

February 22–28, 2009

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today the 139th Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held 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 in Anderson Hall.

Today's Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

A "Finding Work without Losing Heart" retreat will be offered by the Career Transitions Center March 4–5. For additional details or to register, contact the Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, at 312.906.9908.

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) or to pick up a "Fourth Church Cares" card from the literature racks.

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).

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 more than \$3.3 million in gift intents from 1,065 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.

LENT

Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m., with Communion and the opportunity for imposition of ashes as part of both services.

Daily Lenten devotions are available in the literature racks, by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org.

A Lenten labyrinth walk will be held this Friday, February 27 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

A Lenten Taizé service will be held this Friday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. A Taizé service is held each fourth Friday of the month.

A seven-week Lenten book study of *Lent: The Sunday Readings*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, begins Sunday, March 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Copies of the book are available at the Book Nook in Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

Today's adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "The Book of Isaiah," taught by Tom Dozeman (Page Smith Room), "Called to Mission: How Your Own Call Might Find Expression in the Work of Fourth Church," taught by Vicky Curtiss (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), "Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls," taught by Adam Rose (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m.; and "For the Bible Tells Me So: Bible Stories You Should Know . . . Continues," taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. 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.

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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A support group for those dealing with grief and loss will be led by John Boyle at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Mondays beginning February 23 at 7:00 p.m. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

"Understanding Memory Loss" is the topic of a discussion that will take place Tuesday, February 24 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

The Community Book Group meets this 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 this 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.

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.

A four-week course on biblical archeology will be offered by the Center for Life and Learning on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning March 4. For details, contact Sergio Soltero at the CLL at 312.981.3386.

AARP tax preparation assistance will be provided courtesy of the CLL on Thursdays and Fridays through April 10. To make an appointment, call the infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 368.

FELLOWSHIP

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets Tuesday, February 24 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.

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 gather at 9:00 a.m. at the reception desk.

“Embracing Parents,” an informal discussion group that centers on pertinent issues parents face, will meet Sunday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Tutoring Library. Child psychologist Anne Updegrave will facilitate the conversation.

The annual Day School Benefit will take place on Saturday, March 7. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House with a time for fellowship and continues from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. with a performance by musician Jim Gill.

WORSHIP

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about a bill requiring background checks on handgun sales in Illinois is available at the Mission Table today during Coffee Hour.

Congo expert Anneke Van Woundenberg will speak about the Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. For details or to RSVP, call Natasha Holbert at 312.573.2452.

“The Impact of Mission Trips” will be the topic of a presentation given by members Cris and Ken Ohr on Friday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. All are invited to this Cornerstones-hosted event. Reservations, which are required, can be made by calling the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 before March 3.

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Tutoring program
Intuit Café assistants once a week from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. before Tutoring

Current Donation Needs

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shaving cream for the Social Service Center Health Fair; deposit items in the wicker bin outside of Anderson Hall

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

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 22–28, 2009

Sunday, February 22

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
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Chestnut Street Lobby
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan 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.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Senior Highs		<i>(see announcement)</i>
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy Class		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
1:00 p.m.	Congregational Lunch		Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, February 23

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, February 24

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 noon	“Understanding Memory Loss”	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Large Conference Room

Wednesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday		
10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class (also Friday)	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Donna Gray preaching
7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	John W. Vest preaching
		Sanctuary

Friday, February 27

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kristian Anderson	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Serving Fourth Friday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Lenten Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Taizé Worship Service	Blair Chapel

Saturday, February 28

8:30 a.m.	“Living Mindfully”	Anderson Hall
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Preaching on Sunday, March 1

Calum I. MacLeod	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.