

# News and Opportunities

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five are invited to meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room for discussion and a time of fellowship. The topic of this Sunday's conversation will be "The Stress of Trying to Be Perfect." On Tuesday, January 25, Young Adults fellowship will host Board Games Night at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse.

The ThirtiesForties "Living in the Enlightened Spirit" (LITES) discussion group meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Participants will view and discuss the video short "Dust: What Does God See in Us?"

Women of all ages are invited to attend "Eat, Pray, Love," this year's women's retreat, which will take place on Saturday, January 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A spiritual practices small group led by former Fourth Church Associate Pastor Carol Allen will be held on Thursdays, beginning February 17, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith by Henri Nouwen will be the topic for discussion. For information or to join this group, contact Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs in the Crow's Nest. At 12:15 p.m. today, an Open House for youth and their families will be held on the 19th floor of the 737 building (on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue), where youth will meet regularly beginning Sunday, January 23.

Storyteller Joel Frankel will provide the entertainment at the Friday, January 21 Family Night in Anderson Hall. Young children and families are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and older children and their families may arrive at 6:15 p.m.

The Souper Bowl of Caring to alleviate hunger will be Sunday, February 6. That morning, youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center

A skating party for children, youth, and families will be held Saturday afternoon, February 19 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Daley Bicentennial Rink on Randolph Street. For details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

### 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.

A weekly jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., in Stone Chapel.

A service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

# **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

Double the impact of your contribution to Project Second Century: P2C Gift Intentions will be matched dollar-fordollar up to \$5.5 million by Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted by Easter Sunday, April 24. Gift Intention forms for the P2C building campaign are available in the pew racks or online at www. fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

The main entrance to the church during the construction period is located at the southeast corner of the Garth, and the reception desk is located in what was previously the Large Conference Room. (The 126 E. Chestnut entrance is no longer accessible to the public.)

The Elam Davies Social Service Center is currently located in a trailer in the parking lot while construction work takes place on the lower level.

There are some temporary construction walls at the base of the stairs to Anderson Hall South Balcony, at the south end of Anderson Hall, and in the Dining Room in order to enable ongoing Project Second Century work to ready the 126 E. Chestnut site for the demolition and new building construction work taking place in the weeks ahead. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Center for Life and Learning classes are now meeting in the 737 building (on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue) on the 19th floor.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

#### Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

Male church members to join a care team for an individual (60610 zip code)

**Database helper** for a nonprofit agency; competence in Excel necessary

#### **Current Donation Needs**

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes (coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.) Auction items (travel, goods, services, gift certificates, etc.) for the Mission Benefit

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

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago ● John M. Buchanan, Pastor Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014; 312.787.4570
Phone extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584

#### **ENRICHMENT**

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

A Center for Life and Learning Jazz Winter Party will be held Thursday, January 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Celebrated jazz pianist Erwin Helfer will be the guest musician. For tickets, contact Patricia Amis at 312:981.3387.

Christian Century Study Groups provide opportunity to discuss challenging social, ethical, and theological issues as addressed in the *Christian Century*. The next series begins Wednesday evening, February 2. Participants are asked to commit to attending at least five of the eight sessions of this series. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Books by Women** will meet Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison. All are welcome.

"The Future of Public Housing in Chicago," an upcoming Michigan Avenue Forum featuring the Executive Director of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Lewis Jordan, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. For information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest June 20–29. For information and an application (due February 11), contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

A support group for those dealing with loss and grief will be held at the Counseling Center on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning January 17 and concluding February 21. For information, call the Center at 312,787,8425.

"How to Do Good Grief" will be the topic of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center's annual Midwinter Conference, to be held at the church on Saturday, February 5. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Nordic Choir of Luther College, directed by Allen Hightower, will be in concert at Fourth Church on Saturday, January 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For tickets, call 800.4.LUTHER or visit www.luthertickets.com.

# MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter thanking state representatives for repealing the Illinois death penalty is available for signing at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

Chicago Lights Tutoring invites students, tutors, parents, and members of the Fourth Church community to "The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights" presented by the Writer's Theater on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary; this event is free to the public.

Those interested in participating in a Fourth Church mission trip in 2011 are encouraged to consider the following opportunities: Tennessee, Lakota Reservations, Cameroon, and Northern Ireland. Details are available in the literature racks and online at www. fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

**Save the date for Carnaval!** The 2011 Mission Benefit will be held on Friday, March 4 at the Ritz-Carlton.

# CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 16-22, 2011

Sunday, January 16	
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study Anderson Hall North Balcony B
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs (see announcement)
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal Blair Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	New Member 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.	Youth Open House 737 Building
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties LITES Discussion Manse
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, January 17	Church office closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group Counseling Center
Tuesday, January 18	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Wednesday–Thursday) Dining Room
Wednesday, January 19	
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Thursday and Friday) Stone Chapel
Thursday, January 20	
11:00 a.m.	CLL Jazz Winter Party Anderson Hall
Friday, January 21	
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study Knox Classroom – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Hall/Higdon Duo Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	"Story Time" Family Night Anderson Hall
1	

## Preaching on Sunday, January 23

Victoria G. Curtiss preaching 8:00 a.m.

John 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.