

January 14–20, 2007

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FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

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.

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

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "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.

***The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama** will be the topic of the Community Book Group gathering on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.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.

"Finding Work without Losing Heart:

A Retreat for Women and Men in Job Transition" is being hosted by the Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat will be held February 20–21 in Warrenville. Details are available by calling the Center at 312.906.9908.

WORSHIP

The annual Chicagoland Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held at Fourth Church next Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m. as part of the observance of the 2007 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung of the United Methodist Church will preach.

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

Morning prayer is held weekdays 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about handgun violence is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

An informational meeting for those interested in the mission trip to the Holy Land takes place today at 11:00 a.m. in the Counseling Center. For more information about this trip, call Tom Schemper at the church at 312.787.2729, ext. 240.

Several mission trips have February 15 deadlines: Holy Land (June 14–26), Cuba (June 7–14), and New Orleans (March 18–24). The deadline for the trip to Indonesia (April 16–30) is February 20. For more information and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.org.

Lost Boys of Sudan, a documentary film that follows two Sudanese refugees on their journey from Africa to America, will be shown next Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Following the film, Peter Machok and other representatives of the Lost Boys group will speak about their experiences.

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.

Human responses to global disasters, such as flu pandemics, will be the topic of a discussion on Tuesday, January 30 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. JoAnn Gruca, Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, will lead the conversation.

This year's Mission Benefit, Carnaval España, will be Friday, February 16 at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. To learn more about this annual event supporting the programs of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church, stop by the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Those interested in volunteering as a tutor in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to an orientation session this 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

Tech-savvy individual to check the working condition of donated palm pilots and computers

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

Hospitality and clerical volunteers for blood drive on January 28

Current Donation Needs

Late-model desk or laptop computers

Men's winter clothes in large sizes

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.

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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FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at the Grill in the Westin. All are invited.

Fourth Couples will meet on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse for fellowship and refreshments. RSVP by calling the Fourth Couples Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 458.

ThirtiesForties will meet next Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 p.m. for an open house in the Manse.

Fourth Acts will meet next Sunday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m. to read "Plain Talk about the Theater." All are invited.

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

The Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest. The group will meet with their mentors at 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

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. This Monday, January 15, Senior Highs are invited to participate in an interfaith activity at DePaul University in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The group will leave Fourth Church at 9:00 a.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

An artist reception will be held today for Chicago artist Melvin King and Friends from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Loggia as part of Coffee Hour. Their exhibition, "Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found," is on display in the Loggia and the Gallery through February 28.

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.94 million in commitments from 1,191 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, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 14–20, 2007

Sunday, January 14		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Artist Reception	Loggia
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
11:00 a.m.	Holy Land Mission Trip Informational Meeting	Counseling Center
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Martha Langford preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Church Office Closed		
 Tuesday, January 16		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Tutoring Program Orientation Session	Dining Room
 Wednesday, January 17		
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
 Thursday, January 18		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 Friday, January 19		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Escuder Duo with Jad Bernardo	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Couples	Manse
 Saturday, January 20		
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, January 21

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