

# News and Opportunities

#### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Today is the last day of "The Dream Revisited,"** an exhibit on display in the Loggia and Gallery, which features work by locally, nationally, and internationally prominent African Americans.

**Organist Brian Wentzel** will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Apollo Chorus of Chicago will perform next Sunday, February 29 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact the Apollo Chorus at 312.427.5620.

# **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

**David Aja-Sigmon**, one of Fourth Church's pastoral residents, will be ordained today in his home church in Hendersonville, South Carolina. David will continue to serve at Fourth Church. Please extend your congratulations to the Reverend David Aja-Sigmon!

**Printed copies of recent Sunday morning sermons** are available in the literature racks in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Sermons are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

# LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

**Ash Wednesday services** will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25. Communion will be a part of both services, and those wishing to receive the imposition of ashes will have opportunity to do so.

**Daily prayers** during the Lenten season (beginning Thursday, February 26) will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. These services will last approximately fifteen minutes.

Lenten devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, will be available by e-mail (new subscribers to daily devotions can send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.fourthchurch.org, and (beginning Sunday, February 22) in a printed booklet available in the literature racks.

"Were You There?" is the topic of this year's Lenten retreat led by Fleming Rutledge on Friday evening and Saturday, March 12–13. Registration brochures are available in the literature racks and at the Lenten Retreat Table in Coffee Hour. For more information, contact Lisa Cochrane at 640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

#### ENRICHMENT

**Bible Study** opportunities this week: *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. *Young Adults*, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. *Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult education opportunities offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "New Testament Survey" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "War and Hope" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:00 a.m., and "Issues of the Century" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Psalmody" (Page Smith Room) at 11:00 a.m.

"Humor and Health" is the topic of a program offered by the Center for Older Adults and the Center for Whole Health on Tuesday, February 24 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

A smoking cessation program will begin Tuesday, February 24 at 5:45 p.m. To learn more about this eight-week program, contact Terrill Stumpf at 981.3396 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org) or visit the Whole Health Table during Coffee Hour.

A luncheon forum about hospice car e and hospice volunteer opportunities will be offered today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. A light lunch will be provided for a \$10 suggested donation.

**Books by Women,** a women's book group, next meets on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The topic of discussion will be *Three Junes* by Julia Glass.

"America's Passion for Jesus" will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum on Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Richard Wightman Fox, author of the new book Jesus in America: Personal Savior, Cultural Hero, National Obsession, will discuss the ways that Jesus has been and is portrayed and understood in American culture.

#### MISSION AND OUTREACH

A mission trip to Honduras is planned for June 30 to July 9. An informational session about this opportunity to build homes for Habitat for Humanity will be held today at 9:30 a.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center (112 East Chestnut). For details, call the Center at 787.8425.

Fourth Church serves Equal Exchange fair trade coffee . The Presbyterian Coffee Project brings Presbyterian congregations nationwide together with independent farmers in developing nations. By spreading the word about fair trade, our congregation is helping farmers build a better economic future for their families and communities. For information about fair trade coffee, stop by the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

**Junior Highs** meets today for class at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Confirmation Class** meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Senior Highs** meets today at 11:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

A Black History Celebration and lunch for youth and families will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. This activity replaces the usual Sunday youth fellowship. Those who did not RSVP are welcome to attend provided as space allows.

**College Connections** (undergraduates) meets today at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss issues from the film, *The Passion of Christ*. Previous viewing of the movie is not required.

A parent fellowship event, "The Teen Brain" will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 10:45 a.m. in the Activity Center. Karen Pierce, Assistant Professor at Northwestern University and Medical Director in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Children's Memorial Hospital, will lead this discussion about what parents can do to understand their adolescent children.

# FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

A sewing and knitting workshop meets on Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 640.5495 for more information.

**Fourthlights** (singles 50s and above) meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Bistro Zinc (1131 N. State).

