

November 12–18, 2006

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today is National Organ Donor Sabbath.

A forum to provide current information about becoming an organ/tissue donor and about the new donor law will be offered twice, at 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., in the Activity Center.

For the hard of hearing, Fourth Church now offers a loop system during worship. Those who have a “T” (telecoil) setting on their hearing aids can hear the service directly through their hearing aids by switching the setting to “T.” Others desiring hearing assistance may pick up individual listening devices in the back of the sanctuary. For more information, pick up a copy of the Project Light update from the literature racks.

Questions about Project Light can be directed to the Project Light Leadership Team by leaving questions in the Project Light box during Coffee Hour or by e-mailing ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities:

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

Morning, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Women’s, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Older Adults, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

The monthly Women’s Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Today’s adult education opportunities,

offered by the Academy for Faith and Life, are “**Dietrich Bonhoeffer and *The Cost of Discipleship***,” taught by Paul Bischoff (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 9:30 a.m. and “**Portraits of Christ**,” taught by Tom Rook (Anderson Hall N. Balcony B), and “**Ecology as Theology**,” taught by Milt Clark (Anderson Hall N. Balcony A), at 11:00 a.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts, a group that presents staged readings in support of programs at Fourth Church, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to begin work on a new script about Fourth Church in 1880s.

The Women’s Chorus of Roosevelt

University will be in concert on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps prior to the Michigan Avenue lighting festival on Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.

“**A Chanticleer Christmas**” concerts will be Wednesday and Thursday, November 29 and 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by contacting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 312.294.3000 (www.cso.org).

Passionate Focus 2006, a juried exhibition of works by artists with vision loss, is on display through November 15.

THANKSGIVING

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 23.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Adam Fronczek will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 23.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about legislation that addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty is available at the Advocacy table, along with letters to Congress.

Yesterday, an Oscar-nominated film about AIDS in South Africa, will be shown next Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The 2007 mission trips to Cuba (April 19–26) and the Holy Land (June 14–26) have January application deadlines. Information about these trips is available in the literature racks.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee, collects holiday gifts for more than 700 children in need. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by calling 312.640.5495.

Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students are available during Coffee Hour at the Chicago Lights table and, during the week, at the reception desk. They can also be ordered at www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

“Operation Christmas Gift Bag” provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Pick up instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, from the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$1.7 million in commitments from 655 households. Our goal is to exceed \$3 million in pledged gifts for 2007. If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate this morning or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2007 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

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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WORSHIP

A **Vespers Communion service** is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or the box at the Volunteer table. They also can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

There will be no Taizé service in November. The next service will be held on Friday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

Printed copies of the Daily Devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday school meets today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

The Rising (Confirmation) meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Elevation (grades 6–8) Sunday School meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse followed by fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Mentors are needed for Fourth Church Rising (Confirmation). If you are a current or former Elder or Deacon at Fourth Church and are interested in being a mentor, call John Vest at the church at 312.981.4037.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children in a Fourth Church program on Wednesday or Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Assistants for Kids' Cafe, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

Servers for congregational Thanksgiving dinner, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on November 23

Current Donation Needs

Men's winter clothing, sizes L and XL

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

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Amarit (1 E. Delaware).

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals in their twenties and thirties, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Adam Fronczek will be speaking.

The Community Book Group will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Adam Fronczek will lead the discussion on *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell. For more information call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3368.

Fourth Hoops, a program offering basketball and a time for fellowship, meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northwestern University Athletic Club gym (850 N. Lakeshore Drive). All are invited.

ThirtiesForties will meet on Sunday, November 19 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an Open House.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 12–18, 2006

Sunday, November 12

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Elevation Sunday School	Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
10:45 a.m.	Organ Donor Forum	Activity Center
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall Balconies
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.	Organ Donor Forum	Activity Center
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Acts	Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum	<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 13

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
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Tuesday, November 14

7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Page Smith Room
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Wednesday, November 15

9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Dining Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Concert: Women's Chorus of Roosevelt University	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 16

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Hoops	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Friday, November 17

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Kimberly Beasley, soprano	Sanctuary

Saturday, November 18

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Caroling on the Church Steps	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, November 19

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Keith C. Harris	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. 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 must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.