

January 27–February 2, 2013

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News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Today *Mass of the Children* by John Rutter will be performed by the Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Morning Choir, and chamber orchestra during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

A **labyrinth walk** will be held this Monday, January 28 between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 30 between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Allan Boesak, minister and anti-apartheid activist, will be preaching at Fourth Church next Sunday, February 3 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

ENRICHMENT

"**Celebrating Spiritual Foremothers**," an interfaith women's retreat, will be held this Saturday, February 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Tuesday, January 29.

Today new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin: "The Bible and Religious Violence," led by Tom Dozeman; "Considering the Conversation: End-of-Life Issues," led by Judy Watt; and "Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* as Christian Comedy," led by Adam Rose, at 9:30 a.m. "Eastern Orthodox Christianity," led by Bruce Rigdon, is held at 11:00 a.m. "Christian Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (USA)," led by Vicky Curtiss, continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Christian Century discussion and study groups will meet twice a month, beginning Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"**The Voice of Moderate Muslims**," a lecture by Imam Feisal, one of the most influential Muslim voices for moderation, will take place on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Did you miss these on our website this past week:

the Day School students' suggestions for President Obama, Fourth Church volunteers on the National Day of Service, highlights on special programs hosted as part of the Gratz Center Grand Opening Month? If so, be sure to bookmark www.fourthchurch.org and visit often so as not to miss future features and news. And check us out on Facebook too!



“Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today,” a film followed by comments by John Boyle, will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A grief support group will meet for six Mondays, beginning February 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. To register, call 312.787.8425.

“Valentine’s Day Treats,” a CLL baking demonstration led by Lori Parrett, will be held on Thursday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m. for adults sixty and more. RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, February 5.

“Strength for the Journey: The Labyrinth as a Path to Ourselves” will be the topic of this year’s Midwinter Retreat, led by labyrinth expert Lauren Artress, on Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 10 following the 11:00 service. In addition to voting for new officers and hearing a report about the ongoing work of the Pastor Nominating Committee, the congregation will also vote on a recommendation from the Session and Trustees to sell the church property on Chicago Avenue.

An opportunity to ask questions of church leaders about the proposed sale of the church property on Chicago Avenue will take place next Sunday, February 3 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.

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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A congregational lunch will follow the February 10 Annual Meeting. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

The CLL’s annual Memorial Service, a time to remember Center for Life and Learning members who have died in the past year, will be held this Thursday, January 31 at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

It is possible for individuals 70-1/2 or over to make a donation to benefit Fourth Church or Chicago Lights from an IRA before February 1 of this year and have it treated it as a 2012 qualified charitable distribution (QCD) when filing taxes. Information about the recent extension of the QCD provisions can be found online or from your financial advisor: <http://1.usa.gov/W5HJwD>.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is in a several-month quiet phase as they review and research possible candidates for the position of Pastor. For details about the PNC process, see www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Today Donna Gray, who will be retiring at the end of the month, will be honored during morning Coffee Hours. Please join us for this opportunity to thank Donna for her ministry among us and to wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Today children, youth, and families will gather for a retirement celebration in honor of Donna Gray at 12:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel with a lunch following in Borwell Dining Room.

The “**Parenting in Faith**” series will begin with the workshop “What Does Our Family Believe?” on Sunday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

The **Souper Bowl of Caring** to alleviate hunger will be held next Sunday, February 3. That morning, youth will collect cans of soup and monetary contributions to benefit the food pantry of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center.

The **South Loop Moms’ Group** will meet on Thursday, February 7 at 8:00 p.m. at a member’s home to discuss the book *Desperate: Hope for the Mom Who Needs to Breathe*. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

“**Understanding Homelessness** on the Magnificent Mile,” a panel discussion, will be held this Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Carnaval tickets are available at Coffee Hour today. Stop by to learn more about this February 22 benefit—and to purchase drawing tickets for a Vespa! Information is also available online at www.chicagolights.org and by calling Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

The **deadline to submit applications** for the Guatemala mission trip (July 6–14) is this Thursday, January 31. Details are available in the literature racks.

Cuba mission trip participants are leaving this Saturday, February 2 to spend a week with our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

FELLOWSHIP

Cornerstones will meet for “How the Gratz Center Came Together,” a photographic presentation by Micah Marty, this Friday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, January 30.

Fourth for Bridge meets at a member’s home on Saturday, February 2. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fourth Dimension will gather for “Philosophy, Ethics, and Artistry in Clint Eastwood Movies” on Friday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. To register, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Men’s Group will meet for “Teachings from Treatment,” by John Boyle, on Saturday, February 9 at 8:00 a.m. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, February 6.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Data entry person for the Urban Farm **Members** to teach Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. for a mixed-age class

A shopping aide to assist guests in the EDSSC food pantry on Thursdays

Current Donation Needs

Items to take to Cuba (medicine, shirts)

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Piano and Poetry Meditations will take place this Wednesday, January 30 at 12:00 noon in Buchanan Chapel.

Construction photographs of the Gratz Center are on exhibit in the Loggia.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 27–FEBRUARY 2, 2013

Sunday, January 27

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship <i>Mass of the Children</i>	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship <i>Mass of the Children</i>	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Children, Youth, and Families Program	Buchanan Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Borwell Dining Room

Monday, January 28

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
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.	Youth Drop-In <i>(also Tuesday–Friday)</i>	The Loft
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>	Gratz Center

Tuesday, January 29

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, January 30

12:00 noon	Piano and Poetry Meditations	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel

Thursday, January 31

12:15 p.m.	CLL Memorial Service	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Choir Loft
7:00 p.m.	“Homelessness on the Magnificent Mile”	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, February 1

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mio Nakamura	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones	Gratz Center

Saturday, February 2

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Women’s Interfaith Retreat	Gratz Center
7:30 p.m.	Fourth for Bridge	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Worship on Sunday, February 3

8:00 a.m.	John W. Vest preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Allan Boesak preaching
4:00 p.m.	Edwin Estevez 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.