

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today we recall the gifts brought by the magi who followed the light of the star, a generosity that gave rise to our own gift-giving tradition at this time of year. Light Up a Life gifts offer opportunity to join in that generosity by giving gifts that support the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights that help neighbors whose needs are great this season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Conversations about hospitality at Fourth Church will take place next Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in Room 5G. Please stop by one of these half-hour discussions to share your input into how this congregation can be an even more hospitable and welcoming place to members and visitors alike.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to be in conversation with candidates. The role of "call" as part of the search process is the topic of a recent PNC reflection, and you can read that online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

WORSHIP

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

We are celebrating 100 years on Michigan Avenue!

Throughout this centennial year, we will be sharing photos from our archives, so if you've not yet "Liked" Fourth Church on Facebook (at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today so you don't miss any of the fun snapshots of our history. Watch too for details about centennial celebrations!



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.

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 will next be held on Friday, January 24 at 7:30 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 gathers on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will come together for dinner and a performance by Fourth Acts this Friday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Buchanan Chapel. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 or Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, January 8.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Save the date for Carnaval:

Friday, February 28 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel (221 N. Columbus).

Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due this Wednesday, January 8. Application and trip details are available in the literature racks.

"New Volunteer" orientation sessions for Chicago Lights Tutoring will be held this Wednesday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4K. For details, contact Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@fourthchurch.org.

Youth and Young Adults will participate in a joint Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project on Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Erie House (1701 W. Superior).

Information about efforts to provide food and shelter for displaced Syrian citizens and refugees is available at the Mission table. An offering in support of the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Syria will be received January 19.

"Hope in an Age of Crisis," a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and public meeting to address social issues, will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church (8235 S. Shore Dr.). To RSVP or for details, contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org or stop by the Mission table. Transportation for those who RSVP will be provided.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals this Thursday, January 9.

Trumpeter Mike Brozick will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An art exhibition of architectural models commissioned by the Sharing Sacred Spaces program of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions is currently on display in the Loggia.

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School will not be in session today. Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, January 12.

Youth will not gather today. They will resume meeting next Sunday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A "Faith Formation" workshop for parents will discuss "What Does Our Family Believe?" next Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

A Family Service Project in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Casa Central Casa Infantil (2222 N. Kedzie Ave.).

ENRICHMENT

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Ryan Loeckel at rloeckel@fourthchurch.org.

Books by Women will discuss *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m.

"Taste and See: A Retreat for Women" will be held on Saturday, January 25 in the Gratz Center. To register, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"Immigration Today," a Center for Life and Learning minicourse, will be held on Mondays, January 27–February 17 at 2:45 p.m. in the Gratz Center. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

"Understanding Marriage Equality," a forum hosted by Changing Conversations and Equality Illinois, will be held on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Several meditation opportunities are being offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center in early 2014. "Mindfulness and Meditation," led by Ruth Durchslag and Nesita Kwan, will be held on Wednesdays, January 8-February 5 at 7:00 p.m.; "Embodied Meditation: Introductory Class," led by Jon Hansen and Whitney Logan, will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and "Embodied Meditation: Advanced Class" will be held every other Monday, January 20-March 3, at 7:00 p.m. All classes will take place in the Third Floor Conference Room. To register, call 312.787.8425.

"Composing a Life: A Journaling Workshop for Boomers and Beyond," led by Carol LaChapelle, will be held on Tuesdays, February 4–25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of Parish House. To register for a discounted rate, contact the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 312.787.8425 by Tuesday, January 28.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

In2it Café instructors to share hobbies with Chicago Lights Tutoring students; once a week; 5:25–5:55 p.m.

Transcribers for Oral History Committee interviews

Teachers and health professionals for the Center for Life and Learning Librarian for the Tutoring program Church members to serve as Nursery

caregivers at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Current Donation Needs
Men's seasonal clothes in all sizes
Women's seasonal clothes in larger sizes
Department store bags with handles
Nonperishable food items

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 5-11, 2014

			Sunday, January 5
Sanctuary	Matt Helms preaching	Morning Worship	8:00 a.m.
Anderson Hal		Coffee Hour	9:00 a.m.
atz Center, First Floor		Nursery	9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Sanctuary	Joyce Shin preaching	Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Anderson Hal		Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.
Stone Chape		Intercessory Prayer	10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary	Joyce Shin preaching	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Anderson Hal		Coffee Hour	12:15 p.m.
Stone Chape		Intercessory Prayer	12:15 p.m.
Room 5A	ering	Young Adults Gath	12:30 p.m.
ching Sanctuary	Adam H. Fronczek preachi	Jazz Worship	4:00 p.m.
Anderson Hal	er	Sunday Night Supp	4:00 p.m.
			Monday, January 6
Labyrinth Walk Buchanan Chap		7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	
atz Center, First Floor			9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer Sanctual		9:30 a.m.	
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			Tuesday, January 7
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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.

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John W. Vest preaching

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4:00 p.m.