



December 26, 2004–January 1, 2005

News and Opportunities

STEWARDSHIP

Year-End Gifts of Stock: Many people choose to make year-end gifts of stock to Fourth Church but have questions about how to do so. Information is available in the December issue of *Fourth Press* (in the literature racks and on the church website) and from Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.787.1271 (pquinn@fourthchurch.org). Please note that this year Fourth Church changed the financial institution that receives gifts of securities on behalf of the church. Previous stock contributors have received new stock transfer instructions in the mail. These instructions, for both individuals and their brokers, as well as more information about making a gift of securities to Fourth Presbyterian Church are also available from Patrick Quinn.

Thank you to all who have so faithfully contributed to the 2005 Stewardship Campaign and Project Light. Fourth Church appreciates your generosity. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information, please call Patrick Quinn, Director of Giving Ministries, at the church at 312.787.1271.

WORSHIP

Worship on New Year's Eve will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School does not meet this morning or next Sunday, January 2. Classes resume Sunday, January 9 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Cherub and Children's Choirs do not have rehearsal this morning

Infant and child care is available in Room W14 during morning worship. Feel free to keep your infant or small child with you in worship. If your infant or small child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) does not meet this morning.

The Junior High Academy Class does not meet this morning.

Junior and Senior Highs do not meet today.

FELLOWSHIP

Faith Builder Small Groups provide an opportunity for groups of 8 to 12 adults to meet regularly to support one another in living out their Christian faith. To learn about new groups forming now, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes do not meet today.

The registration deadline for "Pilgrimage in Faithfulness," a new Academy for Faith and Life class, is Sunday, January 9. This class will meet on Thursdays, beginning January 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).

"Waiting in Winter," a retreat for women of Fourth Church, will be held from 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 21 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 22. Cindy Crosby will lead this reflective time at the Cenacle Retreat Center (513 W. Fullerton). An informational brochure with registration form is available in the literature racks. For details, contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

The registration deadline for the July 2005 tour to Greece, which will focus on the journeys of Paul, is Sunday, January 30. Information is available by contacting Carol Allen at 312.640.5398 or Donna Gray at 312.640.2577.

A journal-writing workshop, "We Are the Stories We Tell," will be sponsored by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center on Saturday, February 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fourth Church. An informational brochure with registration form is available in the literature racks. For details, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A Blood Donor Drive sponsored by the Center for Whole Health will be held at Fourth Church Wednesday, January 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

Keeping membership records up to date is an ongoing process at Fourth Church. Please notify the church office of address, telephone number, name, and e-mail address changes by calling Alfred Kemp at the church at 312.981.3599 or by e-mailing databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

Printed copies of recent Sunday morning sermons are available in the literature racks in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. Sermons are also available in audio and print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Church website www.fourthchurch.org makes available streaming audio of the previous Sunday morning's worship service, including the sermon; the text of worship bulletins, "News and Opportunities," and the newsletter *Fourth Press*; programming information; and more.

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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

There will be no Noonday Concert this Friday, December 31, as it is New Year's Eve.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Current Donation Needs

Sturdy, collapsible, one-child stroller

Dental hygiene items, deodorant,

shampoo, and soap for children

Children's gloves, caps, scarves, coats

Deodorant and dental hygiene items

for Social Service Center guests

Current computer and printer ,

compatible with CPS hard drive,

for three boys whose family lost all their possessions in a fire

Men's clothes and coats in large sizes

Donations toward 125 hot meals to be

served at the Fourth Church—
sponsored Monday night supper

Current Volunteer Needs

Helpers for Kids Cafe from 4:30 to

6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

Tutors for children in the Fourth Church

Tutoring Program, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.,

one evening a week

Computer-savvy person to make digital

recordings of Academy classes,

9:00 to 10:50 a.m. on Sundays,

beginning February 6; training

provided

Children's choir shepherds to assist

director, Sundays, 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Grocery shoppers for the Sunday and

Monday Night Suppers

For more information and a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

For reduced rates on Holiday Cards

designed by Tutoring students, stop by

the Chicago Lights table during Coffee

Hour or the reception desk through next

Sunday, January 2. Cards also can be

ordered at www.fourthchurch.org. All

proceeds benefit Partners in Education

Tutoring, a program of Chicago Lights.

There is still opportunity to give

Life-Changing Gifts in the names of

friends and family and make a difference

in the lives of those facing challenges in

daily life. These gifts, made through

Fourth Church and its programs, can

provide food, a scholarship, and much

more for those in need. Brochures

containing information and gift request

forms are available in the literature

racks and on the website. For more

information, call Tracey Silverman in the

Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816.

In celebration of Carnival Americana,

the 2005 Mission Benefit Committee

is looking for representatives of each of

the fifty states—those who were born,

raised, or lived in another state.

Volunteer to represent your state

by contacting Tracey Silverman in the

Chicago Lights office at 312.274.3816

(tsilverman@fourthchurch.org) by this

Friday, December 31.

Applications for the 2005 mission

trips to Cuba (April 16–23) and

Guatemala (April 25–May 2) are

due in January. Details about these

and other Fourth Church-sponsored

mission trips are available in brochures

in the church literature racks and

at www.fourthchurch.org.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 26, 2004–JANUARY 1, 2005

Sunday, December 26		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Keith C. Harris preaching
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Sanctuary
		Anderson Hall
Monday, December 27		
	Church Office Closed	
	Center for Older Adults: Closed December 27–31	
Tuesday, December 28		
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
Thursday, December 30		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, December 31		
7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Worship	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, January 2

Dana Ferguson 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.