



January 4–10, 2004

News and Opportunities

SHARING GOD'S GRACE

Thanks to all the faithful members and friends who have made contributions to Fourth Church's Capital Campaign, "A Light in the City: Sharing God's Grace." We have currently received 817 pledges totaling more than \$16 million toward our goal of \$30 million. In addition, we have received 912 pledges totaling more than \$2.2 million toward our annual Stewardship goal of \$2.6 million. If you have not yet made campaign and stewardship pledges, please do so. Every pledge, no matter the size, helps us 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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Printed copies of recent Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Sermons are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by contacting Alfred Kemp at 981.3599 (akemp@fourthchurch.org).

"Finding Your Niche at Fourth

Presbyterian Church," a catalogue listing a wide variety of opportunities available at Fourth Church, can be found in the literature racks and at the church website www.fourthchurch.org. Pick up a copy and explore ways to get connected and stay connected with the Fourth Church community.

The Fourth Church website

www.fourthchurch.org makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press*; programming information; and more.

Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for today, Sunday, January 4 to hear and act on the resignation of Joanna M. Adams as Co-Pastor, effective December 31, 2003. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary after 11:00 worship. All are encouraged to attend the meeting and the special reception for Joanna and Al Adams will follow immediately afterward in Anderson Hall.

ENRICHMENT

New adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are “John Calvin” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and “The Evolving Shape of Islam” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Continuing today is “Old Testament Survey” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. Meeting on Thursdays is “Competing Claims: The Gospels of Thomas and John” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 7:00 p.m.

Connections, an adult Sunday School class, meets today in the Page Smith Room at 11:00 a.m. Wendy Mathewson will speak on “The Crisis in the Holy Land.”

The John Knox Bible Study Class, now in its eightieth year, is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Led by Fourth Church member Tassos Malliaris and combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

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 p.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

A screening of the film *Bonhoeffer* will take place on Friday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall, followed by a discussion led by Carol Allen. All are invited to this event hosted by Fourthlights.

A Leadership Training Seminar on leading a group at Fourth Church will be offered on January 12. This is one of two seminars required to lead a Faith Builder or Common Connection group. For more information, contact Anne Crow at 573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).

“The Da Vinci Code— Decoded”

This free Michigan Avenue forum will be offered on Monday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bruce Rigdon, Presbyterian pastor and president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, will explore some of the questions about Christianity raised in the best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code*.

“Filling Your Cup: The Benefits for You and Your World” is the topic of this year’s midwinter conference sponsored by Fourth Church’s Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. On Saturday, February 7, participants will learn ways to restore themselves and to be more available in a variety of ways to those around them. For information, contact the Center at 312.787.8425.

A winter retreat for women will be held January 16–17 at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). Hosted by Women@Fourth Connect and led by Rebecca Prichard, the retreat will help participants consider new ways of sensing God’s life in us and in our everyday lives. Brochures with registration forms are available in the literature racks and at the website www.fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

New hats, gloves, and scarves for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center (men's size large preferred).

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Kids' Café helpers from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

People to put inserts in bulletins on Friday evening or Saturday.

Helpers to label and shelve books on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at Schiller School in Cabrini-Green. Van transportation from the church departs at 8:45 a.m.

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Yale Glee Club, a chorus of sixty men and women, will perform a concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School and Youth classes do not meet today.

Senior Highs meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for fellowship. Junior Highs fellowship next meets on Sunday, January 11.

Junior and Senior Highs lock-ins will be held this month. The Senior Highs lock-in takes place January 9–10 and the Junior Highs lock-in takes place January 16–17. To attend, RSVP to Liz Thomson in the Youth office at 640.2576.

A parent fellowship meets on Sunday, January 22 to discuss the topic "School Daze." RSVP to Liz Thomson in the Youth office at 640.2576.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

New privacy laws make it more difficult for congregations to inquire of some hospitals regarding members who are patients. Fourth Church pastors want to be available to members and their loved ones at such times. To notify the church of hospitalizations, please contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 640.5398. If there is an emergency need of a pastor during the night that cannot wait until 8:00 a.m. the next morning, please call 312.375.9944.

Be a part of Caring Connection, a program that provides social support and advocacy for members and friends of Fourth Church by calling, visiting, and sharing joys and sorrows. Those who would like to share a special interest or skill, keep in touch by phone, or make home or hospital visits are asked to contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor, at 640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 4-10, 2004

Sunday, January 4		
7:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Connections Class	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:45 p.m.	Reception for Joanna and Al Adams	Anderson Hall
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Yale Glee Club	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
Monday, January 5		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
Tuesday, January 6		
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
Wednesday, January 7		
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
Thursday, January 8		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
Friday, January 9		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Jeff Holbrook, trumpet, and Gloria Cardoni, piano	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Film: <i>Bonhoeffer</i>	Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, January 11

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
 Tamara Leonard Lara 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.