



November 21–27, 2004

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

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

Today's adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "Introduction to Church History, Part 1" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Introduction to Faith and Fourth" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Introducing Psalms" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting Mondays at 7:30 p.m. is "Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism" (Randolph Room).

"Falls and the Fear of Falling," a health seminar offered by JoAnn Gruca, will take place this Tuesday, November 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Admission is one can of soup to be donated to the Elam Davies Social Service Center. For information, call Terrill Stumpf in the Center for Whole Health office at 312.981.3396.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

As part of the Kids in Sunday School Exchange program, the combined fourth and fifth grade Sunday School class joins the fourth grade class of Temple Sinai this morning. The students will also participate in their 11:00 a.m. family Thanksgiving service and return to the church by 12:15 p.m.

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. After class, all are invited to join the Senior Highs activities.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets today at 12:00 noon in the Crow's nest for the Family Advent Workshop.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest for their Fast Food Progressive Dinner followed by a trip to the Near North Ministry Alliance Gospelfest. The group will return to the church by 5:30 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.

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Delaware entrance to Westminster House and Blair Chapel will be closed for repairs to the outside steps from Friday, November 26 through Sunday, November 28. Please plan to use other church entrances for the Taizé service on Friday and Sunday programming on November 28.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2005 Stewardship Campaign. 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, call Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.787.1271 (pquinn@fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Children's choir shepherds to take roll and assist director from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. on selected Sundays

Artists and volunteers to help Tutoring students as they design next year's holiday cards, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. November 29 and 30 and December 1 and 2

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

Current Donation Needs

Fine-tip black permanent markers to be used at Kids' Cafe

37-cent stamps for Social Service Center guests to use on holiday cards

Men's clothes and coats in large sizes

Clothes for parents and three sons who lost their belongings in a fire

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A brunch to promote AIDS awareness takes place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Special guest Beatrice Kadangs will discuss her Nigerian community's response to the AIDS epidemic, and Brian Davis of Debt AIDS Trade Africa (DATA) will also speak.

Letters supporting debt cancellation in Sub-Saharan Africa in an effort to allow that part of the country to better fight AIDS will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday, November 23 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

In celebration of Carnival Americana, the 2005 Mission Benefit Committee is looking for people who were born, raised, or who have spent a few years in each of the fifty states. Volunteer to represent your state by contacting James Nelson in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3596 (jnelson@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, December 15.

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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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

An Advent wreath workshop for families takes place today at 12:00 noon in the Activity Center. A light lunch will be served and all materials will be supplied.

“Holidays a cappella” will be performed by Chicago a cappella on Friday, December 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago a cappella at 773.755.1628 or www.chicagoaccappella.org.

The annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

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: 312.294.3000.

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, emergency housing assistance, a scholarship, 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 Silverman in the Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816.

“Operation Christmas Gift Bag” provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Pick up instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, from the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour.

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. For information or to learn how you can get involved, stop by Coffee Hour or call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

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.

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.

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff will be available beginning Sunday, November 28 by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org) and in printed booklets (which will be placed in the church literature racks).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“Etchings on Biblical Themes,” an exhibit of artwork by Joan Bohlig, is on display in the Loggia through December.

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.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 21–27, 2004

Sunday, November 21

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 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.	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.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
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
12:00 p.m.	Advent Wreath Workshop		Activity Center
12:00 p.m.	Junior Highs		Crow's Nest
12:15 p.m.	New Member Brunch		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	AIDS Awareness Brunch		Page Smith Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Gospelfest		<i>(see page 7 of bulletin)</i>
4:30 p.m.	Undergraduate Student College Connection		Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 22

7:00 p.m.	"Catholicism Meets Presbyterianism"	Randolph Room
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Tuesday, November 23

11:30 a.m.	"Falls and the Fear of Falling"	Dining Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Page Smith Room
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	<i>(see page 7 of bulletin)</i>

Wednesday, November 24

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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Thursday, November 25

	THANKSGIVING DAY		
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner		Anderson Hall

Friday, November 26

	Center for Older Adults: Closed	
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Tower Brass of Chicago	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Taize	Blair Chapel

Preaching on Sunday, November 28

John A. Cairns	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Keith C. Harris	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 \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.