

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
**FOURTH**  
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**CHURCH**  
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November 5–11, 2006

# News and Opportunities

## STEWARDSHIP

**Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday.** We have already received \$1.7 million in commitments from 655 households. Our goal is to exceed \$3 million in pledged gifts for 2007. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church this week. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2007 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.2280.

**Join in the celebration of Stewardship Commitment Sunday this morning,** as the Stewardship Committee hosts Coffee Hour in recognition of this congregation's faithful commitment to further the mission and ministry of Fourth Church.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### *Volunteer Needs*

**Tutors for children** in a Fourth Church program on Wednesday or Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Assistants for Kids' Cafe,** 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

### *Current Donation Needs*

**Men's winter clothing,** sizes L and XL

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

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**The annual Covenant Network Conference** will be held November 9–11 in Columbus, Ohio. Please keep John Buchanan, Calum MacLeod, Adam Fronczek, and all other conference participants in your prayers as they come together to discuss "Discerning the Call: Ordination and Mutual Forbearance." For information about the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole, visit [www.covenantnetwork.org](http://www.covenantnetwork.org).

**A support group for those dealing with loss and grief** will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning November 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center. For more information and to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

**On National Organ Donor Sabbath,** November 12, a community forum to provide current information about becoming an organ/tissue donor and about the new donor law will be offered twice, at 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., in the Lower Level Activity Center.

**Questions about Project Light** can be directed to the Project Light Leadership Team by leaving questions in the Project Light box during Coffee Hour or by e-mailing questions to [ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

**Smorgasbord of Schools** takes place today from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Stop by to learn about public, private, and parochial education opportunities.

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

**Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Elevation** (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today at 2:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Fourth Dimension**, a group of individuals over 50, will meet on Friday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Bishop Tom Gumbleton will speak on "Abolishing War." RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494. All are invited.

**Fourth Forum**, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant on Sunday, November 12 at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

**The Community Book Group** will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Adam Fronczek will lead the discussion on *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell.

## ENRICHMENT

**A new Academy for Faith and Life class begins today: "Ecology as Theology,"** taught by Milt Clark (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 11:30 a.m. Continuing today are "**Dietrich Bonhoeffer and *The Cost of Discipleship*,**" taught by Paul Bischoff (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and "**Portraits of Christ,**" taught by Tom Rook (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), at 11:00 a.m.

**The Multi-Cultural Enrichment Committee** will host a luncheon forum today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss racial ethnic diversity at Fourth Church. All are invited.

### Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

*John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

*Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

"**Books by Women**" will discuss *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** will meet next on Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by Dominick's, whose president, Don Keppta, will speak on "Corporate Responsibility to the Community." RSVP by November 9 by calling 312.787.4570.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. This year's theme is *Women at the Well: Encounters with Women in the Bible and in Our Midst*. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

*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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## WORSHIP

**As part of the observance of All Saints' Sunday**, the Morning Choir will sing *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré during tonight's 6:30 p.m. Vespers service in the sanctuary.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their 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 at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

**There will be no Taizé service in November.** The next service will be held on Friday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Information about health care insurance** often imposing discriminatory limits on treatment for mental illnesses is available at the Advocacy table, along with letters to Congress.

**Yesterday**, an Oscar-nominated film about AIDS in South Africa, will be shown on Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

**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.

**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 at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). All proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps** prior to the Michigan Avenue lighting festival on Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.

**"A Chanticleer Christmas"** concerts will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 29 and 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets, which are usually sold out by early November, are available by contacting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 312.294.3000 ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)).

## THANKSGIVING

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

**The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest**, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans.

**Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship** will be Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Adam Fronczek will be preaching.

**Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church** will be at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 23.

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 5–11, 2006**

**Sunday, November 5**

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Commitment Sunday Celebration	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Smorgasbord of Schools	Dining Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Commitment Sunday Celebration	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
11:00 a.m.	Mandarin Chinese Class	Tutoring Library
12:00 p.m.	Commitment Sunday Celebration	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Racial Ethnic Diversity Luncheon	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
2:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Calum I. MacLeod preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

**Monday, November 6**

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

**Tuesday, November 7**

6:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Grief and Loss Support Group	Counseling Center

**Wednesday, November 8**

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room

**Thursday, November 9**

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Hoops	Northwestern Athletic Club Gym

**Friday, November 10**

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Douglas Bruce, organ	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse

**Saturday, November 11**

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
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***Preaching on Sunday, November 12***

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest	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. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.