

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A **letter urging legislators to increase the minimum wage in Illinois** is available for signing during Coffee Hour.

The online auction for Carnaval, the March 4 Mission Benefit, can be accessed at www.chicagolights.org and will close Monday, February 28 at 9:00 p.m. Participation in the online auction and the “Technology Treasures” drawing is open to all; attendance at Carnaval is not required. For more information about the auction and drawing, stop by the Carnaval table in the Narthex. The annual Mission Benefit supports Chicago Lights, the Center for Life and Learning, and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center.

Applications for the Fourth Church mission trips to Cameroon and Tennessee are due Tuesday, March 1. For details or an application, pick up a mission trip booklet from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

The Benevolent Guild gathers to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. Meetings resume this Wednesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Calvin Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building and will be held on the first, second, and fourth Wednesdays of each month through June.

“**Faith in Practice: Guatemala**” will be the topic of a presentation given by Linda McCarty, Executive Director of Faith in Practice and a former member of Fourth Church, on Sunday, March 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. All are invited to attend.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. For details or to purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

All are encouraged to help Fourth Church build for the future by supporting Project Second Century. P2C Gift Intentions will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million by Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted by April 24. Everyone’s support is needed to make the \$5.5 million challenge goal by Easter Sunday. Gift Intention forms for making campaign pledges are available in the pew racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual’s spiritual pilgrimage.

Brad Braxton will be the guest preacher next Sunday, March 6 during 9:30 and 11:00 worship. Dr. Braxton, who is Associate Professor of Homiletics and New Testament at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, is currently serving as Distinguished Visiting Scholar at McCormick Theological Seminary.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago) and receive sermons and daily devotions beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9. Also be sure to visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for news, worship, and programming information. If you have a Twitter account, follow @FourthChicago. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to “like” Fourth Church to view recent posts.

Things are moving at Fourth Church! Westminster House is being readied for demolition in preparation for building construction work. Coffee Hour is now being held in the Loggia, as Children’s Chapel and two Sunday School classes have moved into Anderson Hall. For more information about P2C, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

Complimentary certified tax preparation assistance is available courtesy of AARP and the Center for Life and Learning. Adults of all ages and income levels are invited to call 312.787.2729, ext. 368 for details or to schedule an appointment.

WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday services will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m., with Communion and the opportunity for imposition of ashes as part of both services.

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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Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available in the church literature racks, by email (simply send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org. Devotions will also be available by Twitter: www.twitter.com/FourthChicago.

Deacons and pastoral staff will be conducting visits to members who are homebound and cannot make it to worship this Lent. Names of those who are unable to attend worship are being collected by the Pastoral Care Office; to submit a name, contact Sarah Johnson at 312.573.3360.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room.

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building, with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Knox Room, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Calvin Room, and Senior Highs in the Multipurpose Space.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Mezzo-soprano Jori Jennings will present this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Newberry Consort will be in concert at Fourth Church this Friday, March 4 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling 312.255.3610.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

CLL, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes are underway. Classes are held at The Clare (on the corner of Rush and Pearson) unless otherwise noted. **“History of Peoples in the Holy Land,”** led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek, and **“Money Enough: A Book Study about Theology and Economics,”** led by Vicky Curtiss and Lisa Radetski, meet at 9:30 a.m. **“Introduction to the Bible,”** taught by Tom Dozeman, meets at 11:00 a.m. **“Conversations about Music”** with John Sherer meets at Fourth Church in Stone Chapel at 12:45 p.m. Academy brochures with course details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

Today’s Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class meets from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room and is also a prerequisite for membership.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

“Women, Food, and God,” a Tuesday evening discussion group focusing on issues raised in this book by Geneen Roth, is underway. For information, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

Books by Women will discuss *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room of the 737 building.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will not meet today but will resume their weekly Gatherings next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

Sacred Space International founder Suzanne Morgan will speak on Friday, March 11 at an event hosted by the Fourth Dimension fellowship group. This 6:00 p.m. presentation will be held on the 19th floor of the 737 building. For details and to RSVP (required) contact Anne Ellis at 312.312.573.3369.

The next Fourth Church Men’s Group breakfast will be Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. Mary Westra will talk about her book, *After the Murder of My Son*. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, March 9 at 12:00 noon.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Additional Volunteer Needs

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

Sunday School assistant for 11:00 a.m. three- and four-year-olds class

For details or to volunteer, 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 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. and includes Communion.

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

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 25–MARCH 5, 2011

Sunday, February 27

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Page Smith Room
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sarah A. Johnson preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		The Clare
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Academy Classes		The Clare
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Academy Class		The Clare
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	"Conversations about Music"		Stone Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, February 28

9:00 a.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)		Manse
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)		Anderson Hall

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	"Women, Food, and God"	Calvin Room –	737 Building

Wednesday, March 2

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Calvin Room – 737 Building
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Friday, March 4

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study		Knox Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jori Jennings		Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Carnaval		Ritz-Carlton
8:00 p.m.	Newberry Consort		Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, March 6

Joyce Shin preaching	8:00 a.m.
Brad Braxton preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Kerri N. Allen 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.