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February 11–17, 2007

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church takes place today after 11:00 worship. The election of new officers for Session, 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.

“Establishing an Oral History Project in Your Congregation,” a workshop sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago and hosted by Fourth Church, takes place today at 3:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. It will be preceded by **a viewing of the interview with John Buchanan** that aired on ABC on December 31 as part of the Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries “Sanctuary” series.

Today is the last day to pick up preordered crosses made from the wood of the old pews. After today, any crosses still at the church will be made available to people on the wait list. For more information, contact Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

“Get Connected, Stay Connected,” a one-session class taught by Joyce Shin and members of Fourth Church, will be offered Sunday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. Participants will attend 11:00 worship as a group; a luncheon will be served in the Dining Room immediately following the service. RSVP by February 19 by calling Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

The youth of Fourth Church still need your help! February 14 is the final day to collect donations for this year’s Souper Bowl of Caring. Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis currently leads in the challenge to raise the most to alleviate hunger. To help Fourth Church youth take the lead, please drop off donations at the reception desk. Checks can be made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church with “Souper Bowl” written on the memo line. All proceeds benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

Orders are being taken for the first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook. The cookbook features recipes, artwork, and stories by members of the Fourth Church garden community. For more information or to order a copy, contact Anne Ellis at the church (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org). Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about school funding is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Black Gold, a documentary film about impoverished Ethiopian coffee growers and the multibillion dollar coffee industry, will be shown next Sunday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Several mission trips have February 15 deadlines: Holy Land (June 14–26), Cuba (June 7–14), and New Orleans (March 18–24). The deadline for the trip to Indonesia (April 16–30) is February 20. The deadline for the trip to Lakota reservations in South Dakota (May 27–June 1) is March 1. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children in a Fourth Church program on weekdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Assistants for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

Tech-savvy individual to check the working condition of donated PDAs and computers

Current Donation Needs

Late-model desk or laptop computers

Men's casual winter clothes in large sizes

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

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Jazz Vespers will be held next Sunday evening, February 18.

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

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or the box at the Volunteer table.

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 is Friday, February 23.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.98 million in commitments from 1,191 households. Our goal is to exceed \$3 million in pledged gifts for 2007. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found,” an exhibition featuring works by Chicago artist Melvin King and friends, is on display in the Loggia and the Gallery through February 28.

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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FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties will meet next Sunday, February 18 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant next Sunday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to hear Betty Bergstrom's presentation, "Herstory: The Other Half of History." RSVP by Friday, February 23 by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

ENRICHMENT

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "The Book of Amos," taught by John Vest, at 8:00 a.m. "The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong," taught by Adam Fronczek, at 9:30 a.m., and "So You've Been Asked to Teach Church School—What Now?" taught by Donna Gray at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

"Finding Work without Losing Heart:

A Retreat for Women and Men in Job Transition" is being hosted by the Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat will be held February 20–21 in Warrenville. Details are available by calling the Center at 312.906.9908.

Women's Bible Study will not meet in February. Instead, all are invited to attend the Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 21 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bible Study will meet next on Wednesday, March 21.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

The Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Elevation (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

The Children and Family skating party takes place today from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Daley Bicentennial Plaza (337 E. Randolph St.).

LENT

Ash Wednesday is February 21 this year. Services will be held in the sanctuary at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. that day, and both services will include Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

This year's Lenten retreat, "Discovering the Sacred in Daily Life," will be held Saturday morning, February 24. Poets Judith Valente and Charles Reynard will lead the retreat. Throughout the morning there will be time for people to write, to reflect on photographs that capture the sacred in the moment, and to pray. For more information or to register, pick up a brochure from the church literature racks or call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 11–17, 2007

Sunday, February 11

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
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.	Elevation Fellowship	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 S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:45 p.m.	Congregational Dinner	Anderson Hall
3:00 p.m.	"Establishing an Oral History Project"	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Children and Family Skating Party	<i>(see announcement)</i>
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Hardy Kim preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, February 12

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, February 14

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, February 15

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Pilgrimage in Faithfulness	Large Conference Room

Friday, February 16

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Paul Ghica, cello	Sanctuary

Saturday, February 17

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, February 18

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.