

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about stronger gun control laws, as well as a letter to sign, is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour today. **A list of essential items needed by those affected by flooding in the Watseka, Illinois, area** also is available. Items include nonperishable food, light bulbs, mops, and brooms

Applications for the Urban Plunge: Chicago mission trip (May 30–June 1) as well as the trip to **Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations** (June 22–27) are due Monday, March 17. Applications are available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour and in the literature racks.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

People to bag groceries for Social Service Center guests, Sundays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., on rotation

Sunday School office assistant, on the fifth Sunday of the month

People with IT knowledge to operate equipment during Sunday morning Academy classes

Current Donation Needs

Men's winter clothes, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger 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.

LENT

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. (Donations must be received by Wednesday, March 12 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website or by calling Judi DeJager at 312.274.3833.

Daily Lenten Devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by e-mail (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), in a printed booklet available in the church literature racks, and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Midweek Lenten worship takes place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

On Palm Sunday, March 16, the third morning service will be held at 11:30 a.m.

During Holy Week, March 17–21, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a lunch following in Anderson Hall. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

A silent retreat for Holy Week will take place Friday evening and Saturday, March 21 and 22 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). To register, call Martha Langford at 312.981.4034.

Easter Brunch will take place on Sunday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, **Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow’s Nest. **A lunch for youth and families** takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

The annual Day School Benefit will take place on Saturday, March 8. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House with a time for fellowship and continues from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. with a performance by musician Jim Gill.

The second annual “Kids Helping Kids” event will be held on Sunday, March 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Those who attend will assemble bags that the Cuba mission trip participants will take to Havana.

The “Havana Hop,” a danceathon for kids and their parents to support the Fourth Church Youth Choir trip to Cuba this spring, will take place on Sunday, March 9 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

WORSHIP

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 7 with an interfaith service planned by Women@Fourth Connect and members of the Jewish and Muslim faith communities. The prayer service, with the theme “God’s Wisdom Provides New Understanding,” will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a dessert reception.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place 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 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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The next service is Friday, March 28.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

An artist’s reception will be held in the Loggia today between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All are invited to meet Margaret Gregg, whose textiles exhibition, “Moments,” is on display until March 24.

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 Choir of King's College will be in concert at Fourth Church on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (visit www.cso.org or call 312.294.3000).

ENRICHMENT

Today's Academy for Faith and Life classes are "Introduction to the Old Testament" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "God in the World: A Guide to Karl Rahner's Theology," facilitated by Robert Ludwig (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and "Understanding the Immigration Debate," with guest speakers (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), and "Whitebread Protestants: Food and Religion in Culture" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 11:00 a.m.

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.
Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Men's Bible study will meet next on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 a.m. at an office building in the Loop. Advance registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, call Sheila Cotter at the church at 312.573.3364.

"Handel's Messiah: The Story behind the Masterpiece" is the topic of the lecture to be given by Stephen Alltop on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception hosted by the Common Connection Groups of Fourth Church will follow.

"Practical Strategies for Better Brain Health," a three-part series sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, begins on Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. To register, call the Brain Health Series Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Free income tax preparation, which is provided by AARP volunteers through the Center for Life and Learning, is available at the church on Thursdays and Fridays on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call the Tax Preparation Infoline at 312.640.5459.

A limited number of DVDs of the 8:30 p.m. 2007 Christmas Eve service, as televised by CBS, are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour.

CD sets containing six Jack Stotts sermons are available at the Deacons table during Coffee Hour. A memorial service for Jack Stotts will take place on Friday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Ogbu Kalu will discuss the topic "Africa: Views of a Christian Insider" on Friday, March 7 at 5:45 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP for this event, hosted by Cornerstones, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Writer James Finn Garner will be speaking on the topic "Satire and the City." RSVP by 12:00 noon on March 7 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570. All are invited.

"Reflections on the Lighter Side: Humor along the Way," an evening with John Buchanan, will be hosted by Fourth Dimension on Friday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, stop by the Fourth Dimension table during Coffee Hour or call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494. All are invited.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2–8, 2008

Sunday, March 2		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Artist's Reception	Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Families Lunch	Dining Room
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 Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, March 3		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
 Tuesday, March 4		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
 Wednesday, March 5		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel
 Thursday, March 6		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 Friday, March 7		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Janet Hickey, piano	Sanctuary
5:45 p.m.	Cornerstones	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	World Day of Prayer Service	Sanctuary
 Saturday, March 8		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Day School Benefit	Westminster House

Preaching on Sunday, March 9

Joyce Shin	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Joyce Shin	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.