

# News and Opportunities

#### FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**Young Adults** meets this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

**Fourthlights** (50s and above) meets for fellowship at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18 at Molive. Next Sunday, February 22, the group meets for brunch at Bistrot Zinc (1131 N. State) at 12:30 p.m.

**Care of Creation** next meets on Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Field Museum for a program on biodiversity. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jenny Blandford at 981.4087 (jblandford@fourthchurch.org).

**Cornerstones** (couples ages 50 and above) meets next Sunday, February 22 at 12:30 p.m. at Ditka's Restaurant.

#### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Organist Keith Hampton** will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"The Dream Revisited," an exhibit on display in the Loggia and Gallery through February 22, features work by locally, nationally, and internationally prominent African Americans.

#### MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information on discrimination by health insurance plans toward those suffering from mental illness is available today at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to legislators urging passage of the Mental Health Parity Bill.

**Sales of the CD** *Loop Live Tracks*, available in all Chicago-area Best Buy stores, benefit Partners in Education. For information, visit www.wlup.com.

A mission trip to Honduras is planned for June 30 to July 9. An informational session about this opportunity to build homes for Habitat for Humanity will be held on February 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. RSVP to the Center at 787.8425.

## Tickets Are Still Available for Friday's Mission Benefit!

There's still time to make your reservation for the 2004 Mission Benefit, an evening of fun in support of the adult mission programs at Fourth Church. Reservations can be made during Coffee Hour or by contacting Tracey Althans at 312.274.3816. Reservation forms are available at www.fourthchurch.org.

#### **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

**Voter registration** will take place today at Coffee Hour following the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Registrants must have two pieces of identification, at least one of which must list a current address.

#### The Fourth Church website

www.fourthchurch.org makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press;* programming information; and more.

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

**Ash Wednesday services** will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25. Communion will be a part of both services, and those wishing to receive the imposition of ashes will have opportunity to do so.

Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, will be available by e-mail (new subscribers to daily devotions can send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and (beginning Sunday, February 22) in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

"Were You There?" is the topic of this year's Lenten retreat led by Fleming Rutledge on Friday evening and Saturday, March 12–13. Registration brochures are available in the literature racks and at the Lenten Retreat Table in Coffee Hour. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at 640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

#### ENRICHMENT

"A Church for Our Time" will be the theme of a week at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico, this July 26 to August 2. Among the seminar leaders will be Cynthia Campbell and John Wilkinson. For more information about this week of fellowship, worship, and study with others from the Presbyterian Church (USA), contact John Scott at 505.685.4333, ext. 139 or visit www.ghostranch.org.

**Bible Study** opportunities this week: *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. *Young Adults*, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. *Parents*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. *Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. *Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult education opportunities offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "New Testament Survey" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "War and Hope" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:00 a.m., and "Issues of the Century" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Psalmody" (Page Smith Room) at 11:00 a.m.

**"Women and the Word,"** a Bible study for women led by Carol Allen, next meets on Thursday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Lunch will be served immediately following the study. For information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 640.5495.

A catered luncheon offered by the Center for Older Adults will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Enjoy the food our presidents enjoyed and listen to a presentation by Bruce Kraig, a specialist in the cultural meanings of food.

Church office: 126 É. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2094; 312.787.4570 Phone extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584 A smoking cessation program will begin Tuesday, February 24 at 5:45 p.m. To learn more about this eight-week program, contact Terrill Stumpf at 981.3396 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org) or visit the Health Ministry Table during Coffee Hour.

"The Times They Are A-Changing" is the topic of a workshop led by John Boyle and Carol Allen that will explore the nature of significant change and the ways it affects us. The workshop will meet on Saturday, February 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP by Wednesday, February 18 by calling Carol Allen at 640.5398.

A luncheon forum about hospice car e and hospice volunteer opportunities will be offered on Sunday, February 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. A light lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$10. RSVP to the Center for Health Ministry at 787.2729, ext. 371.

**Books by Women,** a women's book group, next meets on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The topic of the group will be *Three Junes* by Julia Glass.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School** meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Children's Corner**, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall after 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

A family skating party will be held today from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Bicentennial Plaza (337 E. Randolph). The rink is reserved for Fourth Church, and there is no admission or skate rental cost.

**Junior Highs** meets today for class at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by lunch in the Crow's Nest and a trip to Dave and Buster's. The group will return by 1:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Class** meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Senior Highs** meets today at 11:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship and a program at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**All youth and families who wish to attend the Black History Celebration** on February 22 should RSVP today to Liz Thomson at 640.2576.

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Help is needed serving a weekly Monday-evening meal for neighbors in need. Information about this new Fourth Church initiative, which will take place at Catholic Charities (720 N. LaSalle), is available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

#### **Current Donation Needs**

**Resealable bags** for the Social Service Center

Career-oriented maternity clothes New mittens, scarves, hats, and socks for children

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for children, at the church from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday

Care team members to serve people living with HIV/AIDS in zip codes 60640 and 60660

**Story readers or tellers** following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 981.3382.

### CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 15-21, 2004

Sunday, February 15			
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.		ynthia M. Campbell j	
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and	Life	Parish House
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class	34.35.6 1.33	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.		ynthia M. Campbell	
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs		Large Conference Room
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	4	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.		ynthia M. Campbell	
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and	Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Members Brunch		Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Family Skating Party Vespers Choir Rehearsal	1	(see announcement)
5:30 p.m.			Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b> 7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	arol J. Allen preachir	ng Sanctuar y Loggia
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<b>Monday, February 16</b> 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Monda	ay through Friday	Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, February 17			
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Stu	dv	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, February 18			
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study		Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Fourthlights		(see announcement)
Thursday, February 19			
11:30 a.m.	"Women and the Word"	" Rible Study	Anderson Hall
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults		Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsa		Sanctuary
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Friday, February 20			
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Stud	ly	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Organist Keith	Hampton	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Mission Benefit		Drake Hotel
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Saturday, February 21 8:30 a.m.	Workshop: "The Times	Thoy Aro A Changin	g" Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Workshop: "The Times Care of Creation	They Are A-Changin	(see announcement)
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John A. Cairns 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Calum I. MacLeod 6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, \$75 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.