

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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October 30–November 5, 2011

News and Opportunities

ANNUAL APPEAL

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights. All are invited to attend today's special Coffee Hour celebrating all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God's blessings in our lives. We are grateful to the 405 households who have already pledged \$1.5 million for the 2012 Annual Appeal. Those who have not yet completed a 2012 giving response card are invited to do so this morning. Giving response cards are available in the pew racks, online, and in Coffee Hour. For information, stop by Coffee Hour or contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 (kjohanson@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The 2011 Ferguson Fellows will be introduced today during Coffee Hour following 11:00 a.m. worship. The fellowships encourage successful completion of ninth grade and are made possible by a fund established in honor of the life and memory of former Executive Associate Pastor Dana Ferguson.

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 letter urging Governor Quinn to veto gambling expansion in Illinois is available for signing at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission Table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

A memorial event in remembrance of the children killed by violence in Chicago will take place on Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple (77 W. Washington St.).

A viewing and discussion of *Very Young Girls*, a documentary about child sex trafficking, will take place on Friday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For information, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

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. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Next Sunday is All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2011 will be read during morning worship. Brahms' *Requiem* will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A **jazz service** is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A **service in the style of Taizé** is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. The next service will be Friday, January 27.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Tickets for the Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24 at 12:30 p.m. are available today during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6. Be sure to set clocks back an hour.

Save the date! Carnaval 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

Chestnut Street remains unavailable for drop-offs while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work. The number of lanes in use on Michigan Avenue also continues to be limited.

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Fourth Church

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Church members to usher at the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and during the week

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place today at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). "Christianity without Heaven or Hell," led by John Vest, and "Expected Grace: Can Jesus' Interactions with Women Help You Get Over Your Fear of the Bible?" led by Judy Watt, meet at 9:30 a.m. "Understanding Arab Spring," led by Azam Nizamuddin, and "At the Name of Jesus," led by Tom Rook, meet at 11:00 a.m.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class next meets on Monday, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

New Testament scholar N. T. Wright will speak about his two newest books published this month, *Simply Jesus* and *The Kingdom New Testament*, at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. To register for this free event, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Second-Floor Conference Room.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), will meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

A Great Expectations Baby Shower for new or expecting parents is today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Smorgasbord of Schools will be held next Sunday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Dining Room. Families are invited to come learn about elementary schools in Chicago.

This year's children's musical, 100% Chance of Rain, will take place on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Cornerstones will gather for "New Research on Aging," presented by Margaret Hellie Huyck, President of the Older Women's League National Board of Directors, this Friday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. To register, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth for Bridge, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet on Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 12:00 noon on Friday, November 4.

Fourth Dimension will gather for a presentation of *Anne Boleyn* by Fourth Acts on Friday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the 737 building.

Men's Group will gather for a discussion led by Bob Muzikowski, Founding Director of the Chicago Hope Academy, on Saturday, November 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Register by calling 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, November 9.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Pianist Svetlana Popova will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert.

An artist reception for Timothy Botts's "Bound for Glory," currently on display in the Loggia, will take place next Sunday, November 6 during Coffee Hour following 11:00 a.m. worship.

An outing to see *The Christmas Schooner* at the Mercury Theater, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Monday, November 7.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 30–NOVEMBER 5, 2011

Sunday, October 30

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| 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon | Nursery | Page Smith Room/Conference Room |
| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Joyce Shin preaching |
| 9:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | Sanctuary |
| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship | John Buchanan preaching |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School | Anderson Hall |
| 9:30 a.m. | Academy for Faith and Life Classes | Dining Room |
| 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour | The Clare |
| 10:30 a.m. | Intercessory Prayer | Anderson Hall |
| 10:30 a.m. | Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs | Stone Chapel |
| 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | John Buchanan preaching |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School | 737 Building |
| 11:00 a.m. | Academy for Faith and Life Classes | Sanctuary |
| 12:15 p.m. | Ferguson Fellows Introduction | Dining Room |
| 12:15 p.m. | Coffee Hour | The Clare |
| 12:15 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer | Anderson Hall |
| 12:15 p.m. | Church Tour | Anderson Hall |
| 12:30 p.m. | Great Expectations Baby Shower | Stone Chapel |
| 12:30 p.m. | Young Adults Gathering | Sanctuary |
| 4:00 p.m. | Afternoon Worship | Adam H. Fronczek preaching |
| 4:00 p.m. | Sunday Night Supper | Randolph Room |
| 5:00 p.m. | Bible Study and Sermon Discussion | 737 Building |
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Monday, October 31

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| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i> | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 p.m. | Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i> | Anderson Hall |

Tuesday, November 1

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men’s Bible Study | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Sanctuary |

Wednesday, November 2

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| 9:30 a.m. | Benevolent Guild | Knox Room – 737 Building |
| 10:15 a.m. | Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i> | 737 Building |

Thursday, November 3

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| 11:30 a.m. | Caring Luncheon Celebration | Dining Room |
| 5:00 p.m. | T’ai Chi Class | 737 Building |

Friday, November 4

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| 10:30 a.m. | CLL Bible Study | Superior Room – 737 Building |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Svetlana Popova | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 p.m. | Cornerstones | 737 Building |

Saturday, November 5

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| 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Young Child Playgroup | Page Smith Room |
| 7:30 p.m. | Fourth for Bridge | <i>(see announcement)</i> |

Services Next Sunday, November 6

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| Hardy H. Kim preaching | 8:00 a.m. |
| John Buchanan preaching | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. |
| John W. Vest preaching | 4:00 p.m. |
| All Saints’ Service | 6:30 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.