

News and Opportunities

LENT AND EASTER

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by this Friday, March 22 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

A group art project for Holy Week is being organized by the Fine Arts Council. To participate, call Rob Koon at 312.981.3593.

Palm Sunday services will be held on March 24 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. (Please note that the last morning service on Palm Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.)

On Maundy Thursday, March 28 and on Good Friday, March 29, there will be services at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A Good Friday Prayer Walk will be held on March 29, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Wayman A.M.E. Church (509 W. Elm).

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, March 30 in the Sanctuary. Please note that this service begins at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday services on March 31 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service in the Sanctuary.

Tickets for Easter Brunch, which will be held on Sunday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, are available at Coffee Hour today and at the reception desk during the week.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, an archive of sermons, and much more.

Share sermon quotes with your friends.

Pass along excerpts from "Prayers of the People," or start a discussion about the day's devotion. You can find all of these—sermon quotes, prayer excerpts, and daily devotions—at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch (and Twitter at @fourthchicago), ready to share with others.



Reflections from the Pastor Nominating Committee on the search process—currently in the silent phase of researching and reviewing candidates—are posted at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Certified tax preparation assistance, for all ages, is available through the Center for Life and Learning through April 12. To make an appointment, call Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

WORSHIP

The monthly Taizé service, held on the fourth Friday of the month, will next be held this Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Opportunity to walk the labyrinth will take place between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer those in need.

FELLOWSHIP

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

ThirtiesForties will "break bread" today at Go Roma (848 N. State St.) following 11:00 a.m. worship. They will also meet this Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Cantina Laredo (508 N. State St.) for a social hour; next Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room for a Holy Week study; and on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 p.m. for a tour of the Marc Chagall Bible Series at the Loyola University Museum of Art. RSVP for the tour to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Wednesday, March 20.

To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Cornerstones will meet for "The Real China Challenge," presented by John Rogers, on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, April 3.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place today: "A Bible Study on the Letters and Travels of Paul," led by Adam Fronczek (Room 5G), and "Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening," led by Carol Allen (Room 5E), at 9:30 a.m. and "To Stand Alone—By Kierkegaard's Help," led by Randall Zachman (Room 5G), and "Reflections on the Civil War and the Reconciliation of Loss and Suffering," led by Claudia Boatright (Room 5F), at 11:00 a.m.

The "Religion in Interfaith Homes" series continues today with "What about Jesus?" at 1:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 E. Delaware).

"Seeking Peace and Progress in a World Divided by Faith and Politics," a free Michigan Avenue Forum with Robin Lovin, will take place this Monday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

Christian Century study groups meet this Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Servers for Monday and fourth Friday suppers, 3:30–6:15 p.m.

Servers for Easter Brunch, March 31, 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday nights Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Gently used guitars and keyboards
Laptop (PC) for the Social Service Center
Gently used clothes for a chronically ill
ten-year-old girl

Items for a new baby Double paper/plastic bags with handles Men's sturdy winter/spring clothes

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (Inicholson@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are being collected by Women@Fourth Connect at Coffee Hour on Sundays, through April 21. A list of items to be included is available at Coffee Hour, from Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org/women.

Applications for mission trips to Mexico (May 14–21) and Urban Plunge: Regeneration Chicago (May 17–19), are due Monday, April 1. Details are available in the literature racks.

The second annual CROSSwalk

procession to remember youth killed by gun violence in Chicago will take place on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Details, including a signup sheet, are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour. Newsprov for the Arts, a series of improv shows featuring local media personalities and benefiting Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools, will be held on Friday evenings, April 5, 12, and 19 in Buchanan Chapel. For details, including ticket information, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

Lobby Day in Springfield for commonsense gun laws is on Thursday, April 11. Those interested in forming a Fourth Church group to take part may call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

An anti-gun violence forum, which will include a screening of the documentary *Trigger*, will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Fourth Church Youth in Elevation and Senior Highs meet today at 10:30 a.m. Fourth Church Rising is on a retreat in Michigan this weekend.

Family Night: Safari Night will be held this Friday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m., with an animal scavenger hunt in the Gratz Center, followed by dinner in Borwell Dining Room and then a live animal show in Anderson Hall.

The children's Palm Sunday procession will take place at the beginning of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. worship next Sunday, March 24. Children will gather in their classrooms prior to each service; parents with infants and toddlers will meet in the Loggia at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

A Good Friday service for children will be held on Friday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An Easter service for children will be held Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 17-23, 2013

Sunday, March 17	
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin 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 Victoria G. Curtiss preaching Sanctuary
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.	Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 5B
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour Anderson Hall / Commons
10:30 a.m.	Elevation and Senior Highs Gathering Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching Sanctuary
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11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:00 noon	New Member Brunch Randolph Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour Anderson Hall / Commons
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties "Break Bread" (see announcement)
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering Room 5A
1:00 p.m.	"Religion in Interfaith Homes" (see announcement)
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching Sanctuary
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Worship on Palm Sunday Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod preaching 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod 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.