

December 2–8, 2012

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# News and Opportunities

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**The Fair Trade Bazaar** is held today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and the Gignilliat Commons.

**An Advent Wreath Workshop** for families is today from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

**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](http://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.

**“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](http://www.cso.org).

**Chicago a cappella** will perform the concert “Navidad en México” this Friday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door and at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org).

**Men’s Group** will gather for breakfast and the presentation “Sinners and Saints: Religious Characters and Themes in Opera,” led by Carl Grapentine of WFMT 98.7, this Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To RSVP (required), call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, December 5.

**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 online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 14 for names to appear in the bulletin.

### Have you seen the photos from the dedication

celebration of the Gratz Center and Buchanan Chapel? They’re posted on the Fourth Church page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch), or scan the QR code at right), where you can also find photos of the recent Day School presidential election, information about Advent concerts and activities, recent sermons and prayers, and more!



**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.

**“Christmas and Consumerism: Advice for Parents”** will be led by Susan Schemper on Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

**A CLL Holiday Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to attend. To RSVP (required), call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, December 11.

**The “Christmas with Tower Brass”** concert will take place on Saturday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## WORSHIP

**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 today and next Sunday, December 9.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center** are being offered today and on Sunday, December 9 at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. Look for the docents in the Commons of the Gratz Center. Tours will also be offered Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

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

**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 the candidates are currently serving elsewhere. For details about the PNC process, see [www.fourthchurch.org/pnc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/pnc).

**The Gratz Center donor wall** in the Gignilliat Commons includes the names, randomly placed, of all who contributed to the building project. While every effort was made to ensure complete accuracy, including contacting all donors this past summer for verification of the desired listing of the name, if there is an error in your listing, please call Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**“Two for Blu” Carnival Getaway** raffle tickets are available in Borwell Dining Room during Coffee Hour. The getaway includes two tickets to Carnival, the annual gala benefiting Chicago Lights, the Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning; an overnight stay for two at the Radisson Blu; and breakfast the next morning. For information, contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** will be available today at the reception desk.

**Dominican Republic trip applications** are due today. The application form and information about this March mission trip are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html).

**The Benevolent Guild** will gather this Wednesday, December 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

**The Near North Unity Program**, a neighborhood organization that seeks to strengthen community health and cohesion on the Near North Side, will host a public celebration on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at 1111 N. Wells St. All are invited to attend and learn about the organization's plans for 2013. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Volunteers to lead seminars** on job searches, housing rights, public benefits, and life skills.

**Substitute tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's winter clothes** in larger sizes

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

## ENRICHMENT

**Academy for Faith and Life** classes take place today in the Gratz Center. "Growing in Service, Growing in Spirit," led by Vicky Curtiss (Room 5F), and "The Church and the Definition of Marriage," led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek (Room 5G), will meet at 9:30 a.m. "Love and Conflict," led by John Boyle (Room 5F), and "Christianity outside the Presbyterian Church," led by Bruce Rigdon (Room 5G), will meet at 11:00 a.m.

**"Our Pastors' Call to Ministry,"** led today by Joyce Shin, takes place at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E of the Gratz Center.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Literary Ladies' Guide to the Writing Life* by Nava Atlas on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5G of the Gratz Center.

**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.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Child care** is provided in the Nursery, on the first floor of the Gratz Center.

**Sunday School** is at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Fourth Church Youth** (grades 6–12) meet today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**A meet-and-greet with the artists** of the current exhibition of artwork from Fourth Church members, staff, and program participants will take place on Sunday, December 9 in the Loggia following 11:00 a.m. worship.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Cornerstones** will gather for a Christmas Party this 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.

**Fourth Dimension** will meet for a Holiday Party on Friday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2–8, 2012

### Sunday, December 2

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Hardy H. Kim preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Borwell Dining Room
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Commons
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Thomas Long preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Advent Wreath Workshop	Parish House Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Borwell Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Thomas Long preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:15 p.m.	Church and Organ Tours	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Borwell Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship</b> <b>Adam H. Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### Monday, December 3

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School <i>(also Tuesday–Friday)</i>	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Randolph Room

### Tuesday, December 4

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	The Loop
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	"Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study	Gratz Center
7:30 p.m.	"A Chanticleer Christmas" <i>(also Wednesday)</i>	Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 5

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
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### Thursday, December 6

10:00 a.m.	"Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study	Gratz Center
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### Friday, December 7

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Alfreda Burke	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Gratz Center
8:00 p.m.	"Navidad en México" Chicago <i>a cappella</i> Concert	Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 8

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group	Borwell Dining Room
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### Preaching on Sunday, December 9

8:00 a.m.	Edwin Estevez preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Thomas Long preaching
4:00 p.m.	Adam H. Fronczek 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.