



February 12–18, 2006

# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

DVD copies of the 2005 Christmas Eve service, televised by CBS, are available for purchase at Coffee Hour today.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church** takes place today following 11:00 worship. The election of new officers for Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees will take place during that time. A congregational dinner will take place in Anderson Hall following the meeting.

## 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 book group** will be discussing *Black Livingstone*, the story of an African American missionary in Africa. The group meets Sundays, February 19 and 26 at 11:00 a.m. For information, call Paula Davis at 312.274.3815.

**Faith Builder groups** will begin in mid-February. For more information, call Anne Crow at 312.573.3396.

**Adult education opportunities** being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “**Martin Luther and the Search for a Friendly God**,” taught by Randall Zachman (Anderson Hall S. Balcony A), and “**Old Testament Survey**,” taught by Paul Rutgers (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and “**So You’ve Been Asked to Teach Church School**,” taught by Donna Gray (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), “**How Christians Decide**,” taught by Cynthia Campbell (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and “**Wisdom of the Desert**,” taught by Diane Stephens (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 11:00 a.m.

## WORSHIP

**Mass of the Children** by John Rutter will be performed by the Fourth Church Children and Youth Choirs, the Morning Choir, and a chamber orchestra on Sunday, February 26 during 9:30 a.m. worship. The sermon for that morning will be part of 8:00 and 11:00 worship but not the 9:30 service. Worshipers are encouraged to attend both the 9:30 service and one of the other services.

**A Vespers Communion service** is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

**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, February 24.

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

**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](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## LENT

**Ash Wednesday is March 1.** Services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes will be a part of both services.

**Daily Lenten devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available by e-mail (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)) beginning Wednesday, March 1. They will be available in printed form beginning Sunday, February 26 in the church literature racks.

**“Christian Faith in Today's World: Church, Evangelism, Politics, and Worship,”** this year's annual Lenten Retreat, will be Friday evening and Saturday, March 3–4 at Fourth Church. For details about this retreat, which will be led by Douglas Ottati, Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, call Ali Trowbridge at the church at 312.573.3360 or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

#### **Readers to read to third graders**

throughout Chicago on February 28

#### **Assistants for Kids Cafe** on Wednesdays or Thursdays

#### **Drivers to pick up donated food** and

deliver it to a shelter during the week

#### **Bulletin inserters** on Saturday mornings

#### **Book sorters and bookcase movers** for

Fourth Church's Tutoring library on February 25

### **Current Donation Needs**

#### **Children's coats and gloves**

#### **Clothes and household goods** for hurricane survivors

#### **Laptop computer** in excellent condition

*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.*

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Applications for mission trips** to China, Honduras, Cameroon, and South Dakota reservations are due in March. For revised trip dates and an application form, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 ([vreynolds@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vreynolds@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html).

### **Dana Ferguson will lead a Fourth Church mission trip to New Orleans**

May 14–20. Trip participants will be working with St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church of New Orleans in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Participants will need to be able to do heavy labor. For application information and trip expense information, contact Erica Schemper at 312.981.4034.

**Space is filling for the 2006 Mission Benefit, "Carnaval de Nice,"** which 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. Be sure to make reservations by February 17 by stopping by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour or by visiting the church's website [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

Also available at the Chicago Lights table are sachets filled with handmade lavender soaps and Herbes de Provence. In many of the sachets there's also an additional surprise. These sachets are available for donations, and all proceeds benefit Chicago Lights and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center.

***Genie in a Bottle--Unleashed,*** a 16-minute film produced by two 13-year-olds about the creation of the atomic bomb, will be shown on Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. The film's producers will introduce the film and lead the discussion after the viewing. This event is appropriate for children age eight and up. For more information, call Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3384.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Pianist Carine Gutlerner** will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**Two art exhibits with a Fourth Church focus are on display:** "Art Goes Fourth," works from Fourth Church's permanent collection, can be found in the Loggia, and "Fourth Goes Forth," a collection of photographs highlighting the mission outreach of the congregation, can be found in the Gallery.

## FELLOWSHIP

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

**Undergraduate and graduate students** meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for food, fellowship, and a discussion about stress.

**The Thirties and Forties group** will meet for an open house next Sunday, February 19 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse.

**Women's Bible Study** meets Thursday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m. Ali Trowbridge and Elizabeth Andrews will lead a discussion "For Everything There Is a Season" followed by lunch. RSVP by Tuesday, February 21 by calling Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

**Confirmation Class** (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**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 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

**A Day School Benefit** featuring a free performance of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Emerald City Theater will be held Saturday, March 11. Refreshments will be served at 2:30 p.m. followed by the performance at 3:30 p.m. For information, call Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry Office at 312.640.2578.

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 12-18, 2006

### Sunday, February 12

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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
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
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson Hall Balconies
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Senior Highs		Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	Congregational Dinner		Anderson Hall
4:30 p.m.	College Connections		Page Smith Room
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>Calum I. MacLeod preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall

### Monday, February 13

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Blair Chapel
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### Wednesday, February 15

9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

### Thursday, February 16

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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### Friday, February 17

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Carine Gutlerner, piano	Anderson Hall

### Saturday, February 18

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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### *Preaching on Sunday, February 19*

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Catherine Knott	6:30 p.m.

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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.