



January 18–24, 2004

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “John Calvin” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and “Old Testament Survey” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and “The Evolving Shape of Islam” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Thursdays is “Competing Claims: The Gospels of Thomas and John” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 7:00 p.m.

Connections, an adult Sunday School class, meets today in the Page Smith Room at 11:00 a.m. Keith Harris will speak on “Is King’s Dream Dead?”

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Young Adults, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Parents, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

A renewal retreat for people who are unemployed is being offered by the Crossroads Center and the Career Transitions Center of Chicago, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat, “Finding Work without Losing Heart,” will be held at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton) Wednesday and Thursday, January 29–30. To register, contact Crossroads at 312.831.9350 or crcinfo@crossroads-center.org.

A Winter Open House offered by the Center for Older Adults will take place on Monday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m. The event will feature jazz artist Willie Pickens along with an ice cream social.

“Living Simply” is the topic of a new Faith Builder group that will begin meeting on Sunday, February 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. For information, contact Anne Crow at 573.3369.

“Filling Your Cup: The Benefits for You and Your World,” a February 7 conference sponsored by Fourth Church’s Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will address from various perspectives the topic of self-care. Nancy Hutchison Enderle will begin the day with the keynote address, “The Spiritual Path: Moving Inward and Reaching Out.” For more information and a registration form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“The Dream Revisited,” an exhibit on display in the Loggia and Gallery through February, features work by locally, nationally, and internationally prominent African Americans. Artist Melvin King served as curator of this show, which honors Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream and his sacrifices for equal rights.

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

Thanks to all the faithful members and friends who have made contributions to Fourth Church's Capital Campaign, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace." We have currently received 855 pledges totaling more than \$16.7 million toward our goal of \$30 million. In addition, we have received 973 pledges totaling more than \$2.3 million toward our annual Stewardship goal of \$2.6 million. If you have not yet made campaign and stewardship pledges, please do so. Every pledge, no matter the size, helps us realize the goal of the Project Light vision. Commitment cards are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering or returned to the church office.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall after 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

Junior Highs (grades 6–7) meets for class today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Fellowship for Junior Highs will not meet today.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets for class today at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship in the Crow's Nest at 1:00 p.m.

College Connections (undergraduate and graduate students) meets today at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

The parent fellowship "School Daze," previously scheduled for Sunday, January 25, has been canceled.

The "Souper" Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 1. Bring cans of soup or a monetary donation that weekend to help the Fourth Church youth reach their goal of collecting the equivalent of 3,600 cans. Donations will be distributed to Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center and area community food agencies serving the hurting and homeless.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Stop by the 2004 Mission Benefit table during Coffee Hour to make reservations for the February 20 "Carnaval Brazil" benefit to support the adult mission programs of Fourth Church. Also available at the Benefit table are tickets for "Cookie Jars with a Secret"—canisters, filled with fun surprises, that will be available the evening of the Benefit. For more information, contact Tracey Althans at 312.274.3816 (talthans@fourthchurch.org).

Be a part of Caring Connection, a program that provides social support and advocacy for members and friends of Fourth Church by calling, visiting, and sharing joys and sorrows. Those who would like to share a special interest or skill, keep in touch by phone, or make home or hospital visits are asked to contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 640.5398 (callen@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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Holiday cards designed by Tutoring students are on sale for 50 percent off their original price. For more information, stop by the reception desk or call Judith Moore at 981.3566.

The Mission Advocacy Committee is seeking recommendations from the congregation as to important advocacy issues to focus on in the future. Please stop by the Advocacy Table in Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour to fill out a survey and offer suggestions.

A mission trip to Honduras is planned for June 30 to July 9. Identical informational sessions about this opportunity to build homes for Habitat for Humanity will be held February 1 at 12:15 p.m. and February 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. RSVP to the Center at 787.8425.

Sign up today for the Winter Blood Donor Drive, which will be held on Sunday, January 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All donors must schedule an appointment. Appointments also can be made by calling the Donor Appointment Infoline at 787.2729, ext. 371.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

A Young Adults Open House will be held this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Manse. All are welcome.

Fourthlights (50s and above) meets on Wednesday, January 21 for fellowship at CRU Cafe and Wine Bar (888 N. Wabash) at 5:00 p.m. The group next meets on Sunday, January 25 for brunch at Coq D'Or (Drake Hotel) at 12:30 p.m.

Care of Creation meets on Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Cornerstones (couples 50s and above) meets for brunch on Sunday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m. at Mike Ditka's Restaurant for a presentation on estate planning.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

"Spotlight of the Month" begins next Sunday, February 1 at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour. Stop by to learn in detail about a volunteer opportunity at Fourth Church.

Current Donation Needs

New hats, gloves, and scarves for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center (men's size large preferred).

Professional women's maternity clothes
Gently used children's books

A refrigerator in good condition

Current Volunteer Needs

Nonmedical helpers for the Winter Blood Donor Drive on January 25.

Tutors for children, at the church from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday.

Members to serve periodically as ushers in Vespers services.

People to put inserts in bulletins on Saturday morning.

Helpers to label and shelve books on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at Schiller School in Cabrini-Green. Van transportation from the church departs at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 981.3382.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

"The Da Vinci Code: Decoded," a presentation by Dr. Bruce Rigdon, is available on audiotape or CD today during Coffee Hour.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 18–24, 2004

Sunday, January 18

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class		Crow's Nest
9:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Large Conference Room
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
10:15 a.m.	Youth Choir		Blair Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Connections Class		Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Senior Highs		Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Loggia
7:30 p.m.	College Connections		Page Smith Room
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Open House		Manse

Monday, January 19 *Martin Luther King Day — Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, January 20

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Tuesday through Friday	Blair Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room

Wednesday, January 21

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)

Thursday, January 22

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
7:30 p.m.	Care of Creation	Page Smith Room

Friday, January 23

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Naomi Rowley, organ	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taize Service	Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, January 25

John A. Cairns	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
John H. Boyle	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.