



October 5–11, 2003

# News and Opportunities

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## SHARING GOD'S GRACE

**Today is Members' Day of Prayer.** The Capital Campaign Prayer Team asks every member of the congregation to pray for Fourth Church, for the success of the Capital Campaign, and for another member of the church by name. This day of prayer will help each of us to further God's work at Fourth Church.

**Informational meetings about the Capital Campaign** will be offered throughout October. All attendees will be offered the chance to ask questions and review materials about the campaign.

**What does it mean to be a neighbor?** Join us in conversation about this topic as we gather for a series of presentations that will further explore the vision of Project Light. The first gathering, to be held Sunday, October 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room, will feature a conversation between John Buchanan, presenting biblical materials about the city, and Elmer Johnson, discussing urban demographics and Chicago's unique challenges and opportunities.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**A special congregational meeting** has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for today following

11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to identify and present a nominee for the position of Associate Pastor for Congregational Life.

**The Chicago Marathon** takes place Sunday morning, October 12. For some people, this means their travel to worship that morning will be affected by the marathon route. For specific route information, call 312.904.9800 or visit [www.chicagomarathon.com](http://www.chicagomarathon.com).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Cuba mission trip participants** are in Havana through Monday, October 6. They are continuing our relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Havana, where Joanna Adams has been invited to preach today for World Communion Sunday. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

**The CROP Walk** will take place Sunday afternoon, October 19. Join Joanna Adams and others from Fourth Church in this 10K walk to fight hunger. To sign up, stop by the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour or call Vicki Reynolds at 981.3384.

## WORSHIP

### **Vespers will be held in Blair Chapel**

today so that our neighbor Chicago Sinai Congregation might use the sanctuary for Yom Kippur services.

## FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**Fourthlights** (50s and older) meets today for brunch at the Mity Nice Grill (Water Tower Place) at 11:00 a.m. On Friday, October 10 all are invited to join Fourthlights for a showing of the film *Bonhoeffer* at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall, followed by a discussion led by Carol Allen.

**Fourth Forum**, a fellowship group of gays and lesbians, their friends, and their loved ones, will meet for brunch next Sunday, October 12 at Mity Nice Grill (Water Tower Place) at 12:30 p.m.

**Young Adults** meet today at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall for "To Be a Disciple." Associate Pastor Calum MacLeod will lead this monthly exploration of what it means to be a Christian in the postmodern world.

## ENRICHMENT

**Connections**, a new Sunday School class offering participants the chance to examine current issues through the lens of Christian faith, meets today in the Page Smith Room at 11:00 a.m.

**Adult education opportunities** offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are: "Introduction to the Bible" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), "How the Church Talks to the State" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), and the John Knox Bible Study (Page Smith Room) at 9:30

a.m.; "Introduction to World Religions" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. is "*Mrs. Dalloway* and Other Fictions of the Mundane" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony).

### **The Leadership Training Seminar**

"Hospitality: Welcoming the Stranger" will be offered Monday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. For more information, contact Anne Crow at 573.3369.

**Books by Women**, a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will discuss *Unless* by Carol Shields on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** meets Saturday, October 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room to hear Al Gini discuss his new book, *The Importance of Being Lazy*. To make breakfast reservations, call the church receptionist at 787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 10.

**A contemplative prayer group** begins Monday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to set up the personal interview required prior to registration, contact Laura Sherman in the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 787.2729, ext. 335.

**Women and Depression**, a seminar offered through the Center for Older Adults and led by Joann Gruca, will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

**Women are invited to join Joanna Adams** for a monthly Bible study on the Gospel of John. The series, offered

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through Women@Fourth Connect, continues Thursday, October 16 at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall. Lunch will be served immediately following the study. For reservations, call Lisa Cochrane at 640.5495. Newcomers are welcome.

**A free presentation on health care** will be offered through the Center for Older Adults on Thursday, October 16. Dr. James Webster will offer practical ways health care consumers can enhance safety and prevent errors in their health care. For more information, call the COA office at 981.3386.

**“What Rules Are Sacred? American Ideals and the Threat of Terrorism”** will be the topic of a presentation by Anthony Lake and Abner Mikva on Saturday, October 18. Hosted by Protestants for the Common Good (PCG) and cosponsored by Fourth Church, this event takes place at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Cathedral. To make a reservation, call PCG at 312.223.9544.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Kids Café helpers**, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.

**Office workers** for Sunday School.

**Tutors** for children one night weekly at the church from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. One-hour training session required.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Laser printer, flash cards, laminating machine, and new dictionaries** for Fourth Church’s Tutoring program and Cabrini-Green schools.

**Gently used unisex school uniforms** (blue pants, yellow shirts) for children from grades 1 to 8.

*Please label donations and drop them off at the reception desk at the Chestnut Street entrance.*

*For more information about volunteer and donation needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 981.3382.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

**Junior Highs** (grades 6–7) meets today for class from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, then from 10:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest for fellowship. Reservations for the Junior High retreat on October 17–19 are due today. Contact Liz Thomson at 646.2576 (lthomson@fourthchurch.org).

**Confirmation Class** (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today for class from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Large Conference Room, then from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest for fellowship.

**College Connections** meets Sunday, October 12 in the Page Smith Room at 4:30 p.m. for undergraduate students, and at 7:30 p.m. for graduate students.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**John Sherer**, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be performing a free concert of French music on Friday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Bold Faithfulness**, an archival exhibition highlighting bold decisions by the Fourth Church congregation over the past century, is on display in the Gallery.

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 5–11, 2003

<b>Sunday, October 5</b>			<b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall	
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House	
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House	
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs	Large Conference Room	
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest	
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall	
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Connections	Page Smith Room	
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House	
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House	
11:00 a.m.	Senior Highs	Large Conference Room	
11:00 a.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)	
11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Information Meetings	Parish House	
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary	
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room	
12:45 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall	
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b> <b>Calum I. MacLeod preaching</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>	
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia	
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Anderson Hall	
 <b>Monday, October 6</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel	
6:00 p.m.	Leadership Training Seminar	Manse	
6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Information Meetings	Parish House	
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room	
 <b>Tuesday, October 7</b>			
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Information Meetings	Parish House	
7:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Randolph Room	
 <b>Wednesday, October 8</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room	
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room	
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Information Meetings	Parish House	
 <b>Thursday, October 9</b>			
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
6:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Information Meeting	Parish House	
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House	
 <b>Friday, October 10</b>			
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Stephanie Zimmerman, horn and Kay Kim, piano	Sanctuary	
6:30 p.m.	Film: <i>Bonhoeffer</i>	Anderson Hall	
7:30 p.m.	Concert: John Sherer, organ	Sanctuary	
 <b>Saturday, October 11</b>			
8:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Men's Group	Dining Room	
 <b>Preaching on Sunday, October 12</b>			
John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.		
Carol J. Allen	6:30 p.m.		

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated in the coffee hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.