

April 18-24, 2004

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News and Opportunities

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist Giorgio Parolini will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Rehearsals for this year's spring choral concert, "Music for an English Coronation," begin Thursday, April 22 and continue on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will be held on Sunday, June 6. Call John Sherer at the church at 981.3592 for more information.

A spring concert by Tower Brass will be held on Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The group will perform music by Wagner, Bruckner, Bach, and Gabrieli. A freewill offering will be received.

Legendary Chicago jazz saxophonist Franz Jackson and his quintet will perform a spring concert on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. The Center for Older Adults is hosting this concert in celebration of Older Americans Month. Advance tickets are now available. For more information, contact the COA at 981.3386.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Forming a family fellowship group will be the topic of a parents' meeting today at 12:00 noon in Westminster House. All parents are invited.

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

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets in the Crow's Nest at 10:45 a.m. to celebrate April birthdays.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate April birthdays.

Youth retreat registration forms are due today.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Venture Fourth, a fellowship group for singles, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room for a spiritual reflection series entitled "Faith for Daily Living."

Fourthlights (50s and above) meets for fellowship at Cru (888 N. Wabash) on Wednesday, April 21 at 5:00 p.m.

ENRICHMENT

New adult education opportunities begin today. They are "Introduction to Faith and Fourth" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Justice for All" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "A Witness in the Face of Conflict" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Moses and David" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities this week:
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.

"Sleep Well" is the topic of a seminar offered by the Center for Whole Health and the Center for Older Adults on Tuesday, April 20 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

Fourth Acts, a liturgical drama group, will perform a free reading of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

"Discovering Your Giftedness to Find Rewarding and Meaningful Work" is the topic of a seminar offered by Fourth Church's Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. The first session will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. To register, contact the Center at 312.787.8425 by Tuesday, April 20.

A panel discussion about religious identity and dialogue will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The discussion will feature Muslim and Protestant leaders from Barcelona as well as staff members of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

"What Does Sex Mean in Our Lives? Cultural Values and Myths" is the topic of a workshop offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Tuesday, May 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425 by Tuesday, May 4.

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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NEWS AND RESOURCES

Graduating in 2004? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact Liz Thomson at 640.2576 (lthomson@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 17 so they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 23.

Collector plates depicting Fourth Church, created and signed by artist Jack Simmerling, can be ordered during Coffee Hour today. All proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign.

"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.

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*; and more.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Earth Day is April 22. A letter to Illinois legislators in support of the Illinois Clean Air Restoration Act (House Bill 6555 and Senate Bill 3147) is available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour.

A diaper drive sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect will be held during April. Donations will be collected during Coffee Hour today and on April 25 and at the reception desk during the week. Diapers will be donated to shelters for women and children. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 640.5495.

Mission trip application forms for 2004 trips are available in the literature racks and on the website. Applications for the Ghana trip, the Arizona and Mexico trip, and the Northern Ireland trip are due by Saturday, May 1.

The Tutoring Program celebrates its fortieth anniversary this October. Those who have been involved in Tutoring and have a story to tell are asked to contact Tracey Althans at 312.274.3816.

"Building a New El Salvador" is the focus of a luncheon presentation by Juana Ponce Gámez on Sunday, May 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer opportunities with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will be featured as the Spotlight of the Month at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Current Donation Needs

Window air conditioners in good condition

Clinic waiting room chairs

Pens and notebooks for Near North Magnet Cluster schools

Current Volunteer Needs

Fourth Church members to assist at the Chestnut Street entrance on Sunday mornings.

Computer technicians to maintain the tutoring lab

Assistant in job training program to help students with Microsoft Office

Kids' Café helpers, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday

Clothes sorters on Mondays for Social Service Center's Share Shop

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

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 18-24, 2004

Sunday, April 18		
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
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
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.	Venture Fourth	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Family Fellowship Group Planning	Westminster House
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Blair Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service David Aja-Sigmon preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Open House	Manse
Monday, April 19		
11:45 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday through Friday)	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Seminar: "Sleep Well"	Page Smith Room
Tuesday, April 20		
7:00 p.m.	Reading: <i>The Crucible</i>	Blair Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
Wednesday, April 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, April 22		
1:15 p.m.	Holistic Health Seminar	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Spring Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, April 23		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Giorgio Parolini, organ	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service	Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, April 25

Keith C. Harris	8:00, 9:30, and 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 \$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.