

November 30–December 6, 2008

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

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

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

“**World AIDS: Progress and Perils**” will be presented today by Fourth Church members Rae Lewis-Thornton and Francis Ntowe at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details and to RSVP for breakfast, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

Books by Women will meet this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room to discuss *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs.

“**Faithful and Ethical Responses to the Current Financial Crisis**” is the topic of this Wednesday’s Michigan Avenue Forum, which will be presented by William Schweiker, Professor of Theological Ethics at University of Chicago, at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Carl Grapentine of WFMT radio will present a program of music and commentary fitting the season at the next Men’s Group on Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, contact the church office at 312.787.4570.

The **Community Book Group** will not meet during December, but will resume on Tuesday, January, 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters—and How to Talk About It* by Krista Trippett.

The **issues of loss and grief** may become more difficult to deal with during the holiday season. For support, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

An **Advent wreath workshop for families** will be held today at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

Sunday School meets 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. Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) meets in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow’s Nest.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“**Holidays World Tour**” will be performed by Chicago *a cappella* this Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, call 773.755.1628 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

Mezzo Soprano Maia Surace will perform at this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The "Christmas with Tower Brass" concert will take place Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The art exhibition on display in the Loggia highlights the Lesideng Soup Kitchen's mission in South Africa.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Cookie providers and cocoa servers for the reception following the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music on Sunday, December 14

Christmas Wishes elves to distribute lists and to receive, inventory, and wrap gifts

Clerks, truck-unloaders, and clean-up crew for the Fair Trade Bazaar this weekend, December 5-7

Tutors for the Tutoring Program

Audio operator to record occasional services in the sanctuary during the week; training provided

Current Donation Needs

Infants' and children's gently-used winter clothes, strollers, cribs, car seats, and books to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic

Computers in good condition (2007 or newer) for a Cabrini-Green school

For a list of additional needs, visit the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

A World AIDS Day service remembering those who have died and those who are suffering from AIDS will be held tomorrow at 12:10 p.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 boxes located outside the chapel or pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be held on Friday, December 26.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers an opportunity to pray for those in need.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

At the Mission table during Coffee Hour there will be a letter addressed to President George W. Bush, which you are invited to sign, encouraging him to keep the promise of financial support for fighting world AIDS.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room to go as a group to attend the AIDS Lunch Program.

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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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

This is the last Sunday to pick up a list for the “Christmas Wishes” gift project, which collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour, by calling the Infoline at 312.787.2729(ext. 457), or e-mailing christmaswishes@fourthchurch.org. Gifts will be collected on Sundays only through next Sunday, December 7.

A six-week Advent book study of *God with Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. Copies of the book will be available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour. A light lunch will be provided upon request for \$5.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit families around the world that are impoverished.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow. Volunteers are needed to bake cookies and serve cocoa; contact Sergio Soltero at 312.573.3369 for more details.

“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 while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available in the brochures in the literature racks or at www.fourthchurch.org.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available during Coffee Hour, online at www.chicagolights.org, and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Chicago Lights Tutoring program.

“Operation Christmas Gift Bag” provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour today. Filled bags can be returned to the church by Sunday, December 14.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the forms available in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 12 in order for names to appear in the bulletin.

Daily Advent devotions are written by Fourth Church members and staff. Beginning December 1, these devotions will be available in the printed booklets that can be found in the church literature racks, by e-mail (send e-mail addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Audio CDs of the Dana Ferguson funeral service will be available during Coffee Hour, and, in subsequent weeks, the recording will be available upon request.

Some of the stained glass windows on the south aisle, which date back to 1914, have been temporarily removed for restoration as part of the Project Light capital campaign.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 6, 2008

Sunday, November 30

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| 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Nursery | | Westminster 14 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Sarah A. Johnson preaching | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | | Anderson Hall |
| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship | Calum I. MacLeod preaching | Sanctuary |
| 9:30 a.m. | John Knox Bible Study | | Page Smith Room |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School | | Westminster House |
| 9:30 a.m. | Youth Choir | | Dining Room |
| 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour | | Anderson Hall |
| 10:30 a.m. | Advent Wreath Workshop | | Activity Center |
| 10:30 a.m. | Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs | | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Cherub Choir | | Dining Room |
| 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Calum I. MacLeod preaching | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School | | Westminster House |
| 11:00 a.m. | Children's Choir | | Dining Room |
| 12:00 p.m. | Coffee Hour | | Anderson Hall |
| 12:15 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer | | Stone Chapel |
| 12:15 p.m. | Church Tour | | Sanctuary |
| 12:15 p.m. | The Gathering | | Randolph Room |
| 12:30 p.m. | Advent Book Study | | Manse |
| 4:00 p.m. | Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper | | Dining Room |
| 5:30 p.m. | Vespers Choir Rehearsal | | Sanctuary |
| 6:30 p.m. | Vespers | Jocelyn C. Cadwallader preaching | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 p.m. | Coffee Reception | | Anderson Hall |

Monday, December 1

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| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday) | Stone Chapel |
| 12:10 p.m. | World AIDS Day Service | Stone Chapel |
| 6:30 p.m. | Inquirers' Class | Page Smith Room |

Tuesday, December 2

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Bible Study | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Stone Chapel |
| 6:00 p.m. | Books by Women | Large Conference Room |

Wednesday, December 3

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| 9:30 a.m. | Benevolent Guild | Page Smith Room |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Bible Study | Large Conference Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | Midweek Advent Service | Blair Chapel |
| 7:00 p.m. | Michigan Avenue Forum | Anderson Hall |

Thursday, December 4

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| 6:00 p.m. | Chicago <i>a cappella</i> Concert | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
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Friday, December 5

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| 9:30 a.m. | CLL Bible Study | Page Smith Room |
| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Maia Surace | Sanctuary |

Saturday, December 6

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| 9:00 a.m. | Fair Trade Bazaar | Anderson Hall |
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Preaching on Sunday, December 7

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| Victoria A. Curtiss | 8:00 a.m. |
| John M. Buchanan | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. |
| John W. Vest | 6:30 p.m. |

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours 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 for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.