

April 20–26, 2008

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**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Elevation (grades 6–7) gathers from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Manse Basement. Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 Confirmation) gathers from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Senior Highs (grades 9–12) gather from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A Wills Awareness Seminar on how to create a will will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall S. Balcony. Fourth Church member and lawyer Christine Albright will lead the session.

The John Hancock parking validation process will be changing May 1. Also beginning that day, the Hancock validation will cover three hours, instead of four. Details are forthcoming from the parking garage and will be made available next Sunday, April 27 and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

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

Two new Academy classes begin in the coming weeks. On Sunday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. Seth Perry will teach “**An Introduction to Mormonism: An Outsider's Look In.**” Beginning Sunday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m., guest speakers will lead a course on “**Race and Religion**,” in response to the current emphasis the media has given to the topic. (For John Buchanan's comments on the matter, see www.fourthchurch.org/JMBonJeremiahWright.html.)

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Women's, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

“**Improving Urinary Health**” will be the topic of a presentation by gerontological nurse practitioner JoAnn Gruca on Tuesday, April 22 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Brown-bag lunch fellowship will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Martha Langford will lead the discussion on *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling.

Men sixty and over are invited to “The Arab World,” a For Men Only “Cultural Explorations” lecture and lunch presented by the Center for Life and Learning at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 24 in Anderson Hall S. Balcony. To RSVP or for details, contact the Center at 312.981.3386.

“Arthritis and You: Let’s Talk about Rheumatoid Arthritis,” a seminar offered by the Center for Whole Health, will take place on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. **“Nutrition and Arthritis”** will be the topic of a seminar on Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register for the sessions, call 312.372.2080.

A.J. Jacobs, author of the humorous and insightful *A Year of Living Biblically*, will be speaking at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, call Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

A two-part seminar series—“How Grief Works” and “How To Do Your Grief Work”—for those dealing with significant losses will be offered at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Wednesdays, May 7 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. Led by John Boyle and Allyson Rich Wolcott, this series serves as a prelude to a grief support group to be convened in the following weeks. For further information or to make a reservation, call the Center at 312.787.8425 by 12:00 noon on Monday, May 5.

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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Fourth Church’s Orchard: Branching out through Learning,” an exhibition of art by children of Fourth Church’s Children’s Center, Day School, Sunday School, and Tutoring program, is on display in the Gallery during April.

“Caring for Creation: Illinois Beauty,” an exhibition of photography by Marija Petrauskas and Tom Rossiter, is on display in the Loggia.

Vocalist William Caldwell, a baritone, will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Dieter Kober, will perform a free concert on Sunday, May 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This year’s Festival of the Heart, performed by students of the Chicago Lights Near North Magnet Cluster, will be *Dream*. It will take place at the Chopin Theater (1543 W. Division) at 12:00 noon on May 13, 14, and 15 and at 4:00 p.m. on May 14. Free tickets are available from the Chicago Lights office (312.981.3596).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter regarding gun control laws, which are receiving increased attention in light of the number of recent teenage shootings, is available for signatures at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for fellowship and to drop off projects.

Next Sunday Fourth Church celebrates Earth Sunday. As part of the observance, Fourth Church will be collecting **used athletic shoes as part of the “Reuse-a-Shoe” recycling program.** This program recycles worn-out athletic shoes into material used in sports surfaces such as basketball courts and playgrounds. Also that day, Anna Case-Winters, a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary, will talk about **“Knowing Our Place: The Human Being in Relation to the Rest of Nature”** at 12:30 p.m. in the Anderson Hall S. Balcony. To RSVP, call Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448.

Applications for the Guatemala mission trip (August 2–9), which will be led by Tom and Sue Schemper, 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.

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.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will attend a concert at the National Museum of Mexican Art (1852 W. 19th) on Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. RSVP by April 23 by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Observers of exemplary teachers in grant-winning programs in Chicago Public Schools

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

People to remove blue bows from the trees in front of the church on Wednesday, April 30

Current Donation Needs

Greeting cards and stamps for guests of Sunday and Monday night suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

Men’s casual spring and summer clothes, especially shoes, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

Children’s items: cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes, coats, and books

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges, to be recycled by a nonprofit program benefiting women who are homeless

For a list of additional needs and more information, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at the church at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

This Friday, the Taizé service, held the fourth Friday of each month, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

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 in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The fifth annual candlelighting Vespers service for mental health awareness will be held Sunday, May 4 in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month.

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.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 20–26, 2008

Sunday, April 20

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson 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		<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	The Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Dana Ferguson preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
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.	Wills Awareness Seminar		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, April 21

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, April 22

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:00 noon	“Improving Urinary Health”		Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting		Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group		Randolph Room

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

11:00 a.m.	For Men Only “Cultural Explorations”		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	“Arthritis and You”		Anderson Hall

Friday, April 25

10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: William Caldwell, baritone		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Cornerstones		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Preaching on April 27: John W. Vest (8:00 a.m.)
 Bruce Rigdon (9:30 and 11:00 a.m.)
 John H. Boyle (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.