

# News and Opportunities

# **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

**Today Coffee Hour** is sponsored in memory of Shirley Crabtree and Steve Horvath by Juli Crabtree and Don Horvath. To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Covenant Network Regional Conference will be held this 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.

As the Pastor Nominating Committee reported at last week's Annual Meeting, the PNC is in a several-month quiet phase as they review and research possible candidates for the position of Pastor. For details about the PNC process, see www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

**Fourth Church Youth** gather today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The annual Day School Benefit will be held this 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.

A children, youth, and families lunch will take place next Sunday, February 24 at 12:00 noon in Borwell Dining Room.

The "Parenting in Faith" series continues with the workshop "How Do We Incorporate Bible Stories in Our Family Life?" on Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Organist Jackson Borges** is performing this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Receive Lent devotions in your Facebook news feed

—and share them with your friends. Devotions for Lent, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are posted daily on Facebook. Simply "Like" www.facebook.com/fourthchurch to receive them. Devotions are also available to share via Twitter (@fourthchicago) and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).



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

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

A CLL outing to A Grand Night for Singing, a musical revue of Rogers and Hammerstein's songs, will take place on Thursday, March 7. Adults sixty and more can register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387. Tickets are still available.

#### LENT

The Contemplative Retreat before Holy Week will be held on Friday—Saturday, March 22—23 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details, including registration information, are available in the literature racks and by calling Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

An Interfaith Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:15 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, March 11.

#### **ENRICHMENT**

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

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.

Today the "Religion in Interfaith Homes" series continues with the topic "Planning Your Wedding," led by Richard Jakubik, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G.

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

"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).

Next Sunday new classes from the Academy for Faith and Life begin: "A Bible Study on the Letters and Travels of Paul," led by Adam Fronczek, and "Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening," led by Carol Allen, at 9:30 a.m. and "To Stand Alone—By Kierkegaard's Help," led by Randall Zachman, and "Reflections on the Civil War and the Reconciliation of Loss and Suffering," led by Claudia Boatright, at 11:00 a.m.

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

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

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

**ThirtiesForties** will gather for ice skating at Millennium Park this Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Cornerstones will meet for "Forgiveness from the World's Religions," led by Dirk Ficca, on Friday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP, call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, February 27.

#### MISSION AND OUTREACH

Carnaval is this Friday! Today is the last day to purchase event tickets and to enter the drawing for the Vespa (winner need not be present at Carnaval). All proceeds benefit Chicago Lights, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning. Stop by Coffee Hour for more information.

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 next 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).

A petition urging the U.S. government to remove Cuba from its list of states that sponsor terrorism is available for signing at the Mission table at Coffee Hour. A petition for stricter gun laws is also available for signing.

Windy City Habitat for Humanity will construct a house on Saturday, March 23 at 119th Street and Union Avenue. To join a Fourth Church work team, visit the Mission or Volunteer table at Coffee Hour.

#### **WORSHIP**

The monthly service in the style of Taizé will not take place in February but will resume on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel will be available today after the 11:00 service. There will also be a special labyrinth walk on Friday, February 22 between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

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

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

**Energetic individuals** to share hobbies with 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

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

# CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 17-23, 2013

Sunday, February 17		
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery Gratz Center, First Floor	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Hardy H. Kim preaching Sanctuary	
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 Lauren Artress p	
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
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Lauren Artress p	oreaching Sanctuary
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12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
1:00 p.m.	"Religion in Interfaith Homes"	Room 5G
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Adam H. Froncz	ek preaching Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Borwell Dining Room
Monday, February 18		
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Fri	day) Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)	Gratz Center
7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group	Counseling Center
Tuesday, February 19		
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
Wednesday, February 20		
6:00 p.m.	Christian Century Study Groups	Randolph Room
Thursday, February 21		
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Covenant Network Regional Conferen	nce (see announcement)
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Friday, February 22		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jackson Borges	Sanctuary
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
Saturday, February 23		
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Day School Benefit	Gratz Center
Worship on Sunday, Febru	ary 24	

# Worship on Sunday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod preaching Hardy H. Kim preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Edwin Estevez preaching 4:00 p.m.

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.