

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Fourth Church is conducting a survey about the ways in which the church and Chicago Lights undertake stewardship and fund-raising efforts. This survey is available online at www.fourthchurch.org and during Coffee Hour through the end of April. For more information, stop by Coffee Hour or contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Resources for remembering in daily prayer those affected by the Virginia Tech tragedy are available in the literature racks and on the church website. All are invited to join in lifting up prayer, from wherever they are at the time, at 6:30 p.m. each weekday.

"Get Connected, Stay Connected," a one-session class taught by Joyce Shin and members of Fourth Church, will take place Sunday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m. Participants will attend 11:00 worship as a group; a luncheon will be served in the Dining Room immediately following the service.

Graduating in 2007? Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree are asked to contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 (nholbert@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 14 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 20.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week: John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are *The Responsible Self* by Richard H. Niebuhr," taught by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), and "Wrestling with Scripture: Jesus and Money," taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and "Church and State in the East and West," taught by Azam Nizamuddin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), at 11:00 a.m.

"Awareness of Deep Vein Thrombosis," an information session offered by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be held Tuesday, April 24. The presentation begins at 12:00 noon; those who want to enjoy lunch fellowship are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch to the Page Smith Room at 11:30 a.m.

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien will be the topic of the Community Book Group gathering this Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, will lead the discussion.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about the Global Alliance for Africa, which works to economically strengthen the capacity of local communities and families to support the growing number of orphans and vulnerable children in East Africa, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour today.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop will meet next on Tuesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials for the coming month. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

The Benevolent Guild, a Women@Fourth Connect group that creates toys and treats for needy children, will meet this Wednesday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Earth Sunday will be celebrated on May 6 during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. Information and resources will be provided by various agencies and organizations to help those attending take steps in their own lives to be stewards of God's creation.

Applications for the August 3–12 Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Guatemala are due May 21. The application deadline for the trip to Northern Ireland (September 7–14) is June 4. For details and an application form, visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission.html or pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Children's Story Time takes place today in the southwest corner of Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour.

Elevation (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse. A work camp rally, which parents are invited to attend, will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 11:30 a.m. at the reception desk to participate in Interfaith Youth Core's Day of Interfaith Youth Service. Transportation will be provided. The group will return to the church by 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"Faces of Friends" is the theme of the art exhibit on display now in the Gallery. The exhibit features art by children of Fourth Church's Children's Center, Day School, Sunday School, and Tutoring program.

Fourth Acts will present their final performance of "A Plain Talk about the Theater" 125 Years Later, a reenactment of Dr. Herrick Johnson's controversial sermon about theater and the response it received, today at 1:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

The Apollo Chorus will be in concert Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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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The Festival of the Artful Spirit,

showcasing artwork by members of the Center for Life and Learning, will be celebrated with an opening reception on May 3 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This year's festival will also include a special program on outsider and folk art, beginning with a 2:00 p.m. lecture and slide show presented by Susann Craig, co-founder of Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art. Interactive workshops will follow the lecture and give participants a chance to explore the mind, body, and spirit connection to creativity. For more information or to register for the lecture and workshops, call Mary Belcastro at 312.981.3386.

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next Sunday, April 29, Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) will plan and lead the service.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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 this Friday, April 27.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room for a discussion about justice issues related to immigration.

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

"The Tuskegee Airmen: Living History" will be the topic of a program presented by these World War II heroes on Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP for this program and light buffet dinner hosted by Cornerstones, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Dimension will meet next on Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a discussion on "Finding Yourself in Helping Others." Fourth Church members who have volunteered with humanitarian organizations overseas will be speaking. RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Individuals with expertise in retail, sales, and marketing to join the Holiday Card Committee

Monthly office assistant for Fourth Church Sunday School

Volunteers to remove blue bows from trees on Monday, April 30

Adult handbell ringers for a summer ensemble, experienced or amateur

Current Donation Needs
Individually packaged toothbrushes and
toothpaste for Elam Davies Social
Service Center guests

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.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 22-28, 2007

Sunday, April 22		
7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge	preaching Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge	
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Work Camp Rally	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Alice M. Trowbridge	preaching Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall N. Balcony
11:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Reception Desk
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour and Children's Story Time	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
1:00 p.m.	Fourth Acts Performance	Blair Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Hardy Kim preaching	g Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
Monday, April 23		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, April 24		
12:00 p.m.	"Awareness of Deep Vein Thrombosis"	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Page Smith Room
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9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, April 27		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Guy Figer, violin	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taizé	Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, April 29

John W. Vest 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation) 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.