

November 9–15, 2008

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers for 11:00 a.m. classes, teaching grades 1–3

Christmas Wishes elves to distribute lists and to receive, inventory, and wrap gifts

Audio operator to record services in the sanctuary; training provided

Church members to staff the Book Nook

Tutors for the Tutoring program on Monday and Thursday evenings

Current Donation Needs

A lockable file cabinet with two drawers

Greeting cards and stamps for guests of Sunday and Monday night suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

Infants' and children's clothes, strollers, cribs, car seats, and books to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic

For a list of additional needs, visit the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room for a program led by the Reverend LaDonna Sanders, highlighting the Ubuntu philosophy.

Fourth Dimension, a group for individuals fifty and over, will meet on Friday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. to hear Paul Green, Director of the Institute of Politics at Roosevelt University, talk about the results of the 2008 election.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly 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.

Weekly adult education opportunities, offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are “Theology and My Body,” led by Joyce Shin (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A) at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, and “Writing as Spiritual Practice,” taught by Diane Stephens (Page Smith Room) on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

“**Who Owns Antiquity?**” will be the topic of a free Michigan Avenue Forum this Tuesday, November 11, led by Fourth Church Member and Art Institute President James Cuno. The forum begins at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Community Book Group will discuss Mary Larson’s *Crow Lake* Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Trina Portillo, of the Chicago Lights staff, will lead the conversation.

The CLL minicourse “Chicago and the Olympic Games” will be held Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; this six-week course begins November 12. To register, call the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3386.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, collects gifts for more than 700 children in need. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by calling Sergio Soltero at 312.573.3369. Gifts will be collected on Sundays only through December 7.

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room to create toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters. All are welcome.

Applications for the Mexico mission trip (March 7–15) are due Saturday, November 15. For details, visit the Mission table at Coffee Hour, pick up a brochure from the literature racks, or contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

Peace and reconciliation efforts will be the topic of a luncheon presentation led by Bill Shaw and Robert Chreiter on Tuesday, November 18 at 12:00 noon at Catholic Theological Union (5416 S. Cornell). RSVP to Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 by Friday, November 14.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit impoverished families around the world.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available during Coffee Hour, online at www.chicagolights.org, and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

WORSHIP

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 an opportunity to pray for 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 the chapel or pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 23 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 here on Tuesday, November 25; Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Islamic Downtown Center will be participating.

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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Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 27.

There will be no Taizé service in November. The next service will be held on Friday, December 26.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Copies of the icon commissioned for Fourth Church can be ordered during Coffee Hour today. The artist will also be present to talk about the icon.

Violinist Shuwen Ye is the featured performer at this Friday's free Noonday Concert, which takes place at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. The annual Tower Brass Noonday Concert will again be held the Friday after Thanksgiving, at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary on November 28.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 22 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

"Holidays World Tour" will be performed by Chicago *a capella* on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, contact Chicago *a capella* at 773.755.1628.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The "Refreshing the Vision" long-range planning process Steering Committee has requested member input. To fill out a copy of the survey e-mailed to News@FourthChurch subscribers, please stop by Anderson Hall during Coffee Hour today.

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 27.

CDs of the funeral service for Dana Ferguson will be available during Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 16.

Those who experience the blues and fatigue during the winter months are invited to a Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) dinner seminar on Thursday, November 20 in the Page Smith Room. Registration for the seminar, hosted by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, is required and can be made by calling 312.787.2729, ext. 375. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.; the seminar at 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful to those who have returned giving response cards for the 2009 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. To date, we have received \$2,384,274 in gift intents, from 571 households, toward our \$6.3 million goal. For more details, stop by the display during Coffee Hour, visit www.fourthchurch.org/2009appeal.html, or contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

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 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

Open enrollment for the Children's Center, a full-day licensed child care and early education facility at Fourth Church that serves children six-weeks old through five years of age, has begun. Call Licia Palmore at 312.640.5870 for details.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 9–15, 2008

Sunday, November 9

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joann H. Lee preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Academy Class		Anderson Hall North Balcony
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
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.	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	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 10

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, November 11

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	CLL Minicourse	<i>(see announcement)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum: "Who Owns Antiquity?"	Anderson Hall

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

6:30 p.m.	"Writing as Spiritual Practice"	Page Smith Room
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Friday, November 14

10:00 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Shuwen Ye	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension	Manse

Saturday, November 15

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, November 16

	John W. Vest	8:00 a.m.
	John M. Buchanan	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
	Elizabeth B. Andrews	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.