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SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 6

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

6:30 p.m. Vespers Celebrating
Ordination of Women

NOVEMBER 13

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Calum I. MacLeod preaching

9:30 and 11:00 — Baptisms

6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers
John H. Boyle preaching

NOVEMBER 20

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

11:00 a.m. — Reception of
New Members

6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers
Erica Schemper preaching

NOVEMBER 27

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers
Keith C. Harris preaching

DECEMBER 4

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. — Baptisms

6:30 p.m. Advent Lessons
and Music

MORNING PRAYER

Weekdays at 9:00 a.m.
in Stone Chapel

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Held at Fourth Church on
the fourth Friday of the month.
The next service will be
Friday, November 25, at
7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.



Holiday cards created by Partners in Education Tutoring students are available during Coffee Hour and from the reception desk. They also can be ordered online (at www.fourthchurch.org/cards.html; shipping is available) or purchased from various outlets:

All Star Nails, 72 E. Oak St.

Children in Paradise, 909 N. Rush

Flora, 3835 N. Southport Ave.

Hazel, 1902 W. Montrose

Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art, 756 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Kenilworth Union Church, Kenilworth, 211 Kenilworth Ave.

Magic Tree Bookstore, Oak Park, 141 Oak Park Ave.

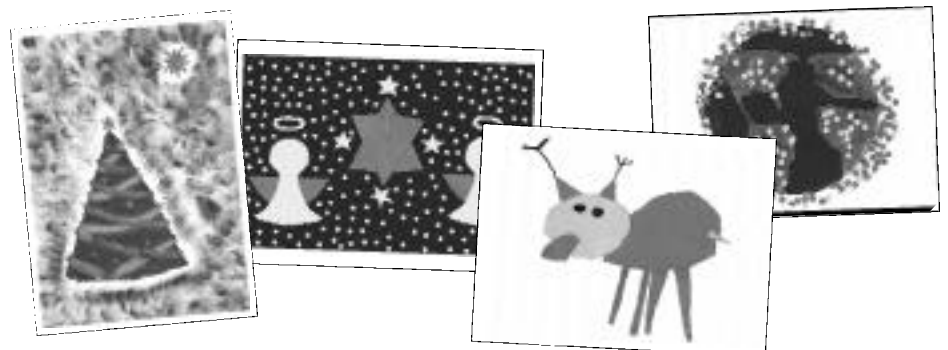
McAvoy Designs, Chicago, 6122 N. Northwest Hwy

Park Shore Market, 195 N. Harbor Dr.

The Book Center, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th St.

Each packet of cards is \$14. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program, which meets four nights a week and, through its volunteer tutors, serves more than 400 students from Cabrini-Green, Henry Horner, and other economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

For more information about this program of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/pie.html.



A Word of Reflection: Donna Gray

I heard the biblical storyteller and Presbyterian pastor Dennis Dewey retell the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus. Jesus saw Zacchaeus and, as the favorite Sunday School song puts it, said, "Zacchaeus, come down here, for I'm going to your house today."



What stirred my imagination was the question Dennis asked: "Wouldn't you like to know what Jesus whispered into Zacchaeus's ear? Wouldn't you like to be privileged to the conversation between Jesus and Zacchaeus?" In this season of Stewardship, every minister and stewardship committee would like to know how Jesus moved Zacchaeus to pledge and contribute so much to

the Lord. Zacchaeus had lined his own pockets by collecting more money for taxes than the government was asking. But in his inevitable way, Jesus moved Zacchaeus to give a miraculous sum of money back to the poor.

Because of my ministry with children and families, the response that I had to the question of what Jesus may have whispered to Zacchaeus was that Jesus said, "Remember what you learned in Sunday School." But, of course, for Zacchaeus it would have been Synagogue School. I think Jesus challenged Zacchaeus to remember the roots and foundations of his faith learned in childhood. I think Jesus called Zacchaeus to recapture the generosity and compassion modeled for him at home by his family. I think Jesus called him back to the faith of his childhood.

I want to reinforce what John Buchanan wrote in this column last month: "This is an important moment. We continue to grow. Our need for more space for our children and young people, our mission programs, our public gatherings is evident every day."

I see that in many ways. Our summer Vacation Bible School program had to close registration and put children on a waiting list this year. On the Family Night cookout, a year ago, held at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden, I thought I had abundant supplies of hot dogs and Hershey bars, graham crackers, and marshmallows for s'mores. But so many children poured out from the surrounding homes in Cabrini-Green that I broke hot dogs in half so they would go around. Our call to plant the seeds of faith in children of Fourth Church and those of the Chicago Avenue neighborhood is a great stewardship opportunity.

