

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
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CHURCH
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February 24–March 1, 2008

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "Introduction to the Old Testament" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "God in the World: A Guide to Karl Rahner's Theology," facilitated by Robert Ludwig (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and "Understanding the Immigration Debate," with guest speakers (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and "Whitebread Protestants: Food and Religion in Culture" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Poet-writer Noah benShea will reflect on the topic "What Matters Most" today at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

"Bacterial Infections on the Rise,"

an information session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will take place on Tuesday, February 26. 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, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Andrews will lead the discussion on *The Maytrees: A Novel* by Annie Dillard.

The next "For Men Only" Cultural Explorations series, offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Thursday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Anderson Hall S. Balcony. University of Chicago scholar Dr. Ertugrul Okten will lead a presentation on "The Turkic World: Empire to Twenty-First Century." RSVP by Tuesday, February 26 by calling the CLL at 312.981.3386.

"Handel's *Messiah: The Story behind the Masterpiece*" is the topic of the lecture to be given by Stephen Alltop on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception hosted by the Common Connection Groups of Fourth Church will follow.

"Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health," a three-part series sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, begins on Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Brain Health Series Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A limited number of DVDs of the 8:30 p.m. 2007 Christmas Eve service, as televised by CBS, are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

CD sets containing six Jack Stotts sermons are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour. A memorial service for Jack Stotts will take place on Friday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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.

“Moments,” a textile exhibition by Margaret Gregg, is on display in the Loggia through March 24.

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.

Dr. Ogbu Kalu will discuss the topic “Africa: Views of a Christian Insider” on Friday, March 7 at 5:45 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP for this event, hosted by Cornerstones, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Writer James Finn Garner will be speaking on the topic “Satire and the City.” RSVP by March 7 by calling 312.787.4570. All are invited.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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, March 28.

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 7 with an interfaith service planned by Women@Fourth Connect and members of the Jewish and Muslim faith communities. Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, will be speaking. The service, with peace as its theme, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a dessert reception.

LENT

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

Midweek Lenten worship takes place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, March 21 and 22 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). To register, call Martha Langford at 312.981.4034.

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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Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. (Donations must be received by Wednesday, March 12 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website or by calling Judi DeJager at 312.274.3833.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Sunday School office assistant, on the fifth Sunday of the month

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

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about stronger gun control laws, as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today.

Applications for the Urban Plunge: Chicago mission trip (May 30–June 1) as well as the trip to **Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations** (June 22–27) are due Monday, March 17. Applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour and in the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6 and 7) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse Basement.

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

The annual Day School Benefit will take place on Saturday, March 8. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House with a time for fellowship and continues from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. with a performance by musician Jim Gill.

The second annual "Kids Helping Kids" event will be held on Sunday, March 9 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Those who attend will assemble bags that the Cuba mission trip participants will take to Havana to distribute there.

The "Havana Hop," a danceathon for kids and their parents to support the Fourth Church Youth Choir trip to Cuba this spring, will take place on Sunday, March 9 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 24–MARCH 1, 2008

Sunday, February 24

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson 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.	Elevation		Manse
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson 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
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
2:00 p.m.	Noah benShea Lecture		Sanctuary
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	Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, February 25

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, February 26

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	"Bacterial Infections on the Rise"	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Randolph Room

Wednesday, February 27

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, February 28

11:00 a.m.	"For Men Only" Cultural Explorations	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Concert: Paul Winter and the Paul Winter Consort	Sanctuary

Friday, February 29

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Sally Cherrington-Biggs, organ	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, March 2

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Calum I. MacLeod	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.