

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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CHURCH
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January 6–12, 2008

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

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

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. 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 Anderson Hall. The next service is Friday, January 25.

A **special 8:00 a.m. Communion service** will be held each Sunday during Lent, beginning Sunday, February 10.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A **Wills Awareness Seminar** on how to create a will is being hosted by the Planned Giving Committee on Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Judi DeJager at 312.274.3833 (jdejager@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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Sunday School office assistant

People with IT knowledge to operate equipment during Sunday morning Academy classes

Assistants for the Fourth Church library

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday night suppers

Vespers bread cutter for third Sunday of the month

Ushers for Vespers on a rotating schedule

Current Donation Needs

Men's casual winter clothes, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger 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.

ENRICHMENT

Three new Academy for Faith and Life classes will begin on Sunday, January 20: **“Introduction to the Old Testament,”** taught by Adam Fronczek; **“History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,”** taught by Adam Rose; and **“Spirituality and the Reformed Confessions,”** taught by Calum MacLeod. See the brochures in the literature racks for more information.

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

A five-part French film series, offered by the Center for Life and Learning, continues this Wednesday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Anderson Hall South Balcony. For more information, call the Center at 312.981.3386.

An eight-week Tai Chi class, sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, begins Thursday, January 10. The class will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Registration is required; to register or for more information, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

“Take Charge of Your Health: A Healthier Today and a Vital Tomorrow,”

a chronic disease self-management program for adults of all ages, continues on Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. There is no charge for this six-session series, but preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call Mary Belcastro at the church at 312.981.3386.

“Plants That Help Your Heart,” an information session sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will be held on Tuesday, January 22. The presentation begins at 12:00 noon; those who want to enjoy lunch fellowship are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch to the Page Smith Room at 11:30 a.m.

The Community Book Group will meet on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. Donna Gray will lead the discussion on *A New Religious America: How a “Christian” Country Has Become the World’s Most Religiously Diverse Nation* by Diana L. Eck. For those looking to read ahead, the book for the February 26 discussion, to be facilitated by Elizabeth Andrews, will be *The Maytrees: A Novel* by Annie Dillard.

“Pilgrimage,” a retreat led by Elizabeth Andrews and Joyce Shin for women of Fourth Church, will be held January 25 and 26. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“Julian’s Window: A Time for Listening in Lent,” a Lenten retreat, will take place at Fourth Church on Saturday, February 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Linda Loving will be leading it. To register or for more information, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

“A Spiritual Practice: Why Having One Helps. What Can It Be? How to Find One,” the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center’s twelfth annual Midwinter Conference, will take place at the church on Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for the mission trip to New Orleans, being led by Dana Ferguson, Martha Langford, and Lisa Radetski on April 27 to May 3, are due Monday, February 28. Details and applications are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website.

Gifts can still be made to “Light Up a Life,” the year-end giving campaign that will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available in the brochures in the church literature racks and on the church website.

This year’s Mission Benefit, Carnival, will be Friday, February 1 at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. Invitations were mailed at the end of December. Reservations can be made at www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights.html. 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, call Katy Frey in the Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

“Books by Women” will discuss *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The book for the February 5 discussion will be *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.

The Fourth Church Men’s Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Bernard Blaauw and Francis Ntowe will be speaking about the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance. RSVP by 12:00 noon on January 11 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday School classes resume next Sunday, January 13. This Sunday morning, nursery care has been expanded to include kindergarteners.

Regular youth programming resumes next Sunday, January 13.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Cellist Cora Swensen will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pianist Bryan Shilander will be performing next week.

Paul Winter and the Paul Winter Consort will be in concert on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$3.07 million in commitments from 1,105 households. Our goal is to have 100 percent member participation and raise \$4 million in pledges. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 6–12, 2008

Sunday, January 6		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Elizabeth B. Andrews preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 7		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
Tuesday, January 8		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
Wednesday, January 9		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	CLL French Film Series	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, January 10		
4:30 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 11		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Cora Swensen, cello	Sanctuary
Saturday, January 12		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Chronic Disease Self-Management Program	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, January 13

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest 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.