

November 29–December 5, 2009

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Today a four-week Advent book study of G.K. Chesterton's *Advent and Christmas Wisdom*, hosted by ThirtiesForties, begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Copies of the book are available at the Book Nook.

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.

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. This opportunity to find holiday gifts helps build a sustainable future for those in need.

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

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-chocolate reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow. Contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 for more details.

The "Christmas Wishes" gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

"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.

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

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

An eight-week yoga class, hosted by the Young Adults, will be held Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Crow's Nest starting December 1. For information or to register, email yoga@fourthchurch.org.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss *Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America* by Paul Tough. Vicky Curtiss will lead discussion.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will have their Christmas dinner party on Sunday, December 6. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, November 30.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, is holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To register, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship opportunity for individuals forty-seven and older, will meet for a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 12 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.

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 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: Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow's Nest.

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Prints featuring the 2004 sanctuary installation of stars and doves are available in Coffee Hour.

Flutist Katherine Hummel will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Patty Donmoyer at 312.573.3364.

A CLL-sponsored outing to the Lookingglass Theatre's performance of *Icarus* will take place Sunday, December 6. A limited number of tickets are available; contact Patricia Amis at 312.981.3387 for details.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

A sixth-month evaluation of the 4:00 p.m. worship service will be the focus of a community meeting on Monday, November 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For location information and to RSVP, contact Patty Donmoyer at 312.573.3364.

Fourth Presbyterian Church, a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is committed to being a fully inclusive community. To learn more about Covenant Network, visit www.covenantnetwork.org.

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room to create toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters. All are welcome.

An informational meeting about the June 18-July 1 mission trip to Kenya and Tanzania will take place Sunday, December 6 at 12:15 p.m. There are a limited number of spots available; for details, contact Natasha Holbert at 312.274.3831.

Mission trip applications for the February 6-14 trip to Mexico are due Tuesday, December 1. Information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Cookie providers, setup team, and cocoa servers for the reception following the December 13 Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Chamber Choir singers and instrumentalists for 4:00 p.m. worship
Reading and math tutors for elementary children at Cabrini-Green schools

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

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 each 4:00 service, all are invited to share in a community meal in Anderson Hall.

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

A World AIDS Day service remembering those who have died and those who are suffering from AIDS will be held Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Stone Chapel as part of Morning Prayer.

A midweek Advent service will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel each Wednesday of Advent, beginning this Wednesday, December 2.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be held on New Year's Eve in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 5, 2009

Sunday, November 29

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Sarah A. Johnson preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
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	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	<i>(see announcement)</i>
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	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering	Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Advent Book Study	Large Conference Room
3:00 p.m.	Chamber Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Community Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
5:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m. Worship Evaluation Meeting	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Tuesday, December 1

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	World AIDS Day Service	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Manse
6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Yoga	Crow's Nest
7:00 p.m.	Community Book Group	Randolph Room

Wednesday, December 2

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Advent Midweek Worship	Blair Chapel

Friday, December 4

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Catherine Hummel	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Christmas Party	Manse

Saturday, December 5

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar	Anderson Hall
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Open House	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, December 6

Joyce Shin preaching	8:00 a.m.
John M. Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest 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.