

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
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CHURCH
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November 19–25, 2006

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

The variety of Thanksgiving worship opportunities taking place this week are listed on page 7 of the worship bulletin.

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 Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or the box at the Volunteer table. They also 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.

An Interfaith AIDS service will be held at Chicago Sinai at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30.

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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Regular updates on Project Light are available in the literature racks. Questions for Project Light leadership can be left in the Project Light box during Coffee Hour or e-mailed to ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org.

Commemorative crosses that were preordered earlier this year can be picked up during Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 3 and at the reception desk beginning Monday, December 4. No new orders of these crosses made from old pews are being taken, but anyone interested in joining the waitlist can contact Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364 (cwollerman@fourthchurch.org).

Parking during Thanksgiving worship and the dinner following will be available in the 900 N. Michigan garage at the regular Sunday rates.

The first meeting of the Winter Garden Club takes place today at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

A Kids' Day at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. There will be games, crafts, and lunch at the garden site (Chicago Ave. and Hudson). For more information, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Flu shots will be given at Fourth Church on Sunday, December 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is a \$20 administration fee for the immunizations payable to the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago. (Medicare beneficiaries are asked to bring their Medicare Card.) No reservations are required. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/health.html.

ENRICHMENT

The John Knox Bible Study Class 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

Information about legislation that addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty is available at the Advocacy table, along with letters to Congress.

A few spots are still open for the Fourth Church mission trip to New Orleans (December 27–January 3). Application forms are available in the literature racks.

The 2007 mission trips to Cuba (April 19–26) and the Holy Land (June 14–26) have January application deadlines. Information about these trips is available in the literature racks.

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. **“Light Up a Life”** this holiday season!

Gifts to this year-end giving campaign 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.

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. All proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

“Operation Christmas Gift Bag” provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour.

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

RNs and hosts to assist with flu shots on December 3

Current Donation Needs

Men’s winter clothing, sizes L and XL
Clothing and furniture for babies and children

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 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

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 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.4 million in commitments from 911 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. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2007 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an Open House. Keith Harris will lead a discussion on “The Five Love Languages.”

Fourth Hoops, a program offering basketball and a time for fellowship, will not meet this Thursday but will resume on Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwestern University Athletic Club gym (850 N. Lakeshore Drive).

The Cornerstones Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. For more information and to RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Dimension, a group of individuals over 50, will meet Friday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Cathleen Falsani, author and the religion editor at the *Chicago Sun-Times*, will speak on “The God Factor.” RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494. All are invited.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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 12:30 p.m. in the Crow’s Nest.

Mentors are needed for Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation). If you are a current or former Elder or Deacon at Fourth Church and are interested in being a mentor, call John Vest at the church at 312.981.4037.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concerts will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 29 and 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by contacting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 312.294.3000 (www.cso.org).

“Holidays a cappella” will be performed by Chicago *a capella* on Friday, December 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago *a capella* at www.chicagoacapella.org or 773.755.1628.

Fourth Acts, a group that presents staged readings in support of programs at Fourth Church, will have an open dress rehearsal on Monday, November 27 of *A Child’s Christmas in Wales*. All are invited.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 19–25, 2006

Sunday, November 19

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
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
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
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
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
12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
3:00 p.m.	Winter Garden Club	Page Smith Room
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Gospelfest	<i>(see page 7 of worship bulletin)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Film Screening: <i>Yesterday</i>	Anderson Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Keith C. Harris preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 20

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Wednesday)	Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, November 21

5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	<i>(see page 7 of worship bulletin)</i>

Thursday, November 23 **THANKSGIVING DAY—Church Office Closed**

11:00 a.m.	Worship Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, November 24 **Church Office Closed**

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Tower Brass	Sanctuary
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Preaching on Sunday, November 26

John W. Vest	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Hardy 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 \$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.