



March 13–19, 2005

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A **congregational meeting** will be held today following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Executive Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on their recommendation for Executive Associate Pastor.

WORSHIP

Elizabeth Nickerson, a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, will be the guest preacher for Vespers tonight.

Wednesday evening worship during Lent is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. (Donations must be received by next Sunday, March 20 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

Worship services during Holy Week

(March 21–25) take place at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Lunch will be served immediately following the service each day. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Evening worship services will also be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:30 p.m.

A silent retreat for Holy Week

will take place Friday evening and Saturday, March 25 and 26 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Register by Sunday, March 20 by picking up a form from the literature racks or by calling Richard Williams at 312.981.4037.

Palm Sunday and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday, March 20

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Service with Tower Brass

9:30 a.m.

Children's Service in Westminster House

6:30 p.m.

Jazz Vespers Service

The last morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. on these Sundays. Please also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting the parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, meets for brunch today at 12:45 p.m., following the congregational meeting, at Mity Nice Grill (Water Tower Place).

The Gathering, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Undergraduate and Graduate Students College Connection Groups will meet next Sunday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse for lunch and to discuss "Feeding Your Heart, Mind, and Soul: Faith and the University."

Faith Builder Small Groups provide an opportunity for groups of 8 to 12 adults to meet regularly to support one another in living out their Christian faith. To learn about new groups forming in March, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

ENRICHMENT

Adult education courses offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "St. Matthew's Passion" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Introduction to Church History, Part 2" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Children of Abraham" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

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

"Nuts and Bolts," a seminar designed to help those participating in and leading small groups and other teams in the church, will meet this Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Meet the artists whose work is featured in the Loggia art exhibition, "Sapphire and Crystals: Rites of Spring," a show by women artists that examines the idea of rebirth. The artists will be in the Loggia from 12:30 noon to 3:00 p.m. today.

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago Musicians will perform a free concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet and the Fourth Church Morning Choir will perform this Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com or by calling Beverly Escuder at the church at 312.981.3595.

A staged reading of *Murder in the Cathedral*, directed by Bernard Sahlins and sponsored by the Poetry Foundation, will take place in the sanctuary on Wednesday evening, April 6. Tickets are available at the church reception desk and through the Poetry Foundation (312.787.7070).

The Sixteen will be in concert on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com or by calling Beverly Escuder at the church at 312.981.3595.

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

The Junior High Academy Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:15 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets today at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) does not meet today.

“**Parents of Tots**” are invited to the Manse this Wednesday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Letters in support of legislation aimed at cutting U.S. food insecurity in half by 2010 will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

The new deadline for the BorderLinks Mission Trip (May 8–15) is Monday, March 14. The trip is also now open to all ages. For information, contact Richard Williams at the church at 312.981.4037 (rwilliams@fourthchurch.org).

Applications for the mission trip to Cameroon (July 21–31) are due Friday, April 1. Details about this and other Fourth Church-sponsored mission trips are available in brochures in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Did You Know . . .

Members of the Center for Older Adults, a program celebrating its 40th year, engage in a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including assembling health kits for the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

For more information about the ways in which Fourth Church touches our community, read the upcoming issue of News@FourthChurch later this week (subscribe by sending addresses to news@fourthchurch.org) and the Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Assistants to Computer Instructor in Tutoring Program, 4:15 to 5:05 p.m., Wednesday or Thursday

Helpers for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., one afternoon a week

Basic skills tutors for adults in a program supported by Fourth Church at 721 N. LaSalle, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. one evening a week

Fourth Church members to serve as Vespers ushers

Nurses to staff a free clinic in an Uptown area shelter, Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Two new or like-new laptop computers to be given to a small Presbyterian church in Cuba

Like-new men's white tee shirts in large sizes

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 13-19, 2005

Sunday, March 13

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class		Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Academy Class		Large Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminister House
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Artist Reception		Loggia
12:30 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	Coffee Hour Reception		Anderson Hall
12:45 p.m.	Fourth Forum		<i>(see announcement)</i>
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Civic Orchestra of Chicago Musicians		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Elizabeth Nickerson preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, March 14

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, March 16

9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study	Large Conference Room
10:00 a.m.	"Parents of Tots"	Manse
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, March 17

7:30 p.m.	Concert: The Dave Brubeck Quartet	Sanctuary
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Friday, March 18

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mark Valenti, piano	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	ADD Support Group	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Palm Sunday, March 20

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Julie Kim	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. 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. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.