

April 8–14, 2007

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Easter Brunch is held today at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. As space allows tickets will be available at the reception desk.

Graduating in 2007? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 14 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 20.

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.

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.

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.

WORSHIP

Easter Jazz Vespers will be held this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Communion will be part of this service, as it is during each weekly Sunday evening service. Music leadership will be provided by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble.

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.

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

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday School resumes next Sunday, April 15 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Portraits of Friendship” is the theme of the art exhibit on display now in the Gallery. The exhibit features art by children of Fourth Church’s Children’s Center, Day School, Sunday School, and Tutoring program.

“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.

Fourth Acts will present a preview of their performance *“A Plain Talk about the Theater” 125 Years Later*, a reenactment of Dr. Herrick Johnson’s controversial sermon about theater and the response it received, next Sunday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. Regular performances will be Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

The Festival of the Artful Spirit,

featuring artwork by members of the Center for Life and Learning, will be celebrated with an opening reception on May 3 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A special program focused on outsider and folk art, followed by interactive workshops, will begin at 2:00 p.m. All are invited. For more information or to register for the outsider art program, contact Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386 (mbelcastro@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

As stewards of God’s creation, all are encouraged to join in a rally to raise awareness of environmental issues and support for cutting carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. John Buchanan and others will speak at the event, this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the Garth, and afterwards there will be a lunch and activities for children. On **Earth Sunday**, May 6, several organizations will be present in Coffee Hour to provide information and resources on ways in which to care for creation.

***Hurricanes on the Brink*,** a documentary film about the possible link between global warming and the increase in sea surface temperatures and the number of hurricanes, will be shown next Sunday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Applications for the August 3–12 mission trip to Guatemala are due May 21.

The application deadline for the trip to Northern Ireland (September 7–14) is June 4. For details and an application form, visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

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ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

A new Academy for Faith and Life class begins next Sunday, April 15: “Church and State in the East and West,”

taught by Azam Nizamuddin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), at 9:30 a.m. Continuing on April 15 are *The Responsible Self* by Richard H. Niebuhr,” taught by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and “**Wrestling with Scripture: Jesus and Money,**” taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.

***The Things They Carried* by Tim**

O’Brien will be the topic of the Community Book Group gathering on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, will lead the discussion.

FELLOWSHIP

Cornerstones will meet next on Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. 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. in Anderson Hall. 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.

Mom’s Group, a time to meet new moms and 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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Monthly office assistant for Fourth Church Sunday School

Cooks to prepare and deliver casseroles to people in temporary need

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

Current Donation Needs

Individually packaged toothbrushes and toothpaste for Elam Davies Social Service Center guests

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.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 8–14, 2007

Sunday, April 8 <i>Easter Sunday</i>			
6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise	Adam Fronczek preaching	Oak Street Beach
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Easter Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Easter Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Children's Easter Service		Westminster House
11:30 a.m.	Easter Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Easter Brunch		Dining Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Easter Jazz Vespers	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
Monday, April 9 <i>Church Office Closed—Easter Monday</i>			
Tuesday, April 10			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
Wednesday, April 11			
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
Thursday, April 12			
4:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi		<i>(see announcement)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
Friday, April 13			
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Yoshihiko Nakano, violin and viola		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones		<i>(see announcement)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Concert: Pilgrim Baptist Choir		Anderson Hall
Saturday, April 14			
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Environmental Issues Rally and Lunch		Garth

Preaching on Sunday, April 15

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.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.