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December 28, 2014–January 3, 2015

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Year-end giving notes: For those wanting to make a year-end gift or fulfill their 2014 Annual Appeal pledge by credit card, charges must be made to the card by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 in order for those gifts to be listed on 2014 giving statements. For those wanting to make a gift or pledge fulfillment by check and have the gift listed on 2014 giving statements, please be sure the envelope is postmarked December 31.

Parking rates at the 900 garage will be increasing in 2015. Beginning January 1, the garage will be charging \$10 for validated Sunday morning parking.

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

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 11 following the 11:00 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee responsible for recommending a candidate to serve as Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry. Matt Helms, who is currently serving as Minister for Children and Families, will be among the candidates considered by the committee to fill this new Associate Pastor position.

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[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago) and [@FPCAngel](https://twitter.com/FPCAngel)

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 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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 to thank friends, family, and colleagues with gifts that offer important year-end support to programs that serve others.



Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held on New Year's Eve, this 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. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

Morning Prayer is held this week in the Sanctuary on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chancel Choir will not rehearse this Thursday, January 1. Rehearsals for this volunteer choir will resume on Thursday, January 8.

Flutist Cate Hummel will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, will next meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

Applications for 2015 mission trips "Racial Reconciliation" (May 2–9) and Guatemala (July 12–19) are due February 15 and April 11, respectively. Application information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Angels on Call is a volunteer opportunity offering home-cooked meals to Fourth Church families who have recently welcomed a baby or who are recovering from surgery. To learn more about Angels on Call and how to help, contact Judy Watt at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

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 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).

Save the date for Gala of Hope, to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being: Friday, March 6. Watch for details in the new year!

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).

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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Young Adults will gather next Sunday, January 4 for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet for a joint gathering of the presentation “The Music and History of Bagpipes,” led by George Sims, on Friday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7.

The Center for Life and Learning January Luncheon, featuring the presentation “*Downton Abbey* Art and Fashion,” will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 by Tuesday, January 6.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

No Sunday School or youth gatherings will be held today or on Sunday, January 4. Children are invited to worship with their parents on those Sundays; preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome in the Nursery those days.

“**Mindful Parenting**,” a monthly series for parents that is led by Sue Schemper, will be held on Sunday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

ENRICHMENT

Today is the last day to register for “Endings and Beginnings,” a spiritual retreat, held this 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 the end of the day today.

“**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. For more information about the series and speakers, including Richard M. Daley, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Books by Women will discuss *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

“**1914: Picturing the Great War**” will be the topic of a Center for Life and Learning class held on Thursdays, January 15–February 26 at 10:00 a.m. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording operators for Sunday morning worship

Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during morning worship

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

Volunteers to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s sturdy winter clothes **Individually wrapped** and 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 or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 28, 2014–JANUARY 3, 2015

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 noon	Coffee Hour		Commons
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Elizabeth Nickerson preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, December 29

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper		Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle)

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31

	<i>New Year's Eve</i>		
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Taizé Service		Buchanan Chapel

Thursday, January 1 *New Year's Day: Church Office Closed*

Friday, January 2

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Cate Hummel		Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, January 3

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	"Endings and Beginnings" Spiritual Retreat		(see announcement)

Worship on Sunday, January 4

8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 today and \$10 in 2015. 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.