



December 24–30, 2006

News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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

A traditional Christmas dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, December 25, in Anderson Hall. Tickets may still be available for this time of fellowship with friends new and old; stop by Coffee Hour today to learn more.

"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 Chicago Lights. Details are available 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.

Daily Advent and Christmas 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).

WORSHIP

Please note that tonight and next Sunday, there will not be a Vespers Communion service. The regular Vespers service will resume on Sunday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Please note that next Sunday morning, there will not be an 8:00 a.m. service. The complete worship schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is printed on page 7 of the worship bulletin. The regular Sunday morning worship schedule will resume on January 7.

Worship on New Year's Eve, with Chicago Sinai Congregation and Holy Name Cathedral, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary next Sunday, December 31.

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children in a Fourth Church program on weekdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Current Donation Needs

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

Men's fall and winter clothing in large and extra-large sizes

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.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The weekly Sunday Night Supper, which serves a hot meal to hungry neighbors, will be served tonight in the Dining Room. Our guests, many of whom are homeless, will gather here the afternoon and early evening of Christmas Eve for a festive and nutritious dinner.

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. 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 1.800.448.5433 or visiting www.givelive.org. The Fourth Church sponsor code is 3352.

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 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.

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

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.

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND, FAMILY

Sunday school does not meet today or next Sunday, December 31 but will resume on January 7.

All youth activities will resume on Sunday, January 7.

ENRICHMENT

Three new Academy classes begin 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, at 9:30 a.m., and “Spiritual Formation in a Presbyterian Perspective,” taught by Elizabeth Andrews, and “There Goes the Neighborhood,” a discussion of the book by that title, 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.

“Strategic Socializing,” 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. Call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425 for details.

“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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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.

FELLOWSHIP

“Books by Women” will discuss *Imagined London: A Tour of the World’s Greatest Fictional City* by Anna Quindlen on 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.

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 will not meet again until 2007. To receive e-mail updates, including future meeting locations, contact Hardy Kim at the church (312.274.3834; hkim@fourthchurch.org).

STEWARSHIP

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 24–30, 2006

Sunday, December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
3:30 to 7:15 p.m.	Nursery	Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Children's Pageant	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Meditation and Children's Message	Westminster 14
	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
8:30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
	John M. Buchanan preaching	
Monday, December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching
12:30 p.m.	Christmas Day Dinner	Sanctuary
		Anderson Hall
Tuesday, December 26		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Tuesday–Friday)	Blair Chapel
Friday, December 29		
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John Gouwens, Organ	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith New Year's Eve Service

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.