

February 1–7, 2009

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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Today is the **Souper Bowl of Caring** to alleviate hunger. Youth volunteers are collecting cans of soup and monetary donations during Coffee Hour to benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

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 monthly Youth and Family Luncheon will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

“Embracing Parents,” an informal discussion group that centers on pertinent issues parents face, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Tutoring Library.

A family ice skating party will take place Sunday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m. at Daley Bicentennial Plaza (337 E. Randolph). For details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscalan@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship groups for mothers with children age 0–4 meet at member homes. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at lnickerson@fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

How to increase the multicultural diversity of Fourth Church will be the topic of a luncheon discussion on Sunday, February 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are invited.

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with spiritual, emotional, and practical 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).

Those who have a loved one serving in the armed forces are invited to pass along that person's name so we might keep those individuals in our prayers and reach out to them and their families. Names can be given to Carol Allerton in the Pastoral Care office at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Instrumentalists Kristin and Tracy Figard will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Who Is He?: A Textile Meditation on the Psalms” is on exhibit in the Loggia and Gallery.

ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2009 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. To date, we have received more than \$3.2 million in gift intents from 1,017 households, toward our \$6.3 million goal. For more details, stop by the display during Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009appeal.html, or contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.338.

ENRICHMENT

New Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes begin next Sunday:

- **“The Book of Isaiah,”** taught by Tom Dozeman and hosted by the John Knox Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room
- **“Called to Mission: How Your Own Call Might Find Expression in the Work of Fourth Church,”** taught by Vicky Curtiss at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony
- **“Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls”** taught by Adam Rose at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony
- **“For the Bible Tells Me So: Bible Stories You Should Know . . . Continues,”** taught by Adam Fronczek at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony

Course descriptions are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

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 the church at 312.573.3364.

Pilgrimage in Faithfulness, an eight-week program for those interested in discussing faith topics in depth, will begin Thursday, February 5 at 5:45 p.m. and be led by speakers from Fourth Church and other faith communities. Registration is required; contact Anita Bright at the church at 312.573.3364.

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.

Eboo Patel, Founder and Director of the Interfaith Youth Core in Chicago and author of *Acts of Faith*, will speak at an upcoming Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Community Book Group meets Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *Home* by Marilynne Robinson. Calum MacLeod will lead the conversation.

“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.

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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FELLOWSHIP

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *A Stronger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith* by 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; call Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Reducing violence in Chicago will be the topic of a program hosted by Fourth Dimension on Friday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are invited to attend. Reservations are required; call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

An all-congregation dinner will be hosted by the Congregational Life Committee on Sunday, February 22 in Anderson Hall following the noontime Annual Meeting of the congregation. All are invited to this informal, intergenerational fellowship meal.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Ushers for 8:00 a.m. and Vespers

Cooks to occasionally prepare and deliver meals to a family in zip code 60618

Tutors for the Tutoring program, especially on Tuesday and Thursday evenings

Audio operator to record occasional services during the week

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

For a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

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.

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 for Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers an opportunity to pray for members of the congregation and for those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, February 27.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Faith in Practice, a service and outreach organization in Guatemala, will be the topic of a presentation given by Director Linda McCarty today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A mission luncheon with the founders of the Lesideng Soup Kitchen will take place Sunday, February 8 following the 11:00 service. To RSVP, contact Natasha Holbert at the church at 312.274.3831.

Reservations for the February 20 Mission Benefit, Carnaval, can be made today during Coffee Hour. Drawing tickets for a chance to win a 2009 Smart car are also available as are details about the online auction. This annual event supports the programs of Chicago Lights and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1–7, 2009

Sunday, February 1

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
7:50 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring	<i>(see announcement)</i>
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joann H. Lee 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, Senior Highs, Fourth Church Rising	<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.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	"Embracing Parents"	Tutoring Library
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.	Youth and Family Luncheon	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Faith in Practice	Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, February 2

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, February 3

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Women's Book Group	Large Conference Room

Wednesday, February 4

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:00 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class (also Friday)	Activity Center
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, February 5

5:45 p.m.	Pilgrimage in Faithfulness	<i>(see announcement)</i>
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Friday, February 6

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kristin and Tracy Figard	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, February 8

Joyce Shin	8:00 a.m.
Linda C. Loving	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Sarah A. Johnson	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.