

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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March 18–24, 2007

News and Opportunities

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.

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 today at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Bill Shaw will speak about current events and peace negotiations in Northern Ireland at a brunch today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Fourth Church members leave for New Orleans today, where they will spend a week helping with rebuilding efforts. Please keep this group of travelers, led by Dana Ferguson and Patrick Daymond, in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

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.

Applications for the July 2–16 trip to China are due March 19. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org.

Volunteers are needed to tie blue bows on the trees outside the church on Monday, April 2 in observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month. Those who can volunteer, even for a brief period, are asked to call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Women's, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "The Responsible Self by Richard H. Niebuhr," taught by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), **"Wrestling with Scripture: Jesus and Money,"** taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **"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.

The Center for Life and Learning (formerly the Center for Older Adults) is currently offering two new minicourses. **“Personal Computer Fundamentals”** meets on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and **“Great Decisions”** meets alternate Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. (the next meeting will be March 28). To register for these or other minicourses, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

Dream Angus: The Celtic God of Dreams by Alexander McCall Smith will be the topic of the Community Book Group gathering this Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

“Aromatherapy: Engaging Our Sense of Smell,” an information session offered by the Center for Whole Health, will take place Tuesday, March 27. 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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Servers for Easter Brunch

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

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

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, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at the church at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

Bill Shaw, Director of Northern Ireland’s 174 Trust, will be the guest preacher at tonight’s 6:30 p.m. Vespers service.

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 this Friday, March 23.

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 picking up a form from the literature racks, visiting www.fourthchurch.org, or calling Martha Langford at the church at 312.981.4034.

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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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 6. Those walking should gather at Holy Family Lutheran Church (542 W. Hobbie) at 4:00 p.m. The walk will conclude with worship at Holy Family.

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

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.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Keith Harris will be speaking about “The Five Languages of Love.”

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Tom Schemper, Director of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will facilitate a spiritual exercise that uses images and reflection to examine one’s life and vocation.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Children’s Story Time takes place today in the southwest corner of Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour.

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest. Parents’ Day has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 1.

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 in the Crow’s Nest at 12:30 p.m.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 25 following 11:00 worship. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present its report, and the corporation will meet to consider a minor change to the bylaws.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts, a group that presents staged readings in support of programs at Fourth Church, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson N. Balcony A for a discussion on “What to Do on Stage When You’re Not Doing Anything.”

“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.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 18–24, 2007

Sunday, March 18

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Adam Fronczek 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 Barbara Brown Taylor 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 Barbara Brown Taylor 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
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
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.	Brunch with Bill Shaw	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Anderson Hall N. Balcony A
4:00 p.m.	Documentary Film Screening	Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Bill Shaw preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, March 19

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 20

7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Page Smith Room
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Wednesday, March 21

9:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Minicourse	Westminster Computer Lab
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, March 22

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Up the Runway	Anderson Hall

Friday, March 23

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jerry Johnson, baritone Laura Kubelka, contralto	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, March 25

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Elizabeth B. Andrews	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.