

January 13–19, 2008

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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, **Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest. **A lunch for youth and families** takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

ENRICHMENT

Three new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, January 20: **"Introduction to the Old Testament,"** taught by Adam Fronczek, and **"History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,"** taught by Adam Rose, at 9:30 a.m. and **"Spirituality and the Reformed Confessions,"** taught by Calum MacLeod, at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

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.

Men's Bible study will meet next on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

Women's Bible study will be held on Wednesday, January 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A five-part French film series, offered by the Center for Life and Learning, continues this Wednesday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the Anderson Hall South Balcony. For more information, call the Center at 312.981.3386.

"Take Charge of Your Health: A Healthier Today and a Vital Tomorrow," a chronic disease self-management program for adults of all ages, continues on Saturday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. There is no charge for this six-session series, but preregistration is required. For more information or to register for a session, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

"Plants That Help Your Heart," an information session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will be held on Tuesday, January 22. 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.

The Community Book Group will meet on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. Donna Gray will lead the discussion on *A New Religious America: How a "Christian" Country Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation* by Diana L. Eck.

“Pilgrimage,” a retreat led by Elizabeth Andrews and Joyce Shin for women of Fourth Church, will be held January 25 and 26. For details, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Winter Open House will be held on Monday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about new CLL minicourses, “For Men Only” programs, excursions, and more. For more information, contact the CLL at 312.981.3386 or cll@fourthchurch.org.

“Julian’s Window: A Time for Listening in Lent,” a Lenten retreat led by Linda Loving, will take place at Fourth Church on Saturday, February 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To register, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

“A Spiritual Practice: Why Having One Helps. What Can It Be? How to Find One,” the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center’s twelfth annual Midwinter Conference, will take place at the church on Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Pianist Bryan Shilander will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Paul Winter and the Paul Winter Consort will be in concert on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about the importance of long-term, sustainable funding for mass transit for those with limited income and the importance of mass transit as good environmental stewardship, as well as a letter to the governor to sign, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Applications for the mission trip to New Orleans, being led by Dana Ferguson, Martha Langford, and Lisa Radetski on April 27 to May 3, are due Monday, February 28. Details and applications are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website.

To make reservations for this year’s Mission Benefit, Carnaval, stop by Coffee Hour, return the mailed RSVP card, or reserve online at www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights.html. This annual event supporting the programs of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church will be held Friday, February 1 at the Ritz-Carlton.

WORSHIP

Tonight’s Vespers Communion service at 6:30 p.m. will include a reaffirmation of baptismal vows.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service is Friday, January 25.

A special 8:00 a.m. Communion service will be held each Sunday during Lent, beginning Sunday, February 10.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A Wills Awareness Seminar on how to create a will is being hosted by the Planned Giving Committee on Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Judi DeJager at 312.274.3833.

Printed copies of the Daily Devotions are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$3.3 million in commitments from 1,248 households. Our goal is to have 100 percent member participation and raise \$4 million in pledges. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Sunday School office assistant, on the fifth Sunday

People with IT knowledge to operate equipment during Sunday morning Academy classes

Assistants for the Fourth Church library

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday night suppers

Vespers bread cutter for third Sunday of the month

Current Donation Needs

Men's casual winter clothes, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger 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 age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Fourth Dimension invites its members to attend an Academy for Faith and Life class next Sunday, January 20. A lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. For more information and to RSVP for lunch, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

ThirtiesForties will meet next on Sunday, January 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

"Books by Women" will discuss *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See on Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 13–19, 2008

Sunday, January 13

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Families Lunch		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph 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.	Vespers	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, January 14

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, January 15

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	CLL French Film Series	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, January 17

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, January 18

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Brian Shilander	Sanctuary

Saturday, January 19

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Chronic Disease Self-Management Program	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, January 20

Alice M. Trowbridge	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Joyce Shin	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.