



February 1-7, 2004

News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"The Dream Revisited," an exhibit in the Loggia and Gallery, features work by locally and internationally prominent African Americans.

Pianist Katherine Lee will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Suzuki Orff School of Chicago, along with the Children's and Youth Choirs of Fourth Church, will perform a concert on Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Mary Theresa Reed, Director of Children's Music at Fourth Church, will conduct.

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago Musicians will perform a free concert on Sunday, February 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about international debt cancellation is available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to Congress urging debt cancellation as a means of fighting the global AIDS epidemic.

Sales of the CD *Loop Live Tracks*, available in all Chicago-area Best Buy stores, benefit Partners in Education. For information, visit www.wlup.com.

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: the Center for Health Ministry, Center for Older Adults, Counseling Center, and Social Service Center. For more information, contact Tracey Althans at 312.274.3816.

Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring. Help the Fourth Church youth reach their goal of collecting the equivalent of 3,600 soup cans to be distributed to the Elam Davies Social Service Center and area food agencies. Youth mission volunteers are collecting food and monetary donations today during Coffee Hour and until 2:00 p.m. at church entrances.

An informational meeting about Caring Connection, a program that provides social support and advocacy for members and friends of Fourth Church, will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony.

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 today 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.

ENRICHMENT

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.

Sign Up Today for New Academy Classes!

Registration for Winter and Spring 2004 Academy classes begins today during Coffee Hour. Stop by the Academy Table to learn about upcoming classes from February to June, including "*The Crucible*," "Issues of the Century," and "Introduction to Faith and Fourth."

Connections, an adult Sunday School class, will have a time for feedback today at 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Center. If you have participated in the class, please come and offer your suggestions.

"Living Simply" is the topic of a meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse to explore creating a Faith Builder group.

"The Times They Are A-Changing" is the topic of a workshop led by John Boyle and Carol Allen that will explore the nature of significant change and the ways it affects us. The workshop will meet on Saturday, February 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP by Wednesday, February 18 by calling Carol Allen at 640.5398.

"What's Next?" is the theme of a conversation with John Buchanan at an 8:00 a.m. meeting of the Fourth Church Men's Group on Saturday, February 14 in the Dining Room. An update and a look at the future of Fourth Church will be discussed. Make reservations by noon on Friday, February 13 by calling the church receptionist. All are invited.

A mini-course entitled "Art and Autobiography" will be offered by the Center for Older Adults on Mondays in February from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., featuring artist Elyse Koren-Camarra. For more information, call Mary Belcastro in the COA at 981.3386.

Books by Women, a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet on Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd.

"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. For more information and a registration form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

"Women and the Word," a Bible study for women led by Carol Allen, next meets on Thursday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Lunch will be served immediately following the study. For information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 640.5495.

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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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.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will replace all regularly scheduled youth programs. Confirmation Class meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Junior Highs meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Senior Highs meets from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Groups will gather in the Crow's Nest and then will be assigned stations. Senior Highs meets at the church at 4:00 p.m. to go to a Super Bowl Party.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A congregational meeting to elect officers will be held Sunday, February 8 after 11:00 worship. Following the meeting, there will be a congregational pasta dinner in Anderson Hall for a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

"Finding Your Niche at Fourth Presbyterian Church," a catalogue listing a wide variety of opportunities available at Fourth Church, can be found in the literature racks and at the church website www.fourthchurch.org. Pick up a copy and explore ways to get connected and stay connected with the Fourth Church community.

The Fourth Church website www.fourthchurch.org makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press*; programming information; and more.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center serves those seeking social service assistance in times of need or crisis. To learn more about this program and how you can help through volunteering or donation of needed items, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Current Donation Needs

A refrigerator in good condition

Gently used hats, gloves, and scarves for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Career-oriented maternity clothes

New mittens, scarves, hats, and socks for children

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children at Byrd Academy and Manierre School in Cabrini-Green, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. once a week

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

Members to serve periodically as ushers in Vespers services

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

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Young Adults meets for a Super Bowl Party today at 5:00 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Alfred Kemp in the Young Adults office at 981.3599.

Cornerstones (couples 50s and above) meets for brunch and fellowship on Sunday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Mike Ditka's Restaurant.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1-7, 2004

Sunday, February 1		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
7:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring	(see announcement)
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Academy Class Registration	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs	Large Conference Room
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Connections Class Feedback	Activity Center
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Caring Connection Informational Meeting	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting	Counseling Center
12:30 p.m.	"Living Simply" Exploratory Meeting	Manse
4:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	(see announcement)
5:00 p.m.	Young Adults	(see announcement)
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service John A. Cairns preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
Monday, February 2		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
Tuesday, February 3		
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
Wednesday, February 4		
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
Thursday, February 5		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 6		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Katherine Lee, piano	Anderson Hall
Saturday, February 7		
9:00 a.m.	"Filling Your Cup" Midwinter Conference	Parish House
2:00 p.m.	Concert: Suzuki Orff and Children's/Youth Choirs	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, February 8

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Wendy Mathewson 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.