

November 23–29, 2014

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# 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 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 Dinner tickets** are available online at [bitly.com/thanksdinner2014](http://bitly.com/thanksdinner2014). This traditional dinner will be served this Thursday, November 27 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are limited. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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

**Thanksgiving Day parking** for the Thanksgiving Day worship service and dinner is available at a discounted rate at the 900 parking garage. Please note, however, that the discount rate will not be the Sunday morning rate but will be the \$16 holiday rate set by the garage. The \$16 vouchers can be purchased with cash or check at the church reception desk on Thanksgiving morning. There will then be no additional fee when validating your ticket at the garage upon exit.

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

Visit the **Fourth Church page** on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](http://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) for worship and programming information. If you have a Facebook account, “like” Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on news and photos.

### As you begin to make your Christmas shopping list,

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](http://www.fourthchurch.org) and perfect for all 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.



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## ENRICHMENT

“Psychology and Faith,” an Academy for Faith and Life class, will be held today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

A Youth and Family Luncheon will take place today at 12:00 noon in Borwell Dining Room.

## FELLOWSHIP

To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Cornerstones will meet for their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, December 3.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

Recycled newspaper is being collected by the Chicago Lights Urban Farm for composting with worms. Donations are being received at the reception desk starting this Tuesday, November 26. For large-quantity donations, contact Ben Jaffe at [bjaffe@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bjaffe@fourthchurch.org) to schedule a drop-off time at the Urban Farm.

The Chicago Lights Associates Board is participating in the Santa Hustle on Saturday, December 6, with all proceeds benefiting Chicago Lights. To join or support the team, visit [bit.ly/CLABhustle](http://bit.ly/CLABhustle)

Due December 15 are applications for mission trips to Cuba and Haiti. More information is available in the literature racks and online.

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Flutist Mary-Christine Stingley will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## 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](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

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

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 next 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.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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“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](http://www.cso.org)

“Candlelight Carols,” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place on Friday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at [www.stcharlessingers.com](http://www.stcharlessingers.com)

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.

Items for Christmas gift bags are being collected for guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Instructions and a list of needed items are available at Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. Items are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 7.

“Holiday Pops!”—a concert with Chicago Chamber Orchestra and cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael—will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at [www.chicagochamberorch.org](http://www.chicagochamberorch.org)

“Holidays a cappella,” with Chicago a cappella, will be held on Friday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org)

Expectations for the holidays can be different from the realities, and feelings of grief over losses can be heightened. Fourth Church’s Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being offers various resources for reflecting on and coping with such experiences. To learn more, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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.

## 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**

**Travel-size toiletry items**

**Nonperishable food items**

**Colorful tablecloths** for Sunday Night Supper

*A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html)*

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 23–29, 2014**

**Sunday, November 23**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Victoria G. Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	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
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”		Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	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 Gathering		Bumpus Room
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Shannon J. Kershner preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	11:00 a.m.	“Psychology and Faith”		Room 5G
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	12:00 noon	Youth and Family Luncheon		Borwell Dining Room
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Gospelfest</b>		<b>(1000 N. Orleans)</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship</b>	<b>John W. Vest preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

**Monday, November 24**

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	“Loss and the Holidays” Grief Group	Boyle Conference Room

**Tuesday, November 25**

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Day School	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting	Room 4K
7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Meditation	Boyle Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	<b>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</b>	<b>(15 W. Delaware)</b>

**Wednesday, November 26**

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary

**Thursday, November 27** *Thanksgiving Day*

<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Worship</b>	<b>Joyce Shin preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner		Anderson Hall

**Friday, November 28** *Church Office Closed*

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Mary-Christine Stingley	Sanctuary
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**Saturday, November 29**

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

8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Layton Williams 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.