

December 14–20, 2014

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

“**Grow in Your Faith**,” a monthly series for parents, will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

La Posada Family Night will be held on Friday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Youth (grades 6–12) meet today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A “**Parenting in Faith**” opportunity for parents to connect as a community through casual conversation and fellowship will be held next Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be held next Sunday, December 21 at 12:10 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 28 or January 4.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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

It's easy to fulfill your 2014 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 2014.

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.



Through “**Light Up a Life**” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made online or by completing the form available in the literature racks.

A “**Longest Night**” service for those for whom Christmas is made difficult by loss and sadness will be held this Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

A **Lakeside Singers “Holiday Road”** concert will be held this Friday, December 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.lakesidesingers.com

A “**Christmas with Tower Brass**” concert will be held this Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A \$20 suggested donation will be received at the door.

A **Christmas Cantata**, featuring Britten’s *A Ceremony of Carols*, will be sung by the Morning Choir, accompanied by harpist Kara Bershada, next Sunday, December 21 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). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.

The annual Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register, with cash or check, at the reception desk.

Parking rates for Christmas Eve and Day: For those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24, discounted parking will cost \$16, which is the holiday rate. The \$16 orange parking voucher for that discount will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve—cash or check only—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 cost \$16. The voucher for discounted parking on Christmas Day must be purchased, with cash or check, at the church on Christmas morning. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

WORSHIP

The blue hymnals, to which we bid farewell on November 23, are going to be given to communities in need of hymnals—but if you would like to have one or more of them, they are available from the Book Nook for a suggested donation of \$10 each.

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 **memorial service** for Margaret (Greta) Telford will be held this Friday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception following in Anderson Hall.

A **memorial service** will be held for James Durham on Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception following in Anderson Hall.

A **service in the style of Taizé** will next be held on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, 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.

ENRICHMENT

“**Endings and Beginnings,**” a spiritual retreat, will be held on Saturday, January 3 at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To register (required), contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, December 28.

“**Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education**” describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed at Fourth Church on weekdays January 7–27. See www.calvin.edu/january for details.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A “**Christmas Wishes**” gift-wrapping party will be held today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Manse.

Due this Monday, 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

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 call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will gather today for fellowship and discussion about “Advent Expectations” at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will also meet for an Advent dinner and cookie-decorating contest this Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Manse. To RSVP, contact Hardy Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Vocalist Ann Marie Boyle will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording operators for worship
Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during morning worship
Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's sturdy winter clothes
Individually wrapped and nonperishable food items

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

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 14–20, 2014

Sunday, December 14

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| | 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Joyce Shin preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Shannon J. Kershner preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School | | Gratz Center, Fourth Floor |
| | 12:00 noon | Coffee Hour | | Commons |
| | 12:00 noon | New Member Brunch | | Randolph Room |
| | 12:30 p.m. | “Christmas Wishes” Gift-Wrapping Party | | Manse, First Floor |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Young Adults Gathering | | Room 5A |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Jazz Worship | John W. Vest preaching | Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Festival of Advent Lessons and Music | | Sanctuary |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Cookies-and-Cocoa Reception | | Anderson Hall |

Monday, December 15

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| 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>) | 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</i>) | Sanctuary |
| 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>) | Gratz Center, Fifth Floor |

Tuesday, December 16

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| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Sanctuary |
| 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. | Intro to Meditation/Meditation | Boyle Conference Room |

Wednesday, December 17

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| 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Labyrinth Walk | Buchanan Chapel |
| 9:30 a.m. | Benevolent Guild | Room 5B |

Thursday, December 18

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| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer (<i>also Friday</i>) | Buchanan Chapel |
| 6:30 p.m. | “Longest Night” Service | Buchanan Chapel |
| 7:00 p.m. | Young Adults Advent Dinner | Manse, First Floor |

Friday, December 19

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| 12:10 p.m. | Noonday Concert: Ann Marie Boyle | Buchanan Chapel |
| 5:30 p.m. | La Posada Family Night | Borwell Dining Room |
| 8:00 p.m. | Lakeside Singers: “Holiday Road” | Sanctuary |

Saturday, December 20

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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 21

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| 8:00 a.m. | Judith L. Watt preaching |
| 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Shannon J. Kershner preaching |
| 4:00 p.m. | Shannon J. Kershner 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.