News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A LIGHT IN THE CITY

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Today is "Get Connected . . . Stay Connected" Sunday. All are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational and faith-building opportunities, fellowship groups, Bible studies, choirs, and other activities.

A Volunteer Fair will take place next Sunday, September 21 during Coffee Hour; all are encouraged to attend and learn about opportunities to serve.

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.

Marcus Borg will speak at a Christian Century-sponsored dinner on Monday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Palmer House. For details, contact the Christian Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 (event@christiancentury.org).

ENRICHMENT

Year-Round Bible Study opportunities: John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. The Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning Bible study meets Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room and is open to all who are sixty and over.

Men's Morning Bible study begins this Tuesday and meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Anita Bright at the church at 312.573.3364.

The Family-to-Family Education Program is a twelve-week course for families and friends of adults living with mental illnesses. The first session is this Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Registration for this free course is required; call the Family-to-Family Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

Preview the Lyric Opera season with docent Gary Pett at a luncheon with the Center for Life and Learning on Thursday, September 18. For more information, call Laura Darby at the church at 312.981.3386.

New Academy for Faith and Life courses will begin Sunday, September 28 with classes on the book of Genesis, financial stewardship, the emergent church movement, and "Bible stories you should know." Course descriptions are available at Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and online at www.fourthchurch.org/ academy.html. An estate and wills seminar for young adults is scheduled for Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Child care will be provided. For more details or to RSVP, contact Cerry Letrich at the church at 312.981.3381.

The Books by Women book group,

sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, will be discussing *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6 and 7) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse basement.

Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

New moms' groups meet at member homes for fellowship and discussions of faith. For details, e-mail newmomsgroup@ fourthchurch.org.

Family Camp, a weekend of activities for children, youth, and their parents, will take place Friday, October 10 to Sunday, October 12 at the Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

"Shop for a Cause" on Saturday, September 20 and support Chicago Lights Tutoring. Purchases made with a Macy's discount pass, available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Allison Graham (312.981.3596), will benefit this program.

The 2009 Mission Benefit Committee seeks volunteers to secure financial and in-kind donations from individuals, businesses, or corporations to support this annual event. For details, stop by the Benefit table at Coffee Hour or contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

A mission trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to help with flood cleanup and rebuilding, will take place Thursday evening, November 6 through Monday, November 10. For an application, which is due Thursday, October 15, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

Those interested in becoming a tutor and mentor are invited to the new-volunteer orientation session for Chicago Lights Tutoring this Wednesday, September 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Alex Cornwell at 312.981.3565 (acornwell@ fourthchurch.org).

The Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson) is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next cookout will be Saturday, September 27. For more information, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Information about intergenerational handbell choirs is available in the literature racks. For details, contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595.

"Miss Helen's Magical World," an exhibition of outsider art from South Africa, is on display in the Gallery through mid-October. On display in the Loggia is "Images of Fourth Church," an exhibition featuring photography, paintings, and drawings of the church.

Tenor David Hoffman will sing at this Friday's Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m.

Only one Chanticleer Christmas concert will be held at Fourth Church this year, on Monday, December 1. Tickets, which sell out quickly, are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso. org; 312.294.3000).

WORSHIP

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 an 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. The next service will be Friday, September 26.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirtyfive, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. New Pastoral Resident J.C. Cadwallader will introduce herself; she will take an active role in Young Adults leadership during her two-year residency. Young adults are also invited to join in weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach (6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays).

An All-Church Fall Social will take place Friday, October 24 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are available today during Coffee Hour.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Tutoring program; meet weekly for 1-1/2 hours

Sunday School teachers for 9:30 or 11:00 classes

Current Donation Needs

Clothes for a previously homeless woman; a list of specific needs is available at the Volunteer table

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

For a list of additional needs and more details, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2008

Sunday, September 14	N		TAT
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Elizabeth B. Andrews preac	0
9:00 a.m.	Get Connected, Stay		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preachin	
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Stud	ay	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Get Connected, Stay	Connected	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	g	Page Smith Room
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11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Get Connected, Stay	Connected	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.		r Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehear		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Hardy Kim preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
Monday, September 15			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also	Wednesdav–Fridav)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Volley	5	Oak Street Beach
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Tuesday, September 16			
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Open Garden Hours	(also Thursday)	Community Garden
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Thursday, September 18			
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehea	rsal	Sanctuary
Friday, September 19			
10:00 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Da	avid Hoffman	Sanctuary
Saturday, September 20			
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, September 21			

Joyce Shin 8:00 a.m. Alice M. Trowbridge 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin 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.