

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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January 21–27, 2007

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Appointments for the Blood Donor Drive can be made during Coffee Hour today.

Sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, the Blood Donor Drive will be held at Fourth Church on Sunday, January 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointments are required and can also be made by calling 1.800.448.3543 or visiting www.givelife.org.

Voter registration is available during Coffee Hour today and next Sunday, January 28.

Information about Darfur is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Members of the Lost Boys of Sudan, orphaned refugees who trekked hundreds of miles through the wilderness and whose story is told in the documentary film of the same name, will share their experiences today at 4:00 p.m.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will be Sunday, February 4. That morning Fourth Church youth will be collecting monetary donations as well as cans of soup as part of this annual international effort to alleviate hunger.

Human responses to global disasters, such as flu pandemics, will be the topic of a discussion on Tuesday, January 30 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. JoAnn Gruca, Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, will lead the conversation.

Several mission trips have February 15 deadlines: Holy Land (June 14–26), Cuba (June 7–14), and New Orleans (March 18–24). The deadline for the trip to Indonesia (April 16–30) is February 20. The deadline for the trip to Lakota reservations in South Dakota (May 27–June 1) is March 1. For details and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org.

This year's Mission Benefit, Carnaval España, will be Friday, February 16 at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. To learn more about this annual event supporting the programs of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Elevation (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

WORSHIP

The annual Chicagoland Ecumenical Prayer Service takes place at Fourth Church today at 4:00 p.m. as part of the observance of the 2007 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung of the United Methodist Church will preach.

Bruce Rigdon, an ordained Presbyterian pastor and past president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, will be the guest preacher for all three morning services next Sunday, January 28.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Morning prayer is held each weekday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or the box at the Volunteer table. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, January 26.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:15 p.m. for an open house in the Manse.

Fourth Acts meets today at 12:30 p.m. to read "Plain Talk about the Theater."

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The last day to pick up preordered crosses made from the wood of the old pews is Sunday, February 11. After that time, any crosses still at the church will be made available to people on the wait list. To arrange to pick up the crosses, contact Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364 (cwollerman@fourthchurch.org).

Regular updates on Project Light are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Submit questions by leaving them in the Project Light box during Coffee Hour or by e-mailing ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org.

Printed copies of the Daily Devotions are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "The Book of Amos,"

taught by John Vest, at 8:00 a.m.,

"The Domestication of Transcendence:

How Modern Thinking about God

Went Wrong," taught by Adam Fronczek, and **"There Goes the Neighborhood,"**

a discussion of the book by that title, at 9:30 a.m., and **"Spiritual Formation from**

a Presbyterian Perspective," taught by Elizabeth Andrews, 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.

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***The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama** will be the topic of the Community Book Group gathering this Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

“The Art of Strategic Networking,” a workshop hosted by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be held at the church on Friday evening, January 26. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

Chicago Lights invites men and women sixty years and older to a midwinter celebration hosted at Borders Books & Music (Michigan and Pearson) on Monday, January 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The event will highlight the opportunities Chicago Lights makes available for those sixty and over and will also include refreshments, live music, and a discount shopping day provided by Borders. For details, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

The Pilgrimage in Faithfulness program, which meets on Thursday evenings for eight weeks, begins on February 1. For information or to register, pick up a copy of the Academy for Faith and Life catalogue or call Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364.

“Images of Inspiration,” a retreat led by Diane Stephens for women of Fourth Church, will be held February 2 and 3. For details, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

“Finding Work without Losing Heart: A Retreat for Women and Men in Job Transition” is being hosted by the Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat will be held February 20–21 in Warrenville. Details are available by calling the Center at 312.906.9908.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children in a Fourth Church program on weekdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Assistants for Kids’ Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

Tech-savvy individual to check the working condition of donated PDAs and computers

Cooks, servers for Sunday Night Supper Hospitality and clerical volunteers for blood drive on January 28

Current Donation Needs

Late-model desk or laptop computers

Men’s casual winter clothes in large sizes

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found,” an exhibition featuring works by Chicago artist Melvin King and friends, is on display in the Loggia and the Gallery through February 28.

The St. Olaf Choir will be in concert at Fourth Church next Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.stolaftickets.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.94 million in commitments from 1,191 households. Our goal is to exceed \$3 million in pledged gifts for 2007. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski at the church at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 21–27, 2007

Sunday, January 21

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Large Conference Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
4:00 p.m.	Chicagoland Ecumenical Prayer Service	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Discussion with Members of the Lost Boys of Sudan	Blair Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, January 22

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, January 23

5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Page Smith Room

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, January 26

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Lindsey Smith, viola	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	"The Art of Strategic Networking"	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, January 28

Bruce Rigdon	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Keith C. Harris	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.