

February 4–10, 2007

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# News and Opportunities

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**The youth of Fourth Church need your help! They have accepted a Souper Bowl challenge** from the youth of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis to see which youth group can collect the most donations for this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. The Fourth Church youth will be collecting cans of soup and monetary donations during Coffee Hour today, with all proceeds supporting the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

**After worship today all are invited to greet Catherine Knott**, a Pastoral Resident at Fourth Church since the fall of 2005. A reception in her honor will be held following 11:00 worship. Cat has accepted a position as Interim Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange. We extend our appreciation to Cat for her time with us and wish her well in this next chapter in her ministry.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church** will be held next 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.

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

**“Establishing an Oral History Project in Your Congregation,”** a workshop sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago and hosted by Fourth Church, will take place next 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 next 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, contact Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364 ([cwollerman@fourthchurch.org](mailto:cwollerman@fourthchurch.org)).

## 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.

**Ash Wednesday** is February 21 this year. Services will be held in the sanctuary at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. that day, and both services will include Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

**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.

## FELLOWSHIP

**The College Connection Group** meets today at 4:00 p.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance to go to a Super Bowl party. Transportation will be provided.

**“Books by Women”** will discuss *Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant this 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.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant on Sunday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

**New Orleans mission trips** are a special focus of the Mission table today during Coffee Hour. Stop by to see pictures and hear stories from the recent December trip and pick up information about the trip Dana Ferguson will be leading to New Orleans in March. The deadline for this mission trip is February 15.

**Several mission trips have upcoming deadlines** (Holy Land, Cuba, Indonesia, and the Lakota reservations). 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).

## 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 at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

**Elevation** (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse.

**All youth are invited to a Tailgate Party** today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Manse.

**The Children and Family skating party** will be held Sunday, February 11 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Daley Bicentennial Plaza (337 E. Randolph St.). For more information, call Emilie Syberg at the church at 312.640.2578.

*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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## ENRICHMENT

**A new Academy for Faith and Life class begins today: “So You’ve Been Asked to Teach Church School—What Now?”** taught by Donna Gray at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Also meeting today are “**The Book of Amos,**” taught by John Vest, at 8:00 a.m. and “**The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong,**” taught by Adam Fronczek, at 9:30 a.m.

### **Bible Study opportunities:**

*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.

### **Books available during Coffee Hour**

include *Twenty Poems to Nourish Your Soul*, edited by this year’s Lenten retreat leaders, and *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor, who will preach at Fourth Church on March 18. Her book will be the topic of conversation at the February 27 Community Book Group gathering.

### **“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.

**This year’s Lenten retreat**, “Discovering the Sacred in Daily Life,” will be held Saturday morning, February 24. Poets Judith Valente and Charles Reynard will lead the retreat. Throughout the morning there will be time for people to write, to reflect on photographs that capture the sacred in the moment, and to pray. For more information or to register, pick up a brochure from the church literature racks or call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**Women’s Bible Study** will not meet in February. Instead, all are invited to attend the Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 21 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bible Study will meet next on Wednesday, March 21.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Join the exhibition artists for a walk through “Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found”** today at 9:30 a.m. in the Gallery and Loggia. The artists will be on hand for a time of conversation about their work and its theological significance.

## 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

**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.*

## 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, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380.

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 4–10, 2007

<b>Sunday, February 4</b>		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Dana Ferguson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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>Dana Ferguson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
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.	Artists Walk	Loggia
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>Dana Ferguson preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster 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.	Reception for Catherine Knott	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	All-Youth Tailgate Party	Manse
3:00 p.m.	Concert: The St. Olaf Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	College Connection Group	(see announcement)
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Calum I. MacLeod preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, February 5</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Large Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>Thursday, February 8</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Pilgrimage in Faithfulness	Large Conference Room
<b>Friday, February 9</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Alison Lowell, oboe	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse
<b>Saturday, February 10</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room

### ***Preaching on Sunday, February 11***

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

Hardy Kim     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.