News and Opportunities

**FELLOWSHIP**

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored in gratitude for those who planned and hosted Carnaval 2013: the Carnaval Committee, Fourth Church development and communications staff, and Chicago Lights staff. To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**Young Adults** meets today for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for “Calendar Time, Sacred Time, Musical Time” this 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 “How the Gratz Center Came Together,” a photographic presentation by Micah Marty, this 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.

**LENT AND EASTER**

**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.

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**The PNC answers questions about what they have learned about themselves and the church and about what inspires and challenges them about the pastoral search process:** they posted their reflections online this week, and you can read those there, at www.fourthchurch.org. You can also read more about the search process, which is in the silent phase of candidate research and review.
Palm Sunday services will be held on March 24 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. (Please note that the last morning service on Palm Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.)

On Maundy Thursday, March 28 and on Good Friday, March 29, there will be services at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, March 30. Please note that this service begins at 8:00 p.m.

Details about an online petition urging the U.S. government to remove Cuba from the list of states that sponsor terrorism is available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour. Postcards to send to state representatives about marriage equality in Illinois and a petition for stricter gun laws are also available.

The second annual Crosswalk procession to remember youth killed by gun violence in Chicago will take place on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Details, including a signup sheet, are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour.

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. Details are available at Coffee Hour.

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). Applications for Mexico and Urban Plunge are due April 1 and for Tennessee on May 1. There is also still room for those interested in going to Guatemala (July 6–14). Details are available in the literature racks, online, and by calling Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Registered Chicago marathon runners will have opportunity to run for Chicago Lights. For details, call Erin Strybis at 312.981.3596.

Benevolent Guild resumes meeting this Wednesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. to create tray favors for hospitalized children.

A Carnaval Silent Auction table is available at Coffee Hour today. Silent Auction winners from the February 22 gala are asked to stop by to pick up their unclaimed items from Carnaval.

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. Details are available at Coffee Hour.

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noontime concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Today the “Parenting in Faith” series continues with the workshop “How Do We Incorporate Bible Stories in Our Family Life?” at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G of the Gratz Center.

Family Night: Safari Night will be held on Friday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m., with an animal scavenger hunt in the Gratz Center, followed by dinner in Borwell Dining Room and then a live animal show in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, call Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

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A Good Friday service for children will be held on Friday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An Easter service for children will be held Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set clocks ahead an hour.

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.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place today: “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. Details are available in the literature racks.

Men’s Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

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

Books by Women will discuss The Lady in Gold by Anne-Marie O’Connor on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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
Data entry person for the Urban Farm
Members to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour on a rotating schedule
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
Laptop (PC) for the Social Service Center
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.

Walter Brueggemann is preaching at Fourth Church today 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.
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.