

January 22–28, 2012

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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

To help rebuild the rapidly deteriorating Fourth Church organ, the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust has made a generous \$1 million challenge grant, offering to match \$1 for every \$2 donated. To make a pledge or gift to be matched by the Trust, please use the Gift Intention card found in the pew rack; make a gift online at www.fourthchurchorgan.org, a website that will continue to grow in the days ahead to offer interesting insights into the organ and opportunities to share your favorite organ memories; or call Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

An exhibit “1985–2011: A Retrospective,” featuring photographs of ministry at Fourth Church during the twenty-six years John Buchanan has served as Pastor, is on display in the Loggia.

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The St. Olaf Choir will be in concert on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.stolaf.edu.

HONORING JOHN BUCHANAN

Today’s Congregational Meeting will follow the 11:00 service and has been called by the Session of Fourth Church for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with John Buchanan as part of the retirement process of the Presbyterian church. A program honoring John and Sue Buchanan will also be part of the meeting (see the meeting insert for details).

There are two upcoming opportunities to greet John and Sue Buchanan and thank them for their ministry among us: Today in Anderson Hall, following the Congregational Meeting, and next Sunday, January 29, between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., when there will be a drop-in meet-and-greet open house at the Drake Hotel (one block north at 140 E. Walton St.).

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 of church life and events, follow along as we read the entire Bible in a year, and stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



John Buchanan will preach his last sermon as Pastor of Fourth Church next Sunday, January 29 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. (Please note that the third morning service will begin at 11:30 next week only.) In order to accommodate the number of worshippers we anticipate will be with us next Sunday, we encourage those who would typically worship at 9:30 or 11:30 to consider being part of the 8:00 service next week.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Follow @FPCAngel on Twitter (www.twitter.com/FPCAngel), as one of the Fourth Church angels high above the Sanctuary tweets about the organ project progress and life in the Sanctuary.

The 737 building, the location of off-site office and programming space during the construction of the Gratz Center, is located on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue. The Fourth Church and Chicago Lights space is on the 19th floor.

A “Sharing Sacred Spaces” open house will take place at Chicago Sinai Congregation on Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A congregational luncheon will be held in Anderson Hall following the Annual Meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 12. Tickets are available at the church reception desk today and during the week.

WORSHIP

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

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

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be this 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Additional travelers to Cuba for the April 21–28 mission trip are needed to fill a few open slots. Applications are due this Monday, January 23. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Reservations for Carnival—the annual Chicago Lights Gala benefiting Chicago Lights, the Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning—which will be held Friday, March 2 at the Ritz-Carlton, can be made during Coffee Hour and online at <https://chicagolights.ejoinme.org/carnaval2012>.

Donations needed for Carnival’s Silent Auction include sports/event tickets, airline tickets, home décor and art items, and restaurant and spa gift cards. **Volunteers for the Silent Auction Committee** are also needed. For details, call Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

ENRICHMENT

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin Sunday, February 5. Details are available today during Coffee Hour and in the Academy Winter 2012 brochure. Stop by and learn about the wide-ranging adult education opportunities offered by the Academy, from courses on “Basics on the Bible, Reformed Theology, and the Presbyterian Church” to a series on “The Bible in the Music of Bob Dylan and the Grateful Dead.” For more information, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

The congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year is supported by a variety of resources: A Bible study of the previous week’s texts meets at the 737 building each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated there on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html and in a brochure in the literature racks. Daily devotions reflecting on the texts are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), by email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and in printed booklets also in the literature racks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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.

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building. They will also worship together at the 11:30 service on Sunday, January 29 in honor of John Buchanan’s last Sunday preaching at Fourth Church. They will not gather at the 737 building that day.

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

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 Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties meets today for “Face-to-Face” with guests from Soka Gakkai International at 12:30 p.m. in the Calvin Room at the 737 building.

Young Adults will gather for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building and will continue their weekly “Called to Be” Gathering series at 1:00 p.m. They will also meet for fellowship on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Fedora Lounge.

A support group for those mourning significant losses will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center from January 30 through March 5. To register, call 312.787.8425.

This year’s Women’s Winter Retreat is “Exploring the Essence of Spiritual Friendships.” It will be held on Saturday, February 4 at the 737 building. Registration forms are available at Coffee Hour and by contacting Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 22–28, 2012

Sunday, January 22

7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Anderson Hall S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching
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
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties “Face-to-Face”	737 Building
12:45 p.m.	Reception for John and Sue Buchanan	Anderson Hall
1:00 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	John W. Vest preaching
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion	Sanctuary

Monday, January 23

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, January 24

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group	Knox Room – 737 Building
6:00 p.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	737 Building
7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Wednesday, January 25

10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>	737 Building
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Thursday, January 26

10:00 a.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	737 Building
5:00 p.m.	T’ai Chi Class	737 Building

Friday, January 27

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, January 29

John Buchanan preaching 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 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 \$8.00. 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.