

January 29–February 4, 2006

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Next Sunday, February 5 is the Souper Bowl of Caring. Fourth Church youth will be collecting food and monetary donations during Coffee Hour and at church entrances. Contributions will be distributed to the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 12 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.

“Finding Your Niche at Fourth Presbyterian Church,” a catalogue listing a wide variety of opportunities available at Fourth Church, can be found at www.fourthchurch.org and in the literature racks.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

Printed copies of the Daily Devotions are available in the literature racks in the narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Devotions are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

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

A new Academy for Faith and Life course begins today: “Martin Luther and the Search for a Friendly God,” taught by Randall Zachman (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. Also meeting today are **“Convictions: Hold ‘Em or Fold ‘Em,”** taught by John Boyle (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), and **“Old Testament Survey,”** taught by Paul Rutgers (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and **“Islam in the Modern World,”** taught by Azam Nizamuddin (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), **“So You’ve Been Asked to Teach Church School”** taught by Donna Gray (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), and **“How Christians Decide: An Introduction to the Church’s Faith Statements,”** taught by Cynthia Campbell, (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 11:00 a.m.

A new Academy for Faith and Life book group will be reading *Black Livingstone*, the story of an African American missionary in Africa. The group will meet on Sundays, February 19 and 26 at 11:00 a.m. For information, call Paula Davis at the church at 312.274.3815.

“The Winter Blahs,” a program that will focus on causes and treatments for feeling out of sorts during the winter months, will be offered by the Center for Whole Health this Tuesday, January 31 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. For information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

Faith Builder groups will begin in mid-February. For more information, call Anne Crow at 312.573.3396.

“Standing at the Threshold, Discerning the Spirit,” a retreat for women of Fourth Church, led by Laura Loving and Susan Schemper, will be held February 3 and 4. For details, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3396 or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

T'ai Chi for Arthritis, an eight-week class sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will be held on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. beginning February 9. Classes will take place at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Registration is required; to register, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Anna-Lisa Cox will discuss her new book, *A Stronger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith*. RSVP by February 10 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

The annual Lenten Retreat will be Friday evening and Saturday, March 3–4 at Fourth Church. Watch for forthcoming details about this retreat, which will be led by Doug Ottati, Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Children interested in performing John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* during 9:30 worship on Sunday, February 26 are asked to contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595 for a rehearsal schedule.

Sunday School meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest. Class members are invited to then join the Junior Highs for fellowship.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group then meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Fourth Church mission trip to Honduras originally scheduled for April has been postponed to July 19–30. To sign up for this trip, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Tuesday, January 31.

The 2006 Mission Benefit, “Carnaval de Nice,” will take place Friday evening, February 24 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and support mission programs of Fourth Church: Chicago Lights, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and two mission partners supported by the church. Reservations can be made during Coffee Hour by stopping by the Chicago Lights table. They also can be made online at the church's website www.fourthchurch.org.

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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children at Fourth Church

Assistants for Kids' Cafe

Drivers to pick up donated food and deliver it to a shelter during the week

Bulletin inserters on Saturday mornings

Current Donation Needs

Laptop computer in excellent condition

Clothes for a needy family

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

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Undergraduate and graduate students meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for lunch and fellowship before going to see *Glory Road*.

A Center for Older Adults Winter Open House will be held Monday, January 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and will feature local jazz artist Willie Pickens and an ice cream social. For more details, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

Cornerstones, a group for couples over 50, will meet on Friday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. Tom Rook will present part two of "Chicago and Fourth Church History." RSVP by February 1 by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454

"Books by Women," a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Almost French: Love and a New Life in Paris* by Sarah Turnbull.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant on Sunday, February 5 at 12:30 p.m. To RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, February 24.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Two art exhibits with a Fourth Church focus are now on display: "Art Goes Fourth," works from Fourth Church's permanent collection, can be found in the Loggia, and "Fourth Goes Forth," a collection of photographs highlighting the mission outreach of the congregation, can be found in the Gallery.

Pianist Sharon R. Peterson will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 29–FEBRUARY 4, 2006

Sunday, January 29		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching
		Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching
		Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School	Large Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	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	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching
		Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Undergraduate and Graduate Students	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 30		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Center for Older Adults Open House	Anderson Hall
Tuesday, January 31		
12:00 p.m.	"The Winter Blahs"	Dining Room
Wednesday, February 1		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, February 2		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 3		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Sharon R. Peterson, piano	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Randolph Room
6:00 p.m.	Women's Retreat	Anderson Hall
Saturday, February 4		
8:30 a.m.	Women's Retreat	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, February 5

Dana Ferguson 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Richard Williams 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.