



February 8-14, 2004

News and Opportunities

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Cornerstones (couples 50s and above) meets for brunch and fellowship today at 11:00 a.m. at Ditka's Restaurant.

Young Adults meets today at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a conversation about "Relating and Dating." Associate Pastor Keith Harris will lead the discussion.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and their friends and families, meets for fellowship on Tuesday, February 10 at 5:00 p.m. at Gentry's (440 N. State).

Care of Creation next meets on Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Field Museum for a program on biodiversity. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jenny Blandford at 981.4087 (jblandford@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago Musicians will perform a free concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Flutist Jessica Moore and pianist Melody Lord will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Congregational Meeting to Be Held Today

The Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for today, February 8, after 11:00 worship. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting, held in the sanctuary, to elect new officers. Afterwards, all are invited to Anderson Hall for a pasta dinner hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. (Suggested dinner donation: \$5 per person.)

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.

Voter registration will take place on Sunday, February 15 at Coffee Hour following the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Registrants must bring two pieces of identification; at least one of which must list a current address.

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 how you can help, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Current Donation Needs
Gently used hats, gloves, and resealable bags for the 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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
Members to serve periodically as ushers in Vespers services
Care team members to serve people living with HIV/AIDS in zip codes 60640 and 60660
Story readers or tellers following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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.

Make Reservations Now for the 2004 Mission Benefit!

There's still time to make your reservation for the 2004 Mission Benefit, an evening of fun in support of the adult mission programs at Fourth Church. Reservations can be made during Coffee Hour or by contacting Tracey Althans at 312.274.3816. Reservation forms are available at www.fourthchurch.org.

Untreated mental illness costs American businesses, government, and families more than \$79 billion annually. More information is available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to the Senate urging passage of the Mental Health Parity Bill S.486.

A mission trip to Honduras is planned for June 30 to July 9. An informational session about this opportunity to build homes for Habitat for Humanity will be held on 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.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

A free screening of *On the Waterfront* will be offered by the Center for Older Adults on Tuesday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining 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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New adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life begin today. They are “New Testament Survey” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “War and Hope” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:00 a.m., and “Issues of the Century” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “Psalmody” (Page Smith Room) at 11:00 a.m.

A smoking cessation program will begin Tuesday, February 24 at 5:45 p.m. To learn more about this eight-week program, contact Terrill Stumpf at 981.3396 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org) or visit the Health Ministry Table during Coffee Hour.

“**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.

“**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.

“**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.

A luncheon discussion about hospice care and hospice volunteer opportunities will be offered on Sunday, February 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. A light lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$10. RSVP to the Center for Health Ministry at 787.2729, ext. 371.

“**Were You There?**” is the topic of this year’s Lenten retreat led by Fleming Rutledge on Friday evening and Saturday, March 12–13. Registration brochures are available in the literature racks and at the Lenten Retreat Table in Coffee Hour. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at 640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School meets today 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.

Confirmation Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Junior Highs meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship and a program in the Crow’s Nest at 10:45 a.m.

Senior Highs meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship and a program at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring, helping the youth exceed their goal and collect the equivalent of 4,163 cans of soup for the hungry and homeless!

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 8-14, 2004

Sunday, February 8		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
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	Westminster 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
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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	Large Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Cornerstones	(see announcement)
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Smoking Cessation Informational Meeting	Page Smith Room
12:45 p.m.	Congregational Pasta Dinner	Anderson Hall
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Wendy Mathewson preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Anderson Hall
Monday, February 9		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
Tuesday, February 10		
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Film Screening	Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
Wednesday, February 11		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, February 12		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 13		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Flutist Jessica Moore and Pianist Melody Lord	Sanctuary
Saturday, February 14		
8:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Men's Group	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, February 15

Cynthia Campbell	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Carol J. Allen	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.