

News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

An exhibition of historical photos of Fourth Church is on display in the Gallery.

Today at 3:00 p.m., the Apollo Chorus of Chicago will be in concert in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door.

Organist Robert E. Woodworth will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets Tuesday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m. 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.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will host a game night on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, June 1.

Cornerstones, a fellowship opportunity for couples age fifty and over, will take an architectural cruise on the Chicago River on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available. For details or to register, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Church member Doug Pond will be the keynote speaker at the next Men's Group breakfast meeting on Saturday, June 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. He share with the group stories from his time in Maputo, Mozambique. To RSVP, call the church office at 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Any remaining tickets for today's congregational lunch, which takes place immediately following 11:00 worship, will be available at the intersection of the Loggia and the Gallery, on the way to Westminster House. Parking validations will also be available at that table.

Coffee will be served in the Loggia today following worship, as Anderson Hall will be set up for the congregational lunch.

In this economic climate, Fourth Church wants to remind all of the spiritual, emotional, and practical services available at the church. Those who would like information about available resources are encouraged to contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@ fourthchurch.org), call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446, or pick up a "Fourth Church Cares" card from the literature racks.

Those who have a loved one serving in the armed forces are invited to pass along that person's name so we might keep those individuals in our prayers and reach out to them and their families. Names can be given to Carol Allerton in the Pastoral Care office at 312.640.5448.

WORSHIP

A communion Vespers service will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m., or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., to pray for members of the congregation and those in need.

A Pentecost Labyrinth Walk will be available Saturday, May 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

A weekly 4:00 Sunday afternoon service will begin on Sunday, June 7. This exciting new worship opportunity will have a casual, family-friendly feel and will include Communion. After each 4:00 service, all will be invited to share in a community meal.

The final 6:30 p.m. Vespers service will be held on Sunday, May 31. The service will be a festive Pentecost celebration, with the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble providing music leadership. A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, May 22.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs
Person to purchase and cut communion
bread on third Sunday of the month

Sunday Night Supper will expand and relocate to Anderson Hall on June 7, following 4:00 p.m. worship, creating additional volunteer opportunities:

Ushers, readers, and musicians to help with 4:00 p.m. worship

Cooks and servers to assist in preparing and distributing the food

Setup crew to open tables, arrange chairs Dining Room hosts to oversee setup and breakdown, provide direction and assistance to servers

Beverage pourers to serve guests at tables Breakdown crew to collapse tables, stack chairs

Dish washers to collect and clean dishes **Computer supervisor** to help guests using the computer lab

Tablecloth washers to clean linens

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

ENRICHMENT

"Intentional Marriage," today's Academy for Faith and Life adult education opportunity, will be led by Tom Schemper and Elise Magers at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

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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Weekly 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.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

"One-Dish Wonders" is the topic of an upcoming CLL Minicourse on Wednesdays, May 20 and 27. To register, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

"Spend Your Supermarket Dollars

Wisely" is the topic of a Tuesday, May 26 educational session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Prior to the event, at 11:30 a.m., participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship.

The Community Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *The Mystery of the Child* by Martin Marty.

Men sixty and over are invited to hear from Z. J. Tong, President of the Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute, on Thursday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony. Mr. Tong will speak on China's changing role in the twenty-first century. To RSVP, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387 (pamis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Red Leather Diary* by Lily Koppel.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Fourth- and fifth-graders from Third Baptist, as well as their teachers and families, will be visiting classes as part of the Kids in Sunday School Exchange (KISSE) program.

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meet in the Crow's Nest.

Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday, May 24, with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only. There will be expanded nursery care for infants through kindergarten at 11:00 a.m.

Family Camp, a weekend of activities for children and their families, will take place Friday, May 29 to Sunday, May 31 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and on www.fourthchurch.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The 24th Annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, June 20. A team from Fourth Church will participate in this event by walking and raising funds to eliminate hunger. All donations will help fund the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center food pantry, bag-lunch programs, and Sunday and Monday Night Community Suppers. For details, to join the team, or to donate, contact Kathleen McKenzie at 312.981.3569, stop by the Hunger Walk table next Sunday during Coffee Hour, or visit the team webpage at www.chicagosfoodbank. org/goto/FPC_CL_EDSSC.

A blood drive, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Near North Ministry Alliance, will take place on Sunday, May 31 at St. Matthew's Methodist Church (1000 N. Orleans) from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Blood donors, particularly African Americans, are needed for children being treated for sickle cell anemia at Children's Memorial Hospital. For more details, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

CALENDAR FOR May 17-23, 2009

Sunday, May 17		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John W. Vest	preaching Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buck	hanan preaching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, S	enior Highs (see announcement)
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buck	hanan preaching Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Luncheon	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Apollo Chorus Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Nigh	t Supper Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John W. Vest	5
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Preaching on Sunday, May 24

Alice M. Trowbridge 8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Sarah A. Johnson 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.