

April 29–May 5, 2007

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**CHURCH**  
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# News and Opportunities

## ENRICHMENT

### **Bible Study opportunities this week:**

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
*Morning*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.  
*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.  
*Life and Learning*, 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 A), and **"Wrestling with Scripture: Jesus and Money,"** taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and **"Church and State in the East and West,"** taught by Azam Nizamuddin (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

**"Books by Women"** will meet Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Holy Fools* by Joanne Harris.

## 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.

**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.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Next Sunday, May 6, traffic on Michigan Avenue and Chicago Avenue** will be affected by the annual St. Jude Police Memorial March, which begins at the Chicago River at 8:30 a.m. and proceeds north along Michigan Avenue to Chicago Avenue and then west to Clark Street.

**"Get Connected, Stay Connected,"** a one-session class taught by Joyce Shin and members of Fourth Church, will take place next Sunday, May 6 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.

**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.

**Fourth Church is conducting a survey** about the ways in which the church and Chicago Lights undertake stewardship and fund-raising efforts. This survey is available during Coffee Hour today and online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) through April 30. For more information, stop by Coffee Hour or call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Volunteer Needs**

**Adult handbell ringers** for a summer ensemble, experienced or amateur

### **Current Donation Needs**

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

**Men's casual summer clothes**, 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 at the church at 312.981.3382.*

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### **Fourth Church joins other churches in the 18th District of the Police Department**

in ringing bells after worship today as a way of remembering abused children. The blue bows on the trees throughout April have also called attention to this issue during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Volunteers are still needed to help take down the bows tomorrow, Monday, April 30. For details, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or join other volunteers on Michigan Avenue throughout the day tomorrow.

**Earth Sunday** will be celebrated on May 6 during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. Information and resources will be provided by various agencies and organizations to help those attending take steps in their own lives to be stewards of God's creation.

### **The annual Women@Fourth Connect**

**Mission Tea** will be held Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, complete the form found in the literature racks or call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

### **The Near North Ministry Alliance**

**Healthy Fun Fair** will feature speakers, free health screenings, and entertainment in Seward Park (375 W. Elm Street) on Saturday, May 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer on the day of the Fair, call Martha Langford at the church at 312.981.4034.

### **Applications for the August 3–12 Habitat for Humanity 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/mission.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html) or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

## WORSHIP

**Tonight's Vespers service** was planned and will be led by Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation). The service takes place 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 11:00 worship.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**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, May 25.

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Gathering**, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**“The Tuskegee Airmen: Living History”** will be the topic of a program presented by these World War II heroes on Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP for this program and light buffet dinner hosted by Cornerstones, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**Fourth Dimension** will meet next on Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a discussion on “Finding Yourself in Helping Others.” Fourth Church members who have volunteered with humanitarian organizations overseas will be speaking. RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

**The Fourth Church Men’s Group** will meet next for breakfast on Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. John Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, will speaking on “Faith Encounters in Popular Culture.” RSVP by 12:00 noon on May 11 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The Festival of the Artful Spirit**, showcasing 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. This year’s festival will also include a special program on outsider and folk art, beginning with a 2:00 p.m. lecture and slide show presented by Susann Craig, co-founder of Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art. Interactive workshops will follow the lecture and give participants a chance to explore the mind, body, and spirit connection to creativity. For more information or to register for the lecture and workshops, call Mary Belcastro in the Center for Life and Learning office at 312.981.3386.

**The Apollo Chorus** will be in concert next Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**“Faces of Friends”** 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.

## 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 \$3,102,326 in commitments from 1,306 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, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380.

**CALENDAR FOR APRIL 29–MAY 5, 2007**

**Sunday, April 29**

7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John W. Vest preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John W. Vest preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
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
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John W. Vest preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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 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.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation)</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

**Monday, April 30**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Untying	Garth

**Tuesday, May 1**

6:00 p.m.	“Books by Women”	Large Conference Room
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**Wednesday, May 2**

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

**Thursday, May 3**

2:00 p.m.	Festival of Artful Spirit Presentation and Workshops	Anderson Hall
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Festival of the Artful Spirit Reception	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

**Friday, May 4**

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Genevieve Thiers, soprano	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	“Tuskegee Airmen: Living History”	Anderson Hall

***Preaching on Sunday, May 6***

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00
Keith C. Harris	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.