A premise that guides my ministry is "The Christian faith is always only one generation from extinction." Each Sunday I witness the seeds of faith growing in the children of our church and a new generation of the faithful being formed. During Children's Chapel, which is part of the Sunday School program, I give children the opportunity to come forward and pray—not to read a prayer, but to pray from their heart and experience and in their own words. The prayers are always sincere and sometimes deeply moving. I am confident if some years in the future Jesus whispers to those children that they should remember what they learned in Sunday School, the roots of faith will be in place.

Now the question of stewardship for us is what is Jesus whispering into our ear? How might we, like Zacchaeus, be moved to generous support for the challenging and wonderful ministries God accomplishes through our church?

Donna Gray
Donna Gray, Associate Pastor



Have You Turned in Your 2006 Pledge?

Thank you to all those who have submitted their pledges in support of the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, "You are a letter of Christ." If you have not yet turned in your pledge, the Stewardship Committee asks that you please do so this month so that Fourth Church can faithfully plan programs, mission outreach, and ministry for the year ahead. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks or from the Giving Ministries office. They also can be downloaded from the Fourth Church website. Those who would like to consider fulfilling their pledges through stock transfers can find updated information about how to do so in the literature racks and on the website. For additional information about the 2006 Stewardship Campaign, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

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Lisa Radetski Named Director of Giving Ministries

Many will know Lisa Radetski from her work with last year's "Hearts and Hands" Stewardship Campaign and art installation, the first project she took on after joining the Fourth Church staff as Associate Director of Giving



Ministries. A year later, Lisa has been named Director of Giving Ministries, a position most recently held by Pat Quinn. Lisa brings to these new responsibilities her experience from previous development positions at Chicago Chamber Musicians, including responsibility for creating and managing their annual fund campaign, creating and executing donor cultivation events and galas, and working to create and

implement planned giving policy and processes. A fellow Presbyterian, Lisa also brings a wealth of experience in leadership roles at her own church in helping establish an endowment and gift acceptance policy, serving as chair of her church's first endowment committee and of stewardship and nominating committees, and currently serving as an Elder. We are thrilled that she has taken on the Director of Giving Ministries position at Fourth Church.

A big thank-you also goes to volunteer Don Allerton for all of his work as Interim Director of Giving Ministries and to the search team of Lloyd Culbertson, Marc Miller, and Sandra Nelson, all of whom brought energy, enthusiasm, and thoroughness to their tasks.

Fourth Church to Cohost AIDS Conference

The devastation of HIV/AIDS is becoming increasingly widespread as it begins to infiltrate more populations, including youth and older adult populations as well as persons of color (both women and men) right here in Chicago. In response, this December Fourth Church will cohost an Interfaith World AIDS Day Conference with Chicago Sinai Congregation, First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, Holy Name Cathedral, and St. James Episcopal Cathedral. As part of that conference, an Interfaith World AIDS Day Remembrance Service will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. Mary Fisher, an artist and author who is HIV positive and living with AIDS, will be the preacher as well as the keynote speaker for the conference. Copies of her books, *Sleep with the Angels! Not Go Quietly* and *My Name Is Mary* will be on sale during November Coffee Hours.

On Friday, December 2, the conference "AIDS and the Interfaith Community: A Faithful and Effective Response" will bring together clergy and lay leaders from faith communities throughout Chicago.

In conjunction with this conference, Mary Fisher's artwork will be exhibited in the Loggia from Sunday, November 20 through Sunday, December 18. An Artist's Reception is scheduled for Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information about this conference, contact Terrill Stumpf at 312.981.3396 (tstumpf@fourthchurch.org).

Returning Thanks: Annual Thanksgiving Offering

Gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering, which supports programs addressing matters of aging and health, are being received throughout November.

