

# News and Opportunities

## **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

This past week,
a majority of the presbyteries
in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
voted to change the constitutional
standards about ordination.
A letter from John Buchanan
explaining this change
and offering his reflections on it
can be found in the literature racks
and online at www.fourthchurch.org/
amendment10a.html.

On this Baccalaureate Sunday, Fourth Church congratulates those graduating in 2011. During the 9:30 service, high school graduates will be presented with Bibles from the congregation.

**Fourth Presbyterian Church** strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

Sarah A. Johnson, who has served Fourth Church as a Pastoral Resident and Minister for Congregational Care, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her last Sunday at Fourth Church will be May 22, when there will be an opportunity during Coffee Hour that day to thank her for her ministry among us.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building being built as part of Project Second Century (P2C) will take place Sunday, June 5 following 11:00 worship. Announcement of the final results of the Griffin Matching Challenge will also be forthcoming soon. We look forward to celebrating together both the challenge success and the new building being made possible through the generous commitment of so many to Project Second Century.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, via Facebook and Twitter, and by email: send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news, resources, events, and photos:

"Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give a gift to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or P2C. Gifts can be recorded directly to member giving statements.

# MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Fourth Acts** will have a planning session today at 12:30 p.m. in the Anderson Hall balcony to discuss a future presentation of *The Power of Passion*, educating children about the dangers of violence.

The Center for Life and Learning annual art show will be Friday, May 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at ARC Gallery (832 W. Superior, Suite 204).

# **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Current Volunteer Needs
Helpers for Summer Day, starting
June 27. Orientation is June 15 from
3:00 to 4:30 p.m. or June 21 from
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Church members to usher** at the 8:00 a.m. worship service

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

Current Donation Needs
Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes
(coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

## **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 12:45 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The next service will be Friday, May 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion. A Bible study and sermon discussion follow the service.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Second-Floor Conference Room.

**Sunday School** classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church Youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room and Senior Highs and eighth graders in the Multipurpose Space.

Family Camp registration forms for the June 3–5 weekend in Saugatuck, Michigan, are available in Anderson Hall and online.

This Friday's Family Night will feature musical activities and performances by the children. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. for the younger children; dinner for all families will be at 6:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP to Melissa Scanlan at 312.620.2578.

The Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for their summer work camp trips will take place next Sunday, May 22. Tickets are available today in the Narthex.

A baby shower for Fourth Church members who are expecting or have welcomed a new child into their family in the past year will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by contacting Liz Nickerson at enickerson@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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#### **ENRICHMENT**

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Academy for Faith and Life classes will be held today at the Clare (Rush and Pearson): "A Globally Hospitable Church," led by Dean Lueking, and "Heart of a Stranger," led by Kerri Allen, at 9:30 a.m. and "Reading from Cultural Perspectives," led by Frank Yamada, newly elected President of McCormick Seminary, and "Thinking about Worship for a Diverse Congregation," led by Joyce Shin, at 11:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Martin Marty will speak about "The Faces of Fundamentalism" as part of a series sponsored by the Center for Life and Learning on Thursday evenings at the 737 building. For details and fees, call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

# MISSION AND OUTREACH

A panel presentation today on ecojustice will feature Rebecca Martusewicz of the Center for Ecojustice at Eastern Michigan University; Keith Harley, Director of Environmental Law Program, Chicago Legal Clinic/Chicago-Kent College of Law; and Clair Butterfield, Director of Faith in Place. The presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

"Urban Regeneration" has been the theme of a weekend-long mission trip to the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Participants, who have been working alongside First Church members, are worshiping with that congregation this morning.

"Gardening in Small Spaces"—be it a patio, balcony, or windowsill—will be the topic of a workshop at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.og).

A "Not in Our Neighborhoods" study group to explore what members of Fourth Church can do about the issue of child sex trafficking will meet on Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

Links for Lights, the 2011 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, will be held Monday, June 13 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. Foursomes and individual golfers are invited to participate, along with non-golfers who may attend a day trip to Harbor Country. Reservations can be made in the Narthex or online at www.chicagolights.org.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) Hunger Walk is Saturday, June 25, and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center (EDSSC) is organizing a team to participate. Funds pledged in support of the team will be used as credits the Social Service Center can spend at the GCFD. For more details about supporting or joining the EDSSC Hunger Walk team, visit www. chicagolights.org or call Sarah Esparza at 312,981,3388.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five meet today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for conversation about faith in the twenty-first century.

Cornerstones will host a trolly tour of Northside churches on Friday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow the tour. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

# **CALENDAR FOR MAY 15-21, 2011**

Sunday, May 15		ъ. с	111 D (G	f
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery Page Smith Room/Con:			
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John H. Boyle prea	ching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour			The Tent
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss	preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School			Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible St	ıdy		The Clare
9:30 a.m.	Academy Classes			The Clare
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour			The Tent
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer			Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Senior H	ighs		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss	preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		•	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Academy Classes			The Clare
12:15 p.m.	New Member Brund	ch		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour			The Tent
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer			Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour			Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Knox Roon	n – 737 Building
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts Plannin	ng Session		on Hall Balcony
12:30 p.m.	Ecojustice Presentat		11114010	737 Building
4:00 p.m.		John W. Vest preac	hing	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supp		6	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Ser			Sanctuary
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Monday, May 16				
9:30 a.m.	Day School (also Tu	iesday–Friday)		Manse
9:30 a.m.				Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)  Anderson Hall			
Tuesday, May 17	0.	3		
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(see	announcement)
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Wednesday, May 18	n 1 (C.11)		al: n	505 D '11'
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Caivin Roon	n – 737 Building
Thursday, May 19				
6:00 p.m.	"The Faces of Fund	amentalism"		737 Building
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10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	)	Knox Roon	n – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.		Organist Gail Archer		Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Family Night			Anderson Hall
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Saturday, May 21	"C1: ' C 1	11 C"	,	
1:30 p.m.	"Gardening in Smal	11 Spaces	(see	announcement)

## Preaching on Sunday, May 22

Calum I. MacLeod preaching 8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Matthew J. Helms 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.