

December 6–12, 2009

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Kenya-Tanzania mission trip (June 18 to July 1) will be the topic of an informational meeting today at 12:15 p.m. in the Activity Center.

A gift-wrapping party to wrap Christmas Wishes gifts will be held today and next Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Anderson Hall balconies.

Chicago Lights is enlisting Facebook users to vote for Chicago Lights to be a recipient of a Chase Community Giving donation. For information, visit www.chicagolights.org.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar is being held today until 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. This opportunity to find gifts helps build a sustainable future for those in need.

A four-week Advent book study of G.K. Chesterton's *Advent and Christmas Wisdom*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room. Copies of the book are available at the Book Nook.

Christmas Day dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week. This dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the sanctuary. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the forms available in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by *Friday, December 11* for names to appear in the bulletin.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project, which collects gifts children who might not otherwise receive them, is in need of 150 more gifts. Gifts will be collected through Sunday, December 13 at the reception desk or during Coffee Hour. Wish lists are available in the Loggia today or by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be next Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (note this year's new time). A cookies-and-cocoa reception hosted by Women@Fourth Connect will follow. Volunteers are needed to bake cookies, set up, and serve hot cocoa. Contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 for details.

“Operation Christmas Gift Bag” provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at the reception desk. Bags are to be returned no later than Wednesday, December 16.

“Light Up a Life” this holiday season! Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available online at www.chicagolights.org, during Coffee Hour, and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

Daily Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in printed booklets that can be found in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org.

WORSHIP

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. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes.

An afternoon worship service including Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After the 4:00 service, all are invited to share in a community meal in the Dining Room.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

A midweek Advent service is held at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each Wednesday of Advent.

There will be four candlelight services on Christmas Eve—4:00 (Children’s Pageant), 6:00, 8:30, and 11:00 p.m.—and an 11:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day.

A New Year’s Eve service in the style of Taizé will be held on Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Today an Artists’ Reception will be held for the Project Onward exhibition from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All are invited to this reception and to view the exhibition, which is located in the Loggia and features artwork created by people with disabilities.

Chanticleer will perform their annual Christmas concerts at Fourth Church on Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary (please note the earlier start time). A limited number of tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso.org; 312.294.3000).

Soprano Natalie Mann will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Chicago a cappella will perform their annual holiday concert at Fourth Church this Friday, December 11 at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, call 773.755.1628 or visit www.chicagocappella.org.

The annual Christmas Cantata will be part of 9:30 and 11:00 worship on Sunday, December 20, with the Morning Choir singing Arnold Schönberg’s *Freide auf Erden*.

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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ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

Women, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Those age sixty and over are invited to attend a Metropolitan Opera matinee presentation at the movies on Saturday, December 19. To enrich the broadcast, the CLL is offering a lecture and discussion on Thursday, December 17. For details, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3386.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Olive Kittenridge* by Elizabeth Strout.

A 12-week Nia exercise series will begin Wednesday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. For details and to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

An eight-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. For more details or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony. The Young Adults will also gather for a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at nickerson@fourthchurch.org.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship opportunity for individuals forty-seven and older, will meet for a Christmas celebration on Friday, December 11 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Manse. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, December 9.

The Men's Group will host a holiday breakfast this Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 a.m., during which Fourth Acts will perform *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. To RSVP, call 312.787.4570 before noon on Friday, December 11.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

We are deeply grateful to all who have returned giving response cards for the 2010 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, "Called to Be a Church Alive." Those who have not yet completed a card can find one in the pew and literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/churchalive.html. For more information, contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 312.981.3380.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Fourth Church youth meet today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The youth bowling party will be Saturday, December 12 at 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Patty Donmoyer at 312.573.3364 (pdonmoyer@fourthchurch.org).

The annual La Posada Family Night will be Friday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578 for more details.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs
Reading and math tutors for elementary children at Cabrini-Green schools
Chamber Choir singers and instrumentalists for 4:00 worship
Sunday School teachers for 11:00 classes

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 6–12, 2009

Sunday, December 6

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir		Dining Room
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Christmas Wishes Wrapping Party		Anderson Hall Balconies
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study		Large Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Junior High Choir		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation		Manse Basement
10:30 a.m.	Fourth Church Rising		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Senior Highs		Crow's Nest
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Senior High Choir		Blair Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Mission Trip Informational Meeting		Activity Center
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Anderson Hall South Balcony
12:30 p.m.	Advent Book Study		Second Floor Conference Room
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.	Project Onward Artists' Reception		Page Smith Room
2:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties Christmas Party		Manse
3:00 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper		Dining Room

Monday, December 7

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Chanticleer Christmas Concert	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 8

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Yoga	Crow's Nest
7:30 p.m.	Chanticleer Christmas Concert	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 9

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Advent Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Friday, December 11

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Natalie Mann	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension Christmas Party	Manse
8:00 p.m.	Chicago <i>a capella</i> Concert	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 12

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Youth Bowling Party	(see announcement)

Preaching on Sunday, December 13

Jocelyn C. Cadwallader preaching	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. 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 at the rate of \$7.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.