

December 3–9, 2006

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# News and Opportunities

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar**, sponsored by the Mission Committee, takes place today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Proceeds will help promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world.

**Information about the need for federal funding to assist AIDS health workers in Africa** is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

**Spots are still available 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment** to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.6 million in commitments from 1,040 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 or mail it to the church. For more information about the 2007 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Commemorative crosses that were preordered can be picked up during Coffee Hour today** and at the reception desk beginning Monday, December 4. No new orders are being taken, but anyone interested in joining the waitlist can contact Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364 (cwollerman@fourthchurch.org).

**Flu shots are being given today** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. 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.

**Regular updates on Project Light** are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Submit questions by leaving them in the Project Light box during Coffee Hour or by e-mailing ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org.

## WORSHIP

**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.

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

**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 is Friday, December 22.

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

## ENRICHMENT

**Two new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: “Scottish Christmas Traditions,”** taught by Calum I. MacLeod (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and **“Flannery O’Connor, Advent, and the Eschaton,”** taught by Catherine Knott (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

### **Bible Study opportunities:**

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

*Morning*, Wednesday 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 *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope* by Joan Chittister on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**The Fourth Church Men’s Group** will meet next on Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and a program featuring traditional and contemporary seasonal music. RSVP by December 8 by calling 312.787.4570.

**Fourth Church will host the annual Jane Addams Policy Lecture for Hull House** on Sunday December 10 at 2:00 p.m. Louise Knight will be speaking.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**An Advent wreath workshop for families** takes place today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All materials will be provided.

**Next Sunday is the annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a holiday reception, hosted by Women@Fourth Connect, of cookies and hot cocoa.

**On Christmas Eve**, worship will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and at 4:00, 6:00, 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day worship will be held at 11:00 a.m., with a Christmas dinner served at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour.

**WBBM-TV (CBS) will rebroadcast** the 2005 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service at 10:35 p.m. this Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day.

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

**Daily Advent devotions** written by Fourth Church members and staff are available in printed booklets found in the church literature racks and by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)).

**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 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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**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 forms available in the literature racks.

**“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. Filled bags can be returned to the church today and next Sunday, December 10.

**“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. For more information, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

**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

**The Civic Orchestra of Chicago** will perform a chamber concert today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

***The Face of AIDS and Poverty in Africa***, a collection of photographs, is on display in the Loggia until December 17. An artist’s reception will be held next Sunday, December 10 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Loggia.

## 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  
**Winter clothes for babies and children**  
**Dinette set** for a family in need

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

**The 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 12:00 noon in the Crow’s Nest.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:00 noon in the Crow’s Nest.

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Undergraduate and Graduate College Connection Group** meets today at 2:15 p.m. in the Dining Room to help with the Sunday Night Supper.

**Fourth Dimension**, a group of individuals over 50, will meet Friday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Jim Kenney will discuss “Sea Change: Cultural Evolution in the Early Twenty-First Century.” RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

**CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 3–9, 2006**

<b>Sunday, December 3</b>		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>John M. Buchanan preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Flu Shots	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
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	Westminister House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Manse
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Advent Wreath Workshop	Activity Center
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Activity Center
<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	Westminister House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
12:00 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
2:15 p.m.	College Connection Group	Dining Room
3:00 p.m.	Concert: Civic Orchestra of Chicago	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Alice M. Trowbridge preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, December 4</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
<b>Tuesday, December 5</b>		
5:00 p.m.	"Books by Women"	Large Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, December 6</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent Worship</b>	<b>Blair Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday, December 7</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Hoops	Northwestern University Athletic Club
<b>Friday, December 8</b>		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kirk Bond, violin	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse
<b>Saturday, December 9</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

**Preaching on Sunday, December 10**

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