

## News and Opportunities

## 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.

Family "Drive-in" Movie Night will be held Friday, January 15 in Anderson Hall. Families with small children are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and families with older children can come at 6:15 p.m. Children are encouraged to decorate a box as a car that they can sit in and bring it with them to the showing. For more information, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

**Elevation** will hold its winter retreat the weekend of January 29. For details, contact Anita Bright at 312.573.3364.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**Fourth Acts** will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center to hold auditions for its upcoming February "At a Glance" performance.

**Organist Joan Holder McConnell** will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The St. Olaf Choir will perform at Fourth Church on Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, visit www.stolaftickets.com.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

At the Mission Table today is a letter, for those who would like to sign it, urging state senators to support mandatory criminal and mental health background checks on all buyers of handguns sold in the state of Illinois.

In observance of Martin Luther King,

Jr. Day, members of the Fourth Church community are invited to participate in service projects on Saturday, January 16 as part of a citywide volunteer effort coordinated by Chicago Cares or on Monday, January 18 as part of a Fourth-Church coordinated day of volunteering. The registration deadline is Monday, January 11. Sign up at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour, online at www.fourthchurch.org, or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

"Blood Diamonds in Zimbabwe,"

a presentation by Human Rights Watch and hosted by the Mission Committee, will take place on Tuesday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Save the date! Carnaval, the 2010 Mission Benefit, will be held on Friday, March 5 at the Ritz-Carlton.