This offering helps fund the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, Fourth Church's response to the mental health needs of its congregation and community, and the Center for Older Adults and the Center for Whole Health, both of which are programs of Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

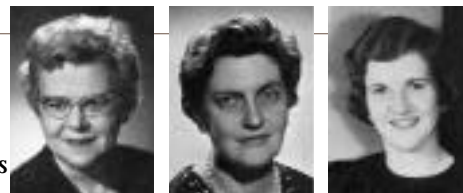
Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelope enclosed in this issue and available in the pew racks or by writing "Thanksgiving Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Celebrating Anniversaries of Women's Ordination "Tending the Flame: Women Called to Lead"

The 215th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) called for a celebration of the anniversaries of the ordination of women as deacons (1906), elders (1930), and Ministers of Word and Sacrament (1956). As part of this nationwide "Tending the Flame" celebration led by Women's Ministries of the General Assembly Council, Fourth Church is joining with McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago Presbytery, Women's Ministries, and a network of regional presbytery and synod planning teams to host one of four anniversary celebrations to occur across the U.S.

This Midwest celebration will begin on Saturday afternoon, November 5 at McCormick Theological Seminary with High Tea and Linda Loving's performance of Julian of Norwich at 3:30 pm. At Fourth Church on Sunday, November 6, the Reverend Dale Lindsay Morgan, author of the 2004-2005 Horizons Bible Study, will offer a dramatic

Left to right: Reba Staggs, one of the first women deacons (1958) and elders (1972) at Fourth Church; Hele Beiser, elder (1972); and Leslie Anbari, the first ordained woman minister at Fourth Church (1964)



presentation and plenary session, followed by a 6:30 p.m. Vespers service. Preaching at the service will be Margaret Towner, the first ordained Presbyterian clergywoman, and Rhshell Hunter, formerly of the Fourth Church pastoral staff and currently pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Flint, Michigan, and adjunct professor of Homiletics at McCormick Seminary. A banquet will follow at the Westin Hotel. Also on Sunday, participants will be able to enjoy an Expo at Fourth Church starting at 3:00 p.m. and featuring a café, book signings, bookstore, music, and a poetry jam. On Monday, November 7, Mary Elva Smith from Women's Ministries will lead activities focused around "Creating the Future for Women."

For information or to register for conference events, pick up a brochure from the literature racks or contact Lisa Cochrane at 312.640.5495 (lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Travelers Enjoy Warm Welcome in Cameroon

By Tom Rook

At the indentation of the West African Atlantic coast lies the California-sized country of Cameroon, population 16 million. In late July, eleven members of a Fourth Church mission trip visited many places there where faith and action powerfully combine to build better quality of life. Led by Mission Committee-member Francis Ntowe-Fankam and myself, this group of adventurous travelers experienced daily interactions with the beautiful, hospitable people of Cameroon.

In city and town, the teeming street scene is alive with colorful sights and sounds and aromas. Vendors balance their wares on their head—

fruits, eggs, even tables and chairs. The occasional shoe perched jauntily on the head of a young salesman signals his particular line of merchandise. Each person is struggling to secure a living, often very meager, in the face of few available good jobs, even for the educated. The



youthfulness of the crowd is evident, with more than half the population composed of those in their teens or younger. We were continually impressed by the courage and good humor of these hard-working, resourceful people who are daily aware, in the words of Jesus, “Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

The focus of our mission trip was to visit the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon and various self-help projects within RELUFA, an acronym in French for “Network for the Fight against Hunger.” The companioning organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is Joining Hands against Hunger, with which the Presbytery of Chicago and Fourth Church have been actively involved for the past four years. The objective of this program is to identify and strike at the roots of hunger, including social, economic, and gender inequities.

The people we met have found a home in the memories of our hearts.

For example, in Yaounde, the capital city, we visited a club of youths living in poverty in an underserved neighborhood who have taken it upon themselves to repair their deeply rutted neighborhood streets. At the same time, they spread needed information about HIV/AIDS and its prevention. With their vibrant optimism and solidarity of purpose, they sang and danced in welcome of us into their clubhouse. Rather than waiting for state help that doesn’t come, they work for good in their community as modeled by Jesus: “I am among you as one who serves.”

Coco, becoming blind in his teens, dreamed of establishing a community house for young people who are blind. Inspiring others to join him, he made that dream come true and now runs a beautifully maintained facility



in Yaounde. Our group visited their classrooms, computer lab, and chair-making workshop. And then we shared lunch, each of us engaging in lively conversation with the youth next to us. With optimistic spirit and beaming smiles that could break your heart, they stood and sang their welcome song to us. No longer confined to dark corners of life, they are actively, productively engaged with their community.

