



March 19–25, 2006

News and Opportunities

LENT

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

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 James Krag (directed by Jeff Christian) 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.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Thursday, April 6 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour.

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 completing a form available from the literature racks, www.fourthchurch.org, or Catherine Knott (312.640.5449; cknott@fourthchurch.org).

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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today a reception honoring John Boyle and celebrating his thirty years of continuing ministry at Fourth Church will be held after 11:00 worship in Anderson Hall. John Boyle is the founding director of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center and a member of the Fourth Church pastoral staff.

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 be printed.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website.

To have Senior High youth help with "Ugly Jobs" and other spring chores on Saturday, May 13, stop by Coffee Hour beginning Sunday, April 2 or call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 by Sunday, May 7. Proceeds will support the youth's summer work camp trip.

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.

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

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.

Adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “**New Testament Survey**” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “**Sexual Ethics**,” taught by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and “**What Presbyterians Believe**,” taught by Fourth Church staff members (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and “**Being Christian in a Diverse World**,” taught by Dirk Ficca (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 11:00 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study will meet this Thursday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. Ali Trowbridge and Elizabeth Andrews will lead a discussion of “For Everything There Is a Season” followed by lunch. RSVP by Tuesday, March 21 by calling Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

The Center for Older Adults will offer an “Egyptology” class series on Thursdays through April 27 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. For information, call Mary Belcastro at 312.981.3386.

John Wilkinson and John Buchanan will lead a presentation of the PCUSA’s “Report from the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church” on Wednesday, April 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. John Wilkinson is a member of the task force, which will be making its final report to the 217th General Assembly this summer. Copies of the report are available at www.pcusa.org/peaceunitypurity/

The Fourth Church Men’s Group, Cornerstones, and Fourth Dimension

will meet for breakfast Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. Former U. S. Senator Adlai Stevenson will be speaking on the topic “Systemic Issues and Current Challenges in Government.” RSVP by calling the Congregational Life Reservation Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 444 by 5:00 p.m. on April 3. All are welcome.

WORSHIP

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

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 this Friday, March 24.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to tie blue bows on Fourth Church trees on Sunday, April 2 in recognition of National Child Abuse Awareness Month

Assistants for Kids Cafe on Mondays or Thursdays

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

Current Donation Needs

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 at 312.981.3382.

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FELLOWSHIP

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

The Thirties and Forties group meets today for an open house at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse. Keith Harris will speak about "Temperament and Spirituality."

The College Connection Group meets today at 4:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for fellowship and a light supper.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet on Saturday, March 25 for a potluck in a member's home.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 16 in the Dining Room at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the reception desk throughout March.

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.

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

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) does not meet today.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about gun violence is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour and at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

DisLocation, a film about the Chicago Housing Authority's "Plan for Transformation" and the effect it has on families living in public housing, will be shown Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For information, call Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384.

The Good Friday Walk for Justice sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a member, will take place Friday, April 14. Those walking should gather at Holy Family Lutheran Church (542 W. Hobbie) at 3:30 p.m. The walk will conclude with worship at Holy Family. For more information, call Richard Williams at the church at 312.981.4037.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Capella, Calvin College's Concert Choir, will perform a free concert today 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to the 1,100 member and friend households who have pledged to the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, which is currently at \$2.6 million in commitments toward the \$3 million goal. Everyone's participation is needed to achieve our goal. For more information on how to make a pledge or increase your current pledge, please contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 19-25, 2006

Sunday, March 19		
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
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
12:00 p.m.	Reception for John Boyle	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Thirties and Forties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
3:00 p.m.	Concert: The Capella	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	College Connection Group	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Keith C. Harris	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 20		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
Wednesday, March 22		
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 23		
10:30 a.m.	COA "Egyptology" Class	Large Conference Room
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 24		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kevin Manderville, guitar	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, March 26

Dana Ferguson 8:00, 9:30, and 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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.