

October 25–31, 2009

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**FOURTH  
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# News and Opportunities

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## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Today is Commitment Sunday**, the day when members and friends are encouraged to turn in their response cards for the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights—“Called to be a Church Alive.” 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. Those who have not yet completed a 2010 giving response card are invited to do so this morning. Giving response cards are available in the pew and literature racks and can be completed online today at computer stations located in the Loggia and Anderson Hall. For details, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html).

**We are deeply grateful to all** who participated in “Meeting the Challenge” and the 2009 Annual Appeal for Chicago Lights and Fourth Church. To date, we have received \$4,793,979, from 1,531 households, toward our \$5.1 million goal, including \$411,500 in response to the challenge effort. Thank you!

**Extra hand sanitizer is available** throughout the church during this flu season.

**Daylight Saving Time** ends next Sunday. Be sure to set your clocks back for Sunday morning, November 1.

**The Fourth Church community will mark the one-year anniversary of Dana Ferguson’s death** when it celebrates All Saints’ Sunday on November 1. During morning worship that day, the first Ferguson Fellows will be announced, and they will be honored during a special Coffee Hour following the 11:00 service. In addition, on Thursday evening, November 19, there will be an event celebrating the life and ministry of Dana, at which time there will be further opportunity to meet and congratulate the Fellows. Proceeds from that event will support the Ferguson Fellows program. For more details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 ([lradetski@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lradetski@fourthchurch.org)).

**Fourth Presbyterian Church**, a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is committed to being a fully inclusive community. To learn more about Covenant Network, visit [www.covenantnetwork.org](http://www.covenantnetwork.org).

**A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street** will be closed until the end of the month while gas line repairs are made.

**Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources** for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For more information, contact Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Ali Trowbridge at 312.573.3360 ([atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org](mailto:atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org)).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The Newberry Consort** will be in concert at Fourth Church on Friday, October 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available by calling 312.255.3610 or visiting [www.newberry.org](http://www.newberry.org).

**Chanticleer will perform their annual Christmas concerts** at Fourth Church on Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary (please note the earlier start time). Tickets, which sell out quickly, are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org); 312.294.3000).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**The purple bows on the Michigan Avenue trees** represent the thousands of individuals who are victims of domestic violence each year. A letter to the White House concerning a program that allows survivors of domestic violence to change their social security numbers will be available to sign in Coffee Hour.

**The Sewing and Knitting Group** will meet for a time of fellowship, to drop off items they have completed, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects this Tuesday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

**An All-Gardener Cleanup Day** will take place at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden this Saturday, October 31, the last open day of the season. For details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

**Kim Bobo, Executive Director of Arise Chicago**, will give a presentation on the issues and work of this social justice advocacy agency following 11:00 worship on Sunday, November 1.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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## 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. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

**An afternoon worship service including Communion** is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After each 4:00 service, all are invited to share in a community meal in Anderson Hall.

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. The one-year anniversary of Dana Ferguson's death, October 27, will be remembered during Morning Prayer Tuesday. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel.

**An All Saints' labyrinth walk** will be held Saturday, October 31 in Anderson Hall. The walk, which takes approximately twenty minutes, will be available between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a photo of a loved one who has died and walk in that person's memory.

**All Saints' Day** is Sunday, November 1, 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 2009 will be read during morning worship. At the 4:00 service, the Morning Choir will sing *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen.

## ENRICHMENT

### **Weekly Bible Study opportunities:**

*Women*, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

*Life and Learning*, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**Today's adult education opportunities**, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life, are "The Bible and Our Culture" in Anderson Hall S. Balcony and "The Five Love Languages" in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A at 9:30 a.m. and "A Family Rooted in Vibrant Faith" in Anderson Hall N. Balcony B and "All Kinds of Prayer for All Kinds of People" in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A at 11:00 a.m.

**A grief support group**, led by John Boyle and staff from the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Center, beginning October 26. For details or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

**Preventing and detecting breast cancer** will be the topic of a wellness discussion led by JoAnn Gruca on Tuesday, October 27 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room; participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch for a time of fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

**The Community Book Group** will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Watchmen* by Alan Moore. John Vest will lead discussion.

**"Religion and Violence"** will be the topic of lectures by Rita Nakashima Brock and Thomas R. Mockaitis on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as part of McCormick Theological Seminary's annual McCormick Days.

**Books by Women** will meet Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert*, *Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell.

**"Fall into Fitness and Healthy Nutrition,"** a Triumph over Cancer session for those living with cancer and their families, will be held Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

**Cuba Mission Trip participants** will speak at the next Cornerstones gathering on Friday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, call 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Monday, November 2.

**Cheryle Jackson, former president of the Urban League of Chicago**, will speak at the next Men's Group breakfast on Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 before noon on Friday, November 13.

**Krista Tippett of "Speaking of Faith" will be interviewed by Eboo Patel** at a Michigan Avenue Forum on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. For tickets, contact the Academy Office at 312.573.3364.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Tutors** for the Tutoring program, especially Monday and Tuesday nights  
**Reading and math tutors** for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools

*For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.*

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School** classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Fourth Church youth** meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**The Smorgasbord of Schools** will be held Sunday, November 1 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Families are invited to stop by and learn about the various elementary schools in Chicago.

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 25–31, 2009

<b>Sunday, October 25</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Commitment Sunday Celebration	Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	Academy Classes	Anderson Hall Balconies
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Choir	Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Commitment Sunday Celebration	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation	Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs	Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Academy Classes	Anderson Hall Balconies
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	"Becoming a Multicultural Church"	Activity Center
12:00 p.m.	Senior High Choir	Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Commitment Sunday Celebration	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
3:00 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, October 26</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group	Counseling Center
<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:00 p.m.	"Breast Health"	Page Smith Room
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Community Book Group	Randolph Room
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	"Religion and Violence"	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, October 30</b>		
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Newberry Consort in Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, October 31</b>		
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk Available	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	All-Gardener Work Day/Last Open Day of Season	Community Garden

### *Preaching on All Saints' Day, November 1*

Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek preaching	4:00 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 \$7.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.