



March 28–April 3, 2004

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Adult education opportunities offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “New Testament Survey” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and “Iraq and Beyond” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m., and “Issues of the Century” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “*The Crucible*” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

Presbyterian missionaries Marthame and Elizabeth Sanders, returning from more than three years in the West Bank, will speak and show a documentary film of their experiences at a brunch today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. Those who did not RSVP are welcome to attend as space allows. There is a suggested brunch donation of \$5 per person.

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 smoking cessation program, hosted by Fourth Church’s Center for Whole Health, begins Tuesday, April 13. An informational lunch will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Books by Women meets next on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Durable Goods* by Elizabeth Berg.

April 1 is Blue Bow Day, a day observing National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join Women@Fourth Connect that Thursday for a brief worship service at 8:00 a.m. in the cloisters (on Michigan Avenue). Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help tie bows to the trees outside the church in remembrance of abused children.

Corey McPherrin, sports anchor for Fox 32 News, will speak on faith issues in the sports world at the Fourth Church Men’s Group on Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP for this breakfast gathering, call the church receptionist by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 9. All are invited.

A grief support group offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center is taking new participants. To register or inquire about meeting times, call the Center at 787.8425.

An advanced workshop in centering prayer offered by the Counseling Center will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m. To register, call the Center at 787.8425 by Friday, April 9.

“Finding Agapé,” a retreat for singles, will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 16–17 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). RSVP by Wednesday, March 31 to Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087.

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

We are grateful to all of the members and friends who have pledged their support to both Fourth Presbyterian Church's Capital Campaign, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace," as well as the 2004 Stewardship Campaign. Currently the Stewardship fund drive has attracted 1,114 pledges totaling more than \$2.5 million towards the \$2.7 million goal.

Phase II of "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace" has launched. Church leadership is now engaged in a member-to-member solicitation campaign to raise awareness of Project Light among those who have not already made a Campaign pledge and to request financial commitments. Currently Campaign support exceeds 1,000 pledges totaling \$17.1 million.

Fourth Church is counting on you! If you have not yet pledged to either the Capital Campaign or the Stewardship effort, please fill out a card in the pew racks or call Patrick Quinn at the office of Giving Ministries at 312.787.1271.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Fourthlights (50s and above) meets today for brunch and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. at Coq D'Or (Drake Hotel).

Venture Fourth (single adults) meets today at 12:30 p.m. for brunch at Foodlife. Next Sunday, April 4 the group meets for discussion at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

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

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 and at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest to depart for Dave and Buster's. The group will return by 4:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

An introduction to volunteering will be offered today at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony.

Current Donation Needs

Window air conditioners in good condition

Commercial floor tile for clinic

Clinic waiting room chairs

Pens, pencils, erasers, pencil

sharpeners, and notebooks for Near North Magnet Cluster schools

Current Volunteer Needs

Cooks to prepare and deliver casseroles to families in times of need

Fourth Church members to welcome visitors on Sunday mornings

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

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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LENT

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

Daily prayer during the Lenten season is held at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation Temple (15 W. Delaware), will take place on April 1 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour for a suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

“Giving: Up, Over, and Away” is the topic of a Lenten retreat offered by the Center for Older Adults on Friday, April 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at North Shore Baptist Church. RSVP to Mary Belcastro at 981.3386.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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 can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website. (Cards must be received by Sunday, April 4 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin.)

Worship services during Holy Week (April 5–9) take place at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Lunch will be served at 11:40 a.m. and immediately after the service each day. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Evening worship services will also be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour for a suggested donation of \$12 per adult and \$5 per child.

Join Us for Palm Sunday and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday, April 4

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 11

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Service with Tower Brass

9:30 a.m.

Children’s Service in Westminster House

6:30 p.m.

Jazz Vespers Service

Please note that the last morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. on these Sundays.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information on the loss of medical services to disabled children and adults due to certain budget cuts is available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to state representatives concerning this issue.

Mission trip application forms for 2004 trips are available in the literature racks and on the website. Applications for the South Dakota Reservations trip and the Guatemala trip are due by Thursday, April 1.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Pipes for Kids, an organ demonstration by John Sherer, will take place next Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. John Sherer will play a few pieces and all will have opportunity to play the organ.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 28–APRIL 3, 2004

Sunday, March 28		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
8:45 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
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 Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
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.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod 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.	Introduction to Volunteering	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Senior Highs	Large 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
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Brunch: Marthame and Elizabeth Sanders	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Informational Lunch: Smoking Cessation Program	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Venture Fourth	(see announcement)
12:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
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
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Open House	Manse
Monday, March 29		
11:45 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday through Friday)	Sanctuary
Tuesday, March 30		
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
Wednesday, March 31		
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, April 1		
8:00 a.m.	Blue Bow Worship Service	Cloisters
1:15 p.m.	Holistic Health Seminar	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:15 p.m.	Interfaith Passover Seder	(see announcement)
Friday, April 2		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Lenten Retreat	(see announcement)
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Jennet Ingle, oboe and Paul Hamilton, piano	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 3		
10:00 a.m.	Pipes for Kids	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, April 4

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