



March 5-11, 2006

News and Opportunities

LENT

Midweek Lenten worship takes place each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Daily 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.

The Gospel of Mark, which is the focus of this year's Lenten devotions, will come to life in a solo dramatic performance by actor Jim Krag on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There are no tickets for this event; a freewill offering will be received.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, April 14 and 15 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Register by Monday, March 20 by picking up a form from the literature racks, visiting www.fourthchurch.org, or contacting Catherine Knott at the church at 312.640.5449.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 16 in the Dining Room after 11:30 worship. Tickets are available at the reception desk throughout March.

WORSHIP

In observance of World Day of Prayer, Women@Fourth Connect will lead this evening's Vespers service.

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

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.

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, March 24.

Copies of recent Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for next Sunday, March 12 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship Nominating Committee and to vote on their recommendation for Associate Pastor for that position.

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 Friday, April 7 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.

Small crosses (approximately seven inches tall) made from wood from the original pews can be preordered through March 15 using forms available in the literature racks and the church website.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Unclaimed auction items from the Mission Benefit can be picked up during Coffee Hour. Centerpieces from the Benefit will be sold at the Chicago Lights table.

Information about supporting the President's budget request for international affairs, an effort to combat global infectious disease and poverty, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Genie in a Bottle--Unleashed, a 16-minute film produced by two 13-year-olds about the creation of the atomic bomb, will be shown today at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Applications for the June 22–July 3 trip to Cameroon are due Wednesday, March 15. For more information and an application form, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 or visit the Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Assistants for Kids Cafe on Wednesdays or Thursdays

Clothes carriers for a nonprofit agency that provides clothes to women entering the workforce March 11

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

Current Donation Needs

Children's coats and gloves

Laptop computers in excellent condition

Palm Pilots (with pens and adapters) in working order for children in the Fourth Church Job Training program

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Brandon Eubank will play the trumpet at Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Capella, Calvin College's Concert Choir, will perform a free concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Two art exhibits with a Fourth Church focus are 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.

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ENRICHMENT

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.

Those interested in upcoming Academy classes “Political Power and the Religious Right” or “Novels of Marilynne Robinson” can purchase the course books during Coffee Hour.

“Books by Women,” a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet this Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve.

Al Sharp, Executive Director of Protestants for the Common Good, and Franklin Gamwell of the University of Chicago Divinity School will speak on the topic “Is the Right Wrong?” at the Friday, March 10 meeting of Fourth Dimension. All are welcome at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. RSVP by March 8 by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet for breakfast Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. Aaron Elster, a child survivor of the Holocaust and Vice President at the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, will be speaking. RSVP by March 10 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant on Sunday, March 12 at 12:45 p.m. To RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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 to go to the Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple. The group will return to the church at 2:30 p.m.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse and will then meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest to go to the Mexican Museum of Fine Arts. The group will return to the church at 2:30 p.m.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest to go to Dave and Buster’s. The group will return to the church at 3:00 p.m.

A Day School Benefit featuring a free performance of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Emerald City Theatre will be held Saturday, March 11. Refreshments will be served at 2:30 p.m. followed by the performance at 3:30 p.m. For information, call Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry Office at 312.640.2578.

Family Night will feature Ed & Annette’s Monkeys and More! with their collection of small animals on Friday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For information or to RSVP, contact Jill Schiltz at the church at 312.640.2578.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 5-11, 2006

Sunday, March 5		
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
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan 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	Manse
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
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
4:00 p.m.	<i>Genie in a Bottle--Unleashed</i>	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers World Day of Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
 Monday, March 6		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
 Tuesday, March 7		
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
 Wednesday, March 8		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel
 Thursday, March 9		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 Friday, March 10		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Brandon Eubank, trumpet	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	"Is the Right Wrong?"	Manse
 Saturday, March 11		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast: "The Holocaust"	Dining Room
2:30 p.m.	"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie"	Westminster House

Preaching on Sunday, March 12

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Patrick Daymond 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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.