



November 2-8, 2003

# News and Opportunities

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## SHARING GOD'S GRACE

**Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday**, a day when our morning worship services will focus on making personal spiritual and financial commitments to our annual Stewardship appeal as well as to our Capital Campaign. Stewardship pledge cards and Capital Campaign commitment cards have been mailed to member homes with the hope that worshipers will place their completed cards in the offering plate on November 9. Please plan on joining us for Commitment Sunday, an important milestone on our faith journey, as we come together to ensure a future of bold ministry and mission for generations to come.

**As part of the "Faith in Action" lecture series**, Peter Holsten, developer of North Town Village, will speak today at 12:20 p.m. in Page Smith Room about building communities in mixed income neighborhoods such as Cabrini-Green.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Free flu shots** will be available at Fourth Church on Friday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This opportunity is sponsored by the Center for Health Ministry; immunizations are provided by the Chicago Department of Health.

## FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**Fourthlights** meets Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chicago Brauhaus restaurant (4732 N. Lincoln). The group also meets after the Connections Sunday School class on November 9.

**The First Friday Film Group** meets on Friday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse to watch *Keeping the Faith*. Discussion at a nearby restaurant will follow.

**A traditional Thanksgiving dinner** will be served after Thanksgiving worship on Thursday, November 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**RNs and nonmedical helpers** to assist with flu shots on December 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Byrd Academy in Cabrini-Green.

**Office workers** for Sunday School.

**Tutors** for children, at the church from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

**Musicians** to play the flute, oboe, cello, or violin at monthly Taize services

**Kids' Café helpers**, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

**The Mission Benefit Committee** is requesting donations of airline miles to use for travel packages that will be part of the 2004 Mission Benefit auction. The committee will also be at Coffee Hour today and November 16 to accept other donations for the auction. For more information, contact Tracey Althans at the church at 274.3816.

### **Current Donation Needs**

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

**Fiskar scissors for children, yarn, 8" embroidery hoops, 8 oz. glue bottles, hole punchers, No. 2 pencils, and muslin fabric** for students at Jenner Arts Academy.

*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** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**A fire drill** for the Nursery and both sessions of Sunday School will take place today at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. No alarm will sound; all exercises will be conducted verbally.

**Children's Corner**, a time of storytelling, takes place in Anderson Hall after 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

**Smorgasbord for Schools** takes place today from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Stop by for an opportunity to learn about public and private education opportunities for children and youth.

**Junior Highs** (grades 6–7) meets today from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group meets in the Crow's Nest at 11:00 a.m. for a "Bible Mystery Event" party.

**Confirmation Class** (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest. Registration forms for the class retreat are due to Liz Thomson in the Youth office by November 7.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Large Conference Room. At 1:00 p.m., the group meets in the kitchen to make sandwiches for the Social Service Center.

## **ENRICHMENT**

**Connections**, an adult 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** being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "Paul and the Rituals of the Christian Community" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and "Introduction to the Bible" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m.; "Revisiting the Worship Experience" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Introduction to World Religions" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

**Bible Study** opportunities this week:  
*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
*Parents*, first and third Wednesday  
at 9:30 a.m.  
*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.  
*Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

**A leadership seminar**, "Groups and Leaders: Dynamics, Skills, and Issues," will meet on Monday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will explore what to look for in groups, ways of leading, and common group issues. For details, contact Anne Crow at the church at 573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).

**The Young Adults Faith Builder group**, dedicated to fostering a closer relationship to God and supporting members on their spiritual journeys, meets Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Anne Crow at 573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** will meet for breakfast on Saturday, November 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Carl Grapentine, of the Morning Show on WFMT, will discuss the development of classical music over two millennia. Make reservations by noon on Friday, November 7 by calling the church receptionist at 787.4570.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Six sermons by Elam Davies**, Pastor of Fourth Church from 1961 to 1984, are available on CD during Coffee Hour. Donations for the CDs benefit the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

**Tutoring Holiday Cards**, which benefit the Tutoring Program, are available during Coffee Hour. They also are available at the reception desk during the week and can be ordered at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**The "Christmas Wishes" gift project**, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, begins today. This program provides holiday gifts for more than 700 local children in need. Stop by Coffee Hour to pick up a wish list, or call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 640.5495.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Choir rehearsal for the Advent Festival of Lessons and Music** on December 7 begins this week. Join the Chancel Choir for rehearsals beginning November 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Call John Sherer at 981.3592 for more information.

**Other Choir rehearsals** this week:  
*Children's Choir*, Sunday at 9:50 a.m.  
*Youth Choir*, Sunday at 12:15 p.m.  
*Vespers Choir*, Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

**Thanksgiving Gospelfest:** Sunday, November 23 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Methodist Church (1000 N. Orleans). This service is sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, a community of faith made up of churches, including Fourth Church, and other institutions serving Cabrini-Green. Members of Fourth Church choirs will join other choirs in this service of celebration.

**Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:** Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Calum MacLeod will be preaching as part of this service.

**Thanksgiving Day Worship:** Thursday, November 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Joanna Adams will be preaching at this service.

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2-8, 2003

<b>Sunday, November 2</b>		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 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
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Smorgasbord for Schools	Dining Room
<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
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Blair Chapel
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.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Senior Highs	Large Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Blair Chapel
12:20 p.m.	"Faith in Action"	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b> <b>Requiem by Gabriel Fauré</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Anderson Hall
 <b>Monday, November 3</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Leadership Seminar	(see announcement)
 <b>Wednesday, November 5</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 p.m.	Parents' Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
 <b>Thursday, November 6</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Advent Festival Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 <b>Friday, November 7</b>		
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Flu Shots	Anderson Hall
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Svetlana Krasnova, piano	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	First Friday Film Group	Manse
 <b>Saturday, November 8</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Men's Group	Dining Room
 <b>Preaching on Sunday, November 9</b>		
	Joanna M. Adams	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
	Calum I. MacLeod	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.

For child care arrangements (other than during Sunday morning worship services),  
call (312) 787-2729, ext. 282 at least three working days in advance.