

November 30–December 6, 2003

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
www.fourthchurch.org

News and Opportunities

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to Fourth Church's Capital Campaign, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace" and to the annual Stewardship 2004 Drive! We have currently received 667 pledges totaling more than \$15.2 million toward the campaign goal of \$30 million. In addition, we have received 736 pledges totaling more than \$1.8 million toward the annual stewardship goal of \$2.6 million. Next Sunday, December 7 is Celebration Sunday, a time when the Fourth Church family stands together and celebrates the progress of the campaign thus far. If you have not yet made a pledge, please stand and be counted. Every pledge, no matter the size, counts in helping realize the goal of the Project Light vision. Commitment cards are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering or returned to the church office.

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.

College Connections meets on December 7 at 4:30 p.m.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery of Chicago and Fourth Presbyterian Church invite you to a service of ordination for Judith Landt today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

World AIDS Day will be the particular focus of tonight's Vespers service as Fourth Church remembers the many lives affected by this disease.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Soprano Tina Beverly will perform the free noonday concert this Friday, December 5 at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Chicago a cappella will perform a holiday concert this Friday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ENRICHMENT

Adult education opportunities being offered this week by the Academy for Faith and Life are "Friendship and Forgiveness" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. today and "Introduction to Faith and Fourth" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Defeating Hypertension, a seminar led by JoAnn Gruca, meets Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Personal shopping for children's Christmas gifts is available from Senior Highs students. Donations from this service will support the Senior Highs programs and the Capital Campaign. For more information or to sign up, stop by the Youth table during Coffee Hour or contact Keith Harris at 981.3598 (kharris@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about global AIDS funding is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to the House-Senate Conference Committee urging full support for the global fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

Young Adults meets on Saturday, December 6 at 12:50 p.m. at the reception desk to wrap gifts given by members of Fourth Church for children in need. RSVP by Wednesday, December 3 to Alfred Kemp at 981.3599.

Need a babysitter while you shop? Women@Fourth Connect will look after your children and feed them lunch between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays December 13 and 20 and January 3. Contact Judith Schneider at 640.5449 for costs and registration.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Christmas gifts for children (see "Advent and Christmas").

Fiskars 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

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.

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

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

Kids' Café helpers, 4:15 to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Helpers to put drip protectors on Christmas Eve candles, December 22-24.

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

Join Us for Celebration Sunday, December 7

as we celebrate the progress of our Capital Campaign

Morning Worship
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Advent Festival of Lessons and Music
6:00 p.m.

Please note that this service begins a half hour earlier than usual.

Special Lighting Event
7:30 p.m. in the Garth

Be with us as we illuminate Fourth Church with new exterior lights

Cookies and Cocoa Reception
In Anderson Hall following lighting event

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago • Joanna M. Adams and John M. Buchanan, Pastors
Church office: 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2094; 312.787.4570
Phone extensions: 312.787.2729; Fax: 312.787.4584

ELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Fourthlights (50s and above) will meet for dinner at the Chicago Brauhaus Restaurant at 4732 N. Lincoln on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

The First Friday Film Group will watch *Miracle on 34th Street* on Friday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. Discussion will follow.

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. (Memorial contributions must be received by Sunday, December 14 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin.) Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and on the website.

Wednesday Evening Advent Services will be held December 3, 10, and 17 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

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.

Give Life-Changing Gifts this season, in the names of friends, family, and colleagues, and make a difference in the lives of those facing challenges in daily life. These gifts, made through Fourth Church and its programs, can provide food, an optical exam and glasses, transportation, and much more for those in need. Brochures containing detailed information and gift request forms are available in the literature racks and on the website. For more information, call Tracey Althans at 274.3816.

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. Gifts will be collected through the first week of December. Stop by Coffee Hour to pick up a wish list, or call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 640.5495.

Christmas Worship Opportunities

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24 in the sanctuary

*4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
with Children's Pageant*

*6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
with Meditation by
Calum MacLeod*

*8:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols
Joanna Adams preaching
Will be filmed by WBBM Channel 2
for rebroadcast later that evening*

*11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols
Joanna Adams preaching*

Christmas Day Worship

Thursday, December 25

11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

John Cairns preaching

A traditional Christmas Dinner will follow the service in Anderson Hall. Tickets will be available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during December.

Please note that the middle two Christmas Eve services begin a half hour earlier than last year, at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 6, 2003

Sunday, November 30

7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 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		Westminster House
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
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
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
3:00 p.m.	Service of Ordination for Judith G. Landt		Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	David C. Murad preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Loggia

Monday, December 1

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday		Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study		Randolph Room
-----------	--------------------------	--	---------------

Wednesday, December 3

9:30 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
6:30 p.m.	Fourthlights		(see announcements)
7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship		Blair Chapel

Thursday, December 4

1:15 p.m.	Defeating Hypertension Seminar		Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Advent Festival Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary

Friday, December 5

12:10 p.m.	Concert: Tina Beverly, soprano		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Film Group: <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i>		Manse
8:00 p.m.	Concert: <i>Chicago a cappella</i>		Sanctuary

Saturday, December 6

12:50 p.m.	Young Adults		(see announcement)
------------	--------------	--	--------------------

Preaching on Sunday, December 7

Joanna M. Adams	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Advent Festival	6:00 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.