**Cornerstones** (couples 50s and above) meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Mike Ditka's Restaurant.

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Help is needed serving a weekly Monday-evening meal for neighbors in need, and sandwich-making teams are needed during the week. Information about this new Fourth Church initiative, which will take place at Catholic Charities (720 N. LaSalle), is available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Current Donation Needs
Resealable bags, men's winter coats (size large), bath towels, and toiletries for the Social Service Center
Career-oriented maternity clothes
New mittens, scarves, hats, and socks for children

Current Volunteer Needs
People to help at a benefit for pediatric
cancer patients, February 28,
5:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. shifts

Care team members to serve people living with HIV/AIDS in zip codes 60640 and 60660

Tutors for children at Byrd Academy and Manierre School, 9:00–11:00 a.m. one day per week Story readers or tellers following 9:30 worship

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 981.3382.

#### WORSHIP

Women's World Day of Prayer is Sunday, March 7. Join Women@Fourth Connect that day in a special Vespers service entitled "In Faith, Women Shape the World." Wilhelmina Kalu, an elder from the Redemption Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, will be preaching.

# CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 22-28, 2004

| Sunday, February 22     |   |                       |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Nursery                                     | Westminister 14       |
| 8:00 a.m.               | Morning Worship John A. Cairns preaching    |                       |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Coffee Hour                                 | Anderson Hall         |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Academy for Faith and Life                  | Parish House          |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Confirmation Class                          | Crow's Nest           |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Morning Worship John A. Cairns preaching    |                       |
| 9:30 a.m.               | John Knox Bible Study                       | Page Smith Room       |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Sunday School                               | Westminster House     |
| 9:30 a.m.               |   | Large Conference Room |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting | Counseling Center     |
| 9:50 a.m.               | Children's Choir                            | Dining Room           |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Coffee Hour                                 | Anderson Hall         |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Children's Corner                           | Anderson Hall         |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Morning Worship John A. Cairns preaching    |                       |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Academy for Faith and Life                  | ParishHouse           |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Sunday School                               | Westminster House     |
| 11:30 a.m.              |   | Large Conference Room |
| 12:00 p.m.              | Coffee Hour                                 | Anderson Hall         |
| 12:00 p.m.              | Children's Corner                           | Anderson Hall         |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Intercessory Prayer                         | Stone Chapel          |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Church Tour                                 | Sanctuary             |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Black History Celebration and Lunch         | Dining Room           |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Hospice Care Luncheon and Forum             | Randolph Room         |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Inquirers' Class                            | Page Smith Room       |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Fourthlights                                | (see announcement)    |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Cornerstones                                | (see announcement)    |
| 4:30 p.m.               | College Connections                         | Page Smith Room       |
| 5:30 p.m.               | Vespers Choir Rehearsal                     | Sanctuary             |
| 6:30 p.m.               | Jazz Vespers Calum I. MacLeod preach        |                       |
| 7:30 p.m.               | Coffee Reception                            | Loggia                |
| 7:30 p.m.               | Young Adults Fellowship                     | Anderson Hall         |
| Monday, February 23     |   |                       |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Morning Prayer                              | Blair Chapel          |
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| Tuesday, February 24    |   |                       |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Morning Prayer                              | Blair Chapel          |
| 12:00 p.m.              | Humor and Health                            | Dining Room           |
| 5:30 p.m.               |   | Large Conference Room |
| 5:45 p.m.               | Smoking Cessation Program                   | (see announcement)    |
| 7:30 p.m.               | Young Adults Bible Study                    | Randolph Room         |
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| Wednesday, February 25  |   |                       |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Benevolent Guild                            | Page Smith Room       |
| 12:10 p.m.              | Ash Wednesday Service                       | Sanctuar y            |
| 5:00 p.m.               | Fourthlights                                | (see announcement)    |
| 7:30 p.m.               | Ash Wednesday Service                       | Sanctuary             |
| Thursday Fahmam, 96     |   |                       |
| Thursday, February 26   | Doily Proven                                | Canatuani             |
| 11:45 a.m.              | Daily Prayer                                | Sanctuary             |
| 6:00 p.m.               | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                     | Sanctuary             |
| Friday, February 27     |   |                       |
| 10:00 a.m.              | Older Adults Bible Study                    | Page Smith Room       |
| 11:45 a.m.              | Daily Prayer                                | Sanctuary             |
| 12:10 p.m.              | Concert: Organist Brian Wentzel             | Sanctuary             |
| 7:30 p.m.               | Taizé Service                               | Blair Chapel          |
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#### Preaching on Sunday, February 29

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

John A. Cairns 6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.