

December 25–31, 2005

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# News and Opportunities

## FELLOWSHIP

**A traditional Christmas dinner** will be served at 12:30 p.m. today in Anderson Hall. Tickets may still be available for this time of fellowship with friends new and old; stop by Anderson Hall to learn more.

**“Books by Women,”** a Women@Fourth Connect book group, will meet Tuesday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *Blackbird House* by Alice Hoffman.

**Fourth Forum,** a gathering of gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at 12:30 on January 8 at a nearby restaurant. To RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

**Fourth Dimension,** a group of individuals 50 and older, will meet Friday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Dr. Mardge Cohen will discuss “AIDS in Africa: What Can We Do?” For more information, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

**The Fourth Church Men’s Group** will meet for breakfast on Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Dr. Sid Mohn, President of the Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, will be speaking. RSVP by January 13 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

## WORSHIP

**On Sunday January 1, only one worship service** will be held in the morning, at 11:00 a.m. The evening Vespers service will be held as usual at 6:30 p.m.

**Worship on New Year’s Eve,** with Chicago Sinai Congregation and Holy Name Cathedral, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary this Saturday, December 31.

**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 in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

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

**A prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service will be Friday, January 27.

**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.

## ENRICHMENT

**Five new Academy for Faith and Life courses** begin on Sunday, January 8: “**Convictions: Hold 'Em or Fold 'Em,**” taught by John Boyle and “**Old Testament Survey,**” taught by Paul Rutgers at 9:30 a.m., and “**How Christians Decide:** An Introduction to the Church’s Faith Statements,” taught by Cynthia Campbell, “**Islam in the Modern World,**” taught by Azam Nizamuddin, and “**So You’ve Been Asked To Teach Church School . . . What Now?**” taught by Donna Gray at 11:00 a.m. Information about these courses is available in the literature racks or by contacting Paula Davis at the church at 312.274.3815.

***Bonhoeffer, a documentary to air on PBS in February,*** will be shown at Chicago Sinai (15 W. Delaware) on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. This event, sponsored by Fourth Church, the *Christian Century*, and Chicago Sinai, will include an introduction by the film’s director and a panel discussion, with comments by Martin Marty, Rabbi Sternfield, and others.

“**The Challenges of Forgiveness,**” a Midwinter Conference sponsored by the Counseling Center and led by John Boyle and Jeanne Bishop, will be held Saturday, January 28. Brochures with details are available in the literature racks and on the church website.

**A retreat for women of Fourth Church** will be held Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4. For details, contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**There is still opportunity to “Light Up a Life”** with a gift to this year-end giving campaign that combines the “Life-Changing Gifts” and “Christmas Joy” appeals of previous years. Gifts to “Light Up a Life” will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and its many programs while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available in the brochures in the church literature racks and on the church website. Envelopes for making “Light Up a Life” gifts can be found in the pew racks.

***The Innocent,*** a movie that explores the lives of men and women who were wrongly accused of murder and spent years in prison and on death row for crimes they did not commit, will be shown on Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. This event is cosponsored with Chicago Sinai. For more information, contact Vicki Reynold at the church at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

**Holiday Cards,** designed by Tutoring students, are available at a reduced rate through next Sunday, January 1. To pick up cards, stop by the reception desk. The cards can also be ordered on the church website, [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program. For more information, contact Allison Graham in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3590 (agraham@fourthchurch.org).

*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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**Applications for the 2006 mission trips to Cuba and Honduras** are due Tuesday, January 3, and applications for the trip to China are due Sunday, January 15. Information and application forms are available in the "Mission Trips 2006" booklet in the literature racks and on the church website. For more information, contact Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission, at 312.981.3384.

**A Blood Donor Drive** sponsored by the Center for Whole Health will be held at Fourth Church on Sunday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 800.448.3543 or visiting [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org); the Fourth Church sponsor code is 3352.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors for children** one evening a week at Fourth Church

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

**Clothes carriers** on January 14 for a nonprofit agency that provides free and low-cost clothes to women entering the workforce

**Vespers bread cutter** for the fourth Sunday of the month

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Gently used children's outerwear**

**Canned vegetables**

**Men's clothing** in extra-large sizes

**Palm Pilots (with pens and adapters)** in working order for children in the Fourth Church Job Training program

*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.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday school** will resume Sunday, January 8.

**All Youth activities** will resume Sunday, January 8.

## STEWARDSHIP

**If you have not yet made your pledge** to the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, you can still do so. We have received a total of 923 pledges totaling more than \$2.3 million toward our goal of \$3 million. To return 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.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Year-End Gifts of Stock:** Many people choose to make year-end gifts of stock to Fourth Church but have questions about how to do so. Information is available in the literature racks, at [www.fourthchurch.org/stockinstructions.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/stockinstructions.html), or by contacting Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

**Printed copies of recent sermons** are available in the literature racks and in print formats at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Printed copies of the Daily Devotions** are available in the literature racks in the narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Devotions are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 25–31, 2005

<b>Sunday, December 25</b>		
10:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>John H. Boyle preaching</b>
12:30 p.m.	Christmas Day Dinner	Anderson Hall
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>Erica Schemper preaching</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, December 26</b>		
<b>Church Office Closed</b>		
Center for Older Adults: Closed December 26–30		
<b>Tuesday, December 27</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
<b>Wednesday, December 28</b>		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>Friday, December 30</b>		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Julie Goldberg, classical guitar	Anderson Hall
<b>Saturday, December 31</b>		
7:30 p.m.	<b>New Year's Eve Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### ***Preaching on Sunday, January 1***

Keith C. Harris    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 \$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.