

December 5–11, 2004

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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Morgan Simmons, former Fourth Church Organist and Choirmaster, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Meet the artist **Joan Bohlig**, whose etchings on biblical themes are on display in the Loggia, during Coffee Hour this morning.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Tonight is the annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

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

Donations for "Operation Christmas Gift Bag" can be dropped off at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour today and next Sunday, December 12.

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago Musicians will perform a free concert next Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The "Christmas with Tower Brass" concert, an annual favorite, will be Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Chanticleer will present the concert "A Chanticleer Christmas" this 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.

This year's 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be locally broadcast on WBBM Channel 2 TV at 10:35 p.m. Christmas Eve and 8:00 a.m. Christmas Day. CBS film crews will be present during the 8:30 service to tape the service for those later broadcasts.

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

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.

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.

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.

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org) and in printed booklets found in the church literature racks throughout the Advent season.

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.

College Connection Groups meet today in the Page Smith Room: undergraduate students meet at 4:30 p.m.; graduate students meet at 7:30 p.m.

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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STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2005 Stewardship Campaign. As of Sunday, November 28, we have received a total of 852 pledges totaling more than \$2 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.

Collector plates depicting Fourth Church are available today in Anderson Hall. Proceeds go to the Capital Campaign. Those who 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.

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. The class will meet at 2:30 p.m. to prepare and serve the Sunday Night Supper with the Social Service Center.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets today at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest for the Christmas Jeopardy party.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest before ice skating at Navy Pier. The group will return to the church at 3:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Deodorant and dental hygiene items for Social Service Center guests
37-cent stamps for Social Service Center guests to use on holiday cards
Men's clothes and coats in large sizes

Current Volunteer Needs

Individuals to put cardboard sleeves on the candles distributed at Christmas Eve services, December 22 and 23
Children's choir shepherds to assist director, Sundays, 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.
Grocery shoppers for the Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

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 contacting Tracey Silverman in the Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816 (tsilverman@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, December 15.

Responses to the genocide that is taking place in Darfur, Sudan will be the topic of a discussion at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware) this Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Ruth Messinger, President of the American Jewish World Service, will be the speaker. Fourth Church is a cosponsor of this event.

Letters urging U. S. Senators to strengthen HIV/AIDS-related programs will be available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church has called a special meeting of the congregation for the purpose of approving the sale of a piece of property, which the church has received as a gift. All members are asked to remain for this very brief meeting immediately following 11:00 worship this morning.

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 opportunity offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, "Journey into Mysticism," begins today at 9:30 a.m. in the Anderson Hall N. Balcony. Classes continuing today include "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.

"Books by Women," a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. For information, contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

The Fourth Church Men's Group meets for breakfast this Saturday, December 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Carl Grapentine of WFMT will present "Angels from the Realms of Glory," a collection of songs, carols, cantatas, and orations. Reserve a space by calling the church receptionist at 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 10. All are welcome.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 5–11, 2004

Sunday, December 5

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.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Academy Class	Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs	Crow's Nest
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
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
6:30 p.m.	Advent Festival of Lessons and Music	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Reception	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Graduate Student College Connection	Page Smith Room

Monday, December 6

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Tuesday, December 7

6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women" Book Group	Large Conference Room
8:00 p.m.	"A Chanticleer Christmas"	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 8

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	"Navigating Career Transitions"	Manse
7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship	Blair Chapel
8:00 p.m.	"A Chanticleer Christmas"	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 9

12:00 p.m.	Center for Older Adults Program	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Darfur Discussion	(see announcement)

Friday, December 10

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Concert: Morgan Simmons, Organ	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 11

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, December 12

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Julie Kim	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.