

November 16–22, 2014

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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, photos, and much more.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for worship and programming information and sermon excerpts. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on the news.

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Academy for Faith and Life classes are held today: “Zombie Revolution,” led by Clare Rothschild, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D and “Psychology and Faith,” led by Elinor Hite and Tom Schemper, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

A SoulCollage® seminar will be held today in the Boyle Conference Room. An introductory session will take place at 12:30 p.m., followed by card creating and readings at 1:00 p.m.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet this Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

ENRICHMENT

“Enriching Relationships,” a series for couples, will discuss “Cultivating Communication,” today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

THANKSGIVING

A “Thanks and Giving” Family Night for children and their families will take place this Friday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Today: “A Taste of Stephen Ministry”

Do you have gifts of mercy, encouragement, and listening? Join us for “A Taste of Stephen Ministry” today at 12:30 p.m. to learn how you can use these qualities to help others.

We are currently looking for new Stephen Ministers to provide one-to-one caring relationships to those who need support during challenging times.



The annual **Thanksgiving Gospelfest**, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held next Sunday, November 23 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 Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating, and Shannon Kershner will preach.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 27. Joyce Shin will preach.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets are available online at bitly.com/thanksdinner2014. This traditional dinner will be served on Thursday, November 27 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are limited. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Youth gather today for worship at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Youth and Family Luncheon will take place next Sunday, November 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

A **“Parenting in Faith”** opportunity for parents to connect as a community through casual conversation and fellowship will be held next Sunday, November 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

FELLOWSHIP

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults gathers today for discussion about “Gratitude” at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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).

Due December 15 are applications for mission trips to Cuba and Haiti. More information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

WORSHIP

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

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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ADVENT

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. this Saturday, November 22 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

Taking Communion to homebound members will be part of the Deacon ministry in December. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please call Carol Allerton by Sunday, November 30 at 312.640.5448. Those individuals will then be called to ask about setting up a time for the Deacons to visit.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held on Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

An Advent Contemplative Retreat will be held Saturday–Sunday, December 13–14 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms, which are available in the literature racks and online, are due Sunday, December 7.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and 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 online. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 12 for names to appear in the bulletin.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chicago Mosaic School will present on the work of Verdiano Marzi, whose art will be on exhibit in the Loggia this spring, this Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

“**Art from Esperanza,**” on display in the Loggia, features the work of program participants from Esperanza Community Services, which supports children and adults with developmental challenges.

Organist John W. W. Sherer will play the Jardine organ in the East Balcony for this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Audio recording operators for worship

Volunteers to help take down the Fair Trade Bazaar on Sunday, December 7; 2:00–4:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s sturdy winter clothes

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday

Night Supper

Travel-size toiletry items

Nonperishable food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 16–22, 2014

Sunday, November 16

	8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”		Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	“Zombie Revolution”		Room 5D
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Worship		Buchanan Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	“Psychology and Faith”		Room 5G
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	12:00 noon	New Member Brunch		Randolph Room
	12:30 p.m.	“A Taste of Stephen Ministry”		Page Smith Room
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, November 17

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)		Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
7:00 p.m.	“Loss and the Holidays” Grief Group		Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, November 18

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Wednesday</i>)		Buchanan Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
6:30 and 7:30 p.m.	Intro to Meditation/Meditation		Boyle Conference Room
	7:30 p.m.	“The Art of Mosaic Making”	Buchanan Chapel

Wednesday, November 19

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
6:00 p.m.	<i>Christian Century</i> Study Groups		Randolph Room

Thursday, November 20

10:00 a.m.	Moms’ Group		Room 4C
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Friday, November 21

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	“Thanks and Giving” Family Night		Borwell Dining Room

Saturday, November 22

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Caroling on Sanctuary Steps		(<i>see announcement</i>)

Worship on Sunday, November 23

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	John W. Vest 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.