

News and Opportunities

THANKSGIVING

The annual **Thanksgiving Gospelfest**, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held today at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street). A community meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church host the service. Joyce Shin will participate; Monsignor Dan Mayall will preach.

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 this Thursday, November 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary this Thursday, November 28. Vicky Curtiss will be preaching.

WORSHIP

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. The walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

As you're shopping for gifts this Christmas, let Fourth Church and Chicago Lights help you spread double the joy with your giving: "Light Up a Life" gifts—which are easy to place online at www.fourthchurch.org and perfect for everyone on your list—provide a meaningful gift for recipients and make a lasting difference in the lives of those served by Chicago Lights and Fourth Church.



Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Information about the pastoral search process is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert this Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Youth (grades 6–12) meet at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Parent Space, opportunity for parents to gather for a time of fellowship, is held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Knitters and Crocheters, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, will next gather Tuesday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items they have completed, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects. Items are then donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

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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Due December 15 are applications for the women’s mission trip to Cuba (March 21–29) and the musical mission trip to Guatemala (February 22–March 1). Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

To sign up to receive advocacy action alerts by email from the Mission Committee, stop by the Mission table at Coffee Hour.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes held today are “Fourth Church Drum Circle” at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room and “Hinduism 101” 12:30 p.m. in Room 5D.

A **creative workshop** will be offered through the Center for Life and Learning on Thursdays, beginning December 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. This time to work on creative projects is open to anyone sixty and more.

ADVENT

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour today. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held next Sunday, December 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

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 to the reception desk by Sunday, December 8.

“**Holidays a cappella,**” with Chicago *a cappella*, will take place next Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org.

“**A Chanticleer Christmas**” concert will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org.

“**Carols and Anthems of the Season,**” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place on Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.stcharlessingers.com.

The **annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will take place on Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

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 13 for names to appear in the bulletin.

An **Advent Contemplative Retreat** will be held Friday–Saturday, December 13–14 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details are available in the literature racks. Registration forms are due by Sunday, December 8.

FELLOWSHIP

To sponsor **Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Young Adults meets for fellowship on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

A **Cornerstones Christmas Party** will be held on Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, December 4.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Teachers and health professionals for the Center for Life and Learning
Librarian for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Members to be Nursery caregivers on Sundays, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Shopping aide for guests of the Social Service Center’s Consumer Choice Food Pantry, alternating Wednesdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s seasonal clothes

Nonperishable food items for the Consumer Choice Food Pantry

Double paper/plastic bags with handles

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

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 24–30, 2013

Sunday, November 24

8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Parent Space	Room 4G
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 5B
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Worship	Buchanan Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class: “Drum Circle”	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Room 5B
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class: “Hinduism 101”	Room 5D
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Gospelfest	<i>(see announcement)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Edwin Estevez preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 25

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School <i>(also Tuesday–Wednesday)</i>	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday)</i>	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk <i>(also Wednesday)</i>	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Knitters and Crocheters	Room 4F
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Concert	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday, November 27

6:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer	Hospitality Suite
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Thursday, November 28 *Thanksgiving Day*

11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner	Anderson Hall

Friday, November 29 *Church Office Closed*

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Sanctuary
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Saturday, November 30

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, December 1

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 on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.