

November 21–27, 2010

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**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available today during Coffee Hour and during the week, at the reception desk. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.

This afternoon the annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest will be held at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street); the service is sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant. A community meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church (not Holy Name Cathedral, as was publicized elsewhere); 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 this Thursday, November 25. Sarah Johnson will be preaching.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:20 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, is holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To preregister (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes sorters on Mondays and Fridays
Social Service Center helpers on the first Friday of each month to assist with clothes distribution

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 or a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Holiday wreath orders from the youth fundraiser are available for pickup this Sunday during Coffee Hour.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

A book conversation with Chicago Sinai Congregation members will be held Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. The topic of discussion, led by Rabbi Levinsky and Joyce Shin, will be Philip Roth's *Nemesis*.

A luncheon discussion for men age sixty and more will be held Wednesday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m.; the topic of conversation will be Islam. For details or to register, call the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3386.

"This I Believe," an evening with Bob Edwards, public radio host, will be held Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. John Buchanan will be among those reading an essay. Tickets are available at www.wbez.org (enter FPC for discount).

Books by Women will gather Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss Jacqueline Winspear's *Maisie Dobbs*; copies of the book are available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour.

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest next June. For details, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter to President Obama regarding funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program will be available to sign today during Coffee Hour at the Mission table.

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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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 through November.

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 donated to local agencies and shelters.

Applications for the 2011 Cuba and Colombia mission trips are due this December; trip information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"Peaceable Kingdom," an exhibition of works by Chicago artist David Csicsko, is on display in the Loggia.

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

Chanticleer will perform their annual Christmas concerts at Fourth Church on Monday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso.org; 312.294.3000).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse Basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs in the Crow's Nest.

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

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held on Sunday, November 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Mothers with children up to age 12 are invited to join a Fourth Church Moms' Group. For details or to join a group, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

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, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

A weekly jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer will be held Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel. On Wednesday, December 1, those who have died from or are living with AIDS will be remembered in Morning Prayer.

The monthly Taizé service will not be held in November. The next meditative service in the style of Taizé will be held on New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A contemplative Advent retreat, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held December 3–4 at the Cenacle. Registration is due today. Details are available in the literature racks or by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Daily Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available by email beginning Sunday, November 28 (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org). Printed devotion booklets are also available in the literature racks.

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).

“Operation Christmas Gift Bag” provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available during Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by Monday, December 6.

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

An Advent book study of *Watch for the Light* begins next Sunday, November 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room and will be hosted by the Young Adults and ThirtiesForties fellowship groups.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit impoverished families around the world.

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 in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 10 for names to appear in the bulletin.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 21–27, 2010

Sunday, November 21

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Anderson Hall North Balcony
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.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	<i>(see announcement)</i>
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Blair Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:20 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
3:30 p.m.	Gospelfest	<i>(see announcement)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 22

8:30 a.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Wednesday)	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Wednesday)	Dining Room

Tuesday, November 23

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

Wednesday, November 24

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
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Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day		
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship Sarah A. Johnson preaching	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, November 26

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

Preaching on Sunday, November 28

Matthew J. Helms preaching	8:00 a.m.
Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.