

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes meeting today are: “**A Closer Look at the Book of Exodus,**” taught by Tom Dozeman (Page Smith Room), “**Introduction to the New Testament,**” taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and “**Theology Goes to the Movies**” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B). All three classes start at 9:30 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.

“**Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health,**” a three-part series sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, continues on Saturday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Brain Health Series Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

“**Arthritis and You: Let’s Talk about Rheumatoid Arthritis,**” a seminar offered by the Center for Whole Health, will take place on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register, call the Arthritis Foundation at 312.372.2080.

A.J. Jacobs, author of the humorous and insightful *A Year of Living Biblically*, will be speaking at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, call Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Enjoy all-you-can eat pancakes or scrambled eggs, with a side of sausage, at the Sunday, April 13 pancake breakfast. Prepared and served by the Fourth Church Senior Highs, this breakfast will raise funds for their summer work camp trips to New Orleans and Saugatuck, Michigan. 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.

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts will present a preview of their performance of “*The Creation of the World and Other Business*” by Arthur Miller and “*A Separate Peace*” by Tom Stoppard today at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Regular performances will be Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.

The Choir of King's College will be in concert at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by calling 312.294.3000 or visiting www.cso.org.

“Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty,” an exhibition of photography by Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter, is on display in the Loggia.

“Fourth’s Orchard: Branching out through Learning,” an exhibition of art by children of Fourth Church’s Children’s Center, Day School, Sunday School, and Tutoring program, will be on display in the Gallery in April.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A Wills Awareness Seminar on how to create a will will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP, contact Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833 (jdejager@fourthchurch.org).

Free income tax preparation, which is provided by AARP volunteers through the Center for Life and Learning, is available at the church on Thursdays and Fridays on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call the Tax Preparation Infoline at 312.640.5459.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Youth Choir is on a mission trip in Cuba. They will return on Monday, April 7. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Information about funding for the Illinois Covered proposal, a plan that will expand access to existing health care programs to dramatically improve health care security for thousands of Illinois families, as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today.

Applications for the Family Farm Weekend trip to Caledonia, Illinois (June 27–29), are due Monday, April 14. Applications for the Guatemala mission trip (August 2–9) are due Monday, May 5. Details and application forms are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website.

Fourth Church will be collecting used athletic shoes as part of the “Reuse-a-Shoe” recycling program on Sunday, April 27. This program recycles worn-out athletic shoes into material used in sports surfaces like basketball courts and playgrounds.

“Knowing Our Place: The Human Being in Relation to the Rest of Nature” is the topic that will be discussed by Anna Case-Winters, a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, on Sunday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Anderson Hall S. Balcony. To RSVP, call Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

People to bag groceries for Social Service Center guests, Sundays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., on rotation

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.

People to remove blue bows from the trees in front of the church on Tuesday, April 30

Bread cutters for the third Sunday of the month and for 8:00 a.m. worship

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Ushers for Vespers, on rotation

Current Donation Needs

Grocery bags, paper or plastic, for use in the Social Service Center

Men's casual winter clothes, especially 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 contact Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

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.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Troubadour, teacher, and social activist Jeremy Taylor will present "Keeping Faith in a Funny World," a program of song and commentary. RSVP by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 11 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570. All are invited.

Great Expectations, an all-church baby shower hosted by the New Moms' Group, will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Parents expecting a baby or who have had a baby in the last year are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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, April 25.

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.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 6–12, 2008

Sunday, April 6

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		Westminister House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		(see announcement)
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
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminister House and Manse
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
1:00 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Page Smith 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	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, April 7

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Interfaith Passover Seder	Chicago Sinai

Wednesday, April 9

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
8:00 p.m.	Concert: The Choir of King's College	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 10

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, April 11

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Anna Spina, French horn	Sanctuary

Saturday, April 12

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	"Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health"	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, April 13

Dana Ferguson	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Hardy Kim	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.