

April 26–May 2, 2009

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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Today's Wills and Estates Seminar will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony.

Today's adult education classes, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "A Tradition of Faithfulness: The Story of Fourth Church" in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A and "Islam in the Modern World" in Anderson Hall S. Balcony at 9:30 a.m.; "Intentional Marriage" in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A, "Energy, Theology, and the Environment" in Anderson Hall N. Balcony B, and beginning this morning, "Reflections on the Protestant Reformation," led by Bruce Rigdon in Anderson Hall S. Balcony at 11:00 a.m.; and "Jewish Contributions to Christian Thought" in the Large Conference Room at 12:30 p.m.

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.

Older adults are invited to learn about "Slow Medicine" on Tuesday, April 28 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

The Community Book Group will meet this Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*.

A series of lectures by Amy-Jill Levine, cosponsored by Chicago Sinai Congregation, will be held the weekend of May 1–3. The first, "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 talk 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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to take down blue bows, Thursday, April 30 starting at 9:00 a.m.
River cleanup helpers, Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday Night Supper will expand and relocate to Anderson Hall on June 7, creating more volunteer opportunities:
Setup crew to open tables, place chairs
Dish washers to collect and clean dishes
Breakdown crew to collapse tables
Dining Room hosts to oversee set-up
Beverage pourers to serve guests at tables
Computer supervisor to help guests
Tablecloth washers to clean linens

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministries, at 312.981.3382.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

In celebration of Earth Day, Claire Butterfield of Faith in Place, an interfaith environmental organization, will speak today at 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Additionally, information about environmental stewardship will be available during Coffee Hour and tonight's Vespers service will have a Care of Creation theme.

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.

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. Tickets for this lunch will be available the reception desk today.

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.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individuals forty-seven and older, will gather on Friday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. to hear from Margaret Frisbie, executive director of Friends of the Chicago River.

Corey McPherrin, sports anchor on Fox, will speak on "The Low Down on Sports" at the Men's Group breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 before 12:00 noon on Friday, May 8. All men and women are invited.

ThirtiesForties will host a game night on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, June 1.

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 Chicago Lights 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.

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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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 **prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held each Fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

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.

Applications for the Guatemala and Lakota Mission trips, which can be found in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html, are due this Monday, April 27.

Cuba mission trip participants, who will spend nine days with First Presbyterian Church in Havana, leave this Friday. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

Community Gathering meetings for Chicago Avenue gardeners will be held on April 30, May 2, May 16, and June 6. For details, to register for a plot, or to sign up for the gatherings, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 or complete the form online at www.fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Mezzo-soprano Stacy Eckert will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert.

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.

An Interfaith Choir festival with Chicago Sinai will take place Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

Adoptive families are invited to attend a fellowship and enrichment event today at 12:00 noon in the Manse.

An "Introduction to Communion" for children and parents will take place tonight at 4:45 p.m. in the Manse.

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 are available today during Coffee Hour or at the door on Sunday, May 3.

Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree in 2009 are asked to contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 by Monday, May 11 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 17.

Mothers with children age 0–4 are invited to join an Evening Moms' Group. The first meeting is Wednesday, May 13. RSVP to Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 26–May 2, 2009

Sunday, April 26

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	John W. Vest 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.	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	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
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
12:00 p.m.	Adoptive Families Event		Manse
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
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Wills and Estates Seminar		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:30 p.m.	Academy Class		Large Conference Room
2:00 p.m.	Faith in Place presentation		Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
4:45 p.m.	"Introduction to Communion" for Families		Manse
6:30 p.m.	Earth Day Vespers	Alice M. Trowbridge Preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, April 27

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, April 28

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	Slow Medicine	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	<i>In the Crossing</i>	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Large Conference Room

Wednesday, April 29

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	<i>In the Crossing</i>	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 30

9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows	Garth
6:30 p.m.	Community Gardeners (Part 1)	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Friday, May 1

9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Stacy Eckert	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Manse
7:00 p.m.	"Jesus and Judaism: Why the Connection (Still) Matters"	Chicago Sinai

Saturday, May 2

11:30 a.m.	Community Gardeners (Part 2)	Garden
2:00 p.m.	"How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently"	Chicago Sinai

Preaching on Sunday, April 26

Jocelyn C. Cadwallader	8:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek	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.