

January 25–31, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Ushers for Vespers, on a rotating schedule

Cooks to occasionally prepare and deliver meals to a family in zip code 60618

Tutors for the Tutoring program

Current Donation Needs

Computers in good condition (2007 or newer) to be donated to a Cabrini-Green school; a list of specifications is available at the Volunteer table

Cell phones to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

For a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

ENRICHMENT

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.

Live webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College's January Series will be shown on Monday and Tuesday this week at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room; the final topics of this Academy-sponsored program are "The Language of Jazz" and "International Justice: Using the Law to Fight for Human Rights."

"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 begins at 12:00 noon Tuesday, January 27 in the Randolph Room. Participants are invited to bring a lunch at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy a time of fellowship prior to the event.

The Community Book Group meets this 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. Donna Gray will lead the conversation.

Pilgrimage in Faithfulness, an eight-week program for those interested in discussing faith topics in depth, will begin Thursday, February 5 at 5:45 p.m. and be led by speakers from Fourth Church and other faith communities. Weekly sessions consist of dinner, a presentation, discussion, and worship. Registration is required, contact Anita Bright at the church at 312.573.3364.

New adult education classes from the Academy for Faith and Life begin Sunday, February 8. Topics include Isaiah, the Dead Sea scrolls, mission and vocation, and "Bible stories you should know." For details, stop by Coffee Hour or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

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.

Eboo Patel, Founder and Director of the Interfaith Youth Core in Chicago and author of *Acts of Faith*, will speak at an upcoming Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

“**Living Mindfully**” will be the topic of this year’s Midwinter Conference hosted by the Lorene Replogle 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

An educational forum to discuss military service member and veteran advocacy issues will take place Friday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room and will be facilitated by professional counselors and military chaplains. Visit the Mission table during Coffee Hour for more information on veteran advocacy.

Information regarding efforts to promote peace in the Middle East will be available at the Mission table today.

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.

Faith in Practice, a service and outreach organization in Guatemala, will be the topic of a presentation given by Director Linda McCarty on Sunday, February 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Reservations for the February 20 Mission Benefit, Carnaval, can be made today during Coffee Hour. Drawing tickets for a chance to win a 2009 Smart car are also available as are details about the online auction. This annual event supports the programs of Chicago Lights and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center.

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. Tonight the eighth-grade Confirmation class will lead the service.

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 service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, February 27.

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet 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 and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow’s Nest. Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) will not meet this morning; instead they will meet tonight at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

A family ice skating party will take place Sunday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m. at Daley Bicentennial Plaza (337 E. Randolph). Admission, skate rental, and beverages will be provided, and those attending are invited to bring food to share. For details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today’s psalm along with many others is featured in the Loggia and Gallery exhibition “Who Is He? : A Textile Meditation on the Psalms.”

Organist Sally Cherrington-Beggs will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

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) tomorrow, January 26 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the CLL.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop will meet this Tuesday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

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 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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Two staff changes have been made by the Session, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee: Calum MacLeod has been named Executive Associate Pastor, and Linda Loving has been hired on a contractual basis to serve as Minister for Evangelism. Linda, who served as an Associate Pastor at Fourth Church from 1986 to 1995, will join the staff on February 2.

How to increase the multicultural diversity of Fourth Church will be the topic of a luncheon discussion on Sunday, February 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are invited.

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).

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 25–31, 2009

Sunday, January 25

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge 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, 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.	Sunday School		Westminster House
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
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation Class)		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Confirmation Class	Sanctuary

Monday, January 26

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
11:30 a.m.	January Series: "The Language of Jazz"	Page Smith Room
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.	Center for Life and Learning Open House	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
11:30 a.m.	January Series: "International Justice"	Page Smith Room
11:30 a.m.	"When a Change of Residence Is Necessary"	Randolph Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Page Smith Room

Wednesday, January 28

10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class (also Friday)	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Friday, January 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Sally Cherrington-Beggs	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Veteran Advocacy Issues	Randolph Room

Preaching on Sunday, February 1

Joann H. Lee	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Victoria G. Curtiss	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.