

November 16–22, 2003

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

It is with sincere gratitude to God and the faithful members and friends of Fourth Church that we announce that we have received more than 500 pledges totaling more than \$14 million toward our Capital Campaign, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace." This figure represents the largest amount ever pledged to Fourth Church. We also have received more than 500 pledges totaling more than \$1.5 million in support of the annual stewardship fund. If you have not yet submitted your pledge commitment cards for the Capital Campaign and stewardship fund, cards for both are available in the pew racks and, when completed, can be placed in the offering or returned to the church office.

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.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

*Thursday, November 27 at 11:00 a.m.
in the sanctuary.*

Joanna Adams will be preaching.

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.

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. Tamara Leonard Lara will speak on "Acquisition versus Simplicity."

Bible Study opportunities this week:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Young Adults, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Parents, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “Friendship and Forgiveness” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and “Old Testament Survey” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m., and “Discerning Your Calling” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and “Hosea: Radical Prophet and Visual Aid” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Mondays is “Introduction to Faith and Fourth” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 7:00 p.m.

The Young Adults Faith Builder group meets Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Anne Crow at 573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women are invited to join Joanna Adams for a monthly Bible study on the Gospel of John. The series continues Thursday, November 20 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.

An orientation to Care Teams, small groups offering practical support for church members and friends living through temporary and unsettling changes, meets Saturday, November 22 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. RSVP to Carol Allerton at 640.5448.

Defeating Hypertension, a series of classes led by nurse practitioner Joann Gruca, discusses methods of controlling blood pressure. The series is offered Thursdays from 1:15 to 2:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet 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. Today is the last day to register with Liz Thomson for the Confirmation Class retreat.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Large Conference Room.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Young Adults meets for fellowship today at 7:30 p.m. in the Manse.

College Connections for undergraduates meets today at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for a discussion about the book *The Da Vinci Code*.

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.

Fourthlights (50s and above) meets for fellowship at Molive restaurant on Wednesday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m. The group will hold a brunch next Sunday, November 23 at 12:30 p.m. at Coq D’Or (Drake Hotel).

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 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).

Current Volunteer Needs

Helpers to label and shelve books on Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Schiller School in Cabrini-Green.

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.

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

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Choir rehearsal for the Advent Festival of Lessons and Music takes place Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Sing Christmas carols this Saturday, November 22, at 5:00 p.m. at the corner of Michigan and Delaware before the parade celebrating the lighting of the Magnificent Mile.

A free concert will be played by the Community Chamber Ensemble of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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 be at Coffee Hour today to accept other donations for the auction. For more information, contact Tracey Althans at the church at 274.3816.

Need a babysitter while you shop?

Women@Fourth Connect will look after your children and feed them lunch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays November 29, December 13 and 20, and January 3. Contact Judith Schneider at 640.5449 for costs and registration.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 16-22, 2003

Sunday, November 16

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminister 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	John M. Buchanan 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		Westminister 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
4:30 p.m.	College Connections		Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	Wendy Mathewson preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 17

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House

Tuesday, November 18

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
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Wednesday, November 19

9:00 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study	Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
5:00 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
6:30 p.m.	Care of Creation	(see announcement)

Thursday, November 20

11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Anderson Hall
1:15 p.m.	Defeating Hypertension	Page Smith Room
6:00 p.m.	Advent Festival Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 21

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Christian Lane, organ	Sanctuary
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Saturday, November 22

8:30 a.m.	Orientation to Care Teams	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, November 23

Joanna M. Adams	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
John A. Cairns	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.