



November 13–19, 2005

News and Opportunities

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 following Thanksgiving Day worship.

The annual Thanksgiving Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, in which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held next Sunday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist at 1000 N. Orleans.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 24.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment to the 2006 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your completed pledge card, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. For more information about the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, call Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries, at 312.981.3380.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Letters supporting increased funding for poverty-focused development assistance are available at the Advocacy table during Coffee Hour.

Mission trips to China, Cuba, Cameroon, Guatemala, Honduras, and the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations are planned for 2006. Those interested in participating in or learning more about these trips are invited to an information session today in the Dining Room following 11:00 worship.

Participants in the recent Fourth Church mission trip to Northern Ireland, Mark Schimelpfennig and Brian Murphy, will share their experiences on “Catholic Families Today,” a monthly show on Relevant Radio (AM820), from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. this Wednesday, November 16.

“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.

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 on the church website, www.fourthchurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Partners in Education Tutoring program.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be sponsored by the Mission Committee on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Loggia. Proceeds from the fairly traded handcrafts will help promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world.

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 on Sunday mornings. Individuals can leave prayer requests written on paper in the box outside Stone Chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who will be by the pulpit after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair 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 will be Friday, November 25.

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Children's Corner, a time of storytelling, takes place today after 9:30 worship.

Confirmation Class (grade 8) meets today at 9:30 a.m. in the Crow's Nest.

Junior Highs (grades 6–8) meets for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The group then meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Crow's Nest to celebrate November birthdays.

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Fourth Acts, a group that expresses, experiences, and enjoys God's presence through theater, meet today at 12:15 p.m. in the Anderson South Balcony for a light lunch and fellowship. All are welcome.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps prior to the Michigan Avenue lighting festival on Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Chanticleer will present the concert "A Chanticleer Christmas" on Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will sell quickly and are available through the Chicago Symphony orchestra box office only: 312.294.3000.

Fifteen years of student-created Holiday Card designs are on display in the Gallery, celebrating this Tutoring project.

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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FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Couples meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Manse.

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

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends will meet for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at Mitey Nice Grill in Water Tower Place and for a potluck on Saturday, November 19. For details and to RSVP, call the Fourth Forum Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 367.

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 offered by the Academy for Faith and Life today are “Cabrini-Green Transformation: What’s Next?” (Anderson Hall N. Balcony) and “Introduction to the Bible” (Anderson Hall S. Balcony) at 9:30 a.m. and “An Overview of the Gospel of Mark” at 11:00 a.m. (Anderson Hall S. Balcony).

“**Circle of Hope and Care: Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness**,” a luncheon forum discussion, takes place today at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Biblical scholar Bart Ehrman, author of *Misquoting Jesus*, will present a fascinating look at the ways in which changes were made to the biblical text in the days before the printing press, when copies of the Bible were made by hand. He will speak at the Michigan Avenue Forum this Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

“**Developing the Habit of the Soul: Four Kinds of Prayer**,” a workshop offered by Spiritual Director Suzanne Dunbar, will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

An interfaith AIDS conference will be cohosted by Fourth Church on Friday, December 2. An interfaith remembrance service, with Mary Fisher preaching, will be held on Thursday evening, December 1. For details, contact Sheila Cotter at 312.573.3366.

Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the literature racks and in print formats at www.fourthchurch.org.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fourth Church

Assistants for Kids’ Cafe on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Servers for congregational Thanksgiving Dinner at Fourth Church

Vespers bread cutters on the fourth Sunday of the month

Current Donation Needs

Clothing and household items for survivors of hurricanes; lists of needed supplies are available at the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour

Canned vegetables

Men’s clothing in extra large sizes

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.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 13–19, 2005

Sunday, November 13

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class		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
9:30 a.m.	Junior Highs Sunday School		Large Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Corner		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:45 a.m.	Junior Highs		Chestnut St. Entrance
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod 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.	Mission Trip Information Session		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Sanctuary, by the Pulpit
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Acts		Anderson Hall S. Balcony
12:15 p.m.	Fourth Couples		Manse
12:15 p.m.	"Circle of Hope and Care" Luncheon		Page Smith Room
12:30 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Forum		(see announcement)
1:00 p.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 14

9:00 a.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
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Wednesday, November 16

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum	Anderson Hall

Thursday, November 17

6:00 p.m.	Congregational Stewardship Dinner	Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 18

10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Richard Hoskins, organ	Sanctuary

Saturday, November 19

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

Preaching on Sunday, November 20

John M. Buchanan	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Erica Schemper	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. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.00. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.