

December 10–16, 2006

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Tonight is the annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a holiday reception, hosted by Women@Fourth Connect, of cookies and hot cocoa.

A midweek Advent service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each Wednesday of Advent. **The Christmas worship schedule** is printed on page 7 of the worship bulletin.

The Christmas cantata *Gloria* by Dan Locklair will be sung by the Morning Choir during 9:30 and 11:00 worship next Sunday, December 17.

WBBM-TV (CBS) will rebroadcast the 2005 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service at 10:35 p.m. this Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day.

Christmas Day dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

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.

“Light Up a Life” this holiday season! Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and its many programs while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available in the brochures in the church literature racks and on the church website. For more information, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

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 available in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by this Friday, December 15 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.

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 Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

Daily Advent devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available in printed booklets found in the church literature racks and by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Orders are being taken for the first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook during Coffee Hour today, following 9:30 and 11:00 worship, and next Sunday, December 17. The cookbook features recipes, artwork, and stories by members of the Fourth Church garden community. For more information or to order a copy, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org). Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

“Thriving During Another Chicago Winter,” a seminar offered by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room.

Commemorative crosses that were preordered can be picked up at the reception desk. No new orders are being taken, but anyone interested in joining the waitlist can contact Christina Wollerman at the church at 312.573.3364 (cwollerman@fourthchurch.org).

Regular updates on Project Light are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Submit questions by leaving them in the Project Light box during Coffee Hour or by e-mailing ProjectLight@fourthchurch.org.

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 e-mailing databasechanges@fourthchurch.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Information about the exploitation of farmworkers in the fields of McDonald’s tomato suppliers is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Spots are still available for the Fourth Church mission trip to New Orleans (December 27–January 3). Application forms are available in the literature racks.

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.

ENRICHMENT

Adult education opportunities offered by the Academy for Faith and Life today are **“Scottish Christmas Traditions,”** taught by Calum I. MacLeod (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 9:30 a.m. and **“Flannery O’Connor, Advent, and the Eschaton,”** taught by Catherine Knott (Anderson Hall S. Balcony), at 11:00 a.m.

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

Fourth Church hosts the annual Jane Addams Policy Lecture for Hull House today at 2:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Louise Knight will be speaking.

Women’s Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, December 22 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Lisa Cochrane at 312.640.5495.

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

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.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is Friday, December 22.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.6 million in commitments from 1,040 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 or mail it to the church. For more information about the 2007 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Servers for a congregational Christmas Dinner on December 25
“Sleevers” to prepare candles for Christmas Eve

Current Donation Needs

Winter clothes for a family in need; lists available at the Volunteer Table

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Meet Sally Christiansen, whose exhibit *The Face of AIDS and Poverty in Africa* is on display in the Loggia, today from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Loggia.

Fourth Acts presents *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas today at 12:45 p.m. in the Manse. All are invited.

The Timothy Christian Choir will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The “Christmas with Tower Brass” concert will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Fourth Church 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.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Fourth Couples will meet next Sunday, December 17 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse for an open house.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 10–16, 2006

Sunday, December 10

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 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	Manse
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life	Anderson Hall S. Balcony
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
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 S. Balcony
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:00 p.m.	Elevation Fellowship	Crow's Nest
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:45 p.m.	Fourth Acts presents "A Child's Christmas in Wales"	Manse
1:00 p.m.	Artist's Reception	Loggia
2:00 p.m.	Jane Addams Policy Lecture for Hull House	Blair Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Music	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Cookies-and-Hot-Cocoa Reception	Anderson Hall

Monday, December 11

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
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Wednesday, December 13

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship	Blair Chapel

Thursday, December 14

6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Fourth Hoops	Northwestern University Athletic Club

Friday, December 15

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: The Timothy Christian Choir	Sanctuary
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Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m.	Concert: "Christmas with Tower Brass"	Sanctuary
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Preaching on Sunday, December 17

John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.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.