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# News and Opportunities

## ENRICHMENT

**Three new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: “God in the World: A Guide to Karl Rahner’s Theology,”** facilitated by Robert Ludwig (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and **“Understanding the Immigration Debate,”** with guest speakers (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **“Whitebread Protestants: Food and Religion in Culture”** (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 11:00 a.m. Continuing today is **“Introduction to the Old Testament”** (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) 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.  
*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

**Men’s Bible study** will meet next on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Sheila Cotter at the church at 312.573.3364 (scotter@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*, this Tuesday, February 19 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. A book signing will follow.

**Women’s Bible study** will meet next on Wednesday, February 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Anne Ellis at the church 312.573.3369.

**“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 or to RSVP, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

**Poet-writer Noah benShea** will reflect on the topic “What Matters Most” on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Mr. benShea is also National Laureate for the ALS Association. Tickets will be available at the door.

**The Community Book Group** will meet on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Andrews will lead the discussion on *The Maytrees: A Novel* by Annie Dillard.

**The next “For Men Only” Cultural Explorations series**, offered to men sixty and older by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Thursday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Anderson Hall S. Balcony. University of Chicago Scholar Dr. Ertugrul Okten will lead a presentation on “The Turkic World: Empire to Twenty-First Century.” RSVP by Tuesday, February 26 by calling the CLL at 312.981.3386.

**The annual L.E.A.D. conference, a training event** sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary and the Presbytery of Chicago, will be held on Saturday, March 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights. A wide variety of workshops are planned, from “Exploring Compassion Skills and Drama” to “Think Globally, Worship Locally.” Brochures are available during Coffee Hour. The registration deadline is this week.

**“Handel’s Messiah: The Story behind the Masterpiece”** is the topic of the lecture to be given by Stephen Alltop on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception hosted by the Common Connection Groups of Fourth Church will follow.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

**Sunday School office assistant**, on the fifth Sunday of the month

**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

**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

**Fourth Acts** meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All are invited.

### **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](http://www.ticketweb.com).

**“Moments,”** a textile exhibition by Margaret Gregg, is on display in the Loggia through March 24.

## LENT

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

**Midweek Lenten worship** takes place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

**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 Wednesday, March 12 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website or by calling Judi DeJager at 312.274.3833.

**Easter Brunch** will take place on Sunday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

*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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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

**Fourth Church youth** meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, **Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

**“Media’s Influence on Society, Especially Children”** will be the topic of an informal gathering, led by Dr. Michael Rich, on Thursday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m.

## WORSHIP

**A limited number of DVDs of the 8:30 p.m. 2007 Christmas Eve service**, as televised by CBS, are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

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

**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.

**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 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 this Friday, February 22.

## International Women’s Day of Prayer

will be observed on Friday, March 7 with an interfaith service planned by Women@Fourth Connect and members of the Jewish and Muslim faith communities. Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, will be speaking. The service, with peace as its theme, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and will be followed by a dessert reception.

## 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.

**ThirtiesForties** meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse to discuss “Love in a Multitasking World.”

**Dr. Ogbu Kalu** will discuss the topic “Africa: Views of a Christian Insider” on Friday, March 7 at 5:45 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP for this event, hosted by Cornerstones, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**A list of essential items needed by those affected by flooding in the Watseka, Illinois, area** is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today.

**Applications for the mission trip to New Orleans** (April 27 to May 3) are due Monday, February 18. Applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour and in the literature racks.

**Mission trip participants are currently in Cameroon.** They will return on Wednesday, February 20. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 17–23, 2008

### Sunday, February 17

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| 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Nursery                                   |                                   | Westminster 14              |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>        | <b>Morning Worship</b>                    | <b>John W. Vest preaching</b>     | <b>Sanctuary</b>            |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Coffee Hour                               |                                   | Anderson Hall               |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>        | <b>Morning Worship</b>                    | <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>            |
| 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.              | Elevation                                 |                                   | Manse                       |
| 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                 |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>       | <b>Morning Worship</b>                    | <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>            |
| 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               |
| 12:00 p.m.              | New Member Brunch                         |                                   | 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.              | ThirtiesForties                           |                                   | Manse                       |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Fourth Acts                               |                                   | Activity Center             |
| 4:00 p.m.               | Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper |                                   | Dining Room                 |
| 5:30 p.m.               | Vespers Choir Rehearsal                   |                                   | Sanctuary                   |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b>        | <b>Vespers</b>                            | <b>John W. Vest preaching</b>     | <b>Sanctuary</b>            |
| 7:30 p.m.               | Coffee Reception                          |                                   | Anderson Hall               |

### Monday, February 18

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| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday) | Stone Chapel |
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### Tuesday, February 19

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| 7:00 a.m.  | Men's Bible Study  | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Morning Prayer     | Stone Chapel              |
| 12:00 p.m. | Jim Wallis Lecture | Anderson Hall             |

### Wednesday, February 20

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| 9:30 a.m.        | Morning Bible Study           | Large Conference Room |
| 11:30 a.m.       | Women's Bible Study           | Page Smith Room       |
| 12:10 p.m.       | Noonday Bible Study           | Large Conference Room |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Lenten Midweek Worship</b> | <b>Blair Chapel</b>   |

### Thursday, February 21

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| 11:00 a.m. | "Media's Influence on Society, Especially Children" | Manse     |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                             | Sanctuary |

### Friday, February 22

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| 10:00 a.m. | Center for Life and Learning Bible Study | Page Smith Room |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: David Lamb, organ       | Sanctuary       |

### Saturday, February 23

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| 9:00 a.m. | Midwinter Conference | Anderson Hall |
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### *Preaching on Sunday, February 24*

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| Dana Ferguson | 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.