

March 7-13, 2004

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News and Opportunities

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.

What We Believe about Jesus

During the Lenten season, John Buchanan is preaching a **sermon series entitled "What We Believe about Jesus."** In this series about Jesus, upcoming topics are "His Name" (today); "His Message" (March 21); "His Example" (April 4); and "His Promise" (April 11).

After 11:00 worship today and on March 21, there also will be opportunity to join John Buchanan and guest presenters for a time of **further reflection on "What We Believe about Jesus" and responses to the movie *The Passion of the Christ*.** Today's speaker is Robert Brawley, Professor of New Testament at McCormick Theological Seminary. The March 21 speaker will be Jonathan Schwartz of the American Jewish Committee.

Faith Builder Groups, groups of 10 to 12 adults who commit to meet regularly to form a supportive Christian community, begin meeting this month. Space is still available for new members in several groups. For information, contact Anne Crow at the church at 573.3369.

Adult education opportunities offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life 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. Meeting on Thursdays is "Accessing God's Wisdom" at 6:00 p.m. (Anderson Hall N. Balcony).

A series on holistic health care offered by the Center for Whole Health continues this week. Seminars meet on Thursdays from 1:15 to 2:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. This week's topic is "Imagery."

The Fourth Church Men's Group meets Saturday, March 13 for a program, led by Norman Leer on the literature genre of tragedy and its relation to family conflict. The breakfast gathering begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to the church receptionist at 787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, March 12.

“America’s Passion for Jesus” will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Richard Wightman Fox, author of the new book *Jesus in America: Personal Savior, Cultural Hero, National Obsession*, will discuss the ways that Jesus has been and is portrayed and understood in American culture.

LENT

Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available by e-mail (new subscribers to e-mail devotions can send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

Daily prayer during the Lenten season is held at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. These services last approximately fifteen minutes.

Wednesday evening worship during Lent is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

2004 Lenten Retreat— “Were You There?”

Led by Fleming Rutledge, the 2004 Lenten Retreat will be held 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

A parent fellowship event, “The Teen Brain,” will be held today at 10:45 a.m. in the Activity Center. Karen Pierce, Assistant Professor at Northwestern University and Medical Director in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Children's Memorial Hospital, will lead the discussion.

Junior Highs meets today for class at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group meets in the Crow’s Nest at 10:45 a.m. to depart for a progressive lunch and will return by 3:00 p.m. RSVP by Thursday, March 11 for the lock-in to be held March 12–13.

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

Senior Highs meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

College Connections meets today at 3:30 p.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance to depart for a screening of *The Passion of the Christ*.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

An informational meeting about 2004 mission trips to such places as Ghana, Honduras, and Northern Ireland will be held on Sunday, March 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A trip to Springfield, Illinois, has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30–31 for the purpose of observing the state legislature in action. Reservations are due by Monday, March 15. For more information or to make reservations, contact Liz Thomson in the Mission office at 640.2576.

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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chicago Metro Barbershop Quartet will perform a free concert sponsored by the Center for Older Adults on Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. (Donations must be received by Sunday, April 4 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website.

WORSHIP

Today we observe World Day of Prayer . Join Women@Fourth Connect in this evening's special Vespers service entitled "In Faith, Women Shape the World." Wilhelmina Kalu, an elder from the Redemption Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, will be preaching.

Fleming Rutledge, a nationally acclaimed preacher and teacher, will be preaching at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. morning worship services on Sunday, March 14.

BELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Venture Fourth (singles in their 30s and 40s) will begin a spiritual reflection series entitled "Twelve Sundays: Faith for Daily Living" today at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony.

Cornerstones (couples ages 50 and above) meets on Friday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a presentation on interdisciplinary health care. RSVP to Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087 by Wednesday, March 10.

Fourth Forum, a fellowship group for gays and lesbians, their friends, and families, meets for brunch and fellowship next Sunday, March 14 at 12:30 p.m. at Mike Ditka's Restaurant.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Twin/bunk bed, double/queen bed, coffee table, lamps, playpen, and an easy chair

Career-oriented maternity clothes

Pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, and notebooks for Near North Magnet Cluster schools in Cabrini-Green

Current Volunteer Needs

Servers for a Fourth Church-sponsored Monday evening meal at Catholic Charities and small teams to make sandwiches

Tutors for children at Byrd Academy and Manierre School, 9:00-11:00 a.m. one day per week

Story readers or tellers following 9:30 worship

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

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 7-13, 2004

Sunday, March 7

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 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
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs	Large Conference Room
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
10:45 a.m.	Parent Fellowship Event: "The Teen Brain"	Activity Center
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.	Venture Fourth	Anderson Hall North Balcony
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
12:30 p.m.	Presentation: "What We Believe about Jesus"	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	College Connection	(see announcement)
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service World Day of Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship	Anderson Hall

Monday, March 8

11:45 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday through Friday)	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, March 9

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, March 10

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, March 11

1:15 p.m.	Holistic Health Seminar	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 12

7:30 a.m.	<i>Believing in Jesus Christ</i> Book Study	Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Retreat	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	(see announcement)

Saturday, March 13

8:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Men's Group	Dining Room
8:30 a.m.	Lenten Retreat	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, March 14

Donna Gray	8:00 a.m.
Fleming Rutledge	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Julie Kim	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 \$6.00 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.