

News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

At a Michigan Avenue Forum honoring John Buchanan, Walter Brueggemann will speak about Christianity—“where it’s been and where it’s going.” A panel of Chris Chakoian, Patrick Daymond, Bill Golderer, Jeannine Oakes, and John Vest will respond to Dr. Brueggemann’s comments at this special January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Today the “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series will discuss “Dealing with Your In-Laws” at 12:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware Pl.).

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Changing Conversations will host a discussion about Chris Glaser’s book *Come Home! Reclaiming Spirituality and Community as Gay Men and Lesbians*, led by Carol Allen, on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music takes place today at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Fourth Church’s Children’s, Youth, Chancel, and Morning Choirs will sing anthems of the season. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception in Anderson Hall hosted by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

Reflections by John Buchanan on his favorite Advent and Christmas memories are being posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch throughout the season.

Filled and decorated gift bags for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests are due today and may be dropped off at the church reception desk.

The “Light Up a Life” holiday giving program is underway. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be given to honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

The “Christmas with Tower Brass” concert will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place on Sunday, December 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available during Coffee Hour and at the church reception desk during the week.

Daily Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

A **Christmas Cantata**, featuring John Rutter's *Gloria*, will be sung by the Morning Choir next Sunday, December 18 during 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

There will be four candlelight services on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children's Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.; 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. worship will *not* be held on Sunday, December 25.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray there with a Deacon at that time.

A **jazz service** is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

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

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and an Advent discussion. Their Christmas party will take place on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse.

ThirtiesForties gathers today for their Christmas Open House from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at a member's home.

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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Books by Women will celebrate its twentieth anniversary this Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building when they will also discuss *Burning Bright* by Tracy Chevalier.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children Mondays–Thursdays 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

Volunteers to put drip sleeves on candles on December 22 and 23 for the Christmas Eve services

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour
Gift gatherers for the silent auction for Carnival 2012

Church members to usher at the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Microwave oven for a family in need

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

In recognition of World AIDS Day on Thursday, December 1, a letter urging U.S. Senators to support the repeal of the HIV Discrimination Act is available during Coffee Hour at the Mission Table.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Fourth Church youth in Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, and Senior Highs meet today at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Anderson Hall South Balcony.

LaPosada Family Night will be held on Friday, December 16, with younger children beginning their “journey” at 5:30 p.m. in the Manse and arriving at a Christmas party in Anderson Hall. Older children may arrive at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:15 p.m. To RSVP, call Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

Moms’ Morning Out, which will allow time for shopping near Fourth Church, will take place this Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Childcare for children through four years will be available in the Page Smith Room. To RSVP, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

A rehearsal for children and youth participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant will be held next Sunday, December 18 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

To ensure we begin 2012 with a balanced budget, 2011 Annual Appeal pledge fulfillments along with additional gifts—together totaling \$800,000—are needed by December 31. Gifts can be made to Fourth Church, Chicago Lights, or through “Light Up a Life.”

Recommendations of individuals to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) are being collected through December 31. Recommendations can be made using the cards in the literature racks or by emailing names to transitionteam@fourthchurch.org. An eleven-member PNC will be elected by the congregation at the February 12 Annual Meeting and will then begin the search for a new Pastor.

Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church, dropped off during Coffee Hour or at the church reception desk, or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue in late January.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Wicker Park Choral Singers will perform Christmas music for this Friday’s free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

Lakeside Singers, with a band serving as accompaniment, will perform a holiday concert of both classical and popular music this Friday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door and online at www.lakesidesingers.com.

Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you’ve not yet “Liked” Fourth Church on Facebook (online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or just scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today—and invite your friends to like us too. You can see the latest construction photos, access Advent and Christmas resources there, and ensure you’re up-to-date on Fourth Church news and events.



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 11–17, 2011

Sunday, December 11

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	“Religion in Interfaith Homes”		<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties Christmas Open House		<i>(see announcement)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Music		Sanctuary

Monday, December 12

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>		Anderson Hall

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women: Twentieth Anniversary		737 Building

Wednesday, December 14

10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>		737 Building
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Friday, December 16

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room –	737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Wicker Park Choral Singers		Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	LaPosada Family Night	Manse/Anderson Hall	
7:00 p.m.	Changing Conversations		737 Building
8:00 p.m.	Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert		Sanctuary

Saturday, December 17

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers’ Class		Randolph Room
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Moms’ Morning Out		<i>(see announcement)</i>
2:30 p.m.	“Christmas with Tower Brass”		Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, December 18

Calum I. MacLeod preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Music Sunday	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.