

News and Opportunities

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, is today at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets, which are available today and during the week at the reception desk, are required for this traditional dinner, which will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 22.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (State and Superior). Chicago Sinai Congregation, Fourth Church, and Holy Name Cathedral will again be participating, and Rabbi David Levinsky will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held on Thanksgiving morning, November 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Hardy Kim will be preaching.

Join us at 12:15 p.m. today for the Dedication of the Gratz Center and Buchanan Chapel

Access to the Gratz Center for the dedication will be through Anderson Hall only and will begin *after* the 11:00 service ends.

The dedication will take place in two parts, first in the Gignilliat Commons and then in Buchanan Chapel. Only the worship leaders will move between those two spaces between Parts I and II of the dedication. All others are invited to watch the dedication from:

- **The Sanctuary**, with plenty of seating and a live video feed of the entire dedication
- **Gignilliat Commons**, where there will be standing only (no seating), with live video feed from the Buchanan Chapel portion (Part II) of the dedication
- **Buchanan Chapel** on the second floor (*access via Gratz Center elevator-corridor stairwell*), where seats for an additional 275 participants will be available, with video feed of the Gratz Center portion (Part I) of the dedication
- **Bumpus Activity Room** on the second floor (*access via Gratz Center elevator-corridor stairwell*), where there will be seating and a live video feed of the entire dedication
- **Room 4G** on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center (*access via Gratz Center elevators*), with live video feed of the entire dedication

Nursery care is available in the Page Smith Room in Parish House until 2:30 p.m. today. Refreshments and opportunity to become familiar with the Gratz Center will be available after the forty-five-minute dedication service.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Help create the ribbon that will be cut at the Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center on Saturday, January 12 when we celebrate with our neighbors this new building. Ribbon pieces to decorate are available at Coffee Hour.

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center will be available Sundays, November 25 and December 2 and 9 at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. They will also be offered on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. No reservations are necessary.

Tom Long, named one of the twelve most-effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sundays, December 2 and 9.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates and begin to learn more about those individuals, an undertaking that requires the strictest confidentiality given that the candidates are currently serving elsewhere. Information about the PNC process, including a checklist, is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are only available at www.cso.org.

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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Handel’s *Messiah* will be sung by Bella Voce today at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes are held each week at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) meet today at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

ADVENT

Through **“Light Up a Life”** gifts, you can 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 at www.fourthchurch.org.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour or by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“The Music and Meaning of Advent” invites adults and children to a time of fellowship and music on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

The Fair Trade Bazaar will be held the weekend of December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and the Gignilliat Commons.

“Center Yourself for the Holidays,” offered through our Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

An Advent contemplative retreat, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 7–8 at The Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

“Christmas and Consumerism: Advice for Parents,” conversation about helping children celebrate the season in a healthy way, will be led by Susan Schemper on Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

The “Christmas Gift Bag” project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned by Sunday, December 9.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 14 for names to appear in the bulletin.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to set up and take down the Fair Trade Bazaar on Friday, November 30 and Sunday, December 2

Sewers with machines to cut and hem muslin panels to be used for the Gratz Center Community Grand Opening

Current Donation Needs

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

ENRICHMENT

The first Academy for Faith and Life classes in the Gratz Center will begin next Sunday, November 25. “Growing in Service, Growing in Spirit,” led by Vicky Curtiss, and “The Church and the Definition of Marriage,” led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek, will meet at 9:30 a.m. “Christianity outside the Presbyterian Church,” led by Bruce Rigdon, and “Love and Conflict,” led by John Boyle, will meet at 11:00 a.m. Details are available in the literature racks and online.

“Our Pastors’ Call to Ministry,” led today by Judy Watt, takes place at 9:30 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Men’s Bible Study meets at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20 in the Loop. For details, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. For details or an application form, call Adam at 312.640.5398.

FELLOWSHIP

Cornerstones will gather for a Christmas Party on Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, December 5.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A petition urging the president of Cameroon to not develop a palm oil plantation that would destroy the rain forest and affect livelihoods of families is available for signing at Coffee Hour.

Dominican Republic trip applications are due December 2. Details are available online and in the literature racks.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 18–24, 2012

Sunday, November 18

7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/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	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	“Our Pastors’ Call to Ministry”		The Clare
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room	
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room	
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Dedication of the Gratz Center and Buchanan Chapel		
1:15 p.m.	Dedication Reception	Anderson Hall/Gratz Center	
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Gospelfest		<i>(see announcement)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
7:00 p.m.	Bella Voce Concert: Handel’s <i>Messiah</i>		Sanctuary

Monday, November 19

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
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Tuesday, November 20

7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School		Gratz Center
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study		737 Building
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Wednesday, November 21

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School		Gratz Center
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary

Thursday, November 22

11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship	Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner		Anderson Hall

Friday, November 23 *Church Office Closed*

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary
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Preaching on Sunday, November 25

8:00 a.m.	John W. Vest preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt preaching
4:00 p.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. 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 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.