



February 27–March 5, 2005

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The church's application for the joint development and sale of air rights is now ready for hearing by the city. At this stage in the process, it is critical that the alderman and the mayor hear from supporters. The Project Light Leadership Team has a table in Coffee Hour where you can sign or write a letter in support of the project.

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, March 20 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.

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for Sunday, March 13 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Executive Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on their recommendation for Executive Associate Pastor.

A limited number of videotapes and DVDs of the 8:30 p.m. 2004 Christmas Eve service, as televised by CBS, are available during Coffee Hour.

WORSHIP

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

Women's World Day of Prayer is next Sunday, March 6. Join Women@Fourth Connect that day in a special Vespers service entitled "Let Your Light Shine."

FELLOWSHIP

Cornerstones, a gathering of couples over the age of 50, meets today for brunch at 11:15 a.m. at Gibson's Steak House (1028 N. Rush).

The Undergraduate and Graduate Students College Connection Groups meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse for lunch and to discuss "Where Is God When It Hurts? Finding and Maintaining Healthy Relationships During School."

The Fourth Dimension, a new fellowship group of individuals age 50 and over, will meet Friday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. John Buchanan will be speaking on religion and politics. For more information or to RSVP, call 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

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

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 "Children of Abraham" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "T. S. Eliot and "The Fog of War"" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

"Thinking of Starting Your Own Business?" is the title of an eight-week seminar offered by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago, a program supported by Fourth Church. Beginning this Tuesday, March 1, the seminar will meet Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Career Transitions Center (703 W. Monroe). To register, call 312.906.9908.

Books by Women, a women's book group, meets this Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The topic of discussion will be *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Susan Vreeland. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

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

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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"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.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet next for breakfast on Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Norm and Grethe Leer, teachers of art and literature, will present "Teaching Beneath the Words: Our Lives as Artist-Teachers." Reserve a space by calling the church at 312.787.4570 by Friday, March 11.

"Nuts and Bolts," the first of a two-part series of seminars designed to help participants lead small groups and other teams in the church, will meet Saturday March 19 at 9:00 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today is the last day of "The Dream Revisited II: The Dream and the World" exhibition on display in the Loggia. Coming in March is "Sapphire and Crystals: Spring Rites," an all-woman show that examines the idea of rebirth.

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.

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) does not meet.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 2:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

“Parents of Tots” are invited to the Manse this Wednesday, March 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information, call Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578.

The Jabberwocky Marionettes will present “The Dinosaur Circus” at the Fourth Church Day School Benefit, which begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 in Westminster House (performance begins at 10:30 a.m.). Admission is free; donations to the Day School Scholarship Fund will be accepted and total donations up to \$15,000 will be matched by a friend of the school. For information, contact Ruth Hornaday, Director of the Day School, at 312.640.2579.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

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 this Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Did You Know . . .

Each Monday evening, 110 to 125 low-income neighbors enjoy a meal served by Fourth Church Deacons and other volunteers.

For more information about the ways in which Fourth Church touches our community, read the upcoming issue of News@FourthChurch later this week (subscribe by sending addresses to news@fourthchurch.org) and the Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Assistants to Job Trainer in Tutoring Program, 6:10 to 7:30 p.m., Monday or Tuesday

Assistants to Computer Instructor in Tutoring Program, 4:15 to 5:05 p.m., Wednesday or Thursday

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

Computer-savvy person to make digital recordings of Academy classes, 9:00 to 10:50 a.m. on Sundays

Current Donation Needs

Two new or like-new laptop computers to be given to a small Presbyterian church in Cuba

Gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for underprivileged children

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 27–MARCH 5, 2005

Sunday, February 27

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| 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Nursery | Westminster 14 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 9:15 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 |
| 10:30 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 |
| 11:15 a.m. | Cornerstones | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 12:00 p.m. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 12:15 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer | Stone Chapel |
| 12:15 p.m. | Church Tour | Sanctuary |
| 12:30 p.m. | Inquirers' Class | Page Smith Room |
| 12:30 p.m. | College Connection Groups | Manse |
| 2:30 p.m. | Senior Highs | Crow's Nest |
| 6:30 p.m. | Vespers John A. Cairns preaching | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 p.m. | Coffee Reception | Anderson Hall |

Monday, February 28

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| 9:00 a.m. | Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday) | Stone Chapel |
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Tuesday, March 1

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| 6:00 p.m. | “Books by Women” Book Group | Large Conference Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | Grief Support Group | Counseling Center |
| 7:30 p.m. | Presentation by Dr. Gino Strada | Anderson Hall |

Wednesday, March 2

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| 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 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Divorce Support Group | Counseling Center |
| 7:30 p.m. | Lenten Midweek Worship | Blair Chapel |

Thursday, March 3

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| 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
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Friday, March 4

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| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Martha Councill, flute | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 p.m. | ADD Support Group | Page Smith Room |

Saturday, March 5

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| 9:30 a.m. | Day School Benefit | Westminster House |
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Preaching on Sunday, March 6

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| Dana Ferguson | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. |
| Julie Kim | 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.