

January 18–24, 2009

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Next Sunday the eighth-grade Confirmation class will lead the service.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff in Stone Chapel for this opportunity to pray for members of the congregation and for those in need.

A Center for Life and Learning Memorial Service, held in remembrance of CLL members who have died during the previous year, will be held this Thursday, January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

A service in the style of Taizé will be held in Blair Chapel this Friday, January 23. This monthly service offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with spiritual, emotional, and health issues. Those who would like information about available resources are encouraged to contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

The Souper Bowl of Caring to alleviate hunger will be Sunday, February 1. That morning youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

New moms' groups meet at member homes for fellowship and discussions of faith. For details, e-mail newmomsgroup@fourthchurch.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today's psalm along with many others is featured in the Loggia and Gallery exhibition "Who Is He? : A Textile Meditation on the Psalms.

Fourth Acts meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Gravitation will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about issues pertaining to veterans will be available at the Mission Table today during Coffee Hour.

Applications for the Cameroon mission trip (May 29–June 12) are due Monday, January 19. Details about these trips as well as the application form are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

An educational forum to discuss military service member and veteran advocacy issues will take place Friday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room and will be facilitated by professional counselors and military chaplains.

Reservations for the 2009 Mission Benefit, Carnival, can be made today during Coffee Hour. To learn more about this Friday, February 20 event, which will be held at the Ritz-Carlton and supports the programs of Chicago Lights and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, contact Allison Graham at 312.981.3596 (agraham@chicagolights.org).

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Office assistant to file and label documents weekday afternoons; proficiency with Microsoft Word needed

Audio operator to record occasional services during the week; training provided

Sunday School teachers for grades 1–3, to teach during 11:00 a.m. session

Current Donation Needs

Computers in good condition (2007 or newer) to be donated to a Cabrini-Green school; a list of specifications is available at the Volunteer table

Infants' and children's gently-used winter clothes, strollers, cribs, car seats, and books to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic

For a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Liz Nickerson will lead discussion about the creation of the biblical canon.

Loyola University Museum of Art will be the site of this year's Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning Winter Open House. All who are sixty or over are invited to the museum (820 N. Michigan) on Monday, January 26 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the CLL.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop will meet Tuesday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *A Stranger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith* by Fourth Church member Anna-Lisa Cox.

"Chicago Metropolis 2020" will be the topic of a presentation by George Ranney on Friday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. All are invited to this event hosted by Cornerstones; reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

ENRICHMENT

Live webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College's January Series will be shown on Tuesday through Friday of this week (but not Monday) at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. The series is being hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life. This week's topics include "Powerful Faith: Evangelicals in American culture," "From the Sidelines to the Locker room," "unChristian: How a New Generation Sees the Church and Why it Matters," and "Refusing to Be Silenced." A full list of lecture titles is printed in the January issue of *Fourth Press*, available in the literature racks.

Weekly 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's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details and to RSVP, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

This weekend, all women are invited to attend "Ode to Joy," this year's Fourth Church women's retreat, which will take place at the church on Friday evening, January 23 and Saturday morning, January 24. To register and for details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"When a Change of Residence is Necessary," a program sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will focus on housing options for those sixty and over. The presentation will begin at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 27 in the Page Smith Room. Participants are invited to bring a lunch at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy a time of fellowship prior to the event.

The Community Book Group meets Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters—and How to Talk about It* by Krista Tippett. Donna Gray will lead the conversation.

The Family-to-Family Education Program is a twelve-week course for families and friends of adults living with mental illnesses. The first session is Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Registration for this free course is required; call the Family-to-Family Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

"Living Mindfully" will be the topic of this year's Midwinter Conference hosted by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Saturday, February 28 at Fourth Church. For details or to register, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Center at 312.787.8425.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 18–24, 2009

Sunday, January 18

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 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.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
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.	Fourth Acts		Activity Center
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	Joann H. Lee preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, January 19 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day (church office closed)*

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:30 a.m.	January Series: "Evangelicals in American Culture"		Page Smith Room

Wednesday, January 21

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Thursday and Friday)		Stone Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class (also Friday)		Activity Center
11:30 a.m.	January Series: "The Sidelines and the Locker Room"		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

Thursday, January 22

11:30 a.m.	January Series: "unChristian"		Page Smith Room
12:15 p.m.	Center for Life and Learning Memorial Service		Blair Chapel

Friday, January 23

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
11:30 a.m.	January Series: "Refusing to Be Silenced"		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Gravitation		Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Serving Fourth Friday Night Supper		Catholic Charities
6:00 p.m.	Women's Retreat		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Worship Service		Blair Chapel

Saturday, January 24

8:30 a.m.	Women's Retreat		Anderson Hall
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Preaching on Sunday, January 25

Alice M. Trowbridge	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.