



January 25–31, 2004

# News and Opportunities

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Today is the Winter Blood Donor Drive**, which is held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. A few appointment times are still available. Check at the Activity Center for details.

**Stop by the 2004 Mission Benefit table** during Coffee Hour to make reservations for the February 20 “Carnaval Brazil” benefit to support the adult mission programs of Fourth Church: the Center for Health Ministry, Center for Older Adults, Counseling Center, and Social Service Center. For more information, contact Tracey Althans at 312.274.3816.

**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).

**Holiday cards** designed by Tutoring students are on sale for 50 percent off their original price. For more information, stop by the reception desk or call Judith Moore at 981.3566.

**Today is Jubilee Sunday**, a day dedicated to the support of debt cancellation for impoverished nations. Information about debt cancellation is available at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hour, as is a letter to President Bush urging debt cancellation as a means of fighting the global AIDS epidemic.

**A mission trip to Honduras** is planned for June 30 to July 9. Identical informational sessions about this opportunity to build homes for Habitat for Humanity will be held February 1 at 12:15 p.m. and February 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. RSVP to the Center at 787.8425.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**“The Dream Revisited,”** an exhibit on display in the Loggia and Gallery through February, features work by locally, nationally, and internationally prominent African Americans.

**Organist Thomas Wikman** will perform Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## BELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

**Fourthlights** (50s and above) meets today for brunch at Coq D’Or (Drake Hotel) at 12:30 p.m.

**Cornerstones** (couples 50s and above) meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Mike Ditka's Restaurant for a presentation on estate planning.

### 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 861 pledges totaling more than \$16.7 million toward our goal of \$30 million. In addition, we have received 987 pledges totaling more than \$2.3 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.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Next Sunday is the "Souper" Bowl of Caring.** Please bring cans of soup or a monetary donation next weekend to help the Fourth Church youth reach their goal of collecting the equivalent of 3,600 cans. Donations will be distributed to Fourth Church's Elam Davies Social Service Center and area community food agencies serving the hurting and homeless.

**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 for class today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship 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 for class today at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, followed by fellowship in the Crow's Nest at 1:00 p.m.

**The parent fellowship** "School Daze," previously scheduled for today, has been canceled.

### ENRICHMENT

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

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

**Connections**, an adult Sunday School class, meets today in the Page Smith Room at 11:00 a.m. Donna Gray will speak on "Naming Evil."

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**“Hospitality: Welcoming the Stranger”** is the topic of a Leadership Training Seminar on Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. For details, call Anne Crow at the church at 573.3369.

**A renewal retreat for people who are unemployed** is being offered by the Crossroads Center and the Career Transitions Center of Chicago, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat, “Finding Work without Losing Heart,” will be held at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton) Wednesday and Thursday, January 28–29. To register, contact Crossroads at 312.831.9350 or [crcinfo@crossroads-center.org](mailto:crcinfo@crossroads-center.org).

**A Winter Open House** offered by the Center for Older Adults will take place on Monday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The event will feature jazz artist Willie Pickens along with an ice cream social.

**“Living Simply”** is the topic of a new Faith Builder group that will begin meeting on Sunday, February 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. For details, call Anne Crow at the church at 573.3369.

**“Filling Your Cup: The Benefits for You and Your World,”** a February 7 conference sponsored by Fourth Church’s Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will address from various perspectives the topic of self-care. Nancy Hutchison Enderle will begin the day with the keynote address, “The Spiritual Path: Moving Inward and Reaching Out.” For more information and a registration form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

**“Spotlight of the Month”** begins next Sunday, February 1 at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour. Stop by to learn in detail about volunteer opportunities at the Elam Davies Social Service Center.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**A refrigerator** in good condition

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

**Professional women’s maternity clothes**  
**Gently used children’s books**

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for children at Byrd Academy and Manierre School in Cabrini Green, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. once a week

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

**People to put inserts in bulletins** on Saturday morning

**Members** to serve periodically as ushers in Vespers services

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

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Videotapes and DVDs of the 8:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve service** broadcast by CBS are available today during Coffee Hour.

**“The Da Vinci Code—Decoded,”** a presentation by Dr. Bruce Rigdon, is available on audiotape or CD today during Coffee Hour.

**A congregational meeting** to elect officers will be held Sunday, February 8 after 11:00 worship.

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 25–31, 2004

<b>Sunday, January 25</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 A. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Winter Blood Donor Drive	Activity Center
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John A. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
9:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Large Conference Room
9:50 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
10:15 a.m.	Youth Choir	Blair Chapel
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
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John A. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Connections Class	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	Conference Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Children's Corner	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Cornerstones	(see announcement)
12:30 p.m.	Fourthlights	(see announcement)
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers Service</b> <b>John H. Boyle preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
<b>Monday, January 26</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday	Blair Chapel
1:00 p.m.	COA Winter Open House	Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Leadership Training Seminar	Anderson Hall
<b>Tuesday, January 27</b>		
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study	Randolph Room
<b>Wednesday, January 28</b>		
8:30 a.m.	"Finding Work without Losing Heart"	(see announcement)
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>Thursday, January 29</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
<b>Friday, January 30</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Thomas Wikman, organ	Sanctuary

### **Preaching on Sunday, February 1**

John M. Buchanan     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.