

February 10–16, 2008

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church takes place today 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 Cuban-themed congregational dinner in Anderson Hall. The Youth choir, which is going to Cuba this spring, will be singing. Nursery care will be available as well as child care for older children.

Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by calling Alfred Kemp at 312.981.3599, e-mailing databaschanges@fourthchurch.org, or by clicking "Update Your Information" at www.fourthchurch.org.

LENT

Daily 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 church literature racks.

Midweek Lenten worship takes place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. (Donations must be received by Wednesday, March 12 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website or by calling Judi DeJager at 312.274.3833.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

ENRICHMENT

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "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. **Beginning next Sunday, February 17** are "God in the World: A Guide to Karl Rahner's Theology," facilitated by Robert Ludwig, at 9:30 a.m. and "Understanding the Immigration Debate," with guest speakers, and "Whitbread Protestants: Food and Religion in Culture" at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

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

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

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 3:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

Poet-writer Noah benShea will reflect on the topic “What Matters Most” on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Mr. benShea is also National Laureate for the ALS Association. Tickets will be available at the door.

The annual L.E.A.D. conference, a training event sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary and the Presbytery of Chicago, will be held on Saturday, March 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights. A wide variety of workshops are planned, from “Exploring Compassion Skills and Drama” to “Think Globally, Worship Locally” to “Volunteering at and through Your Church.” Brochures are available during Coffee Hour.

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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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, February 22.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, **Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-five to thirty-five, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

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

Dr. Ogbu Kalu will discuss the topic "Africa: Views of a Christian Insider" on Friday, March 7 at 5:45 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP for this event, hosted by Cornerstones, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

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 during Coffee Hour and at www.ticketweb.com.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Sunday School office assistant, on the fifth Sunday of the month

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

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

Cribs, car seats, strollers, infants and children's clothes, coats, and books

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about the upcoming Academy for Faith and Life series regarding immigration reform, as well as a letter to our senators about this issue, is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today. For more information and to register for this series, "Understanding the Immigration Debate," at which Rick Rybak of Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries will be speaking for the first two weeks, visit the Academy for Faith and Life table or www.fourthchurch.org.

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 at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website.

Mission trip participants are currently in Cameroon. They will return on Wednesday, February 20. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$3.3 million in commitments from 1,258 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, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 10–16, 2008

Sunday, February 10

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	John M. Buchanan 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.	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
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan 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.	Congregational Meeting		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties		Manse
12:45 p.m.	Congregational Dinner		Anderson Hall
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	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, February 11

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, February 12

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, February 13

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, February 14

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, February 15

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kara Bershad, harp	Sanctuary

Saturday, February 16

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, February 17

John W. Vest	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	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.