

November 23–29, 2008

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour, by calling the Infoline at 312.787.2729(ext. 457), or e-mailing christmaswishes@fourthchurch.org. Gifts will be collected on Sundays only through December 7.

A six-week Advent book study of *God with Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Copies of the book will be available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour. A light lunch will be provided upon request for \$5.

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 families around the world that are impoverished.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow. Volunteers are needed to bake cookies and serve cocoa; contact Sergio Soltero at 312.573.3369 for more details.

“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 Chicago Lights 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 literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

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.

“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 today. Filled bags can be returned to the Church by Sunday, December 14.

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. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 12 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.

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 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 today 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 at 7:30 p.m. Chicago Sinai, Fourth Church, Holy Name Cathedral, and the Islamic Downtown Center will be participating.

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

A World AIDS Day service remembering those who have died and those who are suffering from AIDS will be held Monday, December 1 at 12:10 p.m. in Stone Chapel.

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

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.

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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ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

“World AIDS: Progress and Perils” will be the topic of a lunch program presented by Rae Lewis-Thornton and Francis Ntowe on Sunday, November 30 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

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.

Carl Grapentine of WFMT radio will present a program of music and commentary fitting the season at the next gathering of the Fourth Church Men’s Group on Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, contact the church office at 312.787.4570.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Visit the Mission table today for information about gun control measures.

Meet the designers of the Chicago Lights Holiday Cards during Coffee Hour today. Card sales provide education and support to more than 400 students in the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program.

The Sewing and Knitting Workshop meets this Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials. Finished items are distributed to local social service agencies and shelters.

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The annual Tower Brass Noonday Concert will be held this Friday at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Holidays World Tour” will be performed by Chicago *a cappella* on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, call 773.755.1628 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

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.

An Advent wreath workshop for families will be held next Sunday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

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 \$2,542,045 in gift intents, from 654 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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Clerks, truck-unloaders, and clean-up crew for the Fair Trade Bazaar, December 5–7

Cookie providers and cocoa servers for the reception following the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music on Sunday, December 14

Tutors for the Tutoring Program

Audio operator to record occasional services in the sanctuary during the week; training provided

Current Donation Needs

A lockable file cabinet with two drawers

Computers in good condition (2007 or newer) for a Cabrini-Green school

Infants’ and children’s gently-used winter 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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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.

Audio CDs of the Dana Ferguson funeral service are available during Coffee Hour.

Some of the stained glass windows on the south aisle, which date back to 1914, have been temporarily removed for restoration as part of the Project Light capital campaign.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 23–29, 2008

Sunday, November 23

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin 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.	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
12:30 p.m.	Advent Book Study		Manse
3:30 p.m.	Gospelfest		<i>(see announcement)</i>
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	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 24

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Stone Chapel)

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting group		Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Worship Service		Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 26

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

Thursday, November 27

	Thanksgiving Day		
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship		Sanctuary
		John W. Vest preaching	

Friday, November 28

	Church Office Closed		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Tower Brass		Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, November 30

Sarah A. Johnson 8:00 a.m.
 Calum MacLeod 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Jocelyn C. Cadwallader 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.