

# News and Opportunities

## A Special Welcome to Visitors Worshiping with Us Today

We are grateful you have joined us for this festive celebration of Easter! We invite you to return to worship with us again and also to explore the many opportunities for education, fellowship, volunteering, and outreach available at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

- This “News and Opportunities” insert lists a variety of the programs and activities at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers.
- Additional information about the programs at Fourth Church can be found in the literature racks throughout the building and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).
- The Inquirers’ Class, a one-session class that explores Presbyterian history and beliefs, is offered on Sunday, March 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- For information about church membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025 ([cmacleod@fourthchurch.org](mailto:cmacleod@fourthchurch.org)).

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Easter Brunch** is held today at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. A limited number of tickets may still be available at the reception desk.

**An Interfaith Passover Seder**, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, will take place on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the reception desk during the week.

**A Wills Awareness Seminar** on how to create a will will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

**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.

**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 Laura Ericson at 312.981.3599 or by e-mailing [databasechanges@fourthchurch.org](mailto:databasechanges@fourthchurch.org).

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

## ENRICHMENT

**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.

**Three new Academy for Faith and Life classes** begin next Sunday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m.: **“A Closer Look at the Book of Exodus,”** taught by Tom Dozeman, **“Introduction to the New Testament,”** taught by Adam Fronczek, and **“Theology Goes to the Movies,”** taught by John Vest.

### **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.

**Women’s Bible study** will meet next on Wednesday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Manse. For more information, call Anne Ellis at the church 312.573.3369.

**The Community Book Group** will meet this Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. Joyce Shin will lead the discussion on *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim*, *The Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* by Eboo Patel.

**The next “For Men Only” Cultural Explorations series**, offered by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Thursday, March 27 at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies in Hyde Park. This month’s program, “The Persian World,” includes a talk by University of Chicago scholar Kaveh Hemmat followed by lunch. RSVP by calling the CLL at 312.981.3386.

**Two new exercise opportunities** are being offered this spring: **Nia**, which combines dance, yoga, and martial arts (contact the Center for Whole Health at 312.981.3396), and **T’ai Chi for Beginners** (contact the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3386).

**“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.

## WORSHIP

**Easter Jazz Vespers** will be held this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Communion will be part of this service. Music leadership will be provided by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble.

**Morning Prayer** is held on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join staff for 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 reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:30 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, March 28.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

#### **Volunteers to tie blue bows on trees**

outside the church on Monday, April 1 in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

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

**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

*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.*

## FELLOWSHIP

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet on Saturday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner in a member's home. To RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

**Cornerstones** will meet next on Friday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Sel Yackley will discuss the topic "Turkey: Nation of Paradoxes." A Turkish buffet dinner will be served. To RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** will meet for breakfast on Saturday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Troubadour, teacher, and social activist Jeremy Taylor will present "Keeping Faith in a Funny World," a program of song and commentary. RSVP by 12:00 noon on April 11 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570. All are invited.

**Great Expectations**, an all-church baby shower hosted by the New Moms' Group, will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Parents expecting a baby or who have had a baby in the last year are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**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](http://www.cso.org).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

**Sunday School and youth programming** resume next Sunday, March 30.

**Enjoy all-you-can eat pancakes or scrambled eggs, with a side of sausage**, at the Sunday, April 13 pancake breakfast. Prepared and served by the Fourth Church Senior Highs, this breakfast will raise funds for their summer work camp trips to New Orleans and Saugatuck, Michigan. Omelets, made to order by John Vest for an additional donation, will also be available. Breakfast will be served between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.

**The Bright Horizons Child Care Center** at Fourth Church will host center tours and children's activities Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Fourth Church will participate in Earth Hour 2008** on Saturday, March 29, when those in cities around the world, including Chicago, will join in turning off building lights from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. as a show of commitment to the environment.

**CALENDAR FOR MARCH 23–29, 2008**

<b>Sunday, March 23</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>			
6:30 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunrise</b>	<b>Joyce Shin preaching</b>	<b>Oak Street Beach</b>
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Easter Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Children's Easter Service</b>		<b>Westminster House</b>
11:30 a.m.	<b>Easter Worship</b>	<b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Easter Brunch		Dining 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.	<b>Easter Jazz Vespers</b>	<b>John H. Boyle preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, March 24</b> <i>Church Office Closed—Easter Monday</i>			
<b>Tuesday, March 25</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group		Large Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, March 26</b>			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study		Manse
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
<b>Thursday, March 27</b>			
10:30 a.m.	"For Men Only" Cultural Explorations Series		<i>(see announcement)</i>
<b>Friday, March 28</b>			
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Carla Janzen, soprano		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	<b>Taizé</b>		<b>Blair Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday, March 29</b>			
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum Potluck		<i>(see announcement)</i>

***Preaching on Sunday, March 30***

Adam Fronczek	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek	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.