



February 6–12, 2005

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

New adult education opportunities, offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life, are “Introduction to Church History, Part 2” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and “T. S. Elliot and ‘The Fog of War’” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

“Presenting Your Best Self in Writing” is this week’s topic in the “Building Skills for a Successful Job Search” held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Temple (77 W. Washington). For more information, call Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398.

“Working Virtuously: Rediscovering a Value System for Business and Civic Life,” a five-week series offered through the Crossroads Center, begins this Wednesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Old St. Patrick’s Church (700 W. Adams). The final forum in the series will be held at Fourth Church on March 9 and will feature James Forbes Jr. as the speaker. For information, visit www.Crossroads-center.org or call 312.831.9350.

Adults with ADD (Attention-Deficit Disorder) are invited to participate in a weekly confidential support group on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For details, call Terrill Stumpf, Director of the Center for Whole Health, at 312.981.3396.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Members of Fourth Acts will read excerpts from the play *The Women of Lockerbie* by Deborah Brevoort. The discussion to follow will focus on the experience of grief in the wake of both global and personal disasters. Reserve a space by calling the church at 312.787.4570 by Friday, February 11.

A journal-writing workshop, “We Are the Stories We Tell,” will be held this Saturday, February 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fourth Church. A brochure with registration form is available in the literature racks. For details, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

“It’s Not All about Me?!” a Lenten retreat led by Bill Golderer, will take place Friday evening and Saturday, February 25 and 26. To register or for more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

Two new support groups are being offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center: a group for those dealing with grief over a significant loss will meet Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning March 1, and a group for those dealing with divorce will meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning March 2. For details or to register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all who made stewardship contributions and gifts to Fourth Church during the past year. Because of your generosity, Fourth Church again closed out the year in good fiscal health. Project Light pledges continue to be fulfilled at an exceptional rate, and extraordinary giving to Disaster Relief and other special offerings continues to provide materials and spiritual consolation to those in need.

This past week, per IRS instructions, Fourth Church giving statements were mailed out to every member and friend household that contributed a total of \$250 or more in 2004. If you did not receive a statement and wish to receive one, please contact Patrick Quinn at the church at pquinn@fourthchurch.org (312.787.1271).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Daily Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 9, they will also be available via e-mail. If you would like to receive these devotions daily by e-mail and you are not already on the devotions e-mail subscription list, simply send your e-mail address to devotions@fourthchurch.org.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 13 after 11:00 worship. The election of new officers for Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees will take place during that time. Following the meeting, there will be a congregational dinner in Anderson Hall.

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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“Strengthening Our Ties,” conversations between Chicago Sinai and Fourth Church, will begin on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Temple (15 W. Delaware). At the first of these dialogues, John Buchanan will discuss faith, including similarities and differences between Judaism and Presbyterianism. A limited number of spaces are available. Participants are asked to attend all four sessions in the series. For reservations, contact Kathryn Johnson at the church at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

Jazz Vespers, featuring the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble, takes place this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9. Communion will be a part of both services, and those wishing to receive the imposition of ashes will have opportunity to do so.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Meet the artists whose work is featured in the new Loggia exhibit, “The Dream Revisited II: The Dream and the World,” which explores Dr. King’s dream of freedom. The artists will be in the Loggia from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. today.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet and the Fourth Church Morning Choir will perform on Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, February 7 at www.ticketweb.com or by contacting Beverly Escuder at the church at 312.981.3595 (bescuder@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 4:30 p.m. in the Manse for a Super Bowl party.

The Undergraduate Students College Connection Group meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and their friends, will meet for brunch next Sunday, February 13 at 1:15 p.m. To RSVP, please call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.

Cornerstones, a gathering of couples over the age of 50, will meet Sunday, February 27 at 11:15 a.m. at Gibson's Steak House (1028 N. Rush) to plan future activities for the group.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

The Junior High Academy Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:15 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets today at 10:15 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 10:15 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Boy and Girl Scouts interested in earning their "God and Me" Scouting award are invited to participate in a four-week class beginning this Thursday, February 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room W10. For more information, please call Donna Gray at the church at 312.640.2577.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Fourth Church members to serve as

Vespers ushers

Receptionists to help at a nonprofit children's music school

Nurses to staff a free clinic in an Uptown neighborhood shelter,

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Drivers to pick up donated food and deliver to homeless shelter in Uptown

Current Donation Needs

Two new or lightly used laptop computers to be given to a small Presbyterian church in Cuba

Smocks for staff of nonprofit clinic

Gently used children's books

Carts to transport books

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Fourth Church youth will be collecting soup cans and monetary donations during Coffee Hour and until 2:00 p.m. at church entrances. Contributions will be distributed to the Elam Davies Social Service Center and area food agencies.

Applications for mission trips to Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations (April 15–20) and to Borderlinks (May 8–15) are due March 1.

Details about these and other Fourth Church-sponsored mission trips are available in brochures in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Information on the Campaign for School-Funding Reform in Illinois

will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 6-12, 2005

Sunday, February 6

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class		Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Academy Class		Large Conference Room
10:15 p.m.	Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:15 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
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
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Artist Reception		Loggia
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Undergraduate Student College Connection		Page Smith Room
4:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship		Manse
6:30 p.m.	Jazz Vespers	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, February 7

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Wednesday, February 9

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	"Working Virtuously" Series	<i>(see announcement)</i>
6:00 p.m.	"Building Skills for a Successful Job Search"	<i>(see announcement)</i>
7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 10

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Boy and Girl Scout "God and Me" Award Class	Room W10

Friday, February 11

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Abraham Feder, cello	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	ADD Support Group	Page Smith Room

Saturday, February 12

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	"We Are the Stories We Tell" Workshop	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, February 13

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
John H. Boyle	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.