

January 20–26, 2008

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

A **Vespers Communion service** is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next Sunday's service will be led by Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation). On Sunday, February 3, a Jazz Vespers service with music leadership provided by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble will be held.

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 this Friday, January 25.

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

ENRICHMENT

Three new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: “**Introduction to the Old Testament**,” taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and “**History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**,” taught by Adam Rose (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and “**Spirituality and the Reformed Confessions**,” taught by Calum MacLeod (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

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.

“**Plants That Help Your Heart**,” an information session, will be held this 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 this 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.

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

The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) Winter Open House will be held on Monday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about new CLL minicourses, “For Men Only” programs, excursions, and more. For more information, contact the CLL at 312.981.3386 or cll@fourthchurch.org.

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

Jim Wallis, founder of Sojourners and author of *God’s Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn’t Get It*, will speak on his new book, *The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America* on Tuesday, February 19 at 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

“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 more information, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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.

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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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.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will be Sunday, February 3. 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. All proceeds will benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, February 10 after 11:00 worship. The election of new officers for Session, Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees will take place during that time. Following the meeting, there will be a congregational dinner in Anderson Hall.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6 and 7) meets today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse basement.

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:15 a.m. at the Chestnut Street entrance for a worship visit to Trinity UCC. The group will return to the church by 2:30 p.m.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today from from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow’s Nest.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Drawing tickets for a brand-new Vespa LX50 are available during Coffee Hour. The drawing will take place at the 2008 Mission Benefit, Carnaval, on Friday, February 1 at the Ritz-Carlton. (The winner need not be present.) For more information about this annual event, which supports 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.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

The Benevolent Guild, a Women@Fourth Connect group that creates toys and treats for needy children, meets on Wednesday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

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 18. Details and applications are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website.

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.

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Fourth Dimension invites its members to attend one of the Academy for Faith and Life classes today. A lunch follows at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony.

Fourth Acts meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. A light lunch will be served. All are invited.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Sunday School office assistant, on the fifth Sunday

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$3.3 million in commitments from 1,248 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 20–26, 2008

Sunday, January 20		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Chestnut St. Entrance
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts	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 Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, January 21		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
Tuesday, January 22		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	"Plants That Help Your Heart"	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Randolph Room
Wednesday, January 23		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
Thursday, January 24		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 25		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Ricardo Ramirez	Sanctuary
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	"Pilgrimage," a Women@Fourth Connect Retreat	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel
Saturday, January 26		
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	"Pilgrimage," a Women@Fourth Connect Retreat	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, January 27

Joyce Shin	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation)	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.