

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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March 11–17, 2007

News and Opportunities

LENT AND EASTER

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

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Register by Friday, March 16 by picking up a form from the literature racks, visiting www.fourthchurch.org, or calling Martha Langford at the church at 312.981.4034.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

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 Monday, March 26 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. For more information, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

Daily Lenten Devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by e-mail (new subscribers can send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), in a printed booklet available in the church literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook is available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour. Copies can also be ordered by contacting Anne Ellis at the church (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org). Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

“Oh, My Aching Back: Low Back Pain Evaluation and Treatment,” an information session offered by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will take place Tuesday, March 13. The presentation begins at 12:00 noon; those who want to enjoy lunch fellowship are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch to the Page Smith Room at 11:30 a.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Look and Leave: New Orleans in the Wake of Katrina,” an exhibition of photographs by Jane Fulton Alt, is on display in the Loggia through April 15. Photos from Fourth Church mission trips to the Gulf Coast are on display in the Gallery during the month of March.

ENRICHMENT

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.

Two new Academy classes begin today:

“*The Responsible Self* by Richard H.

Niebuhr,” taught by Joyce Shin

(Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), and

“*Wrestling with Scripture: Jesus and*

Money,” taught by Adam Fronczek

(Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.

Continuing today are **“*A Lenten Journey***

through Art,” taught by Judy Barter

and Ali Trowbridge (Anderson Hall N.

Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and **“*Faith in the***

Age of Reason: The Theology of Blaise

Pascal,” taught by Randall Zachman

(Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and

“*Race Matters*,” taught by Keith Harris

and Patrick Daymond (Anderson Hall S.

Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study will meet on

Wednesday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m. in

the Page Smith Room. RSVP for lunch by

calling Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

The Center for Life and Learning

(formerly the Center for Older Adults) is

offering two new minicourses. **“*Personal***

Computer Fundamentals” will meet on

Monday and Wednesday mornings at

9:00 a.m. beginning March 12. **“*Great***

Decisions,” a course that will include

topics such as United Nations reform,

China and India, pandemics and security,

and human rights in an age of terrorism,

will meet on alternate Tuesdays at

1:15 p.m. beginning March 13. To register

for these or other minicourses, call Mary

Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

WORSHIP

Fourth Church will host the Presbytery of Chicago Multicultural Celebration

worship service today at 3:00 p.m.

A fellowship meal will follow in

Anderson Hall.

Barbara Brown Taylor, renowned

preacher and author of such books as

Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith, will

preach during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

services next Sunday, March 18.

A Vespers Communion service is held

each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the

sanctuary.

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. They also 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 is Friday, March 23.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 and

11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Children’s Story Time begins again

today. Children are invited to gather in

the southwest corner of Anderson Hall

during Coffee Hour.

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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Fourth Church 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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to tie blue bows on Fourth Church trees on April 2 in observance of Child Abuse Prevention month

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

Grant writers for a Fourth Church-sponsored AIDS clinic in Cameroon

Assistant for the Sunday School Children's Office

Current Donation Needs

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.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room to learn about the PCUSA Campaign for Fair Food

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Tucci Benucch (900 N. Michigan).

ThirtiesForties will meet next Sunday, March 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about increasing social and economic aid to Colombia in order to reduce military aid, as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour. Next Sunday, March 18, *Plan Colombia: Cashing in on the Drug War Failure*, a documentary film about the origins of Plan Colombia and the devastating effects it has had, will be shown at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall as part of a film series sponsored by the Mission Committee.

Applications for the June 20–25 trip to Lakota reservations in South Dakota are due March 15. The application deadline for the trip to China (July 2–16) is March 19. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org.

Chicago Lights Up the Runway, a fashion show featuring clothing donated to the Elam Davies Social Service Center and modeled by Fourth Church pastors and Chicago Lights staff and volunteers, will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. For information, call the Chicago Lights Up the Runway Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 226.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have exceeded our goal of \$3 million with \$3,070,891 in commitments from 1,283 households. 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, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 11–17, 2007

Sunday, March 11		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 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 and Children's Story Time	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 Balconies
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	<i>(see announcement)</i>
3:00 p.m.	Multicultural Celebration Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, March 12		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Minicourse	Westminster Computer Lab
 Tuesday, March 13		
12:00 p.m.	“Oh, My Aching Back”	Page Smith Room
1:15 p.m.	Center for Life and Learning Minicourse	Page Smith Room
 Wednesday, March 14		
9:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Minicourse	Westminster Computer Lab
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 15		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Pilgrimage in Faithfulness	Large Conference Room
 Friday, March 16		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Catherine Ramirez, flute	Sanctuary
 Saturday, March 17		
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, March 18

Adam Fronczek	8:00 a.m.
Barbara Brown Taylor	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Bill Shaw	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.