

April 11–17, 2010

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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Eighth grade confirmation will take place today during 11:00 a.m. worship. Please keep the confirmands in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

A Family Night of musical delights will be held Friday, April 16 in Anderson Hall. Families with younger children are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m. for a sing-along. Families with older children may join the group for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Performances from the Fourth Church children's and youth choirs will follow. For details or to RSVP, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

The April 18 "Kids Helping Kids" Benefit will create toiletry kits for children at Presbyterian Camps. Tickets for next Sunday's event, which will raise funds for a camping scholarship or equipment for campers, are available today during Coffee Hour.

Adoptive families and those considering adoption are invited to attend a luncheon program on Sunday, April 25 at 12:00 noon in the Manse. During the program there will be games for the children. For more details and to RSVP, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 (mscanlan@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter to Illinois senators regarding gun control legislation is available to sign at the Mission table today during Coffee Hour.

There are still openings for the July 28–August 8 mission trip to Honduras. Applications, which are due this Tuesday, April 13, can be found in the booklets in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

"More Hope Than You Imagined," a Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month presentation and luncheon, will take place next Sunday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Friday, April 16.

Links for Lights: The Chicago Lights Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 28 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. For information about this event benefiting the Chicago Avenue Urban Farm, contact Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 (rholben@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today's Fourth Acts "At a Glance" performance will feature the story of the wife of a thief crucified next to Jesus. All are invited to this 30-minute presentation at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

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

Those interested in singing in the choirs during 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. worship are asked to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

Women, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

New Academy for Faith and Life courses begin Sunday, April 18:

- **"The Minor Prophets in Conversation"** will be led by Tom Rook at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room
- **"The Apologies of Socrates and Gospels of Jesus"** will be taught by Adam Rose at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony
- **"John Calvin's Institutes of Christian Religion"** will be taught by Randall Zachman at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony
- **"Fine Arts and Faith"** will be taught by Calum MacLeod, Sue Pellowe, and John Sherer at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony A

Details can be found in the Academy brochures in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

A Nia "Splash Out" exercise class will take place this Saturday, April 17. All are welcome. For information or to register, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.NiaChicago.com.

Fourth Church will observe Earth Sunday on April 25 with a Care of Creation-themed Coffee Hour and a panel presentation on stewardship of water. Those attending the presentation at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room are encouraged to bring a pair of old, no-longer-used athletic shoes for recycling. For more details, contact JC Cadwallader at 312.640.2571 (jcadwallader@fourthchurch.org).

The Community Book Group will discuss *Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food* by Wendell Berry at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27 in the Randolph Room. Joyce Shin will lead the conversation.

Books by Women will discuss *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. All are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP

Today the ThirtiesForties fellowship group will host an informal gathering at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Newcomers are encouraged to attend.

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Cycling Club will gather for a spring bicycle outing on Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. The ride will end at Fourth Church, followed by a brown-bag lunch and time of fellowship. Those interested but not cycling this Saturday are invited to the lunch at 11:30 a.m. For ride details or to RSVP for the meal, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Friday, April 15 at 12:00 noon.

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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WORSHIP

Participants in the January Egypt trip will be leading 4:00 worship this afternoon. On April 25, participants from the recent Cuba trip will be leading the service.

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, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

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 daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel.

Giggles for God!—a weekly sing-along for parents and their babies, toddlers, or preschoolers—begins Sunday, April 18. This opportunity will be available for six weeks at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays in Westminster House.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel; the next service will be held Friday, April 23.

ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to all who have responded to the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. We have received 1,149 pledges and nearly \$3.7 million in commitments for 2010 from faithful members and friends—an increase of over \$110,000 compared to April 2009. Those who have not yet completed a 2010 Giving Response Card are invited to do so to help Fourth Church meet the need for the more than \$3.7 million in pledged gifts required for the 2010 budget.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes prepared and served by the Senior Highs at their breakfast fund-raiser on Sunday, April 25. Proceeds from this meal will support the youth's summer work camp trip to Cary, Mississippi. Breakfast will be served between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Omelets, made to order by John Vest, will also be available for an additional donation. Tickets will be available today and April 18 in Coffee Hour and at the door on April 25.

Inquirers' Class provides an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which will be offered this Monday evening and Saturday morning, is also a prerequisite for membership.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Substitute tutors for the Tutoring Program; Monday–Thursday evenings
Individual to perform office tasks
Monday–Friday during the day
Volunteers to remove blue bows from the trees on Friday, April 30

Current Donation Needs

Baking equipment for special education children in a Chicago charter elementary school; a list of items is available at the Volunteer table
Shaving cream, toothpaste, men's and women's underwear (sizes L–XL) for guests of the Social Service Center
Greeting cards and stamps for Sunday and Monday Night Supper guests
Gently-used clothes for a chronically ill seven-year-old girl; a list of items is available at the Volunteer table

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

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 11–17, 2010

Sunday, April 11

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
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 W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study		Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Choir		Activity Center
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Activity Center
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Activity Center
12:00 p.m.	Senior High Choir		Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Brunch		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.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties Fellowship Gathering		Manse
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts "At a Glance"		Activity Center
3:10 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Led by Egypt Travelers	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, April 14

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Nia (also Friday)	Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, April 15

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, April 16

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Paul Carr	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	April Family Night	Anderson Hall

Saturday, April 17

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
10:00 a.m.	Nia "Splash Out"	Anderson Hall
10:00 a.m.	Cycling Club Outing	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, April 18

Sarah A. Johnson preaching	8:00 a.m.
Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.