

November 9– 15, 2003

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FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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News and Opportunities

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

Today is Commitment Sunday, a day when our worship services focus on making personal spiritual and financial commitments to our annual Stewardship appeal as well as to our Capital Campaign. Please place your pledge cards in the offering plate; extra cards are available in the pew racks. After worship, join us in a special Coffee Hour celebration of the important day in the life of our church.

ENRICHMENT

Connections, an open adult Sunday School class offering participants the chance to examine current issues through Christian faith, meets today in the Page Smith Room at 11:00 a.m. John Boyle will speak on "The Most Expensive Emotion: Gratitude."

Adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "Friendship and Forgiveness" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Discerning Your Calling" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study opportunities this week:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
Young Adults, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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).

Fostering Healthy Relationships, a personal growth and faith series, will offer its second session, "Increasing the Ability to Make Change," at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 15. To register, contact Carol Allen at the church at 640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Fourthlights meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room following the Connections Sunday School class. The group meets next on November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a presentation on career transitions.

Fourth Forum, a fellowship of gays and lesbians, their friends and families, meets today for brunch at McCormick and Schmick's at 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, November 15, the group will meet for a potluck dinner at a member's home. For more information, contact Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087 (jblandford@fourthchurch.org).

Care of Creation meets next on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chicago Diner (3411 N. Halsted) for a discussion of sustainable agriculture and animal rights. RSVP to Jenny Blandford at the church at 981.4087.

College Connections will not meet this week. Undergraduates will meet next Sunday, November 16 for food and fellowship.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

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

Junior Highs (grades 6–7) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, and at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

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

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 Crow's Nest for fellowship. Today is the last day to register for next weekend's retreat.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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 (to be held February 20). The committee will also be at Coffee Hour on November 16 to accept other donations for the

auction. For more information, contact Tracey Althans at the church at 274.3816.

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.

Information on the ban to travel to Cuba is at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to Senator Durbin encouraging the end of the ban.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Office workers for Sunday School.

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

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

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 981.3382.

Current Donation Needs

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 (126 E. Chestnut).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts, a liturgical drama group, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room to audition for *The Crucible*. Newcomers are welcome.

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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Choir rehearsal for the Advent Festival of Lessons and Music takes place Thursdays 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, Sundays at 9:50 a.m.
Youth Choir, Sundays at 12:15 p.m.
Vespers Choir, Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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.

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee 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.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities

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.

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.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 9–15, 2003

Sunday, November 9

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
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		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Anderson Hall
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joanna M. Adams preaching	Sanctuary
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
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner		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
12:15 p.m.	Fourthlights	Anderson Hall	South Balcony
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Randolph Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 10

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, November 11

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, November 12

9:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

Thursday, November 13

6:00 p.m.	Advent Festival Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, November 14

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Peter McCaffrey, cello; David Dunford, piano	Sanctuary
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Saturday, November 15

8:30 a.m.	Fostering Healthy Relationships	Activity Center
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, November 16

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Wendy Mathewson	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.