

# News and Opportunities

# MISSION AND OUTREACH

A food drive for Central City Housing Ventures, an interfaith nonprofit founded by Fourth Church and other congregations, is underway. Nonperishable food items will be collected at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour each Sunday in March.

The Hygiene Kit project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, collects supplies for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Donations are being accepted at the Women@Fourth Connect table during Coffee Hour.

Applications for the Lakota Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations mission trip (June 16–23) and the Honduras mission trip (July 25–August 4) are due Mondays, March 19 and April 16, respectively. Details and application forms are available in the literature racks or by calling Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

Helping Hands, a new mission group at Fourth Church that works as a team on painting, construction, cleaning, and gardening projects, will hold a planning meeting this Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To RSVP, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Cross Walk, a journey through Chicago to remember the more than 220 children killed in Chicago since 2009, will take place on Monday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. To sign up for this walk, visit the Mission Table during Coffee Hour.

# LENT AND EASTER

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by this Friday, March 23 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

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!



**ThirtiesForties** meets today for a Lenten study at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

A Holy Week Contemplative Retreat, led by Vicky Curtiss, will take place Friday, April 6—Saturday, April 7 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms are available in the brochures in the literature racks. For information, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@ fourthchurch.org).

# **ENRICHMENT**

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet today at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson): "The Three Ds of Faith and the Good News of Temptation," led by John Boyle, meets at 9:30 a.m. "Reading the Bible as Literature," led by Hardy Kim, meets at 11:00 a.m.

A Sacred Spaces Open House of Seventeenth Church of Christ, Scientist (55 E. Wacker Dr.) will take place today 2:00–4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

"A History of Liturgical Music," a program offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20 at the 737 building. Those sixty years and more are invited to attend this free event.

Tickets for the Interfaith Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), are available at the church reception desk through this Tuesday, March 20. The Seder will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:15 p.m. Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! A Bible study meets at the 737 building on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/readings2012.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).

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

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

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

The South Loop Moms' Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

# **WORSHIP**

**Deborah Kapp,** a former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church and currently a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, is preaching at 9:30 and 11:00 worship today.

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

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 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 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 this Friday, March 23. A labyrinth walk will be available beforehand between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

# **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

Members of the Taizé community in France will be here on Sunday, April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room to talk about Taizé Chicago, a Memorial Day weekend event for those who are eighteen to twenty-five.

Information about the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is available in the literature racks and online at www. fourthchurch.org/pnc.html. Questions and comments for the PNC can be sent to pnc@fourthchurch.org.

# **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Current Volunteer Needs
Cooks and servers to prepare a meal
at a men's shelter on Tuesdays
6:30–8:45 p.m. on a rotating schedule
Assistants to help with a variety of tasks

at the Social Service Center

A reader for someone who is legally blind

Church members to staff the Book Nook

during Coffee Hour

Current Donation Needs
Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes
Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure
Island for the Social Service Center

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

### **FELLOWSHIP**

**Young Adults** meets today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship.

The Women@Fourth Connect Book Swap will take place this Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. at a member's home.

Running Group, a new Fourth Church fellowship group that offers opportunity to build relationships among all levels of runners, will host an information session on Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building. For information, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**To sponsor a Coffee Hour** on Sunday morning, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 for details.

# MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert, under the direction of John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, today at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Visit the 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. 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 Kathi Bates at 312.981.3380.

The Grinnell College Choir will be in concert this Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Soprano Carla Janzen** will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An organ concert in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic will feature John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, on Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

# CALENDAR FOR MARCH 18-24, 2012

Sunday, March 18			_
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/And	erson Hall S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	<b>Confirmation Youth lead</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Kapp preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith	and Life Class	The Clare
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Senior Highs 737 Building		
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Deborah Kapp preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class The Clare		
12:15 p.m.	New Members Brunch Randolph Room		Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.			Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties Lenten Study Calvin Room – 737 Buildin		
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Lenten Gathering 737 Building		
2:00 p.m.	Chicago Chamber (		Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.			(see announcement)
4:00 p.m.			Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supp	oer	Anderson Hall
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9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday) Grinnell College Choir		Sanctuary Sanctuary
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Tuesday, March 20			
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	"A History of Litur		Room – 737 Building
6:00 p.m.	"Reading the Bible	in a Year" Bible Study	737 Building
Wednesday, March 21			
6:00 p.m.	Helping Hands Plan	nning Meeting	737 Building
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10:00 a.III.	Reading the bible	in a Year" Bible Study	737 Building
Friday, March 23			
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: 0	Carla Janzen	Sanctuary
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service		Sanctuary
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Saturday, March 24	Woman@Eaunth C-	nnaat Daak Cross	(ann announcement)
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# Preaching on Sunday, March 25

Victoria G. Curtiss preaching 8:00 a.m. Adam H. Fronczek preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Judith L. Watt 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. 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 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.