News and Opportunities

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Ash Wednesday services will be held this Wednesday, February 13 at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with Communion and opportunity for imposition of ashes at both services.

The Lenten retreat "Strength for the Journey: The Labyrinth as a Path to Ourselves," led by labyrinth expert Lauren Artress, will be held this Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register, call 312.787.8425.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following the 11:00 a.m. service. In addition to voting for new officers and hearing a report about the ongoing work of the Pastor Nominating Committee, the congregation will also vote on a recommendation from the Session and Trustees to sell the church property on Chicago Avenue. A congregational lunch will follow the Annual Meeting. A limited number of tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at the door to Borwell Dining Room.

The Covenant Network Regional Conference will be held on Thursday,

February 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Fourth Church with Brian Ellison as the keynote speaker. For details and to register, visit covnetpres.org.

Be sure to "like" Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Submissions of graphic novel art based on scripture are due Wednesday, February 20 for the upcoming "Testament" exhibit. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org or contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org.

Did you miss these on our website this past week: pictures from the Day School's hot chocolate stand, highlights from last weekend's Souper Bowl of Caring,

the Pastor Nominating Committee's latest update? If so, be sure to bookmark www.fourthchurch.org and visit often so as not to miss future features and news. And check us out on Facebook too!



CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Elevation (grades 6–7) and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) is participating in an interfaith dialogue at the Muslim Community Center School in Downers Grove.

The annual Day School Benefit will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. All are invited to attend this free event, which will include face painting, balloon artistry, a scavenger hunt, refreshments, and a performance by Joel Frankel.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place today: "The Bible and Religious Violence," led by Tom Dozeman (Room 5G); "Considering the Conversation: End-of-Life Issues," led by Judy Watt (Room 5F); and "Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* as Christian Comedy," led by Adam Rose (Room 5E), at 9:30 a.m. and "Eastern Orthodox Christianity," led by Bruce Rigdon (Room 5E), and "Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (USA)," led by Vicky Curtiss (Room 5G), at 11:00 a.m.

Writers' Group meets today from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. in Room 5D.

A grief support group will meet for six Mondays, beginning February 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. To register, call 312.787.8425. **Books by Women** will discuss *Half Broke Horses: A True Life Novel* by Jeannette Walls this Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

The "Religion in Interfaith Homes" series will continue with the topic "Planning Your Wedding," led by Richard Jakubik, next Sunday, February 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G.

"Computer Fundamentals," a CLL minicourse for adults sixty and more, will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning February 19. To register (required), contact Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386 (jbergen@ fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century discussion and study groups meet twice a month, with the next gathering on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The CLL Skyline Luncheon Series, for adults sixty and more, will be held monthly and feature presentations on skylines, beginning February 21, at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register, call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, February 12.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets today for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center.

ThirtiesForties will share a table at the congregational luncheon today in Borwell Dining Room following the Annual Meeting.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Carnaval is less than two weeks away! Event tickets for the February 22 gala as well as drawing tickets for the Vespa are available today during Coffee Hour. More information is also available by contacting Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Nelson Davila, an elder and member of First Presbyterian Church of Havana in Cuba, will speak about life in Cuba and the Presbyterian church's witness there when he joins us this Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A variety of mission opportunities are available, including trips to Mexico (May 14–21), Urban Plunge: Regeneration Chicago (May 17–19), and the Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry in Tennessee (July 14–19). There is also still room for those interested in going to Guatemala (July 6–14). Details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/ mission/trips.html.

Mission worker Todd Luke will join us on Sunday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4H to talk about the work of the Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Campechano Presbytery of Mexico, which are partnering with Fourth Church for the mission trip to Mexico (May 14–21).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@ fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their requests in the Narthex.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month in Buchanan Chapel. The next service will be Friday, February 22.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour on a rotating schedule

- **Data entry person** for the Urban Farm **Members** to teach Sunday School at
- 11:00 a.m. for a mixed-age class
- A shopping aide to assist guests in the EDSSC food pantry on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
- **Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights
- **Dishwashers** for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Energetic individuals** to share hobbies and activities with Chicago Lights Tutoring students, one evening a week, through March 7

Current Donation Needs

Gently used clothes for a chronically ill ten-year-old girl

- Items for a new baby
- **Double paper/plastic bags** with handles from Treasure Island
- Men's winter clothes (pants, coats, sweaters, socks, etc.)

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 10-16, 2013

Sunday, February 10		
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Judith L. Watt pr	
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Adam H. Froncze	
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.		Third Floor Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
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11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:00 noon	Writers' Group	Room 5D
12:15 p.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
12:45 p.m.	Congregational Luncheon	Borwell Dining Room
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Worship on Sunday, February 17

8:00 a.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Lauren Artress preaching
4:00 p.m.	Adam H. Fronczek preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$6 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.