

December 15–21, 2013

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Through “Light Up a Life” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

An Advent Bible study, led by Vicky Curtiss, is held on Sundays through December 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

Today filled bags for the “Christmas Gift Bag” project, which provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests, are due to the reception desk.

ThirtiesForties will meet today to discuss “Life in Focus: Caring,” led by Adrian Guiu, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D. Following the discussion, they will gather for a Christmas party at 12:00 noon in the fifth-floor lounge of the Gratz Center.

Young Adults will gather for an Advent dinner this Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Manse. To RSVP, contact Edwin Estevez at eestevez@fourthchurch.org.

The Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert will be held this Friday, December 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com.

A “**Christmas with Tower Brass**” concert will be held this Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A Christmas Cantata, featuring Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, will be sung by the Morning Choir, accompanied by a Chicago Chamber Orchestra string quartet, next Sunday, December 22 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

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).

It’s easy to fulfill your 2013 pledge online:

Just go to www.fourthchurch.org (or scan this QR code) and click on “To Make a Gift.” There you will find an option to make a gift toward your Annual Appeal pledge for 2013.

On the same page you can also make Light Up a Life gifts in honor of friends, family, and colleagues, gifts that offer important year-end support to programs that serve others.



Parking on Christmas Eve for those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24 will cost \$16 this year due to a change in management at the garage. The \$16 orange parking voucher will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve and will be available before and after the Children's Pageant that day. Those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park for the usual \$8 evening rate with a green voucher available at the church. Parking on Christmas Day in the 900 garage will also cost \$16. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

The Christmas Day worship service on Wednesday, December 25 will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with Hardy Kim preaching.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place on Wednesday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available at the reception desk. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

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.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

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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Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (www.fourthchurch.org/pnc) continues to be in conversation with candidates.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A "**Christmas Wishes**" gift-wrapping party will be held today from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Manse.

Due today are applications for the women's mission trip to Cuba (March 21–29) and the musical mission trip to Guatemala (February 21–March 1). Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets 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. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Information about Alternative Gifts International is available at the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

ENRICHMENT

Men's Bible Study will gather on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Ryan Loeckel at rloeckel@fourthchurch.org.

“Endings and Beginnings,” a spiritual retreat led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held Saturday, January 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To RSVP, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, December 29.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets for a discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

WORSHIP

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 Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available on Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Tenor Stephen Edwards will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The art exhibit “Work: Curse or Calling” is on display in the Loggia through Monday, December 30.

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 the Bumpus Room.

“Munch and Mingle,” offered through Parenting in Faith, will be held today at 9:15 a.m. in Room 4G. Parents are invited to bring a breakfast snack to share.

The “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series continues today with the topic “What Do You Have in Common? What Are Your Differences?” at 1:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware).

La Posada Family Night will be held this Friday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be held next Sunday, December 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The pageant takes place on Christmas Eve during the 4:00 p.m. service.

No Sunday School or youth gatherings will be held on Sundays, December 29 or January 5.

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
Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men’s seasonal clothes in all sizes
Women’s seasonal clothes in larger sizes
Department store bags with handles

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

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 15–21, 2013

Sunday, December 15

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| | 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Victoria G. Curtiss preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | | Anderson Hall |
| 9:00 a.m. to | 12:15 p.m. | Nursery | | Gratz Center, First Floor |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Parents' "Munch and Mingle" | | Room 4G |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship | Calum I. MacLeod preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Advent Bible Study | | Room 5G |
| | 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 | | Buchanan Chapel |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour | | Anderson Hall |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Intercessory Prayer | | Stone Chapel |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Youth Gathering | | Bumpus Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Calum I. MacLeod preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal | | Room 5B |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School | | Gratz Center, Fourth Floor |
| | 11:00 a.m. | ThirtiesForties "Life in Focus" | | Room 5D |
| | 12:00 noon | New Member Brunch | | Randolph Room |
| | 12:00 noon | ThirtiesForties Christmas Party | | Fifth-Floor Lounge |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Coffee Hour | | Anderson Hall |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer | | Stone Chapel |
| | 12:30 p.m. | "Christmas Wishes" Wrapping Party | | Manse, First Floor |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Young Adults Gathering | | Room 5A |
| | 1:00 p.m. | "Religion in Interfaith Homes" | | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Jazz Worship | Adam H. Fronczek preaching | Sanctuary |

Monday, December 16

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| 7:30 a.m. to | 9:00 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk <i>(also Tuesday)</i> | Buchanan Chapel |
| 9:30 a.m. | | Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i> | Sanctuary |

Tuesday, December 17

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Bible Study | <i>(see announcement)</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Sanctuary |

Wednesday, December 18

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| 7:30 a.m. to | 5:00 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk | Buchanan Chapel |
| 6:00 p.m. | | Contemplative Prayer | Hospitality Suite |

Thursday, December 19

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| 11:30 a.m. | CLL Holiday Luncheon | Borwell Dining Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Young Adults Advent Dinner | Manse, First Floor |

Friday, December 20

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| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Stephen Edwards | Buchanan Chapel |
| 5:30 p.m. | La Posada Family Night | Borwell Dining Room |
| 8:00 p.m. | Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert | Sanctuary |

Saturday, December 21

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| 7:30 a.m. to | 12:00 noon | Labyrinth Walk | Buchanan Chapel |
| 5:00 p.m. | | Christmas with Tower Brass | Sanctuary |

Worship on Sunday, December 22

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| 8:00 a.m. | Judith L. Watt preaching |
| 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Calum I. MacLeod 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.