes place today during Coffee Hour.

## ENRICHMENT

### **Bible Study opportunities this week:**

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

*Morning*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

*Women's*, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

### **This week is Women's Health Week,**

(May 13–19). On Monday and Friday, a different health topic will be discussed over lunch at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. There is no charge for admission and no reservations are required. A buffet lunch will be available for a small fee. On Saturday, May 19, "Nurturing the Spirit, Nurturing the Body in Mindfulness," a women's health brunch featuring several speakers, will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Registration is required for this brunch. For more details or to register, call Terrill Stumpf at 312.981.3396.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**The Center for Life and Learning will offer an “Online Investing” minicourse,** for men only, beginning Monday, May 21. This three-session course will feature an initial investment seminar and tips and instruction from trading website pros. Courses will be held at Fourth Church from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on May 21 and June 4. The final session will be held at a downtown investment office at 12:00 noon on June 12. For more information or to register, call the Center at 312.981.3386.

**“An Evening with Andrew Greeley”** will be the next Michigan Avenue Forum, taking place on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. Father Greeley, a best-selling author, *Sun-Times* columnist, sociologist, and Roman Catholic priest, will speak at the event, which will follow a congregational dinner that begins at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. On Tuesday, May 15, the **Community Book Group** will discuss a selection by Father Greeley; Joyce Shin will lead the conversation. For details or to purchase a copy of the selected book, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Gathering**, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**Fourth Couples** will meet next on Friday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a discussion about ways to be better stewards of the environment. Light refreshments will be served.

**ThirtiesForties** will meet next Sunday, May 20 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Guitarist Michael Patilla** will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Art by members of the Center for Life and Learning** is on display in the Gallery throughout the month of May.

**“Highly Favored: Contemporary Images of the Virgin Mary,”** a traveling show from Christians in the Visual Arts, is on display in the Loggia through June 10.

**Rehearsals for the Summer Handbell Ensemble** will begin in June. This ensemble is open to youth and adults, and both beginners and experienced ringers are welcome. For more details, call Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595.

## 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 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 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 Friday, May 25.

**CALENDAR FOR MAY 13–19, 2007**

**Sunday, May 13**

7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Dana Ferguson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Dana Ferguson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Dana Ferguson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Joyce Shin preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

**Monday, May 14**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Women's Health Week Lunch Discussion	Anderson Hall

**Tuesday, May 15**

6:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Page Smith Room
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**Wednesday, May 16**

9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Middle Eastern Dinner and Program	Anderson Hall

**Thursday, May 17**

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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**Friday, May 18**

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Women's Health Week Lunch Discussion	Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Michael Patilla, guitar	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Manse

**Saturday, May 19**

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
9:15 a.m.	Women's Health Week Brunch	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Community Garden Opening Day	Chicago Avenue Garden

***Preaching on Sunday, May 20***

John M. Buchanan    8:00, 9:30, and 11:00  
Keith C. Harris    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.