

December 9–15, 2012

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Christmas wishes for 150 children remain to be filled as part of the “Christmas Wishes” gift project, which collects gifts for those who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour. A “Christmas Wishes” wrapping party will take place today from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

“**Christmas and Consumerism: Advice for Parents**” will be led by Susan Schemper today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center.

Filled bags for the “Christmas Gift Bag” project, which provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests, are to be returned today at Coffee Hour or reception.

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.

Friday is the deadline for Christmas flower contributions to memorialize or honor loved ones. Names of those being remembered must be received by December 14 in order to be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org or by calling Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833.

The Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert will be held on Friday, December 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com.

Next Sunday the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception hosted by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

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.

Did you see the CBS 2 interview of Calum MacLeod talking about Fourth Church and the Gratz Center on Tuesday morning? We shared the segments on Facebook early that day (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), and you can now also find the links to them posted on the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org. Be sure to bookmark and visit both pages often to keep up on the latest Fourth Church news!



A Blue Christmas service for those for whom Christmas is made difficult by loss and sadness will be held on Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Four candlelight services will be held 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.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place on Tuesday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available at reception.

ENRICHMENT

“Our Pastors’ Call to Ministry,” led today by Edwin Estevez, takes place at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E of the Gratz Center.

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.

Books by Women will discuss *Literary Ladies’ Guide to the Writing Life* by Nava Atlas this Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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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“Beginning T’ai Chi II,” a CLL class for adults sixty and more, will be offered on Tuesdays, December 11–February 26. To register, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

The “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series will explore “Dealing with Your In-Laws” on Sunday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G of the Gratz Center.

The *Jerusalem: The Biography* book study will conclude on Tuesday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4D. Participants are asked to read through the end of the book.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. Details are available in the literature racks.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour in the Commons.

Alternative Gifts International information and giving opportunities will be available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour.

“Two for Blu” Carnival Getaway drawing tickets are available at 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).

The Benevolent Guild will gather this Wednesday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today meet the artists—members and staff of Fourth Church—whose work is on display in the Loggia. A reception will be held in the Loggia following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Chicago Ensemble will perform a concert this Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets will be available at the door.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will discuss “All about Advent” today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

ThirtiesForties will gather for a Christmas open house today from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at a member’s home.

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).

WORSHIP

A service in the style of Taizé will be held on New Year’s Eve at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

A youth volunteer opportunity at the Bethel Christmas Store will take place this Saturday, December 15 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. For details or to sign up, call Kimberlee Frost at 312.981.4035.

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center are being offered today and next Sunday, December 16 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.

Next Sunday decorated ribbons to be cut at the January 12 Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center are due. 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. For details about the PNC process, see 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, if there is an error in your listing, please call Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to transcribe recorded oral histories

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Coats for families who have requested assistance

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 9–15, 2012

Sunday, December 9

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Edwin Estevez preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Thomas Long preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
9:30 a.m.	“Christmas and Consumerism”	Room 5A
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	Anderson Hall / Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Thomas Long preaching	Sanctuary
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	Anderson Hall / Commons
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	“Meet the Artists” Reception	Loggia
12:30 to 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Wishes Wrapping Party	Manse, First Floor
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.	ThirtiesForties Christmas Open House	<i>(see announcement)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	Gratz Center
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Concert	Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday, December 12

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
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Thursday, December 13

10:00 a.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	Gratz Center
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Friday, December 14

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Charles Segal	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension Holiday Party	Anderson Hall
8:00 p.m.	Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert	Sanctuary

Worship on Sunday, December 16

8:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Adam H. Fronczek preaching
4:00 p.m.	Adam H. Fronczek preaching
6:30 p.m.	Advent Lessons and Music

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.