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January 28–February 3, 2007

# News and Opportunities

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The Fourth Church Blood Donor Drive** takes place today from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Walk-ins are welcome to fill open appointment times

**Today is the last day voter registration** will be available during Coffee Hour.

**Information about Darfur** is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

**Several mission trips have February 15 deadlines:** Holy Land (June 14–26), Cuba (June 7–14), and New Orleans (March 18–24). The deadline for the trip to Indonesia (April 16–30) is February 20. The deadline for the trip to Lakota reservations in South Dakota (May 27–June 1) is March 1. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org).

**Tickets for the 2007 Mission Benefit, Carnaval España,** are going fast! The Benefit will take place on Friday, February 16 at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago and supports programs of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, the Lorene Repogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church. Reservations may be made at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour, online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), or by contacting Katy Frey at the church (312.274.3816; [kfrey@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kfrey@fourthchurch.org)).

**Human responses to global disasters,** such as flu pandemics, will be the topic of a discussion this Tuesday, January 30 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. JoAnn Gruca, Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, will lead the conversation.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The St. Olaf Choir** will be in concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets for any remaining seats will be available at the door.

**“Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found,”** an exhibition featuring works by Chicago artist Melvin King and friends, is on display in the Loggia and the Gallery through February 28.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Next Sunday, February 4 is the Souper Bowl of Caring.** Fourth Church youth will be collecting monetary donations as well as cans of soup during Coffee Hour and at church entrances. Contributions will be distributed to the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

**Catherine Knott,** a Pastoral Resident at Fourth Church since the fall of 2005, has begun her new position as Interim Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange. Cat will be available during Coffee Hour next Sunday, February 4, to greet people between services and for a reception in her honor following 11:00 worship.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church** will be held Sunday, February 11 after 11:00 worship. The election of new officers for Session, Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees will take place during that time. Following the meeting, there will be a congregational dinner in Anderson Hall.

**“Establishing an Oral History Project in Your Congregation,”** a workshop sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago and hosted by Fourth Church, will take place on Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. It will be preceded by **a viewing of the interview with John Buchanan** that aired on ABC on December 31 as part of the Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries “Sanctuary” series.

**The last day to pick up preordered crosses** made from the wood of the old pews is Sunday, February 11. After that time, any crosses still at the church will be made available to people on the wait list. To arrange to pick up the crosses, call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

**Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets today from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at WhirlyBall Chicago (1880 W. Fullerton).

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

## WORSHIP

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

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

**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 Stone Chapel or the box at the Volunteer table. They also 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 is Friday, February 23.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

**Tutors for children** in a Fourth Church program on weekdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Assistants for Kids’ Cafe**, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

**Tech-savvy individual** to check the working condition of donated PDAs and computers

**Cooks, servers for Sunday Night Supper**

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Late-model desk or laptop computers;**

**Men’s casual winter clothes** in large sizes

*For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment** to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.98 million in commitments from 1,191 households. Our goal is to exceed \$3 million in pledged gifts for 2007. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski at the church at 312.981.3380.

## FELLOWSHIP

**“Books by Women”** will discuss *Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Fourth Dimension** will meet on Friday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Keith Harris will discuss “The Five Languages of Love.” RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494

**The Fourth Church Men’s Group** will meet for breakfast on Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Francis Ntowe-Fankam will speak on the topic “In Pursuit of a Dream.” RSVP by 12:00 noon on February 9 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

## ENRICHMENT

**Today’s Academy for Faith and Life classes** are **“The Book of Amos,”** taught by John Vest, at 8:00 a.m., **“The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong,”** taught by Adam Fronczek, and **“There Goes the Neighborhood,”** a discussion of the book by that title, at 9:30 a.m., and **“Spiritual Formation from a Presbyterian Perspective,”** taught by Elizabeth Andrews, at 11:00 a.m.

## Bible Study opportunities:

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

## Books are available during Coffee Hour

for those interested in reading ahead for Community Book Group gatherings. The next discussion will be on Tuesday, February 27 on *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

## Chicago Lights invites men and women sixty years and older to a midwinter celebration

hosted at Borders Books & Music (Michigan and Pearson) on Monday, January 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The event will highlight the opportunities Chicago Lights makes available for those sixty and over and will also include refreshments, live music, and a discount shopping day provided by Borders. For details, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

## The Pilgrimage in Faithfulness program,

which meets on Thursday evenings for eight weeks, begins on February 1. For information or to register, pick up a copy of the Academy for Faith and Life catalogue or call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

**“Images of Inspiration,”** a retreat led by Diane Stephens for women of Fourth Church, will be held February 2 and 3. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

## “Finding Work without Losing Heart:

A Retreat for Women and Men in Job Transition” is being hosted by the Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat will be held February 20–21 in Warrenville. Details are available by calling the Center at 312.906.9908.

**CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 28–FEBRUARY 3, 2007**

<b>Sunday, January 28</b>		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Bruce Rigdon preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Blood Donor Drive	Activity Center
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Bruce Rigdon preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:45 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
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Bruce Rigdon preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Fourth Church Rising	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
3:00 p.m.	Concert: The St. Olaf Choir	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Keith C. Harris preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 <b>Monday, January 29</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Midwinter Celebration	<i>(see announcement)</i>
 <b>Tuesday, January 30</b>		
12:00 p.m.	Global Disasters Discussion	Dining Room
 <b>Wednesday, January 31</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
 <b>Thursday, February 1</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Pilgrimage in Faithfulness	Large Conference Room
 <b>Friday, February 2</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Gia Sastre, flute Ann Laura Tapia, harp	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Women@Fourth Connect Winter Retreat	Anderson Hall
 <b>Saturday, February 3</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Women@Fourth Connect Winter Retreat	Anderson Hall

***Preaching on Sunday, February 4***

Dana Ferguson            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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.