

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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January 27–February 2, 2008

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Tonight's Vespers service will be led by Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation). The service takes place at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. On Sunday, February 3, a Jazz Vespers service with music leadership provided by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble will be held.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

A special 8:00 a.m. Communion service will be held each Sunday during Lent, beginning Sunday, February 10.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service is Friday, February 22.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A Wills Awareness Seminar on how to create a will, hosted by the Planned Giving Committee, takes place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 10 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.

The Fourth Church website

www.fourthchurch.org makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press*; programming information; and more.

ENRICHMENT

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "Introduction to the Old Testament," taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and "History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," taught by Adam Rose (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and "Spirituality and the Reformed Confessions," taught by Calum MacLeod (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Men and women 60 years and over

are invited to the Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Winter Open House on Monday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. This event is the perfect opportunity to learn about new CLL minicourses, “For Men Only” programs, excursions, staff, and more. For more information, contact the CLL at 312.981.3386 or cll@fourthchurch.org.

“Julian’s Window: A Time for Listening in Lent,” a Lenten retreat led by Linda Loving, will take place at Fourth Church on Saturday, February 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To register, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Jim Wallis, founder of Sojourners and author of *God’s Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn’t Get It*, will speak on his new book, *The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America* on Tuesday, February 19 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

“A Spiritual Practice: Why Having One Helps. What Can It Be? How to Find One,” the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center’s twelfth annual Midwinter Conference, will take place at the church on Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6 and 7) does not meet today.

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 10:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. The group will meet again in the Page Smith Room at 5:30 p.m. to prepare for tonight’s Vespers service. Dinner for youth and their families and friends will be served in the Anderson Hall S. Balcony immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Vespers service.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 10:30 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Next Sunday, February 3 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Reverend Hosea Nelson Kyasooka from Kampala, Uganda will be speaking about his life in Uganda and his work with the Grace Fellowship in Kampala following 11:00 worship today in the Large Conference Room. All are invited.

Information about politicians’ positions on key issues, which may be helpful to have before the February 5 Illinois Presidential Primary, is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today.

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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Drawing tickets for a brand-new Vespa LX50 are available during Coffee Hour. The drawing will take place at the 2008 Mission Benefit, Carnaval, on Friday, February 1 at the Ritz-Carlton. For more information about this annual event, which supports the programs of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church, call Katy Frey in the Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816.

Applications for the mission trip to New Orleans, being led by Dana Ferguson, Martha Langford, and Lisa Radetski on April 27 to May 3, are due Monday, February 28. Details and applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Sunday School office assistant, on the fifth Sunday

People with IT knowledge to operate equipment during Sunday morning Academy classes

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday night suppers

Current Donation Needs

Men's casual winter clothes, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges for a nonprofit program benefiting homeless women

Cribs, car seats, strollers, infants and children's clothes, coats, and books

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Soprano Annie Picard and guitarist Julie Goldberg will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Paul Winter and the Paul Winter Consort will be in concert on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at www.ticketweb.com.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

"Books by Women" will discuss *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See on Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, February 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. David Bender will be discussing his work as President of the Board of Trustees of Colegio Mexico-Americano, a bilingual school in Puerto Vallarta. RSVP by February 8 by calling 312.787.4570.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$3.3 million in commitments from 1,248 households. Our goal is to have 100 percent member participation and raise \$4 million in pledges. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information, call Lisa Radetski at the church at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 27–FEBRUARY 2, 2008

Sunday, January 27

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson Hall Balconies
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
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.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Presentation by Hosea Nelson Kyasooka		Large Conference Room
12:30 p.m.	Wills Awareness Seminar		Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, January 28

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Center for Life and Learning Open House	Anderson Hall

Tuesday, January 29

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, January 30

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, January 31

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, February 1

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Annie Picard, soprano Julie Goldberg, guitar	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, February 3

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Martha Langford	6:30 p.m. Jazz Vespers

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.