

December 30–January 5, 2012

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues to the Gratz Center Grand Opening on Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. The open house that will follow will include refreshments from Ditka's.

Year-end giving notes: For those wanting to make a year-end gift or fulfill their 2012 Annual Appeal pledge by credit card, charges must be made to the card by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 31 in order for those gifts to be listed on 2012 giving statements. For those wanting to make a gift or pledge fulfillment by check and have the gift listed on 2012 giving statements, please be sure the envelope is postmarked December 31.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, and much more.

Interested in computers and AV?

Able to make a regular commitment to helping record worship services at Fourth Church? A rotation of volunteers is needed to help with this important ministry on Sunday mornings and for special services. For more information or to volunteer, contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

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 contact Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833 (wcarte@fourthchurch.org).

Did you see the Tribune's feature on the Gratz Center?

Or hear Calum MacLeod's radio clip about the Connecticut tragedy? You'll find links to both on our page on Facebook. Be sure to "like" the page (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) to ensure you see the latest news from Fourth Church. If you "like" us already, make sure that when you hover over the "Like" button, the "Show in News Feed" is checked!



To sponsor **Coffee Hour**, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Cellist Mira Luxion will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Light, the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Today is the last day to get "Two for Blu" Carnival Getaway drawing tickets, which 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. The drawing will be held during Coffee Hour following 11:00 a.m. worship today.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets, which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant, are available at the Mission table at Coffee Hour or by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

The Sensible Gun Laws petition, which has already collected 25,000 signatures, is available for signing at the Mission table at Coffee Hour and online at www.change.org/petitions.

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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Applications for the 2013 mission trip to Guatemala (July 6–14) are due next Sunday, January 6. Details are available in the literature racks and online.

WORSHIP

A New Year's Eve service in the style of Taizé will be held this Monday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer will be held this week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

ENRICHMENT

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class meets next on Monday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room.

Books by Women will discuss *Yellow Dirt: An American Story of a Poisoned Land and a People Betrayed* by Judy Pasternak next Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A **Career Transitions Center** introductory information session will be held next Wednesday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. at 703 W. Monroe. To register, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

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 and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy.

“**The Labyrinth as a Source of Strength for One’s Life Journey**” will be the topic of this year’s Midwinter Retreat, led by labyrinth expert Lauren Artress, on Saturday, February 16. Details will be available in January.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center for fellowship and discussion.

Fourth for Bridge will meet this Saturday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet for a joint gathering of “Voices from Our Past,” a Fourth Acts dramatization, next Friday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, January 9.

Men’s Group will gather for a breakfast meeting with David Scheffer, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University, next Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. To register (required), call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, January 9. All are welcome to attend.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Energetic individuals to share hobbies and activities with Chicago Lights Tutoring students, one evening a week, January 7–March 7

Members to transcribe recorded oral histories, flexible hours

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights

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

Members to lead seminars on legal assistance, medical information, nutrition, job searches, housing rights, public benefits, life skills, and art appreciation

Current Donation Needs

Gently used clothes for a chronically ill ten-year-old girl

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes (coats, pants, sweaters, socks, etc.)

Double paper/plastic bags with handles from Treasure Island for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Furniture and supplies for a new baby

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Sunday School classes do not meet today. They will resume on January 6.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) do not meet today. They will resume meeting next Sunday, January 6 in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 30–JANUARY 5, 2012

Sunday, December 30

7:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Choir Loft
7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
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
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Borwell Dining Room

Monday, December 31

	<i>New Year's Eve</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Taizé Service	Buchanan Chapel

Tuesday, January 1 ***New Year's Day: Church Office Closed***

Wednesday, January 2

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
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Thursday, January 3

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Choir Loft

Friday, January 4

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mira Luxion	Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, January 5

7:30 p.m.	Fourth for Bridge	<i>(see announcement)</i>
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Worship on Sunday, January 6

8:00 a.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Judith L. Watt 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.