After an arduous trip over bad roads,

we stayed overnight at a Presbyterian hospital far in the bush, where villagers come for health care and mothers for giving birth. We visited, adjacent to the hospital, a leprosarium for ones who cannot return to their villages because of the stigma of leprosy. The hospital struggles to provide HIV/AIDS treatments to children and adults in the face of limited availability of medications. With frequent loss of water and electricity, limited medical supplies (latex gloves are washed for repeated use), and daunting health needs, the young German mission worker in charge, Dr. Kohlmeyer, nonetheless maintains an infectious spirit of joy and optimism with her patients.

In the largest city, Douala, we went to shops recently established through a church micro-lending organization. A



small loan enabled Agnes to buy a sewing machine, and with her business flourishing, she now has apprentices who are preparing themselves to set up their own shops. Esther, with her loan, busily tie-dyes

and stencils expanses of cloth in her home, selling the colorful fabric to make shirts and dresses. She too now has her own employees. With the small—but for them impossibly large—amount needed to get started, these loans are faithfully repaid, replenishing the funds for further loans to others. The rippling creation of jobs and better quality of life benefits the whole community.

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Hospitality, friendliness, resourcefulness, faith, courage, hope—we found these qualities in abundance in people of all



ages and conditions. Never did we go into any home but that they gave of what they had in food and drink. Jesus' ironic observation became our own: those with the least of the world's goods and comforts often embody the most grateful and joyous spirit. As the time came for us to leave Cameroon, our hearts carried with us our love and respect for these generous people. Please remember in prayer the youth

living in poverty, Coco, Dr. Kohlmeyer, Agnes, Esther, and all others who courageously and joyfully live each day by faith.

Fourth Church continued to nurture its relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon this fall when, under the guidance of the Mission Committee, we welcomed its Moderator the Rt. Rev. Nyansako-ni-Nku, as he visited this congregation and other churches in Chicago Presbytery in early September

Fulfill the Wish of a Child This Christmas

The holiday season provides a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy and abundance of God's love. One way to do that is through participation in the "Christmas Wishes" project sponsored each year by Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee. Through the generosity of participants, this project fulfills the wishes of more than 750 children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.



These children include Tutoring students; children living at

Grainger Hall, a residence for families in transition; and those served by Erie Neighborhood House, a social service agency for underprivileged families on Chicago's West Side.

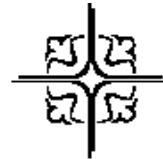
There are various ways to support this project and fulfill a child's wish:

- Purchase a gift for a child
- Purchase gifts for a family
- Donate wrapping paper, scissors, and adhesive tape
- Volunteer to be a part of the gift collection process
- Volunteer to be a part of the gift distribution process

The "Christmas Wishes" project begins on Sunday, November 6, with information and gift lists available during Coffee Hour. Additional information is also available from Lisa Cochrane (312.640.5495; lcochrane@fourthchurch.org).

Improvements to Pews, Sound System, and Flooring Begin

Sanctuary improvements, including new pews (which replicate the architectural detail of the existing pews), flooring, and a new sound system, are underway as Project



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Light moves forward with planned renovation and enhancement of Fourth Church's Michigan Avenue property.

While the pew replacement and related work is desperately needed, great care has been taken to ensure that all of the improvements are in keeping with the original architectural style, beauty, and integrity of the sanctuary. The new pews will be exact replicas of the existing, original pews in white oak, down to the six different pew-end designs created by architect

Ralph Adams Cram and representing the idea of the diversity of the community that comes together in unity for worship.

The different pew designs will again be placed randomly throughout the sanctuary as they were originally installed. A sample replicated pew is currently in place as the first pew on the north side of the center aisle.

Enhancements to the sanctuary will add comfort with ergonomically correct pews, greater access for the disabled, and more flexibility for a variety of services and concerts, while not changing the existing feeling or design of the worship space.

Recalling architect Mies van der Rohe's comment "God is in the details," Sanctuary Improvement Committee member Morgan Simmons called the committee's work and dedication an "exercise in detail."

The removal of the old pews will provide the perfect opportunity to replace the worn flooring under the pews. An environmentally sustainable flooring product, which was evaluated and selected based on its acoustical and aesthetic similarity to the existing floor as well as its durability and maintenance needs, will be installed.

A new sound system featuring superior speaker technology will allow for very specific directional projection of the sound and will result in enhanced and more natural sound quality. The Sanctuary Improvements Committee, appointed by the Project Light Leadership Team, and an acoustic subcommittee worked with acoustical consultants to thoroughly evaluate sound system improvements, going through several rounds of testing and modifications of the new speaker system.

Expert project managers from Project Management Advisers have been retained to professionally manage the renovation program and ensure the smooth integration of all elements of the project.

