

November 22–28, 2009

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News and Opportunities

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

An eight-week yoga class, hosted by the Young Adults, will be held Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest starting December 1. For information or to register, email yoga@fourthchurch.org.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will host a Christmas dinner party on Sunday, December 6. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, November 30.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, is holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To register, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

THANKSGIVING

Today the annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (Orleans and Oak). All are invited to a dinner following the service.

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available today 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 26.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held at Chicago Sinai Temple (15 W. Delaware) on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 26. Ali Trowbridge will be preaching.

A Thanksgiving labyrinth walk will be available Saturday, November 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. (This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.)

NEWS AND RESOURCES

How this congregation can best minister to one another and surrounding communities will be the topic of a meeting this morning at 9:30 a.m. for gays and lesbians and those interested in learning about, advocating for, or supporting Fourth Church's aspiration to be an inclusive community of faith, welcoming to all.

Thank you to all who have returned giving response cards for the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, "Called to Be a Church Alive." To date, we have received \$2.7 million in gift intents, from 732 households, toward our \$5.6 million goal. Those who have not yet completed a card can find one in the pew and literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html. For details, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

Project Second Century: Called to Love and Serve (P2C) is Fourth Church's initiative to expand its programs, service, and presence in the city as well as the facilities and financial strength to enable such growth. Recent milestones include the completion of preliminary plans for a new building; distribution of a request for proposal; conversations related to the city approval process; and the first stages of plans for a capital fund-raising campaign. For more details about P2C, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street will be closed until Thanksgiving while Peoples Gas makes repairs.

Extra hand sanitizer is available throughout the church during this flu season.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Donations for the canned food drive for Central City Housing Ventures (CCHV), sponsored by the Mission Committee, are being collected during Coffee Hour at the Mission table. Next Sunday, November 29 is the final collection day.

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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A letter urging lawmakers to end child hunger in the U.S. by 2015 will be available to sign today during Coffee Hour at the Mission table.

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.

Mission trip applications for the February 6-14 trip to Mexico are due Tuesday, December 1. Information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to assist with the Book Nook during Coffee Hour

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at Cabrini-Green schools; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., several afternoons a week

Sunday School teachers for 11:00 a.m. classes; alternate Sundays

Current Donation Needs

Nonperishable food, especially peanut butter, cold cereal, canned fruit, canned salmon, and dried beans, for the CCHV canned food drive

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

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 or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A four-week Advent book study of G.K. Chesterton’s *Advent and Christmas Wisdom*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, will begin next Sunday, November 29 at 12:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Copies of the book will be available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit impoverished families around the world.

Chicago a cappella will perform their annual holiday concert at Fourth Church on Friday, December 11 at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, call 773.755.1628 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 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 help set up the hall, bake cookies, and serve cocoa; contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 for more details.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet 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) in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow’s Nest.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Prints featuring the 2004 sanctuary installation of stars and doves are available in Coffee Hour.

The Chicago Ensemble will be in Blair Chapel this Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 773.889.4206 or visiting www.thechicagoensemble.org.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:
Women, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

“An Update on Strokes,” a session led by gerontological nurse practitioner JoAnn Gruca, will be held Tuesday, November 24 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch for a time of fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes.

An afternoon worship service including Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After each 4:00 service, all are invited to share in a community meal in Anderson Hall.

Morning Prayer will be held Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

A World AIDS Day service remembering those who have died and those who are suffering from AIDS will be held Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel as part of Morning Prayer.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 22–28, 2009

Sunday, November 22

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joann H. Lee preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study/"The Book of Ruth"	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
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.	Senior High Choir	Blair Chapel
12:15 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.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
3:00 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Gospelfest St. Matthew United Methodist Church	
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship Jocelyn C. Cadwallader preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 23

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, November 24

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	"An Update on Strokes"	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship	Chicago Sinai Temple
	John W. Vest preaching	
7:30 p.m.	The Chicago Ensemble in Concert	Blair Chapel

Wednesday, November 25

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

Thursday, November 26

	Thanksgiving Day	
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship	Sanctuary
	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, November 27

	Church Office Closed	
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary

Saturday, November 28

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
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Preaching on Sunday, November 29

Sarah A. Johnson preaching	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$7.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.