



February 13–19, 2005

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church will be held today 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.

“Strengthening Our Ties,” conversations between Chicago Sinai and Fourth Church, begins this 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 similarities and differences between Judaism and Presbyterianism. 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).

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

Copies of the 2004 Christmas Eve service, televised by CBS, are available for purchase at Coffee Hour today.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week: *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Parents, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult education opportunities being 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.

“Awesome Interviewing” 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, contact Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).

“Working Virtuously: Rediscovering a Value System for Business and Civic Life,” a five-week series offered through the Crossroads Center, continues this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Old St. Patrick’s Church (700 W. Adams). The final forum 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 at the church at 312.981.3396.

“It’s Not All about Me?!” a Lenten retreat led by Bill Golderer, will take place this Friday evening and Saturday, February 25 and 26. To register, 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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The current art exhibit, “The Dream Revisited II: The Dream and the World,” explores Dr. King’s dream of freedom.

Jerry Johnson, a bass-baritone, will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago Musicians will perform a free concert Sunday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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 are available at www.ticketweb.com or by calling Beverly Escuder at the church at 312.981.3595.

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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WORSHIP

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

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. An installation recognizing those who have already made Capital Campaign commitments is on display in Anderson Hall.

Per IRS instructions, Fourth Church giving statements have been 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 call Patrick Quinn at the church at 312.787.1271.

BELLOWSHIP

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and their friends, meets for brunch today at Mike Ditka’s at 1:15 p.m.

The Graduate Students College Connection Group meets today at 7:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Cornerstones, a gathering of couples over the age of 50, will meet next Sunday, February 27 at 11:15 a.m. at Gibson’s Steak House (1028 N. Rush).

New Faith Builder Groups begin in March. For information, contact Anne Crow at 312.573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org)

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Infant and child care is available in Room W14 during morning worship. Feel free to keep your infant or small child with you in worship. If your infant or small child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the worship service, you may leave and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome.

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 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest to go to movie at a local theater. The group will return to the church at 4:30 p.m.

"Parents of Tots" are invited to the Manse this Wednesday, February 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Dana Cruz, director of the Children's Center, will be speaking. For more information, call Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information on the Campaign for School-Funding Reform in Illinois will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour. Letters urging Governor Blagojevich to make school funding reform a top priority during this legislative session will also be available.

Dr. Gino Strada, author of *Green Parrots: A War Surgeon's Diary* and founder of Emergency, a program that aids civilian victims of war, will speak on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, call Kathryn Johnson at the church at 312.640.2576.

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Helpers for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., one afternoon a week

Drivers to pick up donated food and deliver to a homeless shelter

Nurses to staff a free clinic in an Uptown area shelter, Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Fourth Church members to serve as Vespers ushers

Receptionists for nonprofit childrens' music school

Basic skills tutors for adults in a program supported by Fourth Church at 721 N. LaSalle, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., one evening a week

Helpers for a charitable benefit on May 6 in the River North area

Current Donation Needs

Two 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.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 13-19, 2005

Sunday, February 13

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
10:30 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.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:45 p.m.	Congregational Dinner	Anderson Hall
1:15 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Graduate Student College Connection	Page Smith Room

Monday, February 14

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, February 16

9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study	Large Conference Room
10:00 a.m.	"Parents of Tots"	Manse
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	"Working Virtuously" Series	(see announcement)
6:00 p.m.	"Building Skills for a Successful Job Search"	(see announcement)
7:00 p.m.	"Strengthening Ties"	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, February 17

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, February 18

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jerry Johnson, bass-baritone	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	ADD Support Group	Page Smith Room

Saturday, February 19

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, February 20

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Carol J. Allen	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.