

January 1–7, 2012

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Photographs of the congregation-signed beam installation are posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church 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).

Those 70-1/2 and older can again make distributions to qualified organizations such as Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights of up to \$100,000 per year as the IRA Charitable Rollover has been reenacted. This law allows individuals to make IRA rollover donations during January 2012 and treat them as made during 2011. For details, call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

HONORING JOHN BUCHANAN

A special meeting of the Fourth Presbyterian Church congregation has been called by the Session for Sunday, January 22. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with John Buchanan, effective Tuesday, January 31. The gift of the congregation—a memory box of notes and messages from members and friends—will be presented; there will be a brief program; and a reception with light refreshments will follow.

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 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 on Sunday, January 22 as a gift from the congregation.

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 photos from the Christmas season, follow along as we read the entire Bible in a year, and stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



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 Thursday, January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

John Buchanan's last Sunday as Pastor of Fourth Church will be January 29. He will preach at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services that day. (Please note that the third morning service on January 29 will be at 11:30 a.m.) An open house reception for John and Sue will follow the 11:30 service that day and will be held at the Drake Hotel (one block north at 140 E. Walton).

WORSHIP

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion. A Bible study and sermon discussion follow the service.

Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the congregation and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, offering an opportunity to gather for a time of meditative singing and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, January 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Connect with Chicago Lights, a nonprofit organization at Fourth Church serving those facing the challenges of poverty. Chicago Lights is on Facebook, Twitter, and online at www.chicagolights.org.

The Benevolent Guild will meet on Wednesday, January 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the 737 building to create tray favors and stuffed toys for hospitalized children.

A mission trip to Cuba will take place April 21–28. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815. The application deadline is Monday, January 9.

Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day is Saturday, January 14. There will be several sites where intergenerational volunteer teams can work, with times in the morning and afternoon. To volunteer or for details, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 or pick up an information card from the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Sunday School classes will not meet today. Classes will resume on January 8 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth in grades six through eight do not meet today. They will resume meeting on Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

ENRICHMENT

Join us in reading through the entire Bible in a year! Beginning today, Fourth Church is launching a congregation-wide Bible journey that will take us through the entire Bible by December 31. A **weekly Bible study** of the texts for the week begins this Tuesday at the 737 building (Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan; 19th floor) at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. To register for the Bible studies, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364. **Daily devotions** (available via Facebook, Twitter, the website, email from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and in the literature racks) also reflect on the daily readings. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building to discuss *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff.

A **T'ai Chi for Beginners class**, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, will take place on Thursdays, beginning January 12, at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

Changing Conversations will discuss "The Trials of Gay Youth" on Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Nia fitness classes offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the 737 building. For information or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Light, the new CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available during Coffee Hour and by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

Oboist Jennet Ingle will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP

Cornerstones will gather for "History of Tap Dance," led by the founder and director of the Human Rhythm Project, Lane Alexander, this Friday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Wednesday, January 4.

Fourth Dimension will meet for the presentation "The Amazing Case of the Disappearing Bees," led by Dr. May Berenbaum of the University of Illinois, on Friday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Men's Group will gather for breakfast and the presentation "Cameroon Update" by Dr. Bernie Blaauw on Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 11.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

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

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

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1–7, 2012

Sunday, January 1 *New Year's Day*
 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery Page Smith Room/Anderson Hall S. Balcony
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship **John W. Vest preaching** **Sanctuary**
 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour Anderson Hall
 12:15 p.m. Church Tour Sanctuary
 12:15 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Stone Chapel
4:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship **John W. Vest preaching** **Sanctuary**
 4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
 5:00 p.m. Bible Study and Sermon Discussion Sanctuary

Monday, January 2 *Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, January 3
 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 300 N. LaSalle (Kirkland/Ellis Office)
 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. "Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study 737 Building

Wednesday, January 4
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Benevolent Guild 737 Building
 10:15 a.m. Nia Fitness Class 737 Building

Thursday, January 5
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. "Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study 737 Building

Friday, January 6
 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Sanctuary
 10:15 a.m. Nia Fitness Class 737 Building
 12:10 p.m. Noonday Concert: Jennet Ingle Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Cornerstones Multipurpose Space – 737 Building

Preaching on Sunday, January 8

Matthew J. Helms preaching 8:00 a.m.
 John Buchanan preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Adam H. Fronczek 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.