



November 27–December 3, 2005

News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

“Holidays *a cappella*” will be performed by Chicago *a cappella* on Friday, December 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

The annual Vespers Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place next Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

Tickets for “A Chanticleer Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, are available through the CSO box office only: 312.294.3000.

Blue Nativity will be presented by Quest Ensemble and its larger-than-life puppets on Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, collects holiday gifts for more than 700 children in need. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by calling 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.

“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.

Christmas ornaments, depicting Fourth Church, and Tower Brass CDs are available at the Volunteers table during Coffee Hour.

Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students are available during Coffee Hour at the Chicago Lights table and, during the week, at the reception desk. They can also be ordered on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program. Fifteen years of Holiday Card designs are on display in the Gallery.

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

WORSHIP

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who will be by the pulpit after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

A midweek Advent service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each Wednesday of Advent.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Cornerstones, a group of couples age 50 and over, will meet on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for a Christmas party. For more information, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Couples, a gathering of couples in their twenties to forties, will meet Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Manse for a potluck dinner. To RSVP, call the Fourth Couples Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 440.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"A Whisper of Hope: Confronting the Plague that Thunders," an exhibition of artwork by Mary Fisher, is on display in the Loggia through December 18 as part of the World AIDS Day Remembrance event. A reception for the artist will take place next Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Loggia.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

An interfaith AIDS conference will be cohosted by Fourth Church on Friday, December 2. An interfaith remembrance service, with Mary Fisher preaching, will be held on Thursday evening, December 1. Registration forms are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. For details, contact Sheila Cotter at 312.573.3366 (scotter@fourthchurch.org). Letters asking Illinois senators to support HIV/AIDS-related programs are available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Loggia. Proceeds from the fairly traded handcrafts will help promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world.

A Fourth Church mission trip to Gautier, Mississippi, to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina will take place December 27 to January 2. For more information, call Erica Schemper at the church at 312.981.4034.

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place today after 9:30 worship.

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.

CD recordings of recent Academy classes are available at the Academy table during Coffee Hour. Classes on the art of Christmas and on the history of Fourth Church begin next week.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program will be explained in an information session this Tuesday, November 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. A soup lunch will be available for a donation of one canned good. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

"Developing the Habit of the Soul: Four Kinds of Prayer," a workshop offered by Spiritual Director Suzanne Dunbar, will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425. To learn about other Spiritual Direction opportunities and the role of a spiritual director, visit www.fourthchurch.org/lrcc.html or pick up an information card from the literature racks.

"Books by Women," a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group will discuss *In Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Carl Grapentine of WFMT 98.7 will present a program of music and commentary appropriate to the season of Advent. RSVP by December 9 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Hosts for the World AIDS Day

Conference to be held at Fourth Church December 2

Tutors for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fourth Church

Assistants for Kids' Cafe on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Vespers bread cutter for the fourth Sunday of the month

Current Donation Needs

Clothing and household items for

survivors of hurricanes; lists of needed supplies are available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour

Canned vegetables

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

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2006 Stewardship Campaign. As of Sunday, November 16, we have received a total of 830 pledges totaling more than \$2.1 million toward our goal of \$3 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 2006 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 3, 2005

Sunday, November 27

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.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		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.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		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
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Sanctuary, by the Pulpit
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 28

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, November 29

11:30 a.m.	Medicare Information Session	Dining Room
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Wednesday, November 30

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, December 1

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	World AIDS Day Remembrance Service	Sanctuary

Friday, December 2

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	AIDS Conference	
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kelly Coyle, clarinet	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Manse
8:00 p.m.	Concert: Chicago <i>a cappella</i>	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 3

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Loggia
9:30 a.m.	"Developing the Habit of the Soul" Workshop	Counseling Center

Preaching on Sunday, December 4

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 \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 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.