January 7–13, 2007



News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

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. Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Four new Academy classes begin today: "The Book of Amos," taught by John Vest, at 8:00 a.m., "The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong," taught by Adam Fronczek, and "There Goes the Neighborhood," a discussion of the book by that title, at 9:30 a.m., and "Spiritual Formation from a Presbyterian Perspective," taught by Elizabeth Andrews, at 11:00 a.m.

Books are available during Coffee Hour for those interested in reading ahead for Community Book Group gatherings. The next discussion will be on Tuesday, January 23 on *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama.

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 11:30 a.m.

"The Art of Strategic Networking," a workshop hosted by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be held at the church on Friday evening, January 26. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425. **"Images of Inspiration,"** a retreat led by Diane Stephens for women of Fourth Church, will be held February 2 and 3. For details, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

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 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or the box at the Volunteer table. 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 Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, January 26.

Printed copies of the Daily Devotions are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Cornerstones invites the congregation to a panel discussion on "Inside the Juvenile Justice System" on Friday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. RSVP by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Dimension will meet on Friday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Terry Kozlowski will be speaking about "How to Use the Movies to Plot the Next Stage of Your Life." RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, January 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship, will be speaking. RSVP by 12:00 noon on January 12 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant on Sunday, January 14 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

Fourth Couples will meet on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse for fellowship and refreshments. RSVP by January 12 by calling the Fourth Couples Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 458. **ThirtiesForties** will meet on Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 p.m. for an open house in the Manse.

Fourth Hoops is a program offering basketball and a time for fellowship. To receive e-mail updates, including meeting locations, contact Hardy Kim at 312.274.3834 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about funding for global AIDS programs is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Today is the last day gifts can still be made to "Light Up a Life," the yearend giving campaign that will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Details are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour, in the brochures in the literature racks, and on the church website.

Today is the last day to buy Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students. These cards can be ordered at www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

A Blood Donor Drive sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights, will be held at Fourth Church on Sunday, January 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 1.800.448.3543 or visiting www.givelife.org. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago • John M. Buchanan, Pastor Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611.2014; 312.787.4570 Phone extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584 **The Benevolent Guild**, a Women@Fourth Connect group that creates toys and treats for needy children, meets this Wednesday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

The 2007 mission trip to Cuba has been rescheduled for June 7–14. The application deadline for this trip is February 15. Applications for the June 14–26 trip to the Holy Land are due January 15. Information about these trips is available in the literature racks.

January 30 is the deadline for the 2007 mission trip to New Orleans (March 18–24). For more informaion and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Those interested in volunteering as a tutor in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend an orientation session on Thursday, January 11 or Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. For more information, call Alex Ciesla in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3565.

Additional Volunteer Needs
Assistants for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week
Hospitality and clerical volunteers for blood drive on January 21 and 28

Current Donation Needs Late-model desk or laptop computers Winter clothes for a family in need; lists are available at the Volunteer table Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Elevation (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Orders are being taken for the first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook. The cookbook features recipes, artwork, and stories by members of the Fourth Church garden community. For more information or to order a copy, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

Regular updates on Project Light are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Submit questions by leaving them in the Project Light box during Coffee Hour or by e-mailing ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.93 million in commitments from 1,179 households. Our goal is to exceed \$3 million in pledged gifts for 2007. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. For more information, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 7-13, 2007

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9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
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9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.		Anderson Hall Balconies
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
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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
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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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.