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**FOURTH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
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**December 26, 2010–January 1, 2011**

# News and Opportunities

## WORSHIP

A **New Year's Eve service** in the style of Taizé will be held Friday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**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.

**Morning Prayer** is held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday through Friday. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**There will be no Sunday School or youth meetings** on Sundays, December 26 and January 2. Regular Sunday School classes and youth meetings will resume on Sunday, January 9.

**A fellowship group for mothers with children ages 5–12** will begin on Sunday, January 9 at 9:10 a.m. at the Oak Tree restaurant (900 N. Michigan Ave.). The first chapter of Linda Dillow's *Calm My Anxious Heart* will be the topic for discussion. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**P2C Gift Intentions** will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$5.5 million by Ken and Anne Griffin if submitted between December 15, 2010, and Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. Gift Intention forms for the Project Second Century building campaign are available in the pew racks or online at [www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html). For more details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

**A temporary ramp is being built in the Garth** to facilitate handicap access to the church when the 126 E. Chestnut entrance is demolished in early 2011 and the Project Second Century new building construction work is begun. A temporary exit stairway is also being built from the Dining Room. For details, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html).

**A congregational meeting** has been called by the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church for Sunday, January 9 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an Associate Pastor for Evangelism Nominating Committee.

**Thank you to those who have already fulfilled their 2010 pledge.** The Resource Development Committee asks those who have not fulfilled their 2010 pledge to please do so yet this week.

**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, online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and by contacting Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

**Fourth Presbyterian Church** is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

## ENRICHMENT

**"Women, Food, and God,"** a Tuesday evening discussion group focusing on issues raised in this book by Geneen Roth, is underway. For details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

**A twelve-week Nia series,** a body-mind-and-spirit fitness program, will begin on Wednesday, January 5. For registration details, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit [www.niachicago.com](http://www.niachicago.com).

**Books by Women** will meet Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. The book selected for conversation on Tuesday, February 8 is *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison.

**A Center for Life and Learning Jazz Winter Party** will be held Thursday, January 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Celebrated jazz pianist Erwin Helfer will be the guest musician. For tickets, contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387 ([pamis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:pamis@fourthchurch.org)).

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**"Eat, Pray, Love"** is the theme of the Fourth Church women's retreat, which will be held Saturday, January 29. The retreat will offer time to reflect on different facets of love and provide opportunity to eat and pray together. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**"How to Do Good Grief"** will be the topic of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center's annual Midwinter Conference, to be held at the church on Saturday, February 5. The symposium will address the experience of loss, which can take many forms and is a natural part of life. Information is available in the literature racks.

**A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land** will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest June 20–29. For information and an application (due February 11), contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

**Daily devotions,** written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**No Friday Noonday concerts** will be held on December 24 and 31. This free concert series will resume on Friday, January 7 with clarinetist Jennifer Woodrum-Hogg performing at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**The Millikin University Choir** will be in concert at Fourth Church on Friday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*,** a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to [music@fourthchurch.org](mailto:music@fourthchurch.org).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### **There's still time to "Light Up a Life"!**

Gifts to this giving campaign 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. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the offering envelopes found in the pew racks or the forms found in the brochures in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, members of Fourth Church are invited by the Multicultural Initiatives and Resources Committee to participate in various community service projects on Saturday, January 15. For details or to sign up, stop by the Volunteer table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, visit the Mission table during Coffee Hour or contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831 ([nholbert@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nholbert@fourthchurch.org)).

**Mission trip travelers** departed yesterday for Guatemala, where they will be helping build homes between now and January 3. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

**Information about 2011 mission trips to Tennessee, Lakota Reservations, Cameroon, and Northern Ireland** is available in the global mission booklets in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html).

**Save the date for Carnival!** The 2011 Mission Benefit will be held on Friday, March 4 at the Ritz-Carlton.

**Chicago Lights Holiday Cards make great seasonal thank-you notes.** Cards are available at the reception desk during the week and online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org). All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Clothes sorters** on Mondays and Thursdays

**Volunteers to participate in service projects** on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, Saturday, January 15 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**Social Service Center helpers** on the first Friday of each month

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's sturdy winter clothes** in larger sizes (coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

*For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.*

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Fourth Church Men's Group** will meet on Saturday, January 8 for a program by photographer Micah Marty. To RSVP, call the Fourth Church office at 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 5.

**The life and work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright** will be the topic of a Friday, January 7 gathering of Cornerstones, a fellowship group for adults over fifty, including couples, partners, and their spouses. For details or to preregister (required) call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Monday, January 3.

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 26, 2010–JANUARY 1, 2011

<b>Sunday, December 26</b>		
8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
<b>Monday, December 27</b>	<b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b>	
<b>Tuesday, December 28</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	“Women, Food, and God”	Randolph Room
<b>Wednesday, December 29</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
<b>Thursday, December 30</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
<b>Friday, December 31</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>New Year’s Eve Taizé Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### ***Preaching on Sunday, January 2***

Matthew J. Helms preaching 8:00 a.m.  
 John Buchanan preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
 Kerri N. Allen preaching 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.