

March 6–12, 2005

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

In observance of World Day of Prayer, Women@Fourth Connect will lead this evening's Vespers service entitled "Let Your Light Shine."

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

FELLOWSHIP

The Fourth Dimension, a new fellowship group of individuals age 50 and over, will meet this 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.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch next Sunday, March 13 following the congregational meeting. For details, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

The Undergraduate and Graduate Students College Connection Groups will meet Sunday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse for lunch and to discuss "Feeding Your Heart, Mind, and Soul: Faith and the University."

New Faith Builder Groups begin in March. For details, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for next 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.

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.

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

Printed copies of recent Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Sermons are also available in audio and print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A new art exhibition, “Sapphire and Crystals: Spring Rites,” a show by women artists that examines the idea of rebirth, is on display in the Loggia.

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago Musicians will perform a free concert next Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 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.

A staged reading of Murder in the Cathedral, directed by Bernard Sahlins and sponsored by the Poetry Foundation, will take place in the sanctuary on Wednesday evening, April 6. Tickets are available at the church reception desk and through the Poetry Foundation (312.787.7070).

The Sixteen will sing on Friday, April 8 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.

ENRICHMENT

A new adult education course offered by the Academy for Faith and Life begins today: “St. Matthew’s Passion” at 9:30 a.m. (Anderson Hall N. Balcony). Classes continuing today include “Introduction to Church History, Part 2” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and “Children of Abraham” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

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

James Forbes Jr., recognized by *Newsweek* as one of the 12 most-effective preachers in the English-speaking world, will be speaking on “Rediscovering a Value System for Business and Civic Life” this Wednesday evening in Anderson Hall. For details, including cost and reservation information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or contact Carol Allen at callen@fourthchurch.org or the Crossroads Center at www.crossroads-center.org (312.831.9350).

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet next for breakfast this 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. All are welcome.

“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.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, March 25 and 26 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Register by Sunday, March 20 by picking up a form from the literature racks or contacting Richard Williams at the church at 312.981.4037 (rwilliams@fourthchurch.org).

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. Students and their parents are also invited to attend the Senior High Work Camp Kick-Off at 5:30 p.m. For location information, call Kathryn Johnson at the church at 312.640.2576.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets today at 11:00 a.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance for a progressive lunch. The group will return to the church at 3:00 p.m.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 5:30 p.m. for the Senior High Work Camp Kick-Off and a light dinner. For location information, call Kathryn Johnson at the church at 312.640.2576.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Letters in support of legislation aimed at cutting U.S. food insecurity in half by 2010 will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Applications for the Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Honduras (June 22–July 3) are due this Monday, March 7. Details about this and other Fourth Church-sponsored mission trips are available in brochures in the church literature racks.

The new deadline for the BorderLinks Mission Trip (May 8–15) is Monday, March 14. The trip is also now open to all ages. For information, call Richard Williams at the church at 312.981.4037.

Did You Know . . .

The Fourth Church Day School, which is in its 37th year, annually enrolls 64 children in its half-day preschool programs for children two to five years old. Its spring benefit raises funds to provide scholarships to the Day School.

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

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

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 MARCH 6–12, 2005

Sunday, March 6		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Dana Ferguson 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 Dana Ferguson 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 Dana Ferguson 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.	Junior Highs	Chestnut St. Entrance
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	(see announcement)
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, March 7		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
 Tuesday, March 8		
6:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group	Counseling Center
 Wednesday, March 9		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Divorce Support Group	Counseling Center
5:30 p.m.	"Working Virtuously": James Forbes Jr.	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel
 Thursday, March 10		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 Friday, March 11		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Steve Lecik and Paul Grankowski, trombone duo	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	ADD Support Group	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse
 Saturday, March 12		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, March 13

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Nickerson 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.