



February 29–March 6, 2004

News and Opportunities

LENT

Daily prayer during the Lenten season is held at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. These services last approximately fifteen minutes.

Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available by e-mail (new subscribers to daily devotions can send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

“Were You There?” is the topic of this year’s Lenten retreat led by Fleming Rutledge on Friday evening and Saturday, March 12–13. Registration brochures are available in the literature racks and at the Lenten Retreat Table in Coffee Hour. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at 640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Young Adults, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Parents, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

What We Believe about Jesus

Beginning today, John Buchanan will be preaching a **sermon series entitled “What We Believe about Jesus.”** In this series about Jesus, the topics will be “His Death” (today); “His Name” (March 7); “His Message” (March 21); “His Example” (April 4); and “His Promise” (April 11).

On Sundays March 7 and 21, there also will be opportunity to join John Buchanan and guest presenters for a time of **further reflection on “What We Believe about Jesus” and responses to the movie *The Passion of the Christ*** at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

On Friday, March 5, John Buchanan will lead the first session of his Friday-morning book study on ***Believing in Jesus Christ*** by Leanne Van Dyk. To register for this four-week study, which begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, contact Sheila Cotter at 573.3366 (scotter@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women, a women’s book group, next meets on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The topic of discussion will be *Three Junes* by Julia Glass.

A new adult education opportunity offered this week by the Academy for Faith and Life is "Accessing God's Wisdom" on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (Anderson Hall N. Balcony). Continuing today are "New Testament Survey" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "War and Hope" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:00 a.m., and "Issues of the Century" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Psalmody" (Page Smith Room) at 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Church Men's Group meets Saturday, March 13 for a program, led by Norman Leer on the literature genre of tragedy and its relation to family conflict. The breakfast gathering begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to the church receptionist at 787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, March 12.

"America's Passion for Jesus" will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Richard Wightman Fox, author of the new book *Jesus in America: Personal Savior, Cultural Hero, National Obsession*, will discuss the ways that Jesus has been and is portrayed and understood in American culture.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

A parent fellowship event, "The Teen Brain," will be held today at 10:45 a.m. in the Activity Center. Karen Pierce, Assistant Professor at Northwestern University and Medical Director in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Children's Memorial Hospital, will lead this discussion about what parents can do to understand their adolescent children.

Sunday School meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall after 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

Junior Highs meets today for class at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship and a mission project in the Crow's Nest at 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs meets today at 11:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, and at 2:00 p.m. in the Dining Room to help serve Sunday Night Supper. Senior Highs are asked to RSVP for the Lock-In on March 5-6 to Liz Thomson at 640.2576 (lthomson@fourthchurch.org).

College Connections meets next Sunday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Thanks to all who took part in the 2004 Mission Benefit! Those who have not claimed auction items can pick them up during Coffee Hour today. Those who are unable to do so are asked to contact Judith Moore at 981.3566 to arrange for pick-up by Sunday, March 7.

An informational meeting about 2004 mission trips to such places as Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, Ghana, Honduras, Guatemala, Northern Ireland, and Cuba will be held on Sunday, March 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

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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Marthame and Elizabeth Sanders,

Presbyterian missionaries returning from three years in the West Bank, will share their experiences at a luncheon program on Sunday, March 28 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to Liz Thomson in the Mission office at 640.2576.

A trip to Springfield, Illinois, has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30–31 for the purpose of observing the state legislature in action. Reservations are due by Monday, March 15. For more information or to make reservations, contact Liz Thomson in the Mission office at 640.2576.

Fourth Church serves Equal Exchange fair trade coffee. The Presbyterian Coffee Project brings Presbyterian congregations nationwide together with independent farmers in developing nations. By spreading the word about fair trade, our congregation is helping farmers build a better economic future. For information about fair trade coffee, stop by the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

WORSHIP

Women's World Day of Prayer is next Sunday, March 7. Join Women@Fourth Connect that day in a special Vespers service entitled "In Faith, Women Shape the World." Wilhelmina Kalu, an elder from the Redemption Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, will be preaching.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Help is needed serving a weekly Monday-evening meal for neighbors in need, and sandwich-making teams are needed during the week. Information about this new Fourth Church initiative, which will take place at Catholic Charities (720 N. LaSalle), is available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Current Donation Needs

Twin/bunk bed, double/queen bed, coffee table, lamps, playpen, and an easy chair

Resealable bags, men's winter coats (size large), bath towels, and toiletries

for the Social Service Center

Career-oriented maternity clothes

New mittens, scarves, hats, and socks for children

Current Volunteer Needs

Small teams to make sandwiches during the week

Care team members to serve people living with HIV/AIDS in zip codes 60640 and 60660

Tutors for children at Byrd Academy and Manierre School, 9:00–11:00 a.m. one day per week

Story readers or tellers following 9:30 worship

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 981.3382.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Apollo Chorus of Chicago will perform today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Clarinetist Jennifer Woodrum, cellist Herine Coetzee, and pianist Matthew Ganong will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Thom Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform a free organ concert on Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chicago Metro Barbershop Quartet will perform a free concert on Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This event is sponsored by the Center for Older Adults.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 29–MARCH 6, 2004

Sunday, February 29

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs	Large Conference Room
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:45 a.m.	Parent Fellowship Event: "The Teen Brain"	Activity Center
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship	Anderson Hall

Monday, March 1

11:45 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday through Friday)	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, March 2

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, March 3

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, March 4

6:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 5

7:30 a.m.	Believing in Jesus Christ Book Study	Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Free Organ Concert: Thomas Gouwens	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, March 7

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Wilhelmina Kalu	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.