

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which will meet this Monday, January 4 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, January 5 at 7:30 a.m. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will meet this Tuesday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *Olive Kittenridge* by Elizabeth Strout. All are welcome.

A twelve-week Nia series will begin this Wednesday, January 6. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. For details or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

An eight-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Live webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College's award-winning January Series will be shown weekdays at Fourth Church January 6–26 (except January 18) at 11:30 a.m. and are being hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life. "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care," will be presented this Wednesday, "The New American Culture War" will be presented this Thursday, and "Green Prosperity" will be presented this Friday. For more lecture titles and details, visit www.calvin.edu/january/2010.

The Winter Open House for the Center for Life and Learning will be held Wednesday, January 20 at the Prizker Military Library. Reservations are required for this free event, which is open to those sixty and over. For details or to RSVP, stop by the CLL front desk or call Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387.

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a twelve-week course for

families and friends of adults living with mental illness. The first session is Monday, January 25 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.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

This is the last Sunday to give "Light Up a Life" gifts. Gifts to this giving campaign make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor special people in your life. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the offering envelopes found in the pew racks. For details, pick up a brochure found in the pew racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

The Project Second Century Steering Committee recently reported to the Session and Trustees that basic concepts have been outlined for a new four-story building and that proposals from architects are currently being reviewed, with the intent of bringing final designs and plans to the congregation in June 2010. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html or contact Rob Holben, Director of Business Administration, at 312.274.3821 (rholben@fourthchurch.org).

Including Fourth Church in your estate plans will help ensure that the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights will continue for generations to come. For information about how to include the church in estate plans, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Presbyterian Church, a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is committed to being a fully inclusive community. To learn more about Covenant Network, visit www.covenantnetwork.org.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individual adults in their late forties and older, will meet this Friday, January 8 for a presentation by Dirk Ficca, Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. For information or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"Afghanistan, Pakistan, and American Policy in the Region" will be the focus of the next Men's Group meeting, which will be held this Saturday, January 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Asad Hayauddin of the office of the consul of Pakistan will be the keynote speaker. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, January 8. All are welcome.

India will be the topic of a January 15 gathering for Cornerstones, a fellowship group for adults over fifty, including couples, partners, and their spouses. For details or to RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

"Seasons of Friendship" is the theme of the Fourth Church women's retreat, which will be held the weekend of January 22–23. For information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes and youth meetings will resume on January 10. (There will be no Sunday School or youth meetings 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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Flutist Mark Alan Longo will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The St. Olaf Choir will perform at Fourth Church on Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, visit www.stolaftickets.com.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 18; in observance, members of the Fourth Church community are invited to participate in service projects that Monday and on the preceding Saturday, January 16 as part of a citywide volunteer effort coordinated by Chicago Cares. Additionally, on Sunday, January 17, Fourth Church will honor the life and legacy of Dr. King during the 4:00 p.m. worship service. For more details or to volunteer, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Save the date! Carnaval, the 2010 Mission Benefit, will be held on Friday, March 5 at the Ritz-Carlton.

Those interested in the mission trip to Tanzania and Kenya (June 18–July 1) are encouraged to turn in applications well before the February 1 deadline as spots for this trip are limited. Applications for the April 26–May 2 mission trip to New Orleans are also due February 1. Details about these Fourth Church trips and others are available in the literature racks and online at www. fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards make great seasonal thank-you notes. Cards are available during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk during the week, and online at www.chicagolights.org. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesday, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

An Epiphany labyrinth walk will be available on Saturday, January 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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 will be Friday, January 22.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs
Temporary data entry volunteer to assist
Tutoring program; Monday–Thursday,

12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Instrumentalists and Chamber

Choir singers to assist in leading 4:00 p.m. worship

Sunday School teachers for 11:00 a.m. classes; alternating Sundays

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools

Workers to help local agencies on January 16 or 18 to honor the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Current Donation Needs

Toiletries—including soap, shampoo, deodorant—for guests of the Social Service Center

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (Inicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 3-9, 2010

Sunday, January 3			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Sarah A	. Johnson preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	•	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John W.	Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John W.	Vest preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 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
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship Adam Fi	ronczek preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
Monday, January 4			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesd	ay–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirer's Class		Page Smith Room
Tuesday, January 5			
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		Manse
Wednesday, January 6			
10:00 a.m.	Nia Series Begins		Anderson Hall
11:30 a.m.			Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	La	rge Conference Room
Thursday, January 7			
11:30 a.m.	Calvin College Lecture: "The N	Iew Culture War"	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Series Begins	Anderso	n Hall South Balcony
Friday, January 8			
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10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Page Smith Room
11:30 a.m.	Calvin College Lecture: "Green Prosperity"		Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mark Alan Longo		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension		Anderson Hall
Saturday, January 9			
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group		Dining Room
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Epiphany Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, January 10

Jocelyn C. Cadwallader preaching 8:00 a.m. John M. Buchanan preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. John W. Vest preaching 4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$7.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.