

# News and Opportunities

# **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

Current Volunteer Needs

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools

Recording booth assistants to tape

Sunday morning worship; on rotation

**Current Donation Needs** 

Greeting cards and stamps for guests of the Sunday Community Meal and Monday Night Supper, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

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

#### 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. in Stone Chapel, except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

Violinist Rachel Barton Pine will accompany an interfaith dialogue next Sunday, November 15 during 9:30 and 11:00 worship. Representatives of the Interfaith Youth Core will participate in the dialogue.

Pastoral Resident Joann Lee will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament next Sunday, November 15 during the 4:00 service. All are invited to attend the service and support Joann in this important moment in her ministry.

A World AIDS Day service remembering those who have died and those who are suffering from AIDS will be held Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel as part of Morning Prayer.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A photo of the Fourth Church sanctuary, featuring Nancy Chinn's installation of stars and doves in 2004, may be viewed outside the southwest door of Anderson Hall. Prints are available for purchase during Coffee Hour; all proceeds benefit the Center for Sacred Arts.

Calvin Who?! and excerpts from Letters Home will be read today at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center as part of the Fourth Acts theater ensemble's "At a Glance" series. All are invited to attend this thirty-minute preview session and enjoy coffee and treats.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today a letter to the Senate concerning veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder will be available to sign during Coffee Hour.

A food drive for Central City Housing Ventures, sponsored by the Mission Committee, will be held during Coffee Hour on Sundays in November; nonperishable items may be brought to the Mission table.

Attend a Step Afrika! percussive arts performance November 19–21 and support the mission and ministry of Chicago Lights. Half of the ticket proceeds will be donated to Chicago Lights. For tickets, visit www.chicagolights.org and receive a 10 percent discount by entering the code CHRP-Lights. For details, contact Allison Graham at 312.981.3596.

## **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 are "An Ancient Love Story: The Book of Ruth" taught by Deborah Kapp in the Page Smith Room at 9:30 a.m. (in conjunction with the John Knox Bible Study) and "A Family Rooted in Vibrant Faith" taught by Ali Trowbridge and Sue Schemper in Anderson Hall N. Balcony B and "All Kinds of Prayer for All Kinds of People" taught by Linda Loving in Anderson Hall N. Balcony A at 11:00 a.m.

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 or visit www. fourthchurch.org/michiganave.html.

A "Nia Splash Out" session will be held Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To register, call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

"An Update on Stroke," a healthy aging educational session sponsored by the Chicago Lights Centers for Whole Health and Life and Learning, will be held Tuesday, November 24 at 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. All are welcome.

# **NEWS AND RESOURCES**

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

An event in support of the Ferguson Fellows program will be held Thursday, November 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Athletic Club (626 N. Michigan Avenue). Gifts to the Dana Ferguson Myers Memorial Educational Fund can also be made by writing "Ferguson Fellows" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or by making a gift online via the Fourth Church website. For tickets, contact Wydetta Carter at 312.981.3381 (wcarter@fourthchurch.org).

A portion of the sidewalk on Chestnut Street will be closed until Thanksgiving while Peoples Gas makes repairs.

*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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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.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

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

**Books by Women** will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome.

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available today during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 26.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 22 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (Orleans and Oak). All are invited to a dinner following the service.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held at Chicago Sinai Temple (15 W. Delaware) on Tuesday, November 24; Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating. Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 26. Ali Trowbridge will be preaching.

A Thanksgiving labyrinth walk will be available Saturday, November 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. (The walk takes approximately 20 minutes.)

# **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

**Today Fourth Church youth** are taking orders for holiday wreaths to raise funds for their work camp trips in summer 2010.

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

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org). Gifts will be collected during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk through Sunday, December 13.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to benefit impoverished families around the world.

# 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: Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow's Nest.

# CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 8-14, 2009

Sunday, November 8			
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir		Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Stud	y	Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczek preachin	g Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Stu	dy/"The Book of Ruth"	Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Ch	urch Rising, Senior Highs	(see announcement)
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczek preachin	g Sanctuary
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
12:00 p.m.	Senior High Choir		Blair Chapel
12:15 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.	Fourth Acts "At a Gl	ance"	Activity Center
3:00 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper		Anderson Hall
Monday, November 9			
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also	) Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
Tuesday, November 10			
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study		(see announcement)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
Wednesday, November 11			
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Stud	y	Large Conference Room
Thursday, November 12			_
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehea	nrsal	Sanctuary
Friday, November 13			
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	. 1 01 1	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: D	avid Chalmers	Sanctuary
Saturday, November 14			DI I F
8:00 a.m.	Men's Group		Dining Room
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room

#### Preaching on Sunday, November 15

Calum I. MacLeod preaching 8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Ordination of Joann H. Lee 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.