

November 7–13, 2004

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Requiem by Maurice Duruflé will be sung by the Morning Choir during tonight's Vespers service as we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2005 Stewardship Campaign. As of Sunday, October 31, we have received a total of 591 pledges totaling more than \$1.5 million toward our goal of \$2.8 million. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2005 Stewardship Campaign, contact Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.787.1271 (pquinn@fourthchurch.org).

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, in which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 21 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street).

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (State and Superior). Fourth Church choirs will provide music leadership; Rabbi Michael Sternfield of Chicago Sinai will preach.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 25.

Thanksgiving dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall following Thanksgiving Day worship.

The Friday after Thanksgiving, a Tower Brass concert and Taizé service will take place at Fourth Church: the free concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary, the monthly Taizé service at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Smorgasbord for Schools takes place today from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Stop by for an opportunity to learn about public and private education opportunities.

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 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at the Chestnut Street entrance at 12:30 p.m. to go bowling. The group will return to the church at 3:00 p.m.

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.

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch and fellowship at McCormick and Schmick's Sunday, November 14 following 11:00 worship. A potluck will be held in a member's home on November 20. For more information, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

ENRICHMENT

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

A new adult education course offered by the Academy for Faith and Life begins today: "Introducing Psalms," which meets Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (Anderson Hall S. Balcony). Classes continuing today include "Faith and the Ballot Box" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Journey into Prayer" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Exploring the Apostles' Creed" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting Mondays at 7:30 p.m. is "Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism" (Randolph Room).

"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 "It's Your Move—Are You Ready?" For more information, contact Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast this Saturday, November 13 at 8:00 a.m. Al Sharp, Executive Director of Protestants for the Common Good, 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. All are welcome.

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

Clothes for parents and three sons who lost 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 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

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

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

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.

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 also can be ordered on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit Partners in Education Tutoring, a program of Chicago Lights.

Letters urging protection for victims of domestic violence will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Learn about new mission trips planned for 2005 at an informational meeting to be held Sunday, November 14 following the 11:00 service in the Page Smith Room. Bill Shaw from the 174 Trust, a social service agency in Belfast, Northern Ireland, will be a special guest.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Shower of Stoles, on display in the Loggia, is a collection of liturgical stoles from gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons from 23 denominations in five countries. This collection celebrates the gifts of these persons, who serve God in countless ways, and lifts up those who have been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

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

Aaron Teitelbaum will play the trombone at Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Caroling on the sanctuary steps will take place an hour prior to the 5:00 p.m. Lighting of Michigan Avenue parade on Saturday, November 20. All are invited to join Fourth Church choir members for this festive time of singing and hot chocolate.

Chanticleer will present the concert "A Chanticleer Christmas" on Tuesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra box office only: 312.294.3030.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 7-13, 2004

Sunday, November 7

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| 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Nursery | Westminister 14 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 9:00 a.m. | Smorgasbord of Schools | Dining Room |
| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching | Sanctuary |
| 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 | Activity Center |
| 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. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 10:30 a.m. | Cherub Choir Rehearsal | Activity Center |
| 10:45 p.m. | Junior Highs | Crow's Nest |
| 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching | Sanctuary |
| 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. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 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 |
| 2:00 p.m. | <i>Together Alone</i> | Blair Chapel |
| 6:30 p.m. | Vespers with Requiem Carol J. Allen preaching | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 p.m. | Coffee Reception | Anderson Hall |
| 7:30 p.m. | Graduate Student College Connection | Page Smith Room |

Monday, November 8

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| 9:00 a.m. | Daily Prayer (Monday-Friday) | Stone Chapel |
| 7:00 p.m. | "Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism" | Randolph Room |

Wednesday, November 10

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| 9:30 a.m. | Benevolent Guild | Page Smith Room |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Bible Study | Large Conference Room |
| 5:30 p.m. | Navigating Career Transitions | Manse |

Thursday, November 11

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| 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
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Friday, November 12

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| 10:00 a.m. | Older Adults Bible Study | Page Smith Room |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Aaron Teitelbaum, Trombone | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 p.m. | <i>Together Alone</i> | Blair Chapel |

Saturday, November 13

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| 8:00 a.m. | Men's Group Breakfast | Dining Room |
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Preaching on Sunday, November 14

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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.