

January 15–21, 2006

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

The life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. will be remembered and celebrated during Vespers. A 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 Blair 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 ninety-two-year-old pews), new flooring, and a new sound system. Information about these enhancements is available at the Project Light table during Coffee Hour, on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org, and in materials that have been 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 next Sunday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Appointments are required and can be made during Coffee Hour today, by calling 800.448.3543, or by visiting www.givelife.org; the Fourth Church sponsor code is 3352.

Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by calling Alfred Kemp at the church at 312.981.3599 or by e-mailing databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

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

A new Academy for Faith and Life course begins today: "How Christians Decide: An Introduction to the Church's Faith Statements," taught by Cynthia Campbell at 11:00 a.m. (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A). Also meeting today are **'Convictions: Hold 'Em or Fold 'Em,"** taught by John Boyle (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and **"Old Testament Survey,"** taught by Paul Rutgers at 9:30 a.m. (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **"Islam in the Modern World,"** taught by Azam Nizamuddin (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **"So You've Been Asked to Teach Church School . . . What Now?"** taught by Donna Gray at Anderson Hall N. Balcony B) 11:00 a.m.

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

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 community supper will be held in Anderson Hall before the event, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. RSVP for dinner by Monday, January 23 by calling the Congregational Life Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 444.

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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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 17 there will be a screening of *Amadeus*, a film about Amadeus Mozart.

"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 (www.ctcchicago.org).

"Standing at the Threshold, Discerning the Spirit," a retreat for women of Fourth Church, led by Laura Loving and Susan Schemper, will be held February 3 and 4. For details, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3396 or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

"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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Vocalist Mark Eldred, a tenor, will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Information about upcoming concerts is available in the literature racks.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

The 2006 Mission Benefit, "Carnaval de la Nice," will take place Friday evening, February 24 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and support mission programs of Fourth Church: Chicago Lights, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and two mission partners supported by the church. Reservations can be made during Coffee Hour by stopping by the Chicago Lights table. They also can be made online at the church's website www.fourthchurch.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 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) does not meet today but will meet tomorrow, January 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance to participate in the interfaith Youth Service Project. The group will return to the church at 6:00 p.m.

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

Drivers to pick up donated food and deliver it to a shelter on alternate Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Fridays

Hosts for a Fourth Church blood drive on Sunday, January 22

Current Donation Needs

Gently used children's outerwear

Canned vegetables

Men's clothing in extra-large sizes

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

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room for an open house.

The Undergraduate College Connection meets today at 5:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for dinner, fellowship, and a Bible devotional.

The 30s and 40s Group meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse. John Buchanan will be speaking.

Fourth Couples will hold an open house next Sunday, January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse.

A Center for Older Adults Winter Open House will be held Monday, January 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and will feature local jazz artist Willie Pickens and an ice cream social. For more details, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 15–21, 2006

Sunday, January 15		
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
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson N. Hall Balcony
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School	Large Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
11:00 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Thirties and Forties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Honduras Mission Trip Information Session	Counseling Center
5:30 p.m.	Undergraduate College Connection Group	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day — <i>Church Office Closed</i>		
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	<i>(see announcement)</i>
Tuesday, January 17		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Noon Program	Dining Room
Wednesday, January 18		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, January 19		
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Noon Program	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 20		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mark Eldred, tenor	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, January 22

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
 Alice M. Trowbridge 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.