



December 31, 2006–January 6, 2007

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Please note that tonight, there will not be a 6:30 p.m. Vespers Communion service. The regular worship schedule, including Vespers, will resume next Sunday, January 7.

A New Year's Eve worship service, with Chicago Sinai Congregation and Holy Name Cathedral, will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

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.

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, January 26.

Printed copies of the Daily Devotions are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today at 12:00 noon, Channel 7 will broadcast an interview with John Buchanan. This thirty-minute segment will explore the mission and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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 literature racks and on the website and from Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org). Information about a new charitable-giving law for those over 70-1/2 is also available.

Orders are being taken for the first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook. The cookbook features recipes, artwork, and stories by members of the Fourth Church garden community. For more information or to order a copy, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Avenue Community Garden.

A Blood Donor Drive sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, a program of Chicago Lights, will be held at Fourth Church on Sunday, January 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 1.800.448.3543 or visiting www.givelife.org. For more information, call Terrill Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

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.

For those looking to learn more about Fourth Church or considering membership, an Inquirers' Class will be held Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For information about future times for this one-session class, see page 2 of the worship bulletin.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Those interested in volunteering as a tutor in the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are invited to attend an orientation session on Thursday, January 11 or Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. For more information, call Alex Ciesla in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3565.

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

Current Donation Needs
Late-model desk or laptop computers
Winter clothes for a family in need; lists are available at the Volunteer table
Men's winter clothing, sizes L and XL
Winter clothing for babies and children
Cell phones and empty toner and ink cartridges to benefit a nonprofit agency serving homeless and formerly homeless women

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.

FELLOWSHIP

"Books by Women" will discuss *Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City* by Anna Quindlen this Tuesday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a discussion on the topic "Inside the Juvenile Justice System." RSVP by January 5 by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Dimension will meet on Friday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Terry Kozlowski will be speaking about "How to Use the Movies to Plot the Next Stage of Your Life." RSVP by calling the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 494.

The Fourth Church Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, January 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship, will be speaking. RSVP by 12:00 noon on January 12 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

Fourth Couples will meet on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse to discuss the group and establish a group mission statement. RSVP by January 12 by calling the Fourth Couples Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 458.

Fourth Hoops is a program offering basketball and a time for fellowship. To receive e-mail updates, including meeting locations, contact Hardy Kim at 312.274.3834 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

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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ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities:

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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

Four new Academy classes begin next Sunday, January 7: “**The Book of Amos,**” taught by John Vest, at 8:00 a.m., “**The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong,**” taught by Adam Fronczek, and “**There Goes the Neighborhood,**” a discussion of the book by that title, at 9:30 a.m., and “**Spiritual Formation from a Presbyterian Perspective,**” taught by Elizabeth Andrews, at 11:00 a.m.

***The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama** will be the topic of the Community Book Group gathering on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Keith C. Harris will lead the discussion.

“**The Art of Strategic Networking,**” a workshop hosted by the Career Transitions Center of Chicago and the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will be held at the church on Friday evening, January 26. For details, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

“**Images of Inspiration,**” a retreat led by Diane Stephens for women of Fourth Church, will be held February 2 and 3. For details, call Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday school does not meet today but will resume on January 7.

All youth activities will resume on Sunday, January 7.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The 2007 mission trip to Cuba has been rescheduled for June 7–14. The application deadline for this trip is February 15. Applications for the June 14–26 trip to the Holy Land are due January 15. Information about these trips is available in the literature racks.

January 30 is the deadline for the 2007 mission trip to New Orleans (March 18–24). For more information and an application form, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

Gifts can still be made to “Light Up a Life,” the year-end giving campaign that will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Details are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour, in the brochures in the literature racks, and on the church website. For more information, call Judi DeJager at the church at 312.274.3833.

Holiday Cards designed by Tutoring students are still available and can be ordered at www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2007 Stewardship Campaign. We have received \$2.81 million in commitments from 1,111 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, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 31, 2006–JANUARY 6, 2007

Sunday, December 31		<i>New Year's Eve</i>		
8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery			Westminister 14
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching		Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour			Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching		Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour			Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer			Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour			Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Service			Sanctuary
Monday, January 1		<i>New Year's Day—Church Office Closed</i>		
Tuesday, January 2				
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)			Blair Chapel
6:00 p.m.	“Books by Women”			Large Conference Room
Wednesday, January 3				
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild			Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study			Large Conference Room
Thursday, January 4				
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal			Sanctuary
Friday, January 5				
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study			Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jei Mitchell, soprano Marta Johnson, piano			Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, January 7

Calum I. MacLeod 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek 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.