

News and Opportunities

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday, April 8

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Service with Tower Brass

9:30 a.m.

Children's Service
in Westminster House

6:30 p.m.

Jazz Vespers with Communion

The last morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. on Easter. Please keep in mind that sanctuary seating fills quickly and early and also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting the parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

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

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

During Holy Week, April 2–6, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a lunch following in Anderson Hall. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

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) by 4:00 p.m. The walk will conclude with worship at Holy Family.

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.

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 Graduate and Undergraduate College Connection groups meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

"Books by Women" will meet this Tuesday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *How to be Lost* by Amanda Eyre Ward. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones will meet next on Friday, April 13 for a private tour of the Chinese-American Museum of Chicago followed by dinner at a Chinatown restaurant. John Rogers, President of the Midwest US-China Association, will be the dinner speaker. To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

The Pilgrim Baptist Choir will perform at Fourth Church on Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to this program sponsored by Fourth Dimension.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet next for breakfast on Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Hope Daniels, a faculty member at Columbia College, will be speaking on "Crisis Communications Strategies and the Power of the Media." RSVP by 12:00 noon on April 13 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

A time of fellowship for mothers who wish to explore the spiritual aspects of motherhood will be offered on Mondays, beginning April 16, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in a member's home. Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:

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

Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

The Academy for Faith and Life class meeting today is "**Race Matters**," taught by Keith Harris and Patrick Daymond, at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about Fair Trade coffee, as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

All are invited to participate in the observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month by tying a bow to the ropes found in the Loggia after worship today. The ropes will then be tied around the fountain in the Garth.

A brief worship service in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, followed by a press conference, will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 2. Volunteers are also needed to tie blue bows on the trees outside the church throughout the day on Monday. Those who can volunteer, even for a brief period, are asked to contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A rally to raise awareness of environmental issues will take place on Saturday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Garth. All are invited to join this rally to encourage Congress to address global warming by cutting carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. There also will be a lunch in the Garth from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with activities for families and children, including arts and crafts ideas related to care of creation and planters with stations where children can dig in the dirt.

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.

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Servers for Easter Brunch

Monthly office assistant for Fourth Church Sunday School

Cooks to prepare and deliver casseroles to people in temporary need

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

Current Donation Needs

Men's casual clothes in large sizes

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

An eight-session T'ai Chi class, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will be held at Chicago Sinai (15 W. Delaware) on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., beginning April 12. For more information or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by calling Alfred Kemp at 312.981.3599 or by e-mailing databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

The first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook is available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour. Copies can also be ordered by calling Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Enjoy all-you-can eat pancakes or scrambled eggs, with a side of sausage, at the April 15 pancake breakfast. Prepared and served by the Fourth Church Senior Highs, this breakfast will raise funds for their July 28–August 4 Work Camp Trip to Hazard, Kentucky. Omelets, made to order by John Vest for an additional donation, will also be available. Breakfast will be served between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Breakfast tickets are available during Coffee Hour, and during the week, at the reception desk.

WORSHIP

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

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:30 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone 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 is Friday, April 27.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1–7, 2007

Sunday, April 1 <i>Palm Sunday</i>		
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
11:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	“Race Matters”	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Dining Room
12:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
4:30 p.m.	College Connection Groups	Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, April 2		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Worship Service and Press Conference	Garth
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room
 Tuesday, April 3		
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	“Books by Women”	Large Conference Room
 Wednesday, April 4		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel
 Thursday, April 5 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Communion Service	Sanctuary
 Friday, April 6 <i>Good Friday</i>		
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Good Friday Children’s Experience	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Good Friday Walk for Justice	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Choral Service	Sanctuary

Preaching on Easter Sunday, April 8

Adam Fronczek	6:30 a.m. (Oak Street Beach)
John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.
John W. Vest	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.