

December 27, 2015–January 2, 2016

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A Light in the City

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Tuesday from 7:30 p.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 p.m.

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

ENRICHMENT

A Yoga Nidra meditation session will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday, December 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For more information, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

“What Is Justice?”—a five-week Academy for Faith and Life class cohosted with McCormick Theological Seminary and taught by Robert Cathey—will begin next Sunday, January 3 at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Men's Bible Study will meet next Tuesday, January 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

“Too Hot to Handel: The Music and Message of the Jazz-Gospel Messiah,” a free lecture offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Thursday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 to RSVP.

Books by Women will discuss *Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now: The Best of Mary Schmich* by Mary Schmich on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

It's easy to fulfill your 2015 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 2015.

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.



Presbyterian Women's Horizons
Bible study will next meet Wednesday,
January 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

**"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 6–26.
Lecturers include Eboo Patel, Ron Suskind,
David Brooks, and Mitri Raheb. Visit
www.calvin.edu/january to learn more.

"Look Around: The Cries Will Be Heard,"
a Michigan Avenue Forum on mass
incarceration, will be presented by Iva
Carruthers, professor emeritus and former
chairperson of the sociology department
at Northeastern Illinois University, on
Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.
in Buchanan Chapel.

"Claiming Our Faith Stories," a retreat
for women, will be held on January 30
from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Led by Layton
Williams, Vicky Curtiss, and members of
Fourth Church, the morning will include
a variety of workshops. Contact Anne Ellis
(aellis@fourthchurch.org) for details and
to register.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
[@FourthChicago](https://twitter.com/FourthChicago)

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one
caring relationships to support those
who are experiencing challenging times.
Information about meeting with a Stephen
Minister is available online and by leaving
a message at 312.573.3365.

**Visit the Fourth Church page on
Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch)
for sermon quotes, photos, and
programming information. If you
have a Facebook account, be sure to
"like" our page to keep up-to-date on
Fourth Church news.

Year-end giving notes: For those wanting
to make a year-end gift or fulfill their
2015 Annual Appeal pledge by credit
card, charges must be made to the card by
11:59 p.m. on Thursday, December 31 in
order for those gifts to be listed on 2015
giving statements. For those wanting to
make a gift or pledge fulfillment by check
and have the gift listed on 2015 giving
statements, please be sure the envelope is
postmarked December 31.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chancel Choir will not rehearse
on Thursday, December 31. Rehearsals
for this volunteer choir will resume on
Thursday, January 7.

The Grant Street String Quartet will
perform the next free Noonday concert,
which will be held on Friday, January 8 at
12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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 will meet for discussion
and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m.
in Room 5A.

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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“The Lure of the Relic: Collecting the Holy Land” will be presented by Morag Kersal at a joint gathering of Fourth Dimension and Cornerstones on Friday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room, with refreshments to follow in the Manse. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

No Sunday School or youth gatherings will be held today or on Sunday, January 3. Children are invited to worship with their parents on those Sundays; preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome in the Nursery those days.

Child care is provided in the Nursery, on the first floor of the Gratz Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. today.

The Senior Highs ski retreat will take place Friday, January 8–Sunday, January 10. For more information, contact Shelley Donaldson at sdonaldson@fourthchurch.org

Moms’ groups for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly. For information, call Briana Belding-Peck at 312.274.3804.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at bit.ly/tutorwinter15

The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, March 4 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. For details, contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, will next meet on Wednesday, January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B

A presentation about ministry in Cuba given by Carlos Emilio Ham, the Rector of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba, will be offered by the World Mission and Social Justice committee on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Applications for the young adult mission trip to Northern Ireland are due Friday, January 15. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers beginning January 10

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one evening per week, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Book Nook attendants

Nursery caregivers on Sundays during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Members to assist a child with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s winter clothing

Clean blankets

Magazines

Individually wrapped and nonperishable food items

For more opportunities or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 27, 2015–JANUARY 2, 2016

Sunday, December 27

8:00 a.m.	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
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, December 28 *Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, December 29

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Yoga Nidra	Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, December 30

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

Thursday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Anderson Hall
7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Taizé Service	Buchanan Chapel

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

Saturday, January 2

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, January 3

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching
4:00 p.m.	Layton Williams preaching