



April 3-9, 2005

News and Opportunities

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 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest for a Seder meal, activities, and discussion.

Senior Highs (grades 9-12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance to go bowling. The group will return to the church at 4:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all who have made stewardship contributions and Capital Campaign gifts. 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 the west end of the Loggia. To make a Stewardship 2005 pledge or Capital Campaign Commitment, please complete the cards found in the pew racks. For more information, call Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.787.1271.

ENRICHMENT

New adult education opportunities, offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "Introduction to Church History, Part 3" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Constructive Uses of Anxiety" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Prayer and Wholeness" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. At 12:15 p.m., in Blair Chapel, Tom Brous will present a preview of T. S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*, which will be performed this Wednesday (see "Music and the Arts"). "God's World? Our World?" will meet this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Randolph Room).

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.

"Taking Good Care," a discussion about colorectal cancer awareness and prevention, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Church, takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. A light lunch will be served.

"Books by Women" will meet this Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

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.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast this Saturday, April 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Milt Clark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Cabel King of the University of Chicago Divinity School will lead a discussion entitled "God's World? Our World?" on the relationship between ecology and theology. Reserve a space by calling the church at 312.787.4570 by Friday, April 8. All are welcome.

A body image workshop for women is being offered by Fourth Church's Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. The first of three sessions will take place Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

A seminar focused on performance enhancement and achieving specific goals, offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, begins Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. The seminar will be conducted by Thomas Schemper. For more information or to register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

"Integrating Sexuality and Spirituality," a seminar designed to address how humanity and spirituality impact one another, will be offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist Jonathan Oblander will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A staged reading of *Murder in the Cathedral*, directed by Bernard Sahlins and sponsored by the Poetry Foundation, will take place in the sanctuary this Wednesday, April 6. Tickets are available at the church reception desk and through the Poetry Foundation (312.787.7070). Tom Brous, an instructor in the Academy for Faith and Life, will be presenting a one-session preview of the work today at 12:15 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

The choral group The Sixteen will be in concert this 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.

Fourth Acts, a group that expresses and enjoys God's presence through theater, will present *The Women of Lockerbie* by Deborah Brevoort on Wednesdays, April 20 and 27 and Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. All performances are free and will take place in Blair Chapel.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity, sponsored by the Fourth Church Mission Committee, will take place during Coffee Hour today and next Sunday, April 10. Donations can be made at the Habitat for Humanity table. Information about volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity will also be available.

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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April is Child Abuse Awareness month.

Letters in support of an increase in the federal commitment to states for programs and services that prevent abuse and neglect are available for signing at the Advocacy table.

A diaper drive sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect will be held during April. Donations will be collected during Coffee Hour on Sundays and at the reception desk during the week. Diapers for infants and toddlers will be donated to shelters for women and children. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

The Fourth Dimension, a gathering of individuals age 50 and over, will meet Friday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a presentation by Jerry Stermer, President of Voices for Illinois Children. To RSVP, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and their friends, will meet for brunch next Sunday, April 10 following the 11:00 service. For details, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

An exercise class using the Nia technique, a combination of dance, aerobics, and martial arts set to music, is offered by the Center for Older Adults each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. For more information, including class times, contact Mary Belcastro in the Center for Older Adults office at 312.981.3386 (mbelcastro@fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Tutors for children one night a week at Fourth Church, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Fourth Church members to serve as Vespers ushers

Receptionists for nonprofit children's music school

Cooks to prepare and deliver casseroles to homebound on as-needed basis

Current Donation Needs

Two new or like-new laptop computers for a Presbyterian church in Cuba

New children's games and toys to be used as prizes in Fourth Church's Reading Readiness program

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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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.

The Fourth Church website www.fourthchurch.org makes available streaming audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press*; programming information; and more.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 3-9, 2005

Sunday, April 3

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod 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	Calum I. MacLeod 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
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
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	<i>Murder in the Cathedral</i> Preview		Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	"Taking Good Care" Discussion		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs		Chestnut St. Entrance
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Manse
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Richard Williams preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 5

6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"		Large Conference Room
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Wednesday, April 6

9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study		Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	<i>Murder in the Cathedral</i>		Sanctuary

Thursday, April 7

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
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Friday, April 8

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jonathan Oblander, organ		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	ADD Recovery Group		Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension		Manse
7:30 p.m.	Concert: The Sixteen		Sanctuary

Saturday, April 9

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast		Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	"God's World? Our World?"		Randolph Room

Preaching on Sunday, April 10

Keith C. Harris	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.