For more information and updates about Project Light, visit www.fourthchurch.org/projectlight/.

Members

The congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the Fourth Church community.

New Members

The following new members were received on Sunday, September 18, 2005

Amanda G. Alford
Robert D. Alford
Abigail L. Arwady
Meredith A. Arwady
Andrew P. Baker
April L. Hixon
Mandy S. Lane
George M. Langlois
Anthony J. Mastroianni
Gregory T. Mutz
Julie R. Orban
Thomas R. Rotz
Deborah B. Stefani
Steven F. Stefani
Paul G. Vogel

Baptisms

The following children were baptized on Sunday, September 11, 2005

Carlson Lynch Becker, son of Andrew and Jennifer Becker
Griffin Walker Bogwill, son of Todd and Laura Bogwill
Elinor Grace Brickman, daughter of Andrew and Donna Brickman
Elly Marie Campbell, daughter of Mark and Kristen Campbell
Grace Elizabeth Chihoski, daughter of Mike and Angela Chihoski
Kate Elizabeth Feurer, daughter of Grant Feurer and Jennifer Tozer
Lola Marie Feurer, daughter of Grant Feurer and Jennifer Tozer
Elizabeth Josephine Gretz, daughter of Daren Gretz and Elizabeth Page McConnell Gretz
Gavin James McCrea, son of Brian and Jennifer McCrea
Matthew David Millard, son of Jonathan and Jennifer Millard

Addison Christopher Morley, son of Ned Morley and Pamela Crowell
Jani Kouatchou Ntowe-Fankam, daughter of Francis Ntowe-Fankam and Melanie Kouatchou

The following adult was baptized on Sunday, September 18, 2005

Andrew P. Baker

Weddings

On September 10, 2005
Melinda Masterson and Walter Kelly

On September 17, 2005
Lera Wenger and Robert Woodring

On September 24, 2005
Mary Ellen Dvorak and Donald Woerner
Kristine Forslund and Web Hemshrodt
Krista Sabia and Adam Cortese

Deaths

Pearle Louise Houghton, September 5, 2005

Information about the worship, education, fellowship, and mission life of Fourth Presbyterian Church is available at www.fourthchurch.org and in the church literature racks. To subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch, send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org. A one-session Inquirers' Class for those interested in learning more about Fourth Church is offered on **Monday, November 7** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; **Saturday, November 19** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and **Sunday, November 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.** These classes are generally held three times per month; a schedule of future class dates can be found in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/inquirer.html.

Music at Fourth Church

Free Friday Noonday Concerts

12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary

November 4 Diane Schmuck, piano;
Bonnie Campbell, clarinet
November 11 Andrew Bruhm, trumpet
November 18 Richard Hoskins, organ
November 25 Tower Brass of Chicago

Annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Music

Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Chicago a cappella Holiday Concert

Friday, December 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Chanticleer

Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m.

For tickets, contact the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 312.294.300

Annual Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

All children and youth are invited to participate; attendance at rehearsals is required. For information, contact Beverly Escude at 312.981.3595 (bescuder@fourthchurch.org).

Thank You from John and Betsy Cairns

Dear Friends,

Bringing a close to six-and-a-half years as Dean of the Academy for Faith and Life and to forty-one years as a Presbyterian pastor creates an overwhelming sense of awe, appreciation, and gratitude. Those feelings—and many more—have marked these last several weeks. Your kind comments, your welcome of the returning Pastoral Residents, your readiness to celebrate with Betsy and me all stand as reminders of the times and experiences we have shared.

We are particularly grateful for the beautiful gifts we received. The church plates and the crystal vase will be permanent and lovely reminders of you and of the warmth and friendship you have shown us. Although we will miss Fourth Church and its vibrant ministries, we take away a lot of treasured memories.

Now we look forward to our next adventure—retirement. It is the “unexplored chapter” that calls us to come and see what God has in store. We'll let you know what we discover! And we'll certainly always remember the people who sent us on our way with love and a great celebration. Thank you very much.

