

April 27–May 3, 2008

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**FOURTH
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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

This Sunday Fourth Church celebrates Earth Sunday. At a 12:30 p.m. brunch in Anderson Hall South Balcony, Anna Case-Winters, a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, will talk about “**Knowing Our Place: The Human Being in Relation to the Rest of Nature.**” During Coffee Hour, worn-out athletic shoes will be collected as part of the “Reuse-a-Shoe” recycling program, which recycles the shoes into material used in sports surfaces such as basketball courts and playgrounds.

Information about the Clean Car Act, as well as letters to legislators to advocate support of the bill, are available at the Mission table. This Act would cut global warming pollution by 27 percent by 2030, reduce Illinois’ 11 percent asthma rate, and result in approximately \$400 per car per year in gas savings, helping reduce global warming pollution in Illinois.

The thirty New Orleans mission trip participants leave for Louisiana today, where they will participate in the rebuilding efforts there. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the mission and ministry of the worldwide church of Jesus Christ.

Applications for the Guatemala mission trip (August 2–9), which will be led by Tom and Sue Schemper, 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.

The annual Women@FourthConnect Mission Tea will be held Saturday, May 10 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6–7) gathers from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse Basement. Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 Confirmation) gathers from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Senior Highs (grades 9 to 12) gather from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow’s Nest.

Support the Senior Highs fund-raising efforts while enjoying a meal at Ed Debevic’s on Monday, May 5. For details, contact John Vest at 312.981.4037 (jvest@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

The Elevation Flower Sale to raise funds for the youths’ June 12–15 work camp trip to assist with the Illinois Special Olympics will take place during Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 11.

WORSHIP

A **Vespers Communion service** is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Next Sunday's service will be **the fifth annual candlelighting service** for mental health awareness, held in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month.

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 in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

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.

A **Taizé service** is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service will be May 23.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Photographers Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter will be in the Loggia this morning, where at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon they will talk about their exhibition, **"Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty."**

"Fourth Church'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, is on display in the Gallery during April.

Pianist Jamie Shaak will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert on Sunday, May 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This year's Festival of the Heart, performed by students of the Chicago Lights Near North Magnet Cluster, will be *Dream*. It will take place at the Chopin Theater (1543 W. Division) at 12:00 noon on May 13, 14, and 15 and at 4:00 p.m. on May 14. Free tickets are available from the Chicago Lights office (312.981.3596).

ENRICHMENT

"An Introduction to Mormonism: An Outsider's Look In," a four-week Academy for Faith and Life course, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony.

A.J. Jacobs, author of the humorous and insightful *A Year of Living Biblically*, will be speaking at Fourth Church this Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This forum is free and open to the public; no reservations are required.

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.

"The Scottish Highlands and the United States" is the topic of a presentation being cohosted by Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Newberry Library (60 W. Walton).

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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NEWS AND RESOURCES

“Understanding Black Churches and Their Traditions,” a three-session Academy for Faith and Life class, will begin Sunday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m. On Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m., Dwight Hopkins of the University of Chicago Divinity School will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum focusing on what to make of the recent news reports about black churches and their preachers.

“Nutrition and Arthritis” will be the topic of a seminar cohosted by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights, on Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register for this free session, call 312.372.2080.

A two-part seminar series—“How Grief Works” and “How To Do Your Grief Work”—for those dealing with significant losses will be led by John Boyle and Allyson Rich Wolcott at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Wednesdays, May 7 and May 14 at 7:00 p.m. To participate, call the Center at 312.787.8425 by 12:00 noon on Monday, May 5.

President of the Investment Services Division of Opportunity International, Ken Vander Weele, will speak at the May 10 Fourth Church Men’s Group gathering at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. All are invited to learn about this microfinance organization’s commitment to solving global poverty. For breakfast reservations, call the church office at 312.787.4570 by noon on Friday, May 9.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, will attend the brunch at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony.

Books by Women meets Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Country of the Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett.

Graduating in 2008? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact John Vest at 312.981.4037 (jvest@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 19 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 25.

Changes in the parking validation process for those who park in the John Hancock garage will not take place until mid-May. Details will be made available in this weekly insert and on the Fourth Church website in the days ahead.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

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

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Observers of exemplary teachers in grant-winning programs in Chicago Public Schools

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

Current Donation Needs

Children’s items: cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes, coats, and books

Greeting cards and stamps for guests of Sunday and Monday night suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges, to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

Men’s casual spring and summer clothes, especially shoes, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

For a list of additional needs and more information, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 27–MAY 3, 2008

Sunday, April 27

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Care of Creation Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Bruce Rigdon 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		(see announcement)
10:30 a.m.	Care of Creation Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	The Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Bruce Rigdon 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.	Care of Creation Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	"Knowing Our Place" Brunch		Anderson Hall, S. Balcony
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 H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, April 28

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, April 29

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, April 30

9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Removal	Garth
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum: A. J. Jacobs	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 1

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, May 2

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jamie Shaak, piano	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, May 4

Adam Fronczek	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.