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**CHURCH**  
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March 30–April 5, 2008

# News and Opportunities

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

All are invited to participate in the observance of **Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month** by **tying a bow** to the ropes found in the Loggia after worship today. The ropes will then be tied around the fountain in the Garth.

A brief worship service in honor of **Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month**, followed by a press conference, will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1. Volunteers are also needed to tie blue bows on the trees outside the church throughout the day on Tuesday. Those who can volunteer, even for a brief period, are asked to contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Information about funding for the Illinois Covered proposal**, a plan that will expand access to existing health care programs to dramatically improve health care security for thousands of Illinois families, as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today.

**Applications for the Family Farm Weekend trip to Caledonia, Illinois** (June 27–29), are due Monday, April 14. Applications for the Guatemala mission trip (August 2–9) are due Monday, May 5. Details and application forms are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour, in the literature racks, and on the Fourth Church website.

## 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. in Anderson Hall.

**Academy for Faith and Life classes** beginning today are: **“A Closer Look at the Book of Exodus,”** taught by Tom Dozeman (Page Smith Room), **“Introduction to the New Testament,”** taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and **“Theology Goes to the Movies,”** taught by John Vest (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B). All three classes start at 9:30 a.m.

### **Bible Study opportunities:**

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
*Morning*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.  
*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.  
*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

**Men’s Bible study** will meet next on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, call Adam Fronczek at the church at 312.640.5398.

**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

**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, April 25.

**For a preview of next Sunday’s worship,** subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch) by sending e-mail addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

## 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 meet this Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Grace (Eventually)* by Anne Lamott. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**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, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

*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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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

**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. Breakfast tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

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

**All youth programming** resumes next Sunday, April 6.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**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 through Monday, March 31.

**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.

**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.

**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).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Vocalist Angela Presutti**, a soprano, will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**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).

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

**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

**Bread cutters** for the third Sunday of the month and for 8:00 a.m. worship

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

**Ushers for Vespers**, on rotation

### *Current Donation Needs*

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

**Men's casual winter clothes**, especially 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.*

**CALENDAR FOR MARCH 30–APRIL 5, 2008**

<b>Sunday, March 30</b>		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Adam Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister 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	<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
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.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Adam Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 <b>Monday, March 31</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
 <b>Tuesday, April 1</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Blue Bows Worship Service and Press Conference	Garth
6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
 <b>Wednesday, April 2</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum: Rabbi Irving Greenberg	Anderson Hall
 <b>Thursday, April 3</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 <b>Friday, April 4</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Angela Presutti, soprano	Sanctuary
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Jack Stotts Memorial Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Manse
 <b>Saturday, April 5</b>		
10:00 a.m.	"Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health"	Anderson Hall

***Preaching on Sunday, April 6***

Dana Ferguson    8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.  
Alice M. Trowbridge    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.