



November 28–December 4, 2004

# News and Opportunities

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## WORSHIP

Today we observe World AIDS Day, a day when we join others around the globe in remembering the many who suffer because of this disease. World AIDS awareness will be a particular focus of this evening's Vespers, a service of remembrance and hope.

## 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.

**Academy for Faith and Life classes** do not meet today.

**A July 2005 tour to Greece** will focus on the journeys of Paul. Information is available by contacting Carol Allen at 312.640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org) or Donna Gray at 312.640.2577 (dgray@fourthchurch.org).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

**The Junior High Academy Class** does not meet today.

**Confirmation Class** (grade 8) does not meet today.

**Junior** (grades 6–8) **and Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) do not meet today.

**"Parents of Tots"** are invited to the Crow's Nest this Wednesday, December 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donna Gray will be speaking on family traditions for the holidays. Child care will be provided in room W22. For more information, contact Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@fourthchurch.org).

## 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 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 in the Center for Whole Health office at 312.981.3396 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org).

## 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.

**Collector plates depicting Fourth Church** are available today in Anderson Hall. Those who still wish to order plates can do so this morning or by calling Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Meet the artist Joan Bohlig**, whose etchings on biblical themes are on display in the Loggia, during Coffee Hour next Sunday, December 5.

**Soprano Bridget Rose** will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. Next Friday, December 10, the weekly concert will be an organ recital by Morgan Simmons, former Fourth Church Organist and Choirmaster.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**In celebration of Carnival Americana**, the 2005 Mission Benefit Committee is looking for representatives of each of the fifty states—those who were born, raised, or lived in another state. Volunteer to represent your state by calling Tracey Silverman in the Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**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.

**Responses to the genocide that is taking place in Darfur, Sudan** will be the topic of a discussion at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 West Delaware) on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Ruth Messinger, President of the American Jewish World Service, will be the speaker. For information, contact Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3384.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *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

### *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

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

*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.*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**Daily Advent devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available beginning today by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)) and in printed booklets found in the church literature racks.

**Quest Theatre Ensemble** will act out the traditional story of Christmas using large-scale puppetry on Tuesday, November 30. A stage performance at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary will be followed by a video version of the same show at 8:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. This performance is recommended for kindergarten-aged children and older. For information, call Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578.

**Midweek Advent worship** is held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

**“Holidays a cappella”** will be performed by Chicago *a cappella* this Friday, December 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago *a cappella* at 773.755.1628 or [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org).

**The annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be next 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.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**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.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 4, 2004

### Sunday, November 28

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John A. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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.	Sunday School		Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Children and Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John A. Cairns preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminister 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.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship		Randolph Room
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>Keith C. Harris preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

### Monday, November 29

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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### Tuesday, November 30

7:30 p.m.	Quest Theatre Performance	<i>(see announcement)</i>
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### Wednesday, December 1

9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study	Large Conference Room
10:00 a.m.	"Parents of Tots"	Crow's Nest
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent Worship</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>

### Thursday, December 2

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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### Friday, December 3

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Bridget Rose, Soprano	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Concert: Chicago <i>a cappella</i>	Sanctuary

### ***Preaching on Sunday, December 5***

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Festival of Advent Lessons and Music	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.