

# News and Opportunities

#### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Today is the last day to contribute to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of loved ones remembered and honored by these contributions will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website. (Cards must be received today in order for names to appear in the bulletin.)

#### Today is the last day to register for the silent retreat for Holy Week.

The retreat will take place this Friday evening and Saturday, March 25 and 26 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Register by picking up a form from the literature racks or by contacting Richard Williams at the church at 312.981.4037 (rwilliams@fourthchurch.org).

#### Worship services during Holy Week

(March 21–25) are held daily at 12:10 p.m. and on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:30 p.m.

**Lunch during Holy Week** is served daily in Anderson Hall immediately following the noonday service. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

### Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday, March 27

6:30 a.m.
Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Easter Worship
9:30 a.m.
Children's Service
in Westminster House

6:30 p.m. Jazz Vespers with Communion

The last morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. on Easter. Please be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting the parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume that morning.

**Easter Brunch** will take place on Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available at the reception desk.

#### **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

#### 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 Alfred Kemp at the church at 312.981.3599 or by e-mailing databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

#### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The Loggia art exhibition,** "Sapphire and Crystals: The Rites of Spring," a show by women artists that examines the idea of rebirth, is on display throughout March.

**The Morning Choir** will perform *The Passion according to Saint Matthew* by Heinrich Schütz at the Good Friday Choral Service on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A special Easter Jazz Vespers service, with music leadership by the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Easter Sunday.

A staged reading of *Murder in the Cathedral*, directed by Bernard Sahlins and sponsored by the Poetry Foundation, will take place in the sanctuary on Wednesday evening, April 6. Tickets are available at the church reception desk and through the Poetry Foundation (312.787.7070).

**The Sixteen** will be in concert on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com or by calling Beverly Escuder at the church at 312.981.3595.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

**The Gathering,** the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Undergraduate and Graduate Students College Connection Groups meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse for lunch and to discuss "Feeding Your Heart, Mind, and Soul: Faith and the University."

**Fourth Forum,** a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for a potluck in a member's home on Saturday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. For details or to make a reservation, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

**Cornerstones**, a gathering of couples over the age of 50, will meet Friday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. for a discussion on the history of Fourth Church. For more information or to RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2739, ext. 454 by Sunday, March 27.

#### MISSION AND OUTREACH

Applications for the mission trip to Cameroon (July 21–31) are due Friday, April 1. Details about this and other Fourth Church-sponsored mission trips are available in brochures in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

#### Did You Know . . .

More than 475 children are registered in the Fourth Church Nursery and Sunday School. Of those children, 204 are two years of age or younger. During the summer, more than 75 children participate in the weeklong Vacation Bible School program held at the church.

For more information about the ways in which Fourth Church touches our community, read the upcoming issue of News@FourthChurch later this week (subscribe by sending addresses to news@fourthchurch.org) and the Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org.

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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#### **ENRICHMENT**

Adult education courses offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "St. Matthew's Passion" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Introduction to Church History, Part 2" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Children of Abraham" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

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

A discussion on Peripheral Arter y Disease (P.A.D.) will take place this Tuesday, March 22 at 12:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Mary McDermott from Northwestern Memorial Hospital will be speaking. On Tuesday, April 5, Fourth Church will offer noninvasive screenings for P.A.D. by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call Terrill Stumpf in the Center for Whole Health at 312.981.3396.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet next for breakfast Saturday, April 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Milt Clark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Cabel King of the University of Chicago Divinity School will lead a discussion entitled "God's World? Our World?" on the relationship between ecology and theology. Reserve a space by calling the church at 312.787.4570 by Friday, April 8.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School classes** meet at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Confirmation Class** (grade 8) meets today at 9:15 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

The Junior High Academy Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Junior Highs** (grades 6–8) meets today at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest for lunch, activities, and a discussion on Easter.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for a discussion on diversity among religions.

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Current Volunteer Needs

Assistants to Computer Instructor in Tutoring Program, 4:15 to 5:05 p.m., Wednesday or Thursday

**Helpers for Kids' Cafe,** 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., one afternoon a week

**Servers for Easter Brunch,** 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Tutors for children** one night a week at Fourth Church, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Basic skills tutors for adults** in a program supported by Fourth Church at 721 N. LaSalle, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. one evening a week

**Fourth Church members** to serve as Vespers ushers

Receptionists for nonprofit children's music school

**Cooks** to prepare and deliver casseroles to homebound on as-needed basis

**Current Donation Needs** 

**Two new or like-new laptop computers** for a small Presbyterian church in

**Like-new men's white T-shirts** in large sizes

Gently used children's books

For more information and a list of additional needs call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 20-26, 2005

Sunday, March 20	PALM SUNDA Y	
7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship JohnM. Buchanan preaching	ng Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.		rge Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:30 a.m.	Morning Worship JohnM. Buchanan preaching	
11:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:30 p.m.	College Connection Groups	Manse
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:45 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Julie Kim preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
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Monday, March 21	Doily Proyer (Monday, Evidey)	Stone Chanel
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday) Holy Week Noonday Worship	Stone Chapel <b>Sanctuar y</b>
12:10 p.m.	Community Lunch (Monday–Wednesday)	Anderson Hall
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Tuesday, March 22		
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, March 23		
12:10 p.m.	Holy Week Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel
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Thursday, March 24	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
12:10 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Community Lunch (Thursday and Friday)	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Communion Observance	Sanctuar y
Friday, March 25	GOOD FRIDAY	_
12:10 p.m.	Good Friday Noonday Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Good Friday Children's Service	Westminster House
5:00 p.m.	Silent Retreat	(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Choral Service	Sanctuary
Saturday March 96	GOOD FRIDAY	
Saturday, March 26 8:00 a.m.	Silent Retreat	(can announcement)
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum Potluck	(see announcement) (see announcement)
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#### Preaching on Easter Sunday, March 27

Alice M. Trowbridge 6:30 a.m. (Oak Street Beach) John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Carol J. Allen 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. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up in the narthex, in the hallway outside the south transept doors of the sanctuary, or inside the Chestnut Street entrance.