

April 2-8, 2006

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News and Opportunities

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

This Friday is the last day to make contributions to the Easter flowers offering. A list of loved ones remembered and honored by these contributions will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. (Cards must be received by Friday in order for names to appear in the bulletin.)

Children participating in the Palm Sunday Processional at 9:30 and 11:30 should meet in their Sunday School classrooms prior to worship. Parents who wish to carry their infants and toddlers in the Processional should meet in the Loggia fifteen minutes before worship. Seating for returning parents will be reserved in the balconies.

Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by e-mail, in a printed booklet available in the literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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) this Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There are no tickets for this event; a freewill offering will be received.

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

Worship services during Holy Week (April 10-14) take place at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Lunch will be served immediately following the service each day. Tickets for lunch can be purchased at the door. Evening worship services will also be held on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Good Friday Walk for Justice sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance will take place Friday, April 14. Those walking should gather at Holy Family Lutheran Church (542 W. Hobbie) at 3:30 p.m. The walk will conclude with worship at Holy Family. For information, call Richard Williams at 312.981.4037.

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 completing a form available from the literature racks, www.fourthchurch.org, or Catherine Knott (312.640.5449).

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 16 in the Dining Room at 1:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

Palm Sunday and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday, April 9

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16

6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Service with Tower Brass

9:30 a.m.

Children's Service in Westminster House

6:30 p.m.

Jazz Vespers Service

The last morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. on these Sundays. Please also be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting the parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

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.

Adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "**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 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers speaks today at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room about sub-poverty wages and exploitative working conditions in McDonald's tomato supply chain.

An information meeting for those going to Honduras, Cameroon, China, and Guatemala takes place today in the Page Smith Room following 11:00 worship.

DisLocation, a film about the Chicago Housing Authority's "Plan for Transformation" and the effect it has on families living in public housing, will be shown today at 4:00 p.m.

Information about the Interfaith Housing Initiative to house families who are homeless, a citywide program in which the Social Service Center is taking a leading role, is available in the literature racks.

John Wilkinson will lead a presentation of the PCUSA's "Report from the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church" 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. Copies of the report are available at www.pcusa.org/peaceunitypurity/ To RSVP, call the Congregational Life Reservation Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 460.

Former U.S. Senator Adlai Stevenson will speak about "Systemic Issues and Current Challenges in Government" on Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. at the church. All are invited to this breakfast program hosted by the Fourth Church Men's Group, Cornerstones, and Fourth Dimension. RSVP by calling the Congregational Life Special Events Line 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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Acclaimed photographer and Fourth Church member Terry Evans will be speaking at the Friday, April 21 meeting of Fourth Dimension. All are welcome at 6:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel. A reception and book signing will follow the presentation. RSVP by April 10 by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

Richard Nelson, author of *What Color Is Your Parachute?*, will lead the Career Transitions Center-sponsored conference "Approaching Life and Work with New Eyes" on April 22 at Loyola University. For details and to register, call 312.831.9350.

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

As part of K.I.S.S.E. (Kids in Sunday School Exchange), the fourth and fifth grade Sunday School students will visit Third Baptist Church in Beverly today.

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. There will be no Junior Highs fellowship today.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for a worship discussion with John Buchanan.

To have Senior High youth help with "Ugly Jobs" and other spring chores on Saturday, May 13, stop by Coffee Hour today. Proceeds will support the youth's summer work camp trip.

WORSHIP

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

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.

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

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch next Sunday, April 9 at 12:45 p.m. RSVP by calling the Fourth Forum Infoline 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

"Books by Women," a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet this Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. On Tuesday, May 2 the group will be discussing *Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes carriers on April 8 for an agency that provides free clothes to women entering the workforce

Sunday School office assistants

Assistants for Kids' Cafe on Mondays or Thursdays

Current Donation Needs

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 APRIL 2-8, 2006

Sunday, April 2

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
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.	Coalition of Immokalee Workers Presentation		Page Smith Room
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.	Mission Trips Information Meeting		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs		Activity Center
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Screening of <i>DisLocation</i>		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday-Friday)		Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room

Tuesday, April 4

6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"		Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	<i>According to Mark</i>		Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study		Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	"Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church" Presentation		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship		Blair Chapel

Thursday, April 6

10:30 a.m.	COA "Egyptology" Class		Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:15 p.m.	Interfaith Passover Seder		(see announcement)

Friday, April 7

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Henrietta Neeley with the Hillside Street Quartet		Sanctuary

Saturday, April 8

8:00 a.m.	Discussion with U.S. Senator Adlai Stevenson		Anderson Hall
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Preaching on Palm Sunday, April 9

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.
Elizabeth B. Andrews	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.