

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today marks the 141st anniversary of Fourth Church being formally organized. On February 12, 1871, Westminster Church and North Church officially became Fourth Presbyterian Church in a worship service held that day. Every year since, the congregation has gathered for its Annual Meeting, as it does today, on the second Sunday of February.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today following 11:00 worship. As part of the meeting, the congregation will elect new officers as well as a Pastor Nominating Commitee. All members are encouraged to attend; child care will be provided.

An intergenerational congregational luncheon will take place today in Anderson Hall following the congregational meeting. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the Anderson Hall door at the start of lunch.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A special dessert-and-dance ticket option for Carnaval is available this year for half the regular reservation price. Stop by Coffee Hour to learn more about this fun way to enjoy the Chicago Lights gala—or to make reservations for the full dinner event! For more information about Carnaval 2012, visit the Chicago Lights website at www.chicagolights.org.

Tickets for the Technology Treasures drawing—benefiting Carnaval and offering a prize package worth \$5,000—are available during Coffee Hour and online at www.chicagolights.org. The winner need not be present at Carnaval.

A Caring Circles workshop series, designed to renew, inspire, and equip participants to care for Center for Life and Learning members in need, will take place on Thursday, February 23 and Thursday, March 8. To register, call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

Photos of congregational life are posted on Facebook. You'll also find there reflections on the daily readings that are part of our journey through the entire Bible and information about upcoming events. To be sure not to miss out on the latest at Fourth Church, "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code here with any smartphone)—and invite your friends to like us too!



The Honduras mission trip will now take place July 25—August 4. This Habitat for Humanity trip to Santa Rosa de Copan is open to all, including families with children thirteen years of age and older. For information, call Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384. The application deadline is Monday, April 16.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organist Aaron David Miller, former Associate Organist at Fourth Church and the composer of the 9/11 "Voices of Peace," will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. He will play his own compositions as well as works by Bach and Mendelssohn and will conclude the program with improvisation. A freewill offering will be received.

Visit the new website dedicated to the Fourth Church organ, www. fourthchurchorgan.org, to learn more about this magnificent instrument and how you can help rebuild it before it becomes unplayable. Gifts will be matched \$1 for every \$2 by the \$1 million challenge grant from the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust. To make a pledge or gift, please use the gift intention card found in the pew rack; make a gift online at www. fourthchurchorgan.org; or call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

The Chicago Ensemble will be in concert this Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

The Symphony Sounds String Quartet will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Anderson Hall South Balcony.

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs
Tutors for children on Thursdays
6:00–7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church
Church members to staff the Book Nook
on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Current Donation Needs
Men's winter clothes for the Elam Davies
Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults gathers today at 1:00 p.m. at the 737 building and will attend their Winter Retreat in Michigan Friday—Sunday, February 17–19.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet today at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson): "The Bible in the Music of Bob Dylan and the Grateful Dead" meets at 9:30 a.m. "Basics on the Bible, Reformed Theology, and the Presbyterian Church" and "God's Law? An Exploration of Legal Injunctions in Three Abrahamic Traditions" meet at 11:00 a.m.

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 Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014; 312.787.4570 Phone extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584 Today the "Religion in Interfaith Homes" series continues at 12:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware).

"Health News You Can Use," a Pathways to Wellness series, takes place on Thursdays during February at 1:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Books by Women will welcome Goldie Goldbloom, author of *The Paperbark Shoe*, to their discussion of the book this Tuesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Changing Conversations will host Elizabeth Caldwell, author of *God's Big Table: Nurturing Children in a Diverse World*, on Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

"Values Clarification," a seminar led by Tom Schemper and Fraser Clark, will be offered on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. For registration details, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

The congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year is supported by a variety of resources: A Bible study of the previous week's texts meets at the 737 building each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated there on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html and in a brochure in the literature racks. Daily devotions reflecting on the texts are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and by email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

"Caring for Loved Ones with Breast Cancer," a seminar sponsored by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study is held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

"Change Your Story: Change Your Life," the Midwinter Conference offered through the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

WORSHIP

Bob Chilcott's "A Little Jazz Mass" will be sung by the Morning Choir at a special jazz service this afternoon as a part of the weekly Jazz at Four held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 22. Services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. with Communion and opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be Friday, February 24.

World-renowned biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, March 4. The following two Sundays, March 11 and 18, Deborah Kapp, a former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church and currently a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00. We look forward to welcoming these preachers to the Fourth Church pulpit!

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 12-18, 2012

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9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class The Clare		
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
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11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship C	alum I. MacLeod prea	
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes The Clare		
12:15 p.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sanctuary		
12:15 p.m.			Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Congregational Lunch		Anderson Hall
12:30 p.m.	"Religion in Interfaith		(see announcement)
1:00 p.m.	Young Adults Gatheri	ng	737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship "A Little Jazz Mass"		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
Monday, February 13 9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesda)	y–Thursday)	Anderson Hall
Tuesday, February 14 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer "Reading the Bible in		Sanctuary 737 Building
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		ox Room – 737 Building
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Co	ncert	Sanctuary
Wednesday, February 15 10:15 a.m. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also</i> Handbell Rehearsal		737 Building Sanctuary East Balcony
Thursday, February 16 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	"Reading the Bible in "Health News You Car T'ai Chi Class		737 Building 737 Building 737 Building
Friday, February 17 10:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CLL Bible Study Noonday Concert: Syr Changing Conversation	mphony Sounds String	or Room – 737 Building g Quartet Sanctuary 737 Building

Preaching on Sunday, February 19

Victoria G. Curtiss preaching 8:00 a.m.
Calum I. MacLeod 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 \$8.00. 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.