

News and Opportunities

LENT

An Interfaith Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:15 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, March 11.

The Contemplative Retreat before Holy Week will be held Friday—Saturday, March 22—23 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details, including registration information, are available in the literature racks and by calling Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

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 Friday, March 22 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

ENRICHMENT

Today new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin: "A Bible Study on the Letters and Travels of Paul," led by Adam Fronczek (Room 5G), and "Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening," led by Carol Allen (Room 5E), at 9:30 a.m. and "To Stand Alone—By Kierkegaard's Help," led by Randall Zachman (Room 5G), and "Reflections on the Civil War and the Reconciliation of Loss and Suffering," led by Claudia Boatright (Room 5F), at 11:00 a.m.

Fourth for Bridge will meet this Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century discussion and study groups meet twice a month, with the next gathering Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Receive Lent devotions in your Facebook news feed

—and share them with your friends. Devotions for Lent, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are posted daily on Facebook. Simply "Like" www.facebook.com/fourthchurch to receive them. Devotions are also available to share via Twitter (@fourthchicago) and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).



NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today Coffee Hour is sponsored in celebration of the ten-year anniversary of the 2003 Honduras mission trip by past participants of mission trips to Honduras and Guatemala. To sponsor Coffee Hour, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

As the Pastor Nominating Committee reported at the Annual Meeting, the PNC is in a several-month quiet phase as they review and research possible candidates for the position of Pastor. For details about the PNC process, see www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

WORSHIP

Walter Brueggemann will be preaching at Fourth Church next Sunday, March 3 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

The monthly Taizé service, held on the fourth Friday of the month, will next be held on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets today for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center.

ThirtiesForties will gather for fellowship this Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Cantina Laredo (508 N. State St.).

Cornerstones will meet for "Forgiveness from the World's Religions," led by Dirk Ficca, Friday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP, call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by February 27.

Fourth Dimension will gather for "Calendar Time, Sacred Time, Musical Time" on Friday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. To register (required in advance), stop by Coffee Hour or call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Tuesday, March 5.

Men's Group will meet for a presentation, led by Tom Schemper, on Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register, call 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 6.

The Women@Fourth Connect Book Swap will be held on Saturday, March 16. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert this Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

A CLL outing to A Grand Night for Singing, a musical revue of Rogers and Hammerstein's songs, will take place on Thursday, March 7. Adults sixty and more can register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387. Tickets are still available.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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 Fax: 312.787.4584; www.facebook.com/fourthchurch Today a children, youth, and families lunch will take place at 12:00 noon in Borwell Dining Room.

The "Parenting in Faith" series continues with the workshop "How Do We Incorporate Bible Stories in Our Family Life?" next Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Gently used guitars and keyboards are being collected for the youth music program of the Hispanic Ministries Covenant of the Presbytery. For details, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour on a rotating schedule

A shopping aide to assist guests in the EDSSC food pantry on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights

Energetic individuals to share hobbies with Tutoring students, one evening a week, through March 7

Current Donation Needs
Gently used clothes for a chronically ill
ten-year-old girl

Items for a new baby

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today mission worker Todd Luke will join us at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4H to talk about the work of the Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Campechano Presbytery of Mexico, which are partnering with Fourth Church for the mission trip to Mexico (May 14–21).

Thank you to everyone who supported Carnaval 2013! This annual gala benefits Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Church; the Center for Life and Learning; and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. To see how that support is changing lives, "like" Chicago Lights on Facebook and sign up for email updates by sending addresses to chicagolights@fourthchurch.org.

A variety of mission opportunities are available, including trips to Mexico (May 14–21), Urban Plunge: Regeneration Chicago (May 17–19), and the Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry in Tennessee (July 14–19). There is also still room for those interested in going to Guatemala (July 6–14). Details are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips. html, and by calling Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Registered Chicago marathon runners will have opportunity to run for Chicago Lights this year and help support programs that provide educational and social services to more than 4,000 Chicagoans facing the challenges of poverty. For more information, contact Erin Strybis at 312.981.3596 (estrybis@fourthchurch.org).

A petition urging the U.S. government to remove Cuba from its list of states that sponsor terrorism is available for signing at the Mission table at Coffee Hour. A petition for stricter gun laws is also available for signing.

A Fourth Church work team will be volunteering with Windy City Habitat for Humanity at their build site at 119th Street and Union Avenue on Saturday, March 23. For details or to join the work team, visit the Mission or Volunteer table at Coffee Hour.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 2, 2013

Sunday, February 24		
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod	preaching Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Hardy H. Kim pre	aching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:35 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 5B
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Hardy H. Kim pre	
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
11:00 a.m.	Mission Worker Todd Luke Presentation	n Room 5A
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
11:05 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Room 5B
12:00 noon	Children, Youth, and Families Lunch	Borwell Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Edwin Estevez pre	eaching Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Borwell Dining Room
Monday, February 25		
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Frid	•
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)	Gratz Center
7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group	Counseling Center
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Tuesday, February 26		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Concert	Buchanan Chapel
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5:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties Fellowship	(see announcement)
Friday, March 1		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: String Quartet	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Gratz Center
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Saturday, March 2		
7:30 p.m.	Fourth for Bridge	(see announcement)
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Worship on Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Led by Confirmation Youth 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Walter Brueggemann preaching 4:00 p.m. Adam H. Fronczek preaching

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.