

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life courses offered today are "Introduction to Faith and Fourth" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Justice for All" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "A Witness in the Face of Conflict" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B) and "Moses and David" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities this week: *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. *Young Adults*, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. *Parents*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. *Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. *Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

A panel discussion about religious identity and dialogue will be held today at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The discussion will feature Muslim and Protestant leaders from Barcelona as well as staff members of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

"Recharting Our Ways through the Mel Gibson Maze: Reviewing and Previewing the Wider Ramifications" will be the topic of a presentation by Michael Cook, Professor of Judeo-Christian Studies. Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware) has invited Fourth Church members and friends to attend this presentation on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

"Dealing with Life's Struggles," a fourweek class addressing common areas of mental anguish and illness, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall N. Balcony (A). This week's topic is "Combating Stereotypes about How Aging Impacts Mood and Happiness."

Books by Women will meet on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Think of England* by Alice Elliott Dark.

"Navigating Career Transition" is the topic of a weekly series on practical tools, tips, and motivation for employment. Offered by Fourth Church and the Career Transitions Center of Chicago, it will be held on Wednesdays beginning May 5 at 7:45 a.m. in the Dining Room. For more information, contact Carol Allen at the church at 640.5398.

The Fourth Church Men's Group meets on Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room for a breakfast presentation by Sam Evans, Fourth Church member and an executive with Y.M.C.A. International. He will discuss the work of the Y internationally and the issues that religious organizations face in today's world. To make a reservation, call the church receptionist at 787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, May 7.

"The Heart of Health," a one-week lunch program on women's wellness, meets at 12:00 noon on Monday–Friday, May 10–15. For more information or to register for this event, contact Terrill Stumpf at the Center for Whole Health at 981.3386 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org).

Interested in gardening and helping Fourth Church build community with Cabrini neighbors? Attend an orientation session at the gardens on the Fourth Church Chicago Avenue site (between Cleveland and Hudson) on Saturday, May 15 or May 22. For information, stop by Coffee Hour or call Anne Crow at 573.3369.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

"Building a New El Salvador" is the focus of a luncheon presentation by Juana Ponce Gámez today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

The mission trip to Lakota Sioux reservations in South Dakota leaves Monday, May 3 for a six-day relationship-building experience. The group returns to Chicago on Saturday, as do the medical professionals who left on the Guatemala trip yesterday. Please keep all these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Information about handgun violence and the "Gun Turn-In" event sponsored by Clergy for Safer Streets is available today at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert regarding the Assault Weapons Ban and Law Enforcement Protection Act.

The annual Women's Mission Tea will be held Saturday, May 22. Make reservations during Coffee Hour or pick up an invitation and response form from the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall following the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

"Ugly Jobs," a Senior Highs fund-raiser for their summer work camp trip to Alabama takes place on Saturday, May 22. To sign up to have the youth help you with "ugly" spring chores, contact Liz Thomson in the Youth office at 640.2576.

Junior Highs (grades 6–7) meets today for class at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group meets at 2:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest to assist with the Sunday Night Supper.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest. The Confirmation Class retreat will be held on Friday–Saturday, May 14–15.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today for class at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room followed by fellowship in the Crow's Nest at 12:00 p.m.

College Connections (undergraduates) meets at 4:00 p.m. today in the Dining Room to make sandwiches for the Social Service Center.

The Baccalaureate and Leader Celebration Lunch, held in honor of graduating youth and Tutoring students in grades 8 and 12 and their adult leaders, will be held on Sunday, May 23 at 12:15 p.m. For more information, contact Liz Thomson in the Youth office at 640.2576.

Spring Family Camp will be held at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan on Friday–Sunday, June 4–6. For more information or to register, contact Jill Stephens at 640.2578 (jstephens@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Venture Fourth, a fellowship group for singles, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room for a spiritual reflection series entitled "Faith for Daily Living." Following the discussion, the group meets for lunch at Foodlife at 12:15 p.m.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Graduating in 2004? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact Liz Thomson at 640.2576 (Ithomson@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 17 so they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 23.

Collector plates depicting Fourth Church, created and signed by artist Jack Simmerling, can be ordered during Coffee Hour today. All proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign.

WORSHIP

Susan Andrews, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be preaching at all three morning worship services on Sunday, May 9.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs Career-oriented maternity clothes **Window air conditioners** in good

Infant and children's clothes, toys, stuffed animals, beds, and bedding

125 hot meals to be served at the Fourth Church-sponsored Monday night supper

Current Volunteer Needs

condition

Servers for an end-of-year banquet for children and their tutors on Tuesday, May 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Computer technicians to maintain the tutoring lab

Clothes sorters on Mondays for Social Service Center's Share Shop For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministries, at 981.3382.

MUSIC AND THE ARIS

"Sunshine from Darkness," an art exhibit in the Loggia opening Wednesday, May 5, features artwork by and on behalf of mentally ill persons. All are invited to the opening reception on Wednesday from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. This exhibit is sponsored by the National Association for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression.

Legendary Chicago jazz saxophonist Franz Jackson and his quintet will perform a spring concert sponsored by the Center for Older Adults on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. Advance tickets are available from the COA office (981.3386).

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert next Sunday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2-8, 2004

Sunday, May 2		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan prea	ching Sanctuary
8:45 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
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11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Presentation: "Building a New El Salvador"	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Venture Fourth	(see announcement)
2:00 p.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
4:00 p.m.	Discussion: "Religious Identity and Dialogue"	
4:00 p.m.	College Connections	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Tamara Leonard Lara pr	reaching Sanctuary
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Preaching on Sunday, May 9

Susan Andrews 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Calum I. MacLeod 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 \$6.00 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.