

December 4–10, 2011

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**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The annual **Fair Trade Bazaar** is today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. **Chicago Lights Tutoring Holiday Cards** will also be available during today's Bazaar.

The **"Christmas Wishes" Wrapping Party** is today from 12:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building. The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them.

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will take place this Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are only available at www.cso.org.

Chicago a cappella's holiday concert will be held this Friday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.chicagoacappella.org.

Friday is the last day to make Christmas flower gifts to memorialize or honor loved ones and have the names of those being remembered printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the forms in the literature racks or by calling Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833.

Gift bags for Social Service Center guests are due next Sunday, December 11 at the church reception desk.

The **"Light Up a Life" holiday giving program** is underway. "Light Up a Life" gifts, can be given to honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

The annual **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be next Sunday, December 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Fourth Church's Children's, Youth, Chancel, and Morning Choirs will sing anthems of the season. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception in Anderson Hall hosted by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

The **"Christmas with Tower Brass"** concert will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place on Sunday, December 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available during Coffee Hour and at the church reception desk during the week.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and an Advent discussion. Their Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse.

A fibromyalgia support group will meet on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the 737 building.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a holiday party, including a dinner buffet and gift exchange, this Friday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. RSVP with Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369.

The Men's Group will gather for breakfast and a program of seasonal music, led by Carl Grapentine of WFMT, this Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP with Carol Allerton at 312.640.5548 by Wednesday, December 7.

ThirtiesForties will meet for their Christmas Open House next Sunday, December 11 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at a member's home. To RSVP, call Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369.

Books by Women will celebrate its twentieth anniversary on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building when they will also discuss *Burning Bright* by Tracy Chevalier.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church, dropped off during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk, or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue in late January.

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 fiscal year for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights ends on December 31.

The Resource Development Committee asks members to please complete 2011 Annual Appeal pledge payments by that date. Those who have not yet pledged for 2011 are invited to either make a pledge or a gift before year end.

Coffee Hour will be held in the Loggia following morning worship services.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Fourth Church

Assistants at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm at Art Club on Mondays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and at cooking classes on Fridays from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour
Gift gatherers for the silent auction for Carnival 2012

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center
Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray there with a Deacon at that time.

A **jazz service** is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A **service in the style of Taizé** is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. The next service will be on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31.

ENRICHMENT

Men's Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 a.m. at 300 N. LaSalle in the Kirkland and Ellis Office. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class next meets this Monday, December 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

The **"Religion in Interfaith Homes"** series will discuss "Dealing with Your In-Laws" next Sunday, December 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware Pl.). Fourth Church Associate Pastor Joyce Shin and Reform Rabbi David Levinsky will lead the class.

Changing Conversations, a discussion group that explores issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) persons, will host a conversation about Chris Glaser's book *Come Home! Reclaiming Spirituality and Community as Gay Men and Lesbians*, led by Carol Allen, on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Soprano Laura Perkett will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The **nursery for young children** is located in the Page Smith Room and Anderson Hall South Balcony.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet today at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you've not yet "Liked" Fourth Church on Facebook (online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or just scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today—and invite your friends to like us too. You can access Advent and Christmas resources there, see the latest photos, and ensure you're up-to-date on Fourth Church news and events.



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 4–10, 2011

Sunday, December 4

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Loggia
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
12:30 to 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Wishes Wrapping Party		737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary

Monday, December 5

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>		Anderson Hall
6:00 p.m.	Fibromyalgia Support Group		737 Building
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	"A Chanticleer Christmas"		Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 7

10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>		737 Building
7:30 p.m.	"A Chanticleer Christmas"		Sanctuary

Thursday, December 8

5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class		737 Building
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Friday, December 9

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room –	737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Laura Perkett		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension Holiday Party		737 Building
8:00 p.m.	"Holidays a cappella"		Sanctuary

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group		Dining Room
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Preaching on Sunday, December 11

Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Judith L. Watt preaching	4:00 p.m.
Advent Lessons and Music	6:30 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.