

# News and Opportunities

#### NEWS AND RESOURCES

McCormick Days, which will be held October 16–18, begins a year of celebrating the 175th anniversary of McCormick Theological Seminary as a seminary of the Presbyterian church. Fourth Church, which has a long and treasured relationship with McCormick, is pleased to host McCormick Days events next Sunday, October 17.

#### Preaching on Sunday morning,

October 17, will be Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Theological Seminary. At Jazz Vespers that evening, the preacher will be Lib Caldwell, a professor at McCormick. On Sunday morning, October 24, Calum MacLeod will be the preacher. (This is a correction to the preachers listed in *Fourth Press.*)

## New pay stations have been installed at the 900 North Michigan garage.

Individuals presenting their parking ticket for validation during Coffee Hour, in the Narthex, or at the reception desk, will receive a validation ticket instead of a stamp. This ticket is to be inserted into the pay station at the time of payment in order to receive the reduced rates.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

The Cherub and Children's and Youth Choirs do not have rehearsal today.

The Junior High Academy Class meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

**Confirmation Class** (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest. After attending 11:00 a.m. worship together, the class will meet in the Dining Room to make sandwhiches for the Social Service Center until 1:00 p.m.

**Junior Highs** (grades 6–8) does not meet today.

**Senior Highs** (grades 9–12) meets today at 1:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Family Night is Friday, October 15. Meet other Fourth Church families at Lill Street Center (4401 N. Ravenswood) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. To reserve a space, contact Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@fourthchurch.org) or sign up in Westminster House.

#### **Collector plates depicting Fourth**

**Church** are not available for pick up this morning, but those who still wish to order plates can do so by contacting Jill Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@fourthchurch.org).

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

**College Connection Groups** meet today in the Page Smith Room for dinner and interactive Bible study: Undergraduate students meet at 4:30 p.m., Graduate students meet at 7:30 p.m.

**The Gathering,** the Young Adults weekly fellowship opportunity, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Venture Fourth, a gathering of single adults, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. "Being Presbyterian in Twenty-First Century Chicago: Is This Possible?" is the topic of the group's one-day retreat that will take place this Saturday, October 16 in Anderson Hall. For information, call Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

**Deepen your faith by joining a Faith Builder Group** this fall. These small groups (8–12 adults) meet regularly to study aspects of living out one's faith in an intimate, supportive environment.

New groups form throughout the year.

For details, call Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369.

#### MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Choir of St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, will be in concert on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

#### ENRICHMENT

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

Adult education opportunities being offered today by the Academy for Faith and Life are "Faith and the Ballot Box" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and "Islamic Mysticism" (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and "Exploring the Apostles' Creed" (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 11:00 a.m. Meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. is "Proverbs of Ashes" (Randolph Room).

"Marriage and the Family Dilemma," a four-week Academy for Faith and Life course, begins today at 11:00 a.m. in the Anderson Hall N. Balcony. Taught by Dr. Jim Poling, this course will explore issues surrounding the proposed "Defense of Marriage Act."

**Key issues related to the upcoming elections** is the topic of a Center for Older Adults class to be held this Tuesday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Anderson Hall S. Balcony.

A book study of Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas by Elaine Pagels continues this Wednesday, October 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Randolph Room. Participants are asked to bring a copy of the book to the study, led by Carol Allen. For information, contact Carol Allerton at the church at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org).

"Navigating Career Transitions" is the topic of a weekly series on practical tools, tips, and motivation for employment held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse. This week's presentation is "Financial Survival during a Career Change." For information, call Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398.

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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The "Intentional Marriage" series begins next Sunday, October 17. This series is intended for couples who have been been married two to five years.

Registration is required. For more information, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

"Looking Forward to Midlife," a women's health seminar and brunch, will take place Saturday, October 23 at 8:30 a.m. The seminar will explore conventional medicine and alternative options for thriving during menopause. Reservations are required by Tuesday, October 19. For information or to register, call the Women's Health Registration Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

"Stories of the Journeys with Paul" will be the theme of a tour to Greece in July 2005. Those who would like to learn more about the tour are invited to an information session on Sunday, October 24 at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse. Additional information is also available by calling Carol Allen at 312.640.5398 or Donna Gray at 312.640.2577.

#### The annual Covenant Network

conference will be held at Fourth Church November 4–6. This year's topic is "Made in the Image of God: Thinking Theologically about Sex." Those interested in registering can do so at www.covenantnetwork.org/04conf.html. Printed information and a registration form can also be requested from the Academy for Faith and Life office by calling Sheila Cotter at 312.573.3366.

#### MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Information about helping end trade restrictions in Cuba** and about travel legislation there is available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

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

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

**Current Donation Needs** 

Area rugs, beanbag chairs, colored storage containers, rocking chairs, gently used board games, flashcards, and new reading books (grades K-8) for Near North Magnet Schools in Cabrini-Green

Infants' and children's clothes, beds, bedding, stuffed animals, toys, strollers, car seats, and high chairs

Current Volunteer Needs
Individuals and couples to host, in their homes, choir members from St. Giles Cathedral, October 19–21

**Fourth Church members who live in or near zip code 60625** to be part of a
Care Team serving an elderly woman

**Fourth Church members to serve as board members** for nonprofit
agencies supported by the church

**Tutors** from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. one evening a week at the church

**Tutors** in Near North Magnet Cluster schools in Cabrini-Green, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in two-hour shifts

**Clerical helper** to assist in the Tutoring office on weekdays

**Helpers for Kids' Cafe** from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

Substitute Sunday School teachers and office assistant

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

### CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 10-16, 2004

Sunday, October 10			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan pread	ching Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan pread	ching Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class		Crow's Nest
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Academy Class		Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life		Parish House
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan pread	· ·
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith a	nd Life	Parish House
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth		Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship		Randolph Room
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
4:30 p.m.	Undergraduate Stud	ent College Connection	Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehea	rsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	Amy Pagliarella preachi	ng Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Graduate Student Co	llege Connection	Page Smith Room
Monday, October 11			
9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monda	v–Friday)	Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, October 12			
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
Wednesday, October 13			
8:00 a.m.	Book Study with Car		Randolph Room
12:10 p.m.			Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	"Navigating Career T	"ransitions"	Manse
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Thursday, October 14			
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehea	ırsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	"Prverbs of Ashes"		Randolph Room
Friday, October 15			
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible S	Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.		mmanuel Cardi, Organ	Sanctuary
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Saturday, October 16			
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
8:30 a.m.	Venture Fourth Retre	eat	Anderson Hall

#### Preaching on Sunday, October 17

Cynthia Campbell 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Caldwell 6:30 p.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. (valid for three hours or less) and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.