



March 12–18, 2006

News and Opportunities

Today a congregational meeting, called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be held 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.

March 15 is the last day to preorder small crosses made from wood from the original pews. Crosses can be preordered by using forms available in the literature racks and the church website.

A reception honoring John Boyle in celebration of his thirty years of continuing ministry at Fourth Church will be held after 11:00 worship next Sunday, March 19 in Anderson Hall. John Boyle is the founding director of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center and a member of the Fourth Church pastoral staff.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. (Donations must be received by Friday, April 7 in order for the names to be printed.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website.

Midweek Lenten worship takes place each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

The Gospel of Mark, which is the focus of this year's Lenten devotions, will come to life in a solo dramatic performance by actor James Krag (directed by Jeff Christian) on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There are no tickets for this event; a freewill offering will be received.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, April 14 and 15 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Register by Monday, March 20 by picking up a form from the literature racks, visiting www.fourthchurch.org, or contacting Catherine Knott at the church at 312.640.5449.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Thursday, April 6 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour.

Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by e-mail (new subscribers to daily devotions can send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

Four new Academy for Faith and Life courses begin today: “**New Testament Survey**” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “**Sexual Ethics,**” taught by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and “**What Presbyterians Believe,**” taught by Calum MacLeod and other Fourth Church staff members (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and “**Being Christian in a Diverse World,**” taught by Dirk Ficca (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 11:00 a.m.

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.

Those interested in upcoming Academy classes “Political Power and the Religious Right” or “Novels of Marilynne Robinson” can purchase the course books during Coffee Hour.

Women’s Bible Study will meet Thursday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. Ali Trowbridge and Elizabeth Andrews will lead a discussion of “For Everything There Is a Season” followed by lunch. RSVP by Tuesday, March 21 by calling Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

John Wilkinson and John Buchanan will lead a presentation of the PCUSA’s “Report from the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church” on Wednesday, April 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. John Wilkinson is a member of the task force, which will be making its final report to the 217th General Assembly this summer.

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 Manse. The group then meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Family Night will feature Ed & Annette’s Monkeys and More! with their collection of small animals on Friday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For information or to RSVP, contact Jill Schiltz at the church at 312.640.2578.

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

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, 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.

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Thank you to the 1,100 member and friend households who have pledged to the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, which is currently at \$2.6 million in commitments toward the \$3 million goal. Everyone's participation is needed to achieve our goal. No pledge is too small or too great. For more information on how to make a pledge or increase your current pledge, please contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380.

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

Fourth Forum, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, meets today for brunch at 12:45 p.m. at McCormick and Schmick's. The group will gather next on Saturday, March 25 for a potluck in a member's home.

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

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 16 in the Dining Room at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the reception desk throughout March.

Fourth Acts, a group that expresses God's presence through theater, meets today in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A following the congregational meeting.

Soprano Beverly Escuder, Fourth Church Children's Choirmaster, will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

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.

Information about supporting the president's budget request for international affairs, an effort to combat global infectious disease and poverty, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Applications for the June 22–July 3 trip to Cameroon are due this Wednesday, March 15. For more information and an application form, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 or visit the Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org.

Current Volunteer Needs

Assistants for Kids Cafe on Mondays or Thursdays

Drivers to pick up donated food and deliver it to a shelter

Volunteers to tie blow bows on Fourth Church trees on April 3 in recognition of National Child Abuse Awareness Month

Current Donation Needs

Children's coats and gloves

Laptop computers 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.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 12-18, 2006

Sunday, March 12		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 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	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	Manse
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
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
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	Fourth Forum	(see announcement)
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Patrick Daymond	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 13		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday)	Blair Chapel
Wednesday, March 15		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel
Thursday, March 16		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 17		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Beverly Escuder, soprano	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Family Night	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, March 19

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.