

February 8–14, 2009

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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Violinist Veronique Mathieu and pianist Jasmin Arakawa will perform this Friday's Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"Who Is He?: A Textile Meditation on the Psalms" is on exhibit in the Loggia and Gallery.

ENRICHMENT

New Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes begin today:

- **"The Book of Isaiah,"** taught by Tom Dozeman at 9:30 a.m. and hosted by the John Knox Bible Study in the Page Smith Room
- **"Called to Mission: How Your Own Call Might Find Expression in the Work of Fourth Church,"** taught by Vicky Curtiss at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony
- **"Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls,"** taught by Adam Rose at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony
- **"For the Bible Tells Me So: Bible Stories You Should Know . . . Continues,"** taught by Adam Fronczek at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony

Course descriptions are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

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 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.

This Tuesday evening, Eboo Patel,

Founder and Director of the Interfaith Youth Core in Chicago and author of *Acts of Faith*, will speak at a Michigan Avenue Forum at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception hosted by the Christian-Muslim Fellowship Exchange will follow the talk.

The Community Book Group

meets Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *Home* by Marilynne Robinson. Calum MacLeod will lead the conversation.

"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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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

The 139th Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, February 22 following 11:00 worship. All members are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided during the meeting. After that meeting, all are invited to an intergenerational congregational lunch hosted in Anderson Hall by the Congregational Life Committee.

In this economic climate, Fourth Church wants to remind all of the spiritual, emotional, and practical services available at the church. 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).

Those who have a loved one serving in the armed forces are invited to pass along that person's name so we might keep those individuals in our prayers and reach out to them and their families. Names can be given to Carol Allerton in the Pastoral Care office at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A mission luncheon with the founders of the Lesideng Soup Kitchen will take place today in the Activity Center following the 11:00 service.

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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Reservations for the February 20 Mission Benefit, Carnival, can be made today during Coffee Hour; the last day to RSVP is Friday, February 13. 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. All silent and live auction items are currently available for online bidding. Visit www.chicagolights.org for details and to access the online auction.

Mission trip applications for the Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations trip (June 22–27) and the Guatemala trip (July 25–August 2, led by Tom and Sue Schemper) are due Monday, March 16. Details about the trips as well as the application form are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

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, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

Tonight a family ice skating party will take place at 5:00 p.m. at Daley Bicentennial Plaza (337 E. Randolph). Skate rental, admission, and beverages will be provided; those attending are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

FELLOWSHIP

Reducing violence in Chicago will be the topic of a program hosted by Fourth Dimension on Friday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend. Reservations are required; call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

This Saturday's Men's Group program will be led by the Executive Director of Protestants for the Common Good, Al Sharp, at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To register, call 312.787.4570 by Friday, February 13 at 12:00 noon.

Fellowship groups for mothers with children age 0–4 meet at member homes. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at lnickerson@fourthchurch.org.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. All are invited.

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.

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.

This year Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 25. Services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. that day, with Communion and the opportunity for imposition of ashes as part of both services. Daily Lenten devotions, written by members and staff of Fourth Church, will be available in the literature racks beginning Sunday, February 22.

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

ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2009 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. To date, we have received nearly \$3.4 million in gift intents from 1,058 households, toward our \$6.3 million goal. For more details, stop by the display during Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009appeal.html, or contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Ushers for 8:00 a.m. and Vespers

Tutors for the Tutoring program,

especially on Tuesday and Thursday evenings

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.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 8–14, 2009

Sunday, February 8

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Linda C. Loving preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy Classes		Anderson Hall Balconies
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, Fourth Church Rising		<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Linda C. Loving preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy Class		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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.	Lesideng Soup Kitchen Luncheon		Activity Center
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Multicultural Diversity Conversation		Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Family Ice Skating Party		<i>(see announcement)</i>
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Sarah A. Johnson preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, February 9

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Family-to-Family Education Program	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum: Eboo Patel	Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 11

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

Friday, February 13

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Veronique Mathieu and Jasmin Arakawa	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Anderson Hall

Saturday, February 14

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Randolph Room

Preaching on Sunday, February 15

John H. Boyle	8:00 a.m.
Joyce Shin	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek	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.