

March 6–12, 2011

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News and Opportunities

LENT

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.

Daily Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning this Wednesday in the church literature racks, by email (simply send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Letters to send to senators about funding programs for those who are hungry and those who are homeless are available at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.html.

Those traveling to Cuba as part of the Fourth Church mission trip leave this Friday, March 11 for a week with our sister congregation in Havana.

Linda McCarty will talk about “Faith in Practice: Guatemala” today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Benevolent Guild gathers to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. in the Calvin Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

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. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org).

Thank you to all who supported Carnival 2011, which benefited Chicago Lights, the Center for Life and Learning, and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. The post-event online auction will be available this Friday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. and can be accessed at biddingforgood.com/carnaval until Monday, March 21 at 9:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Additional Volunteer Needs

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

Care team members to help a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Westminster House is no longer accessible. Demolition of that part of the building will begin this week in preparation for the construction of the new building being built as part of Project Second Century. For more information about P2C, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

With the Delaware access through Westminster House no longer available, please use the Loggia or the Garth to enter the building for Sunday School and other morning programs.

Restrooms are now available through the Delaware door of the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary. The Parish House restrooms between Borden and the new reception desk continue to be available.

To help build for the future, Project Second Century gifts and pledges will be matched, dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million, by members Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted by Easter Sunday, April 24. Gift Intention forms for making campaign pledges are available in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

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 receive recent posts in your news feed.

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

Monday’s Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class meets at 6:30 p.m. on March 7 and is also a prerequisite for membership.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 13. Be sure to set clocks ahead an hour.

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.

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.

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 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”** 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.

Two new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin Sunday, March 20: **“Notions of the Afterlife”** with Adam Rose at 9:30 a.m. and **“Writing about Your Beliefs”** with Michele Weldon at 11:00 a.m. Class size is limited, so preregistration is required. Academy brochures with course details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html.

“How Much Is Enough? Rethinking Money, Faith, and Well-being” will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum presented by author and Presbyterian pastor Dr. Douglas Hicks on Friday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Women, Food, and God,” a discussion group, meets on Tuesday evenings. For information, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

Director Linda Eason will talk about the Lookingglass Theatre’s adaptation of *Ethan Frome* when Books by Women gathers to discuss that book on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room of the 737 building.

WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, which is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., offers time to pray for those in need.

Today Dr. Brad Braxton will be the guest preacher during 9:30 and 11:00 worship. Dr. Braxton is currently serving as Distinguished Visiting Scholar at McCormick Theological Seminary.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults age twenty-two to thirty-five meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Knox Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Sacred Space International founder Suzanne Morgan will speak this 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 312.573.3369.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet 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 12:00 noon this Wednesday, March 9.

Fourth for Bridge, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on second Saturdays beginning March 12 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, March 9.

ThirtiesForties will host a Lenten book study beginning next Sunday, March 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Superior Room at the 737 building.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 6–12, 2011

Sunday, March 6

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Matthew J. Helms preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Loggia
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Brad Braxton 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 Brad Braxton 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.	The Gathering	Knox Room– 737 Building
12:45 p.m.	“Conversations about Music”	Stone Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship Kerri N. Allen preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, March 7

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
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Second-Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	“Women, Food, and God”	Calvin Room – 737
6:00 p.m.	<i>Ethan Frome</i> Discussion at Books by Women	Knox Room– 737

Wednesday, March 9

	Ash Wednesday	
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Calvin Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service: John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service: Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary

Friday, March 11

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Knox Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Lyon College Concert Chorale	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension: “Sacred Space International”	737 Building

Saturday, March 12

8:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Men’s Group	Amderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Fourth for Bridge	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving Time Begins

<i>Led by Confirmation Youth</i>	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.