



February 26–March 4, 2006

News and Opportunities

LENT

This week Ash Wednesday services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. 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 are available in printed form in the church literature racks. They will be available by e-mail (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org) beginning Wednesday, March 1.

“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.

WORSHIP

Tonight a special Jazz Vespers will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Music leadership will be provided by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble.

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

World Day of Prayer will be observed during Vespers next Sunday, March 5. Women@Fourth Connect will participate in worship leadership during that service.

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.

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, March 24.

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.

Copies of recent Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Several mission trips have application deadlines this week: China, Honduras, the Lakota Reservations, and New Orleans. For revised trip dates and an application form, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 or visit the Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org.

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 next Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. For more information, call Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3384.

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

Current Donation Needs

Children's coats and gloves

Clothes and household goods for hurricane survivors

Laptop computers in excellent condition

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

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

Fourth Couples meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse. Elise Magers will be speaking.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. Aaron Elster, a child survivor of the Holocaust and Vice President at the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, will be speaking. RSVP by March 10 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

This afternoon, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago will perform a free concert at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Flutist Catherine Hummel and pianist Linda Camp will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Capella, Calvin College's Concert Choir, will perform a free concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Two art exhibits with a Fourth Church focus are on display in the Loggia and the Gallery through March.

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) and their parents meet today at 12:15 p.m. in the Anderson Hall South Balcony.

A Day School Benefit featuring a free performance of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Emerald City Theatre 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.

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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.

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "**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.

The Academy for Faith and Life book group will discuss *Black Livingstone* today at 11:00 a.m.

"Fruits and Vegetables: Another Source of Food-Borne Illness," a seminar offered by the Center for Whole Health, will be held Tuesday, February 28 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

"Start Your Own Business" is an eight-week course being offered by the Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The course begins Wednesday, March 1. Details are available in the literature racks and by calling the Center at 312.906.9908.

"Books by Women," a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet this Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Mary Schmich will be unable to attend the Friday, March 10 meeting of Fourth Dimension, a group of individuals age 50 and older. Check the Fourth Church website for updated details about this event or call Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

For those looking to learn more about Fourth Church or considering membership, an Inquirers' Class will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information about future times for this one-session class, see page 2 of the worship bulletin.

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for Sunday, March 12 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship Nominating Committee and to vote on their recommendation for Associate Pastor for that position.

Souvenir crosses (approximately seven inches tall) made from wood from the original pews can be preordered through March 15 using forms available in the literature racks and the church website.

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

Is Fourth Church in your estate plans? If it is, or if you would like information about including the church in your estate plans, please contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 26–MARCH 4, 2006

Sunday, February 26

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
	8:00 a.m. Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	9:30 a.m. Worship with John Rutter 's <i>Mass of the Children</i>		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
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m. Children's Corner		Anderson Hall
	10:45 a.m. Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
	11:00 a.m. Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod 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. Academy for Faith and Life Book Group		Activity Center
	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. Senior Highs		Anderson Hall N. Balcony
	12:15 p.m. Fourth Couples		Manse
	12:30 p.m. The Gathering		Randolph Room
	3:00 p.m. Concert: Civic Orchestra of Chicago		Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m. Vespers	Catherine Knott preaching	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall

Monday, February 27

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)		Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, February 28

5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop		Large Conference Room
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Wednesday, March 1 *Ash Wednesday*

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
	12:10 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service		Sanctuary
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
	7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service		Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
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Friday, March 3

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study		Page Smith Room
	12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Catherine Hummel, flute Linda Camp, piano		Anderson Hall
	5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Lenten Retreat		Anderson Hall

Saturday, March 4

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Lenten Retreat		Anderson Hall
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Preaching on Sunday, March 5

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 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.