

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for Sunday, October 28 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

"Arthritis and You" is a three-part seminar series being sponsored by the Center for Whole Health. The first session will be held on Wednesday, October 17 at 8:45 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Dr. Linda Ehrlich-Jones, of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, will be speaking. Registration is required; to register call 1.800.735.0096 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Flu shots will be given at Fourth Church on Friday, November 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pneumonia vaccines, blood pressure screens, height and weight measurements, and health information will also be available. There is a \$22 administration fee for the immunizations payable to the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago. (Medicare beneficiaries are asked to bring their Medicare Card.) No reservations are required.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about hunger, as well as a letter to sign regarding farm reform, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour today.

The 2007 Crop Walk will take place next Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. Walkers and sponsers are needed; for details, to make a donation, or to register, stop by Coffee Hour or visit www.fourthchurch.org/cropwalk.html. Today during Coffee Hour following 11:00 worship, John Buchanan will be presented with the Golden Boot award. This award is presented by Richard Williams, former Fourth Church Pastoral Resident, on behalf of the Chicago CROP Walk and it recognizes Fourth Church for collecting the most contributions for the 2006 Walk.

Application deadlines for mission trips

to New Orleans (December 29–January 7) and Cameroon, Africa (February 8–20) are Monday, October 22 and Monday, November 5 respectively. For more information on these and other Fourth Church mission trips, pick up a 2008 Mission Trip booklet from the literature racks.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop

returns to work Tuesday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m. The group meets for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters. For more details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards are available for purchase during Coffee Hour. Cards are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

Today's adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "Introduction to Judaism," taught by Evan Moffic (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 8:00 a.m.; "Introduction to the Bible," taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.; and "The Gift of Power: Corruption and Charisma," taught by John Boyle (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), "Adventures in Poetry," led by Judy Valente and Charles Reynard (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and Theological Roundtable, (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), at 11:00 a.m.

Two new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, October 21: "A Multitude of Blessings: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity," taught by Cynthia Campbell and Lib Caldwell (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m. and "Serious Mental Illness: Seeking a Comprehensive Christian Response," taught by Martha Langford (Manse), at 12:30 p.m.

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Men's, Tuesday at 7:00 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.

Men's Bible study will meet next on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364. **Women's Bible study** will be held the third Wednesday of each month, beginning October 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *Death of Innocents,* will speak at Fourth Church on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. as part of McCormick Theological Seminary's McCormick Days. All are welcome.

A Middle East Cultural Explorations lecture and lunch, a "For Men Only" program offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Thursday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. This program pairs a presentation on "U.S.–Middle East Foreign Policy from WWII to Today" and lunch at Old Jerusalem Restaurant. To RSVP, call the CLL at 312.981.1387.

"The Architecture of Ralph Adams Cram and His Office" is the topic of a lecture that will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Architect and author Ethan Anthony will present this program on Cram, who designed Fourth Presbyterian Church.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tonight's service, led by Martha Langford, will have a Stewardship focus and will include selections from the oral history of Fourth Church, as presented by Fourth Acts.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago • John M. Buchanan, Pastor Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014; 312.787.4570 Phone extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584 **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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The next service is Friday, October 26.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

A lunch for youth and families takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Once Upon a Parable, the children's musical, will be performed Friday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"The Clothesline Project," a collection of T-shirts made by women who have survived domestic violence, is on display in the Loggia through October 31. **"The Redemption Series,"** an art exhibition featuring abstract photographs reflecting grace, is on display in the Gallery through October 23.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

The Mission Benefit Committee is looking for people to join its Silent Auction subcommittee. For more information or to volunteer, call Allison Graham at the church at 312.981.3596.

Additional Volunteer Needs

RNs for blood pressure screenings and flu injections

More than 20 tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Monday or Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs Low-sodium and sugar-free canned goods for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

ThirtiesForties will meet next Sunday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$635,886 in commitments from 118 households. Our goal is to have 100 percent member participation and raise \$4 million in pledges. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please do so by Commitment Sunday, October 28. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 14-20, 2007

Sunday, October 14		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan	preaching Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan	preaching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.		Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan	
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
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.	Fourth Church Youth and Families Lunch	n Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supp	er Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Martha Langford p	
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, October 15		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, October 16		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
Wednesday, October 17		
8:45 a.m.	"Arthritis and You" Seminar	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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
Thursday, October 18		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, October 19		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.		
7.00 p.m.	Children's Musical	Sanctuary
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Saturday, October 20	Children's Musical	-
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Preaching on Sunday, October 21

 Dana Ferguson
 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

 John W. Vest
 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.