

# News and Opportunities

### WORSHIP

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.

An afternoon worship service including Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After each 4:00 service, all are invited to share in a community meal 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. 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 each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Prior to the service, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., there is an opportunity to participate in a labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall. The next service will be Friday, August 28.

# MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Allison Ruble Trio will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth.

Next Sunday the Vacation Bible School children will sing the introit during the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

An exhibition reception celebrating "Patterns of Colorful Lives: Guatemalan Textiles" will be held Sunday, August 23 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Loggia. The Executive Director of Common Hope, a Guatemala-based organization dedicated to educating children and empowering families living in poverty, will share brief remarks at 1:45 p.m.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Young Adults will be building homes with Habitat for Humanity in Madison, Wisconsin, August 20–23. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they help provide shelter for people in need.

This Thursday is the final collection day for the annual School Supply Drive, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee. Lists of needed supplies are available during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, and in the Donations section of News and Opportunities (p. 3). These supplies will be given to students involved in the Community Garden and the Tutoring programs as well as those served by various community agencies. For more details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Volunteers are needed to help plan Carnaval, the Annual Mission Benefit. Carnaval is a festive evening of dinner, dancing, and silent and live auctions to raise funds for the outreach programs of Chicago Lights. For more details, stop by the Carnaval table during Coffee Hour or contact Ashya Shaw at 312.981.3566 (ashaw@fourthchurch.org).

### **FELLOWSHIP**

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Manse. Young adults are also invited to join in weekly volleyball at Oak Street Beach at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays.

All are invited to the Back-to-School Cookout this Saturday, August 22 at 12:00 noon at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden (444 W. Chicago Avenue, between Cleveland and Hudson). For details or to volunteer to help with this event or future garden activities, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School does not** meet today. Classes resume September 13.

A fall kick-off event for children, youth, and their parents will take place Sunday, September 13 and will include lunch and other activities.

Moms' groups are meeting in Lincoln Park and Lakeview on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Additionally, an evening moms' group meets once a month on Mondays. For information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

### **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

To date we have received more than \$133,000 in response to the \$360,000 challenge fund launched in May. We are grateful to all who have given or pledged to the Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, to those who have increased their pledge or made additional gifts, and to those who have given or pledged for the first time. Together with the responses to this recent "Meeting the Challenge" fund, we have received \$4.2 million toward the \$5.1 million required for budget. Gifts to help meet the challenge and bridge the gap can be made by completing the response card in the pew racks, by visiting www.fourthchurch. org/2009challenge.html, or by contacting Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For information about available resources, contact Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Ali Trowbridge 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.

*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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### **ENRICHMENT**

Adam Fronczek will lead today's John Knox Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Next Sunday, August 16, Joann Lee will lead the discussion.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

**Noonday Bible Study** meets Wednesdays in the Large Conference Room.

**Books by Women** will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Most Famous Man in America* by Deborah Applegate.

Learn about academic, creative, social, and wellness programs open to those 60 and over when the Center for Life and Learning hosts its Autumn Open House on Thursday, September 10. Attend during the day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall or at night from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call the Autumn Open House Infoline at 312.640.5459 by Monday, August 31.

An eight-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m. T'ai Chi reduces stress and promotes proper breathing, relaxation, and balance. For more details or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Thomas Long, a widely admired preacher and influential teacher of preaching, will speak at the annual *Christian Century* lecture on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arts Club of Chicago (201 E. Ontario). For ticket fee and reservation information, contact the Century at 312.263.7510, ext. 229 (event@christiancentury.org).

Fourth Church members and friends are invited to travel to Egypt on an educational tour led by Adam Fronczek January 10–24, 2010. Brochures are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Those interested in applying should contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

The 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions will meet in Melbourne, Australia, this December. Those interested in joining Joyce Shin in traveling to the Parliament December 2–13 are asked to contact Joyce at 312.274.3835 (jshin@fourthchurch.org) before Monday, August 31.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Current Volunteer Needs
Sunday School teachers for 9:30 or 11:00
classes, alternate Sundays, with a
partner; training is provided

**Community Supper volunteers** to help with beverage pouring, chair stacking, and dish washing

**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes in the fall; orientation is provided

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Boxes of disposable diapers** for a child in need (Huggies Pull-Ups, size 4T–5T girls)

**Household furnishings** for a Cabrini-Green grandmother who lost many possessions in a fire

Items for the Back-to-School Supply
Drive, including protractors, pointed scissors, compasses, drawing pads and notebooks (without wires), black pens (packs), pencils (packs); a full list is available in Coffee Hour

For details and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 16-21, 2009

<b>Sunday, August 16</b> 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Jocelyn C. Cadwallader prea	
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	, ,	Garth
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	g Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Stud	ly	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	The Gathering		Manse
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Garth
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper	,	Anderson Hall
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Monday, August 17			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School	ol	Westminster House
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Volley	ball	Oak Street Beach
7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group		Counseling Center
Tuesday, August 18			
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	_	Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School		Westminster House
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Garden Open Hours	(also Wednesday–Friday)	Community Garden
Wednesday, August 19			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible Schoo	.1	Westminster House
	Nia Class	01	Anderson Hall
10:00 a.m.			
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	/ Li	arge Conference Room
Thursday, August 20			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible Schoo	ol .	Westminster House
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Friday, August 21			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School	ol	Westminster House
10:00 a.m.	Nia Class		Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Al	lison Ruble Trio	Garth
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Saturday, August 22			
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Cook	out	Community Garden

## Preaching on Sunday, August 23

Sarah A. Johnson preaching 8:00 a.m.
Calum I. MacLeod preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Victoria G. Curtiss preaching 4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$7.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.