

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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March 4–10, 2007

News and Opportunities

LENT AND EASTER

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

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Register by Friday, March 16 by picking up a form from the literature racks, visiting www.fourthchurch.org, or calling Martha Langford at the church at 312.981.4034.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

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 Monday, March 26 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website. For more information, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today we join others around the state in Sounding the Alarm for Better Health Care in Illinois. Congregations across the state will join together in prayer and then “sound the alarm” by ringing a bell 18 times for the 1.8 million uninsured people in Illinois. Information about providing adequate health care in Illinois, as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Applications for the June 20–25 trip to Lakota reservations in South Dakota are due March 15. The application deadline for the trip to China (July 2–16) is March 19. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org.

Chicago Lights Up the Runway, a fashion show featuring clothing donated to the Elam Davies Social Service Center and modeled by Fourth Church pastors and Chicago Lights staff and volunteers, will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. For information, call the Chicago Lights Up the Runway Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 226.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Remember to set clocks ahead an hour this Saturday night, as Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11.

Thank you to all who helped support the Souper Bowl of Caring. With your help, the Fourth Church youth were able to raise more than \$13,000 for hunger relief, more than three times what they had raised in any previous year. The youth of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis also had a banner year, raising more than \$25,000. The two youth groups had challenged each other to see which could raise the most, and as a result of the outcome, John Buchanan did pose in an Indianapolis jersey. That photograph is being shown during Coffee Hour today. Both groups also made \$500 contributions to Presbyterian Hunger in the name of the other group.

The first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook is available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour. Copies can also be ordered by calling Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Look and Leave: New Orleans in the Wake of Katrina,” an exhibition of photographs by Jane Fulton Alt, is on display in the Loggia through April 15. All are invited to an artist’s reception and brunch at 12:30 p.m. today in the Page Smith Room. Photos from Fourth Church mission trips to New Orleans are on display in the Gallery during the month of March.

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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ENRICHMENT

Three new Academy classes begin today: **“A Lenten Journey through Art,”** taught by Judy Barter and Ali Trowbridge (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and **“Faith in the Age of Reason: The Theology of Blaise Pascal,”** taught by Randall Zachman (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and **“Race Matters,”** taught by Keith Harris and Patrick Daymond (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m. Continuing today is **“The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong,”** taught by Adam Fronczek, at 9:30 a.m. Beginning next Sunday, March 11 are **“The Responsible Self by Richard H. Niebuhr”** and **“Wrestling with Scripture: Jesus and Money”** at 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

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

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Volunteers to tie blue bows on Fourth Church trees on April 2 in observance of Child Abuse Prevention month
Assistants for Kids’ Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

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 contact Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

Barbara Brown Taylor, renowned preacher and author of such books as *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith*, will preach during the 9:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, March 18.

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, March 23.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

The Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. at the reception desk.

Elevation (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:30 a.m.

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

The “Kids Helping Kids” Benefit takes place today from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. All children are invited to help assemble goodie bags for students in the Tutoring program.

A Day School Benefit featuring Joel Frankel will be held Saturday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Room W25. For details, call Emilie Syberg at 312.640.2578.

Children’s Story Time begins again next Sunday, March 11. Children are invited to gather in the southwest corner of Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Claire Butterfield of Faith in Place will be speaking.

The Graduate and Undergraduate College Connection groups meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for a discussion on the “Five Love Languages,” as described by Gary Chapman.

“Books by Women” will meet this Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *March* by Geraldine Brooks.

Fourth Dimension will meet on Friday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Ray Hanania will speak on “Defining the Moderate Voice in the Middle East.” 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, March 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Storyteller Jeremy Taylor will talk about his experiences fighting apartheid in South Africa. RSVP by Friday, March 9 by calling 312.787.4570.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant next Sunday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 4–10, 2007

Sunday, March 4		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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	(see announcement)
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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
9:45 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.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Artist's Reception	Loggia
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 S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	"Kids Helping Kids" Benefit	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	Brunch with the Artist	Page Smith Room
4:30 p.m.	College Connection	Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, March 5		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
Tuesday, March 6		
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
Wednesday, March 7		
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
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel
Thursday, March 8		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Pilgrimage in Faithfulness	Large Conference Room
Friday, March 9		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Matt Wolford, bass trombone	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse
Saturday, March 10		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Day School Benefit	Westminster House

Preaching on Sunday, March 11

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