

April 19–25, 2009

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**FOURTH
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News and Opportunities

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) and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meet in the Crow's Nest.

The third annual “Kids Helping Kids” event will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House. During this event kids will be collecting and packaging bilingual (Spanish and English) books for the children of Erie Neighborhood House.

Adoptive families are invited to attend a fellowship and enrichment event on Sunday, April 26 at 12:00 noon, beginning with lunch and a presentation on adopted children and identity led by psychologist Dr. Marina Eovaldi. Games will be provided for children during the presentation. To RSVP, call Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

An “Introduction to Communion” event for parents and children will take place Sunday, April 26 at 4:45 p.m. in the Manse and will include a potluck dinner, activities for children, discussion for parents, and participation in the 6:30 p.m. Vespers service.

Enjoy all-you-can eat pancakes prepared and served by the Fourth Church Senior Highs at their breakfast fund-raiser on Sunday, May 3. This meal will raise funds for their summer work camp trips to Iowa City and Northern Ireland. Breakfast will be served between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets for this meal will be available today and next Sunday during Coffee Hour or at the door on Sunday, May 3.

Mothers with children age 0–4 are invited to join an Evening Moms' Group that will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in member homes. The first meeting is Wednesday, May 13. RSVP to Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Refreshing the Vision report to the congregation, which has been endorsed by the Session and Board of Trustees, is available during Coffee Hour and also online at www.fourthchurch.org/vision.html. The report also includes the results of the recent congregational survey.

Fourth Church will observe Earth Sunday on April 26. Information about environmental stewardship will be available during Coffee Hour that day. Claire Butterfield of Faith in Place will speak at 2:00 p.m.

A special congregational lunch on Sunday, May 17 will celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Fourth Church sanctuary and the 100th anniversary of Pastor John Timothy Stone's ministry at Fourth Church. A play, bringing to life the oral histories of the congregation, will be presented during dessert.

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.

New adult education classes, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, begin today:

- **“A Tradition of Faithfulness: The Story of Fourth Church,”** led by Tom Rook, Morgan Simmons, and Betty Bergstrom at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A
- **“Islam in the Modern World,”** led by Azam Nizamuddin at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony
- **“Intentional Marriage,”** led by Tom Schemper and Elise Magers at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A
- **“Energy, Theology, and the Environment,”** led by guest speakers at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony B
- **“Jewish Contributions to Christian Thought,”** taught by Evan Moffic at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony

The final meeting of the Lenten book study, hosted by ThirtiesForties, will meet today after 9:30 worship at 11:00 a.m. at Inspiration Café (4715 N. Sheridan).

The Emmanuel Group, for those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, will meet on Mondays, April 20–May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center. To register, call Maureen Garvey at 312.787.2729, ext. 306.

The Wednesday “Explorations” class of the Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning will be led by Jane Hunt and begins April 29. For details, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

A Wills and Estates Seminar will be held Sunday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP, contact Cerry Letrich at 312.981.3381.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 28 to discuss *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Older adults and caregivers are invited to attend a noonday session about “slow medicine” on Tuesday, April 28 in the Page Smith Room. This Center for Whole Health-sponsored event will be led by gerontological nurse Joann Gruca.

A series of lectures by Amy-Jill Levine, cosponsored by Chicago Sinai Congregation, will be held the weekend of May 1–3. The first lecture, “Jesus and Judaism: Why the Connection (Still) Matters,” will be held Friday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai (15 W. Delaware Place). The topic of the Saturday, May 2 lecture at 10:00 a.m. at Chicago Sinai is “How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently.” On Sunday, May 3 Dr. Levine will lecture on “David and Bathsheba: Criminal Intent” at 12:30 p.m. at Fourth Church.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information and an opportunity to sign a letter pertaining to the **Global Food Security Act** is available at the Mission table today during Coffee Hour.

Reinerio Arce from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, will speak Monday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Registration for plots at the Community Garden is underway. To register for a plot, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org) or complete the form online at www.fourthchurch.org.

There is still time to sign up for the Guatemala and Lakota Mission trips. Applications, which can be found in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html, are due Monday, April 27.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Vicky Curtiss will speak about the Community Garden at the Friday, May 1 Cornerstones event at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *A Person of Interest* by Susan Choi.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A staged reading of *In the Crossing*, presented by the Silk Road Theatre Project, will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteers are needed to help take down the blue bows on Thursday, April 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m. To sign up, visit the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Current Volunteer Needs

In2it Café assistants once a week from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. before Tutoring **Tutors** for the Tutoring program

For a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

A weekly 4:00 Sunday afternoon service will begin on Sunday, June 7. This exciting new worship opportunity, recommended by the Worship Task Force and approved by the Session, will have a casual, family-friendly feel and will include Communion. The last 6:30 p.m. Vespers service will be held Sunday, May 31. After each 4:00 service, all will be invited to share in the community meal served by the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m., 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.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., to pray for members of the congregation and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé will be held this Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel, as it is each fourth Friday.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 19–25, 2009

Sunday, April 19

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	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Kids Helping Kids		Westminster House
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.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		<i>(see announcement)</i>
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Lenten Book Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
11:00 a.m.	Academy Class		Anderson Hall Balconies
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
12:15 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.	New Member Brunch		Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	Academy Class		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Jocelyn C. Cadwallader Preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, April 20

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Emmanuel Group	Counseling Center
7:00 p.m.	Mission Speaker: Reinerio Arce	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, April 21

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel

Wednesday, April 22

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Friday, April 24

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Pennsbury High School Choir	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Serving Fourth Friday Night Supper	Catholic Charities
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Worship Service	Blair Chapel

Saturday, April 25

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Community Garden
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Preaching on Sunday, April 26

Joyce Shin	8:00 a.m.
John W. Vest	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Alice M. Trowbridge	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.