John and Betsy Cairns

2489 Feiffer Circle, Sarasota, FL 34235

Fast-Forward to These Events on Your Calendar

- ▶▶ The annual **Covenant Network Conference** will be held November 3-5 in Memphis. Please keep John Buchanan, Dana Ferguson, and other conference participants in your prayers as they come together to study and discuss the theme "Disciples in Community." Information about the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole, is available at www.covenantnetwork.org.
- ▶▶ A Fourth Church Officer Reunion for **those officers who served between 1994 and 2004** will be held Friday, November 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Manse. Light appetizers will be served. RSVP to Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org).
- ▶▶ A presentation by Don Allerton on faith-based leadership will be among the topics at "**Leaders Learning from Leaders at Fourth Church**," a leadership forum sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee on Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 a.m. For information or to RSVP, contact Anne Crow at 312.573.3369 (acrow@fourthchurch.org).
- ▶▶ All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November, is a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance this November 6, morning worship will include **the reading of names** of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2005.
- ▶▶ The Fourth Church **Flu Immunization Campaign** continues on Sunday, November 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. No reservations are needed; there will be a \$10 administration fee for immunizations, payable to the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago; Medicare beneficiaries are asked to bring their Medicare Card.
- ▶▶ Parents interested in learning about private and public school options in Chicago are invited to the annual **Smorgasbord of Schools** on Sunday, November 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Parents with children attending various grade schools and high schools will be on hand to answer questions.
- ▶▶ All members and friends of Fourth Church are invited to the **Congregational Stewardship Dinner** on Thursday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.
- ▶▶ A group for single adults over fifty, **Fourth Dimension** will meet for a program and a time of fellowship on Friday, November 11.
- ▶▶ The Director of the **Galesburg Colony Underground Railroad Freedom Center** at Knox College, Owen Muelder, will speak at the November 12 breakfast gathering of the **Fourth Church Men's Group**. All are invited to attend the group's monthly programs, which are held at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room on the second Saturday of the month. For reservations, call the church receptionist at 312.787.4570.
- ▶▶ The Mission Committee is planning **mission trips to China, Cuba, Cameroon, Guatemala, Honduras, and the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations** for 2006. Those interested in participating in these trips are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Sunday, November 13 following 11:00 worship. Trip brochures and applications will be available in the literature racks as well as at the information session. For more details, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).
- ▶▶ An information luncheon about "**Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness and Volunteer Opportunities**" will take place Sunday, November 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.
- ▶▶ **Fourth Couples**, those in their twenties to forties, are invited to the Manse on Sundays, November 13 and 27 for a time of faith, friendship, and fellowship. Child care is available in the church nursery.
- ▶▶ On Wednesday, November 16, author and biblical scholar Bart Ehrman will discuss his new book, **Misquoting Jesus: The Story behind Who Changed the Bible and Why** This **Michigan Avenue Forum**, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall, will look at the ways in which changes to the biblical text were made in the days before the printing press, when copies of the Bible were made by hand.
- ▶▶ All are invited to get in the holiday spirit by singing **Christmas carols prior to the lighting of Michigan Avenue** on Saturday, November 19. Join Fourth Church choir members on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. as they carol to the hundreds of people gathering on the Avenue for the annual Magnificent Mile Lighting Festival.
- ▶▶ "Hope and Justice with Every Purchase" will be the theme of a **Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** to be held in the Loggia from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 4. Sponsored by the Mission Committee, this bazaar of fairly traded handcrafts will help promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world.
- ▶▶ Spiritual Director Suzanne Dunbar will present two morning workshops on "**Developing the Habit of the Soul: Four Kinds of Prayer**." The first session will be Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the Counseling Center and will include the experience of praying with clay. For more information or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.
- ▶▶ The book for the December gathering of the **Books by Women** book group is **Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden** by Kathleen Cambor. Newcomers are invited to join in this discussion at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6.

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Celebrating Thanksgiving with Fourth Presbyterian Church

We gather together, in person and in prayer, to ask the Lord’s blessing and to offer our praise and thanksgiving this holiday season. Please join us in grateful celebration!

Thanksgiving Gospelfest

Sunday, November 20, 3:30 p.m.

At St. Matthew United Methodist Church
1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street)

Through this annual Gospelfest of choirs and messages of thanksgiving, Fourth Church, its neighbors, and fellow members of the Near North Ministry Alliance celebrate our lives together in the Near North neighborhood.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.

At Fourth Presbyterian Church

This annual interfaith service brings together the faith communities of Fourth Church, Holy Name Cathedral, and Chicago Sinai Congregation for a time of joint worship and thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

Thursday, November 24, 11:00 a.m.

Donna Gray preaching

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thursday, November 24, 12:30 p.m.

In Anderson Hall

Join friends new and old for this traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Space is limited, so purchase dinner tickets early (during Coffee Hour, beginning Sunday, November 6, or at the reception desk).