

A LIGHT IN THE CITY

**FOURTH
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CHURCH**

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May 25–31, 2008

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

A conference on “Understanding Mental Health Issues of Women and Girls”

will be held at Beth Emet the Free Synagogue in Evanston on the afternoon of Sunday, June 1. For information about the conference, of which the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health is a sponsor, and about the workshops that will be a part of it, call 847.869.4230, ext. 335.

An arthritis information session focusing on Social Security disability insurance will take place Wednesday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. There is no charge for this event, but preregistration is required (call 800.735.0096).

The Community Book Group

will discuss *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man’s Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* by A. J. Jacobs on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Adam Fronczek will lead the discussion. On Wednesday, June 4, Joyce Shin will lead the group in discussing *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel.

Books by Women will discuss *American Bloomsbury* by Susan Cheever on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

During Women’s Health Week

(June 1–7), the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health will be hosting a variety of seminars. Dr. Esther Sternberg will talk about “Stress and the Balance Within” at a Tuesday, June 3 breakfast at the Women’s Athletic Club of Chicago. Several speakers will address the topic of balance—physically and nutritionally—at a Saturday morning brunch on June 7. And on Monday and Wednesday noon, June 2 and June 4, lunch programs will also talk about ways to achieve healthful balance in body and spirit. For breakfast or brunch registration or details about the week’s events, call 312.787.2729, ext. 371 (breakfast) or ext. 388 (brunch).

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will gather on Saturday, June 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room for breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Rami Yelda. Dr. Yelda will discuss his book, *A Persian Odyssey: Iran Revisited*, and talk about the country of his birth and its place on the world stage today. All are welcome. To make reservations for the breakfast, call the Fourth Church office at 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, June 13.

The last Sunday for the Book Nook

until fall is today. Books are available in Anderson Hall after the 9:30 and 11:00 services and include John Buchanan’s new book, *A New Church for a New World*, and books for the book groups and the completed Academy for Faith and Life series on the black church.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Summer Sunday School begins today, with classes meeting only at 9:30 a.m. There is expanded nursery care for infants through kindergarten at 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church youth do not have regular gatherings on Sunday mornings during the summer. In the weeks to come, look for information about special events and other gatherings.

Adoptive families are invited to a lunch on Sunday, June 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Manse. There will be fellowship, food, games, and a program for parents. RSVP to Emilie Syberg at 312.640.2578.

A new New Moms' Group will begin Tuesday, June 17 for those who are expecting a child or have had a child within the last year. These groups enjoy fellowship and explore how faith can be a resource to them. Groups meet for eight weeks in a member's home. Babysitters are provided. For information, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

Vacation Bible School will take place August 11–15 this year. Information is available in Westminster House and by contacting Emilie Syberg at 312.640.2578.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk will take place Saturday, June 14. Sponsorship supports food programs of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center and Monday Night Supper. To sponsor one of the Social Service Center guests who will be walking or to sign up to walk, visit www.chicagolights.org.

The Chicago Lights Annual Fund campaign is underway. Gifts to this campaign foster education and literacy, advance health and wellness, and alleviate hunger and homelessness. To help Chicago Lights reach its \$320,000 goal, gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks or by going online to www.chicagolights.org.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off completed items, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. Items are then donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

The Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesday, May 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room to handcraft toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters.

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden is open each Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Beginning June 2, weekday hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

For a preview of next Sunday's worship and for news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Daily devotions written by Fourth church staff members are available in the literature racks, by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

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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A support group for those who are grieving significant loss will convene on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center of Fourth Church, beginning June 9. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Hancock Garage parking tickets must be validated in the Narthex on Sunday mornings in order to receive reduced parking rates. Those rates are good for three hours on Sunday mornings.

WORSHIP

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

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 in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

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 remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall each fourth Friday of the month.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Art by members of the Center for Life and Learning is on display in the Gallery. On display in the Loggia is **“Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty,”** an exhibition by photographers Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter.

Organist Karen Beaumont will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Volunteers for Women’s Health Week

(June 1–7) preparation and events

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and

Monday Night Suppers

Observers of exemplary teachers in

Chicago Public Schools programs

Ushers for Vespers (rotating schedule)

Current Donation Needs

Household and personal items for church member who lost everything in a fire; a list is available at the Volunteer Table

Men’s casual spring and summer clothes, especially shoes, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

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

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

Children’s items: cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes, coats, and books

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.

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 to go out for brunch. Next Sunday, June 1, the group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance to go to Sixth-Grace Presbyterian Church for worship, followed by lunch with the pastor, the Reverend Patrick Daymond.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 25–31, 2008

Sunday, May 25

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan 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		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, May 26 *Church office closed for Memorial Day*

Tuesday, May 27

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop		Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group		Page Smith Room

Wednesday, May 28

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

Thursday, May 29

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, May 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Karen Beaumont, organ		Sanctuary

Saturday, May 31

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours		Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, June 1

Martha Langford	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek	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.