

November 11–17, 2007

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Flu shots are being given at Fourth Church today from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Pneumonia vaccines, blood pressure screens, height and weight measurements, and health information are also available. There is a \$22 administration fee for the immunizations payable to the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago. (Medicare beneficiaries are asked to bring their Medicare Card.) No reservations are required.

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 at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 22.

“Arthritis and You” is a three-part seminar series being sponsored by the Center for Whole Health. The third and final session will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 8:45 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register, call 1.800.735.0096 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Issues and concerns, including those of loss and grief, that may become more difficult to deal with during the holiday season will be the topic of a seminar led by John Boyle and Allyson Rich on Tuesday evenings, beginning November 27, at 6:00 p.m. To register, call the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

ENRICHMENT

Today’s adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are **“Introduction to Judaism,”** taught by Evan Moffic (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 8:00 a.m.; **“Introduction to the Bible,”** taught by Adam Fronczek (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m.; **Theological Roundtable**, (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), and **“A Multitude of Blessings: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity,”** taught by Cynthia Campbell and Lib Caldwell (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.; and **“Serious Mental Illness: Seeking a Comprehensive Christian Response,”** taught by Martha Langford (Manse), at 12:30 p.m.

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

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

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Elevation** (grades 6 and 7) meets in the Manse basement, **Fourth Church Rising** (Confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and **Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow’s Nest. **A lunch for youth and families** takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2008 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.3 million in commitments from 770 households. Our goal is to have 100 percent member participation and raise \$4 million in pledges. 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 2008 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

WORSHIP

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

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the boxes located outside Stone Chapel, at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and in the Narthex. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

There will be no Taizé service in November. The next service will be held on Friday, December 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (Orleans and Oak).

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (State and Superior). Fourth Church and Chicago Sinai Congregation will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 22. Joyce Shin will be preaching.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about immigration, as well as a letter to sign about that issue, is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour today.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available for purchase during Coffee Hour. Cards are also available at www.fourthchurch.org. Proceeds benefit the Tutoring and Scholarship program of Chicago Lights.

A welcome-home reception for Dr. Bernard Blaauw, who has served as a medical missionary in Cameroon for the past year, will be held next Sunday during Coffee Hours.

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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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 Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 .

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and will feature global gifts.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Servers for Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Silent Auction Committee members for the 2008 Mission Benefit

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday night suppers

Vespers bread cutter for third Sunday of the month

Ushers for Vespers on a rotating schedule

Current Donation Needs

Men’s casual winter clothes, especially warm coats, jeans, and belts in larger sizes

Cribs, car seats, strollers, clothes for infants and children, coats, and books

Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges for a nonprofit program benefiting homeless women

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

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Community Book Group will meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. John Vest will lead the discussion on *Fight Club: A Novel* by Chuck Palahniuk. For more information call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3368.

ThirtiesForties will meet on Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

An artist reception will be held today for Susan Fong, Joseph Malham, and Donna Radcliffe from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Loggia. Their exhibition, “Three Approaches to the Spiritual in Art,” is on display in the Loggia through December 16.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, prior to the Michigan Avenue lighting festival

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concerts will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 28 and 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets, which usually sell out quickly, are available by contacting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 312.294.3000 (www.cso.org).

“Holidays a cappella” will be performed by Chicago a cappella on Friday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago a cappella at 773.755.1628.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 11–17, 2007

Sunday, November 11		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Flu Shots	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House and Manse
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminister House and Manse
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Artist Reception	Loggia
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Youth and Families Lunch	Dining Room
12:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Manse
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper	Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Hardy Kim preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall
 Monday, November 12		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
 Tuesday, November 13		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
 Wednesday, November 14		
8:45 a.m.	"Arthritis and You" Seminar	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
 Thursday, November 15		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
 Friday, November 16		
10:00 a.m.	Center for Life and Learning Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary
 Saturday, November 17		
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Caroling on the Church Steps	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, November 18

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek 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.