

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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CHURCH
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February 3–9, 2008

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

A Jazz Vespers service takes place tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble will be providing music leadership.

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, February 22.

LENT

This week Ash Wednesday services will be held in the sanctuary at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Both services will include Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

Daily Lenten Devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available by e-mail (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org) and in printed form beginning Ash Wednesday, February 6. Printed devotions for this week are available in the literature racks.

“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.

Midweek Lenten worship takes place each Wednesday, beginning February 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring. Fourth Church youth are collecting monetary donations as well as cans of soup during Coffee Hour and at church entrances, with all proceeds supporting the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church will be held next Sunday, February 10 after 11:00 worship. The election of new officers for Session, Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees will take place during that time. Following the meeting, there will be a Cuban-themed congregational dinner in Anderson Hall. The Children and Youth choirs, who are going to Cuba this spring, will be singing.

ENRICHMENT

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "Introduction to the Old Testament," taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and "History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," taught by Adam Rose (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and "Spirituality and the Reformed Confessions," taught by Calum MacLeod (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

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

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

Men's Bible study will meet next on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Christina Wollerman at 312.573.3364 (cwollerman@fourthchurch.org).

Jim Wallis, founder of Sojourners and author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*, will speak on his new book, *The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America* on Tuesday, February 19 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

"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 3:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

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 politicians' positions on key issues, which may be helpful to have before the February 5 Illinois Presidential Primary, is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today.

Mission trip participants traveling to Cameroon depart on Saturday, February 9. They will return on Wednesday, February 20. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

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 18. Details and applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6 and 7) does not meet today.

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

A lunch for youth and families takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

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

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

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday night suppers

Current Donation Needs

Men's casual winter clothes, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges for a nonprofit program benefiting homeless women

Cribs, car seats, strollers, infants and children's clothes, coats, and books

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.

"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.

Fourth Dimension will meet on Friday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Rick Kogan and Charles Osgood of the *Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine* will be speaking about their column, "Sidewalks." For more information and to RSVP, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, February 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. David Bender will be discussing his work as President of the Board of Trustees of Colegio Mexico-Americano, a bilingual school in Puerto Vallarta. RSVP by February 8 by calling 312.787.4570.

ThirtiesForties will meet next on Sunday, February 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Cornerstones will meet next on Friday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Dr. Ogbu Kalu will discuss the topic "Africa: Views of a Christian Outsider." To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Duo Figer Khanina, playing the violin and piano, 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 during Coffee Hour and at www.ticketweb.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$3.3 million in commitments from 1,258 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.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 3–9, 2008

Sunday, February 3		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 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 and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
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 John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Families Lunch	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.	Jazz Vespers Martha Langford preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, February 4		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
 Tuesday, February 5		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
 Wednesday, February 6		
	Ash Wednesday	
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
 Thursday, February 7		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 Friday, February 8		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Duo Figer Khanina	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Anderson Hall
 Saturday, February 9		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
8:30 a.m.	"Julian's Window: A Time for Listening in Lent"	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, February 10

Alice M. Trowbridge	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Alice M. Trowbridge	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.