

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Souper Bowl of Caring to alleviate hunger will be next Sunday, February 7. That day youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

An update on death penalty issues will be presented today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. During Coffee Hour, information about legislation to end the death penalty in the State of Illinois will be available at the Mission table, along with letters on the topic to send to state representatives.

This afternoon, an environmental advocacy workshop will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are welcome.

The application deadline for mission trips to New Orleans (April 26–May 2) and Tanzania and Kenya (June 18–July 1) is tomorrow, Monday, February 1. Application forms are available in the literature racks and online at www. fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

Reservations for the March 5 Mission Benefit, Carnaval, can be made today during Coffee Hour. Drawing tickets for the "Technology Treasures" package are also available as are details about the online auction. For information, visit www.chicagolights.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with immediate needs and ongoing recovery in Haiti can be made by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or online at www.fourthchurch.org. Thank you to all who have helped Fourth Church raise more than \$28,000 for this urgent need.

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, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

The 140th Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 21 following 11:00 worship. All members are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided during the meeting. Aftewards, all are invited to an intergenerational congregational lunch in Anderson Hall. Tickets for this meal are available during Coffee Hour.

ENRICHMENT

"The Exodus as a Rite of Passage: Israel's Wilderness Journey and the Christian Pilgrimage through Lent," taught by Tom Dozeman, will meet today at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony.

Adlai Stevenson III will speak on "Democracy in America Then and Now: The Black Book" at an event hosted by Cornerstones this Friday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. All are invited; registration and prepayment is required (312.787.2729, ext. 454).

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

Women, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 a.m. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss *206 Bones* by Kathy Reichs this Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse.

"Food, Mood, and Balance: The Impact of Food and Lifestyle Choices on Wellbeing" will be the topic of the Midwinter Conference hosted by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Saturday, February 20 at Fourth Church. For details or to register, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

Christian Century Study Groups meet to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the *Christian Century*. Groups, which are made up of those who expect to attend at least four of the six sessions, begin on Wednesday, February 3 and will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays through April. To register or for more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@ fourthchurch.org) by Tuesday, February 2.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room for discussion, led by Donna Gray, on *The Thirteen American* Arguments by Howard Fineman.

"Telling Our Faith Stories," this year's Lenten Retreat, will be held at Fourth Church on February 26–27. Lillian Daniel, Senior Minister at First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn, will lead the retreat. For details, including information about recommended reading, or to register, pick up a brochure in the literature racks or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, February 24.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. A young adults retreat will be held February 5–7 in Michigan. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at the church at 312.573.3366.

The ThirtiesForties "Living in the Enlightened Spirit" discussion group will meet next Sunday, February 7 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

The Cycling Club will hold their monthly ride this Saturday morning, February 6 at 9:00 a.m., beginning at Oak Street Beach. For details, call the Cycling Club Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 409.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individual adults forty-seven and older, will gather on Friday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Movie critic Hank Sartin will speak on "Romance in the Movies." For details or to preregister (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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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The inner workings and versatility of the sanctuary pipe organ will be the topic of a presentation by John Sherer at the Fourth Church Men's Group meeting on Saturday, February 13 at 8:00 a.m. For details or to RSVP for breakfast, call the church office at 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, February 12. All are invited to attend.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.: Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 Confirmation) in the Page Smith Room and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow's Nest. Elevation (grades 6–7) is on retreat.

Families are invited to an ice skating party on Saturday, February 13 at the Daley Bicentennial Rink (337 E. Randolph), which will be rented for Fourth Church families from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Skate rental, admission, and beverages will be provided.

Musician Jim Gill will return for the annual Day School Benefit on Saturday, February 20. A time for fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House; Jim will perform from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs
Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old
girl who is chronically ill; a list of
items and sizes needed is available at
the Volunteer table

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

Greeting cards and stamps for Sunday and Monday Night Supper guests Men's seasonal sturdy clothes in larger sizes (pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

Current Volunteer Needs

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools Instrumentalists and Chamber Choir singers to help lead 4:00 p.m. worship Attendants to staff the Book Nook during Sunday morning Coffee Hour

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

An afternoon worship service including Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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 Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for prayer in Stone Chapel.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month; the next service will be February 26.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Lyrebird Ensemble of flute and harp will perform the free Noonday Concert this Friday, February 5 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Newberry Consort, an early music ensemble, will be in concert on Friday, February 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www. newberry.org or by calling 312.255.3610.

The Swedish Radio Choir will perform at Fourth Church on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For tickets, call 312.294.3000 or visit www.cso.org.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Sunday, January 31	
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Cynthia M. Campbell 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.	Junior High Choir Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs (see announcement)
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Cynthia M. Campbell preaching Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	"Exodus as a Rite of Passage" Anderson Hall South Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Senior High Choir Dining Room
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.	Mission Luncheon: An Update on Death Penalty Issues Dining Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class Page Smith Room
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.	Environmental Advocacy Workshop Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship Jocelyn C. Cadwallader Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, February 1	
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday) Stone Chapel
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class Page Smith Room
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Tuesday, February 2	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Yoga Crow's Nest
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women Manse
Wednesday, February 3	
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Christian Century Study Groups Manse
Friday, February 5	
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Lyrebird Ensemble Sanctuary
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Saturday, February 6	
9:00 a.m.	Cycling Club Ride (see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, February 7

John H. Boyle preaching 8:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Joann H. Lee 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.