



April 23–29, 2006

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Thank you to all who have provided feedback about the new sound system. The technicians are continuing to make adjustments based on those responses.

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 Sundays. Individuals can leave their 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 is this Friday, April 28.

Next Sunday, Cynthia M. Campbell, a longtime friend of Fourth Church and the President of McCormick Theological Seminary, will be the guest preacher during all three morning services.

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 and by e-mail.

ENRICHMENT

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

Two new Academy for Faith and Life courses begin today: “**Introduction to the Talmud**” at 9:30 a.m. and “**Political Power and the Religious Right**” at 11:00 a.m. Also meeting in the Anderson Hall balconies today are “**New Testament Survey**” at 9:30 a.m. and “**What Presbyterians Believe**” at 11:00 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study will meet this Thursday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony for a discussion, followed by lunch. RSVP by Tuesday, April 25 by calling Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

“**Books by Women**” will meet Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi.

“**Achieving Balance in Christian Leadership**,” the second annual May Leadership Forum, will take place Saturday, May 6 in the Dining Room. The forum will be led by a panel of lay leaders and Fourth Church staff. RSVP by Thursday, May 4 by contacting Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).

“Developing the Habit of the Soul,”

a two-hour workshop offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place Saturday, May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information about this and other spiritual direction opportunities offered by the Center, call 312.787.8425.

Dan Wakefield will discuss his latest work, *The Hijacking of Jesus*, on Thursday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. On Saturday, May 13, at the Men’s Group breakfast at 8:00 a.m., Mr. Wakefield will offer reflections on the spiritual journey. Saturday afternoon he will present a spiritual autobiography workshop. RSVP for the Men’s Group breakfast by calling the church at 312.787.4570. RSVP for the workshop by calling the Congregational Life Special Events Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 444.

Walter Brueggemann will be Theologian in Residence at Fourth Church from May 28 through June 8. He will preach Sunday morning May 28 and June 4, speak at evening forums on May 31 and June 8, and lead two Bible studies the weeks he is here. Watch for more details in May.

BELLOWSHIP

Fourth Couples meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse.

Peter C. Hodgson, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, will be speaking on “Christian Theology in an Age of Terror” at the Friday, May 12 meeting of Fourth Dimension. All are welcome at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. RSVP by Thursday, May 11 by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

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 Activity Center.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets at 12:15 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest for a Whirlyball field trip. The group will return to the church at 4:00 p.m.

To have Senior High youth help with “Ugly Jobs” and other spring chores on Saturday, May 13, contact Natasha Holbert at the church at 312.274.3831. Proceeds will support the youth’s summer work camp trip.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School office assistants

People to remove blue bows from Fourth Church trees on Monday, May 1 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Fourth Church members to usher at Vespers services

Tennis Camp coaches and helpers, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 19 to July 26, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Laptop computers in excellent condition for Chicago Lights programs

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, 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

Fourth Church members leave for Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations this Wednesday, where they will experience Lakota Sioux culture and religion before returning on May 1. Mission trip participants currently in Cuba return next Sunday. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

May 15 is the deadline for the Fourth Church mission trip to Guatemala (September 5–14). For more information about this and other Fourth Church mission trips, contact Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384.

A limited number of spots are still open for the mission trip to New Orleans (May 14–20). For information, call Erica Schemper at the church at 312.891.4034.

An orientation luncheon for the Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be held at Fourth Church next Sunday, April 30 at 12:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call Anne Crow at 312.573.3396.

A group for those dealing with significant losses will meet at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center Tuesday evenings in May. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

The annual Women's Mission Tea will be held Saturday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

Information about the Interfaith Homes Initiative to house families who are homeless, a citywide program in which Chicago Lights is taking a leading role, is available in the literature racks.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A curator-guided walk through "Art Goes Fourth," the collection of art from Fourth Church's permanent collection that is currently on display in the Loggia, takes place today, the final day of this exhibition, at 12:30 p.m.

The Apollo Chorus will be in concert Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Guest conductor Eric Whitacre will be conducting three of his own works. Tickets will be available at the door.

A gala art opening reception for the exhibition Festival of the Artful Exhibit, which will feature work by members of the Center for Older Adults and part of the NARSAD Artworks, museum-quality artworks by and on behalf of mentally ill persons, will be held Thursday, May 4 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

All those interested in singing the Coronation Mass by Mozart on May 21 at 3:00 p.m. are asked to call John Sherer at 312.787.4570.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Graduating in 2006? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to call Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 by Monday, May 15 so they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 21.

The enrollment period for the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Benefit Program ends May 15. If you have not yet enrolled, you can schedule a consultation with JoAnn Gruca, gerontological nurse practitioner for the Center for Whole Health, by calling 312.981.3397.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 23–29, 2006

Sunday, April 23

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Iain Torrance 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 Iain Torrance preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
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 Iain Torrance 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.	Confirmation Class	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Senior Highs	Activity Center
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Curator-Guided Walk through "Art Goes Fourth"	Loggia
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Amy Pagliarella preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, April 24

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
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Wednesday, April 26

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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Thursday, April 27

11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 28

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Carol Carpenter, mezzo-soprano	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, April 30

Cynthia Campbell	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.