



January 1-7, 2006

News and Opportunities

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 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.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats at 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.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week:
Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Deborah Kapp will be the guest speaker at the John Knox Bible Study Class next Sunday, January 8. This class, now in its eighty-second year, is the oldest continuous Bible study in the city of Chicago. Combining lecture and discussion, it meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room (except today).

Four 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 **"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. Please note that **"How Christians Decide: An Introduction to the Church's Faith Statements,"** taught by Cynthia Campbell, will begin Sunday, January 15 at 11:00 a.m. rather than January 8 as originally listed. Information 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 one-day writing workshop focused on telling our personal stories of forgiveness will take place Saturday, February 11. For more information about this workshop, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late to do so. 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.

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

Brown paper bags with handles

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today is the last day to make a gift to "Light Up a Life," the 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.

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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Today is the last day to buy Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students.

Cards are available, for a reduced rate, at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk. The cards can also be ordered on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

“Finding Work without Losing Heart:

A Retreat for the Unemployed” is being hosted by the Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsor. The retreat will be held January 24–25 in Warrenville. Details are available by contacting the Center at 312.906.9908 (www.ctcchicago.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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; the Fourth Church sponsor code is 3352. For more information, contact Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by calling Alfred Kemp at the church at 312.981.3599 or by e-mailing databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

For those looking to learn more about Fourth Church or considering membership, an Inquirers’ Class will be held Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information about future times for this one-session class, see page 2 of the worship bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Cornerstones, a group of couples age 50 and over, will meet Friday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a presentation by Tom Rook on “Chicago and Fourth Presbyterian Church History.” RSVP by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

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

Dr. Mardge Cohen will discuss “AIDS in Africa: What Can We Do?” at the Friday, January 13 meeting of Fourth Dimension, a group of individuals 50 and older. All are welcome to attend at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. For details, 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 12:00 noon on January 13 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday school will resume next Sunday, January 8.

All Youth activities will resume next Sunday, January 8.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1-7, 2006

Sunday, January 1			
10:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Richard Williams preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
Monday, January 2 <i>Church Office Closed</i>			
Tuesday, January 3			
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)		Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	“Books by Women”		Large Conference Room
Wednesday, January 4			
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study		Large Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room
Thursday, January 5			
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
Friday, January 6			
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Stephanie Wu, piano		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones		Anderson Hall

Preaching on Sunday, January 8

Calum I. MacLeod 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Andrews 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.