

January 11–17, 2009

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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today the internationally recognized Westminster Choir of the Westminster Choir College will be in concert at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

The New Millennium Chamber Players will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ENRICHMENT

Live webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College's award-winning January Series will be shown on weekdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. The series is being hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life. This week's topics include "The Continuing Witness and the Future of the Church in the Middle East," "Creation, Design, Evolution, and Human Origins," "Lincoln at 200: The Measure of a President," "The Invisible Cure: Africa, the West, and the Fight against AIDS," and "A Witness to Change: Profiling Microfinance and the Empowerment of Poor Families." A full list of lecture titles is printed in the January issue of *Fourth Press*, available in the literature racks.

Weekly 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 five-week foreign film series hosted by the Center for Life and Learning continues this Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. For more information or to register, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387 (pamis@fourthchurch.org).

"Ode to Joy" is the theme of this year's Fourth Church women's weekend retreat, which will be held January 23–24. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"When a Change of Residence is Necessary," a program sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will focus on housing options for those sixty and over. The presentation will begin at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 27 in the Page Smith Room. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy a time of fellowship prior to the event.

The Community Book Group meets Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters—and How to Talk about It* by Krista Tippett.

The Family-to-Family Education Program is a twelve-week course for families and friends of adults living with mental illnesses. The first session is Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Registration for this free course is required; call the Family-to-Family Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

“Living Mindfully” will be the topic of this year’s Midwinter Conference hosted by the Lorene Repogle Counseling Center on Saturday, February 28 at Fourth Church. For details or to register, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Center at 312.787.8425.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

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

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

A Center for Life and Learning Memorial Service, held in remembrance of CLL members who have died during the previous year, will be held Thursday, January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

A service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month in Blair Chapel. This monthly service offers an opportunity for prayer, meditative singing, and reflection. The next service will be Friday, January 23.

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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Sunday school classes resume today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow’s Nest. The monthly Youth and Family Luncheon will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

New moms’ groups meet at member homes for fellowship and discussions of faith. For details, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

The Souper Bowl of Caring to alleviate hunger will be Sunday, February 1. That morning youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, will lead conversation about discovering and pursuing vocation.

Loyola University Museum of Art will be the site of this year’s Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning Winter Open House. All who are sixty or over are invited to the museum (820 N. Michigan) on Monday, January 26 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the CLL and enjoy a time of fellowship.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop will meet Tuesday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *A Stranger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith* by Fourth Church member Anna-Lisa Cox.

"Chicago Metropolis 2020" will be the topic of a presentation by George Ranney on Friday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. All are invited to this event hosted by Cornerstones; reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Ushers for Vespers on a rotating schedule

Tutors for the Tutoring program;

1½ hours weekly, especially needed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings

Audio operator to record occasional services during the week; training provided

Sunday School teachers for grades 1–3, to teach during 11:00 a.m. session

Current Donation Needs

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

For a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

The "Refreshing the Vision" long-range planning process for Fourth Church is underway. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/vision.html.

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with spiritual, emotional, and health issues. Those who would like information about available resources are encouraged to contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

At the Mission Table today is a letter to President-Elect Obama, for those who would like to sign it, asking him to implement a clean energy agenda to alleviate global warming.

Cuba and Cameroon mission trip

applications are due this Thursday, January 15 (for the May 1–9 trip to Cuba) and Monday, January 19 (for the May 29–June 12 trip to Cameroon). Details about these trips as well as the application form are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3384.

The 2009 Mission Benefit, Carnival, will be Friday, February 20 at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. Invitations will be mailed in mid-January. To learn more about this annual event supporting the programs of Chicago Lights, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church or for details about how to be a Mission Benefit sponsor, contact Allison Graham in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3596.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 11–17, 2009

Sunday, January 11

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Sarah A. Johnson 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.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	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.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Families Lunch	Dining Room
3:00 p.m.	Westminster Choir Concert	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

Monday, January 12

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
11:30 a.m.	January Series: “The Church in the Middle East”	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, January 13

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
11:30 a.m.	January Series: “Creation and Human Origins”	Page Smith Room

Wednesday, January 14

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
10:30 a.m.	CLL Foreign Film Series	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
11:30 a.m.	January Series: “Lincoln at 200”	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, January 15

11:30 a.m.	January Series: “Africa and the Fight against AIDS”	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class	Anderson Hall S. Balcony

Friday, January 16

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class	Activity Center
11:30 a.m.	January Series: “Microfinance and Empowerment”	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: New Millennium Chamber Players	Sanctuary

Saturday, January 17

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, January 18

Joyce Shin	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Joann H. Lee	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.