

January 8–14, 2006

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, January 27.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

Printed copies of the Daily Devotions are available in the literature racks in the narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Devotions are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Beginning Sunday, January 22, folding chairs and a temporary sound system will be part of the worship experience at Fourth Presbyterian Church, as sanctuary improvements, undertaken as part of Project Light, are scheduled to begin January 16. These improvements include new pews (exact replicas of the existing pews), new flooring, and a new sound system. Information about these enhancements will be available on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org, and in materials to be mailed to member homes and posted throughout the building.

A Blood Donor Drive sponsored by the Center for Whole Health will be held at Fourth Church on Sunday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 800.448.3543 or visiting www.givelife.org; the Fourth Church sponsor code is 3352. For information, contact Terrill Stumpf at 312.981.3396.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The viewing of *The Innocent* scheduled for this afternoon has been cancelled. For information about other upcoming films, contact Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

Information about a petition asking the state of Illinois to provide residents with full prescription benefits and the right to choose one's doctor under a publicly financed comprehensive health insurance system is at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour.

Two identical information sessions for those interested in the April 2006 mission trip to Honduras will take place Sunday, January 15 from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. and Sunday, January 22 from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

'Finding Work without Losing Heart: A Retreat for the Unemployed' is being hosted by the Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat will be held January 24–25 in Warrenville. Details are available by contacting the Center at 312.906.9908 or www.ctcchicago.org.

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 today after 9:30 worship.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest. Class members are invited to then join the Junior Highs for fellowship.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group then meets at 11:00 a.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance to go to the Museum of Science and Industry. The group will return to the church at 2:30 p.m.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Deborah Kapp will be the guest speaker at the John Knox Bible Study Class today at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. This class, now in its eighty-second year, is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday.

Four new Academy for Faith and Life courses begin today: "**Convictions: Hold 'Em or Fold 'Em**," taught by John Boyle and "**Old Testament Survey**," taught by Paul Rutgers at 9:30 a.m., and "**Islam in the Modern World**," taught by Azam Nizamuddin, and "**So You've Been Asked to Teach Church School . . . What Now?**" taught by Donna Gray at 11:00 a.m. Please note that "**How Christians Decide: An Introduction to the Church's Faith Statements**," taught by Cynthia Campbell, will begin next Sunday, January 15 at 11:00 a.m. rather than January 8 as originally listed.

Bonhoeffer, a documentary to air on PBS in February, will be shown at Chicago Sinai (15 W. Delaware) on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. This event, sponsored by Fourth Church, the *Christian Century*, and Chicago Sinai, will include an introduction by the film's director and a panel discussion, with comments by Martin Marty, Rabbi Sternfield, and others.

A retreat for women of Fourth Church, led by Laura Loving and Susan Schemper, will be held February 3 and 4. For details, contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

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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‘The Challenges of Forgiveness,’ a Midwinter Conference sponsored by the Counseling Center and led by John Boyle and Jeanne Bishop, will be held Saturday, January 28. Brochures with details are available in the literature racks and on the church website. A one-day writing workshop focused on telling personal stories of forgiveness will take place Saturday, February 11. For more information about this workshop, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children one evening a week at Fourth Church

Assistants for Kids’ Cafe on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Clothes carriers on January 14 for a nonprofit agency that provides free and low-cost clothes to women entering the workforce

Drivers to pick up donated food and deliver it to a shelter on alternate Tuesdays or Saturdays

Current Donation Needs

Gently used children’s outerwear

Canned vegetables

Men’s clothing in extra-large sizes

Furnishings for the apartment of a recently released serviceman who lost everything in a fire

Palm Pilots (with pens and adapters) in working order for children in the Fourth Church Job Training program

Brown paper bags with handles

Filing cabinets for a nonprofit dental clinic

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Couples will meet for an open house today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

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

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at The Grill in the Westin Hotel.

A Noon Program, offered by the Center for Older Adults, takes place each Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. This program is free and open to all seniors. On Tuesday, January 10 the topic for discussion will be “The Holy in Our Everyday Lives.”

Dr. Mardge Cohen will discuss “AIDS in Africa: What Can We Do?” at the Friday, January 13 meeting of Fourth Dimension, a group of individuals 50 and older. All are welcome at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. For details, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet for breakfast this Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Sid Mohn, President of the Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, will be speaking. RSVP by 12:00 noon on January 13 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

The 30s and 40s will meet with John Buchanan next Sunday, January 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse.

An introductory meeting for Faith Builder groups will take place Monday, January 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Groups will begin in February.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 8–14, 2006

Sunday, January 8		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School	Page Smith Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Anderson N. Hall Balcony
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Large Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Westminister House
11:00 a.m.	Junior Highs	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	(see announcement)
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	Randolph Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	(see announcement)
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Elizabeth Andrews preaching
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
		Anderson Hall
Monday, January 9		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
Tuesday, January 10		
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Noon Program	Dining Room
Wednesday, January 11		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, January 12		
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Noon Program	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 13		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Patrick Macellaio, violin	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse
Saturday, January 14		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, January 15

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Keith C. Harris 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.