

January 22–28, 2006

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Appointments are still available for the Blood Donor Drive being held today from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center on the lower level.

Sunday, February 5 is the Souper Bowl of Caring. Fourth Church youth will be collecting food and monetary donations during Coffee Hour and at church entrances. Contributions will be distributed to the Elam Davies Social Service Center and area food agencies.

ENRICHMENT

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

Adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “**Convictions: Hold ’Em or Fold ’Em**,” taught by John Boyle (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), and “**Old Testament Survey**,” taught by Paul Rutgers (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 8:30 a.m. and “**Islam in the Modern World**,” taught by Azam Nizamuddin (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), “**So You’ve Been Asked to Teach Church School**” taught by Donna Gray (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), and “**How Christians Decide: An Introduction to the Church’s Faith Statements**,” taught by Cynthia Campbell, (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 11:00 a.m.

“**Martin Luther and the Search for a Friendly God**,” a class offered by the Academy for Faith and Life and taught by Randall Zachman, begins next Sunday at 9:30 a.m., a week earlier than noted in the Academy course catalogue.

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

This Wednesday, *Bonhoeffer*, a documentary to air on PBS in February, will be shown at Chicago Sinai (15 W. Delaware) at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. 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 several Bonhoeffer scholars. **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.

“**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).

“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.

“The Winter Blahs,” a program that will focus on causes and treatments for feeling out of sorts during the winter months, will be offered by the Center for Whole Health on Tuesday, January 31 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

“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.

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

Bulletin inserters on Saturday mornings

Current Donation Needs

Clothes for a needy family; detailed lists available at the Volunteer table

Gently used children’s outerwear

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.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Fourth Church mission trip to Honduras originally scheduled for April has been postponed and the tentative trip dates are now July 20–30. An information session for those interested in this trip to Honduras takes place today from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. To sign up for this trip, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 by Tuesday, January 31.

Information about education funding in Illinois is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

The 2006 Mission Benefit, “Carnaval de 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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Art Goes Forth,” a new art exhibit featuring works from Fourth Church’s permanent collection, is now on display in the Loggia. A second exhibit, “Fourth Goes Forth,” a collection of photographs highlighting the extensive mission outreach of the congregation, will be on display in the Gallery beginning next Sunday, January 29. Both exhibits will be on display through March.

Guitarist Julie Goldberg and flutist Marc Perlsh will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Children interested in performing John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* during 9:30 worship on Sunday, February 26 are asked to contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595 for a rehearsal schedule.

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) meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

WORSHIP

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.

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.

Fourth Couples will hold an open house today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse. Tom Schemper will be speaking.

Undergraduate and graduate students will meet next Sunday, January 29 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for lunch and fellowship before going to see the movie *Glory Road*. There is no charge for this event if a reservation is made by Wednesday, January 25. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sheila Cotter at 312.573.3366.

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.

"Books by Women," a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Almost French: Love and a New Life in Paris* by Sarah Turnbull.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 22-28, 2006

Sunday, January 22		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Blood Donor Drive	Activity Center
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	Westminster 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 Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School	Large Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:45 a.m.	Honduras Mission Trip Information Session	Counseling Center
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	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
11:00 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 23		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Faith Builder Groups Informational Meeting	Randolph Room
Tuesday, January 24		
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Noon Program	Dining Room
Wednesday, January 25		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	Community Supper	Anderson Hall
7:00 p.m.	<i>Bonhoeffer</i> Event	(see announcement)
Thursday, January 26		
11:30 a.m.	Center for Older Adults Noon Program	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 27		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Julie Goldberg, guitar and Marc Perlish, flute	Anderson Hall
Saturday, January 28		
8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.	"The Challenge of Forgiveness"	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, January 29

Alice M. Trowbridge 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Calum I. MacLeod 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.