



October 31–November 6, 2004

# News and Opportunities

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday.** We are grateful to all of you who have already made your annual pledge to Fourth Church. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church this week. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2005 Stewardship Campaign, please contact Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.787.1271.

**Join in the celebration of Stewardship Commitment Sunday this morning,** as the Stewardship Committee hosts Coffee Hour in recognition of this congregation's faithful commitment to further the mission and ministry of Fourth Church. The Coffee Hour reception at 12:00 noon will also celebrate the installation of Alice M. Trowbridge as Associate Pastor, which will take place this morning during 11:00 worship.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Fourth Acts** will present a staged reading of Kate Stout's play *Together Alone*. There will be two free performances: Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m. and Friday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m., both in Blair Chapel.

## WORSHIP

**This Sunday is Reformation Sunday,** a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. Reformation Sunday is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith. As part of our observance of Reformation Sunday, a bagpiper plays the recessional at the close of morning worship, reminding us of the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian church.

**November 7 is All Saints' Sunday,** a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2004 will be read during morning worship. During evening worship, the Morning Choir will sing *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Flu shots at Fourth Church** have been cancelled for 2004 due to a shortage of the flu vaccine. For more information, contact Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

## ENRICHMENT

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

**New adult education opportunities** offered by the Academy for Faith and Life begin this week: "Journey into Prayer," which meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (Anderson Hall N. Balcony), and "Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism," which will meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (Randolph Room). Classes continuing today include "Faith and the Ballot Box" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Exploring the Apostles' Creed" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Marriage and the Family Dilemma" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m.

"**Navigating Career Transitions**" is the topic of a weekly series on practical tools, tips, and motivation for employment. Offered by Fourth Church and the Career Transitions Center of Chicago, it is held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. This week's presentation is "A Temporarily Permanent Solution." For more information, call Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398..

**The annual Covenant Network** conference will be held at Fourth Church November 4–6. This year's topic is "Made in the Image of God: Thinking Theologically about Sex." For more information, contact Sheila Cotter in the Academy for Faith and Life office at 312.573.3366 (scotter@fourthchurch.org).

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** will meet for breakfast Saturday, November 13 at 8:00 a.m. Al Sharp will discuss the issues and concerns that we face as a church and as a nation in the light of national and local elections. RSVP by noon on Friday, November 12 by calling the church at 312.787.4570.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday school** meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**The Junior High Academy Class** meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

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

**Junior Highs** (grades 6–8) meets today at 12:00 noon in the Crow's Nest.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Smorgasbord for Schools** takes place next Sunday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Stop by to learn about public, private, and parochial education opportunities.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Venture Fourth**, a gathering of single adults, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**The Gathering**, the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

*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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**The Undergraduate Student College Connection Group** meets today at 4:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for a light dinner and fellowship.

**Thanksgiving dinner** will be served Thursday, November 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets will be available during Coffee Hour beginning next Sunday, November 7 and from the church receptionist beginning Monday, November 1.

**Faith Builder Small Groups** provide an opportunity for groups of 8 to 12 adults to meet regularly to support one another in living out their Christian faith. To learn about new groups forming this fall, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students** are available during Coffee Hour at the Chicago Lights table and from the reception desk during the week. They can also be ordered on the church website, [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). All proceeds benefit Partners in Education Tutoring, a program of Chicago Lights.

**As the election approaches, letters to senators** regarding such issues as education, poverty, and health care will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

**The Fourth Church Care Team Ministry** provides practical, emotional, and spiritual support to persons with healthcare concerns or other life challenging situations. For more information or if you know someone who would benefit from assistance, call Carol Allen at 312.640.5398.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Furniture and clothes for adults and three children** who lost all their belongings in a fire

**Sets of new reading books for classroom use, pencils, ballpoint pens, and spiral notebooks** for Near North Magnet Schools in Cabrini-Green

**Men's clothes** in large and extra large sizes

**Donations toward 125 hot meals** to be served at the Fourth Church-sponsored Monday night supper; donations may be made in memory or honor of loved ones

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Hosts, clerical workers, and coat checkers** (for two-hour shifts) for the Covenant Network Conference to be held at Fourth Church November 4-6

**Volunteers needed to unpack books** at Jenner School on November 2; call Diana Anton at the church at 312.981.3561 for details

**Greeters, leadership team members, and database managers** for the Fourth Church Job Club

**Grocery shoppers** for the Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

**Tutors** from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. one night a week at the church

**Helpers for Kids' Cafe** from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

**Clothes sorters** on Mondays for the Social Service Center's Share Shop

*For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.*

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 6, 2004

### Sunday, October 31

|                         |  |                       |
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| 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Nursery  | Westminster 14        |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>        | <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>      |
| 9:00 a.m.               | Commitment Sunday Celebration                            | Anderson Hall         |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>        | <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>      |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Sunday School  | Westminster House     |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Confirmation Class                                       | Crow's Nest           |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Children and Youth Choir Rehearsal                       | Dining Room           |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Junior Highs Academy Class                               | Large Conference Room |
| 9:30 a.m.               | John Knox Bible Study                                    | Page Smith Room       |
| 9:30 a.m.               | Academy for Faith and Life                               | Parish House          |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Commitment Sunday Celebration                            | Anderson Hall         |
| 10:30 a.m.              | Cherub Choir Rehearsal                                   | Dining Room           |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b>       | <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b>      |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Sunday School  | Westminster House     |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Academy for Faith and Life                               | Parish House          |
| 11:00 a.m.              | Venture Fourth   | Page Smith Room       |
| 12:00 p.m.              | Commitment Sunday and Installation Celebration           | Anderson Hall         |
| 12:00 p.m.              | Junior Highs   | Crow's Nest           |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Intercessory Prayer                                      | Stone Chapel          |
| 12:15 p.m.              | Church Tour  | Sanctuary             |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Senior Highs   | Crow's Nest           |
| 12:30 p.m.              | Young Adults Fellowship                                  | Randolph Room         |
| 4:30 p.m.               | Undergraduate Student College Connection                 | Page Smith Room       |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b>        | <b>Vespers Service</b> <b>John A. Cairns preaching</b>   | <b>Sanctuary</b>      |
| 7:30 p.m.               | Coffee Reception   | Anderson Hall         |

### Monday, November 1

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| 9:00 a.m. | Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)        | Stone Chapel    |
| 6:30 p.m. | Inquirers' Class                    | Page Smith Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | "Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism" | Randolph Room   |

### Wednesday, November 3

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| 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 |
| 5:30 p.m.  | "Navigating Career Transitions" | Manse                 |

### Thursday, November 4

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| 2:00 p.m. | Covenant Network Conference |           |
| 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal     | Sanctuary |

### Friday, November 5

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Covenant Network Conference             |                 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Older Adults Bible Study                | Page Smith Room |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Svetlana Belsky, Piano | Anderson Hall   |

### Saturday, November 6

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| 8:00 a.m. | Covenant Network Conference |
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### *Preaching on Sunday, November 7*

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| John M. Buchanan | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. |
| Richard Williams | 6:30 p.m.              |

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.