

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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CHURCH
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March 9–15, 2008

News and Opportunities

LENT AND EASTER

This Wednesday, March 12, is the deadline to 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. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website or by calling Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

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

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

On Palm Sunday, March 16 and Easter Sunday, March 23 the final morning service will be held at 11:30 a.m.

During Holy Week, March 17–21, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a lunch following in Anderson Hall. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, March 21 and 22 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). To register, call Martha Langford at 312.981.4034.

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

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

WORSHIP

Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday 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.

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, March 28.

ENRICHMENT

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are **"Introduction to the Old Testament"** (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and **"God in the World: A Guide to Karl Rahner's Theology,"** facilitated by Robert Ludwig (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and **"Understanding the Immigration Debate,"** with guest speakers (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **"Whitebread Protestants: Food and Religion in Culture"** (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) 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.

"Handel's Messiah: The Story behind the Masterpiece" is the topic of the lecture to be given by Stephen Alltop on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception hosted by the Common Connection Groups of Fourth Church will follow.

Two new exercise opportunities are being offered by the Center for Whole Health: **Nia**, which combines dance, yoga, and martial arts, will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning April 2, at 10:15 a.m. in Anderson Hall and **T'ai Chi for Beginners** will be held on Thursdays, beginning April 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at 312.981.3396.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg, a prolific writer and speaker on the topic of Jewish-Christian relations, will speak at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

"Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health,"

a three-part series sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, begins on Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Brain Health Series Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

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.

"Reflections on the Lighter Side:

Humor along the Way," an evening with John Buchanan, will be hosted by Fourth Dimension on Friday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, stop by the Fourth Dimension table during Coffee Hour or call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494. All are invited.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Additional Volunteer Needs

People to bag groceries for Social Service Center guests, Sundays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., on rotation

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

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

Current Donation Needs

Grocery bags, paper or plastic, for use in the Social Service Center

Men's 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.

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

A list of essential items needed by those affected by flooding in the Watseka, Illinois, area is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today. Items include nonperishable food, light bulbs, mops, and brooms

Applications for the “Urban Plunge: Chicago” mission trip (May 30–June 1) as well as the trip to Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations (June 22–27) are due Monday, March 17. Applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Volunteers are needed to tie blue bows on the trees outside the church on Monday, April 1 in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Those who can volunteer, even for a brief period, are asked to sign up at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour today.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

The second annual “Kids Helping Kids” event takes place today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Those who attend will assemble bags that the Cuba mission trip participants will take to Havana to distribute there.

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 9:00 a.m. at the church reception desk.

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

The “Havana Hop,” a danceathon for kids and their parents to support the Youth Choir trip to Cuba this spring, takes place today from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Moments,” a textile exhibition by Margaret Gregg, is on display in the Loggia through March 24.

John Buchanan will be one of several guests offering meditations as part of the performance of Franz Joseph Haydn’s *Seven Last Words of Christ* on Tuesday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel (5850 S. Woodlawn). For details, call the chapel at 773.702.7059.

The Choir of King’s College will be in concert at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by calling 312.294.3000 or visiting www.cso.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Free income tax preparation, which is provided by AARP volunteers through the Center for Life and Learning, is available at the church on Thursdays and Fridays on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call the Tax Preparation Infoline at 312.640.5459.

A limited number of DVDs of the 8:30 p.m. 2007 Christmas Eve service, as televised by CBS, are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

CD sets containing six Jack Stotts sermons are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour. A memorial service for Jack Stotts will take place on Friday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 9–15, 2008

Sunday, March 9

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Reception Desk
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	Activity Center
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	Activity Center
10:30 a.m.	"Kids Helping Kids"	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	Activity Center
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 to 6:00 p.m.	"Havana Hop"	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
12:15 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Activity Center
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, March 10

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, March 11

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
7:00 p.m.	"Handel's <i>Messiah</i> : The Story behind the Masterpiece"	Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 12

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, March 13

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, March 14

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Chris Sitton, cello	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	"Reflections on the Lighter Side: Humor along the Way"	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Palm Sunday, March 16

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.
Elizabeth B. Andrews	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.