

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
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December 27, 2009–January 2, 2010

News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Save the date! Carnival, the 2010 Mission Benefit, will be held on Friday, March 5 at the Ritz-Carlton. Watch for more details in January.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards make great thank you notes. Cards are available during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk during the week, and online at www.chicagolights.org. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

Those interested in the mission trip to Tanzania and Kenya (June 18–July 1) are encouraged to turn in applications well before the February 1 deadline as spots for this trip are limited. Details about this trip and other Fourth Church mission trips are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Year-end gifts of stock: Many people choose to make year-end gifts of stock to Fourth Church but have questions about how to do so. Information is available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, and by contacting Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576. Information is also available about tax advantages that are possible for **those 70-1/2 and older who make charitable gifts from IRAs.**

Fourth Church is counting on 2009 pledges to be fulfilled this week in order to finish the budget year positively. Thus the Resource Development Committee asks those who have not yet fulfilled their 2009 pledge to please do so before year end. To all who have already fulfilled their 2009 pledge, thank you! For information about pledges and pledge fulfillment, please contact Lisa Radetski, Director of Individual and Planned Giving, at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

The Project Second Century Steering Committee recently reported to the Session and Trustees that basic concepts have been outlined for a new four-story building and that proposals from architects are currently being reviewed, with the intent of bringing final designs and plans to the congregation in June 2010. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html or contact Rob Holben, Director of Business Administration, at 312.274.3821 (rholben@fourthchurch.org).

Including Fourth Church in your estate plans will help ensure that the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights will continue for generations to come. For information about how to include the church in estate plans, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

There's still time to "Light Up a Life"! Gifts to this giving campaign 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. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the offering envelopes found in the pew racks. For details, pick up a brochure found in the pew racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

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.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins and News and Opportunities; devotional resources; and programming information.

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.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *Olive Kittenridge* by Elizabeth Strout. All are welcome.

A twelve-week Nia series will begin Wednesday, January 6. Registration is required. For details or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

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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Live webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College's award-winning January Series will be shown weekdays at Fourth Church January 6–26 (except January 18) at 11:30 a.m. and are being hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life. Lecture titles and details are available at www.calvin.edu/january2010.

A foreign film series, hosted by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesday mornings beginning January 6. For details, contact Sergio Soltero at 312.981.3387.

An eight-session T'ai Chi course for beginners will start Thursday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. This low-impact exercise class utilizes slow, flowing movements and promotes proper breathing, balance, and relaxation. For more information or to register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

The Family-to-Family Education

Program is a twelve-week course for families and friends of adults living with mental illness. The first session is Monday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Registration for this free course is required; call the Family-to-Family Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

The Community Book Group will meet Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler. Joyce Shin will lead the conversation.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes and youth meetings will resume on January 10. (There will be no Sunday School or youth meetings on December 27 or January 3.)

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for young adults, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Fourth Church Cycling Club

will gather for their monthly ride on Saturday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m. Bike-riders will meet where the Oak Street underpass comes up to the lakefront bike trail. Helmets are required and riders are asked to sign a safety waiver before biking. For details, especially weather cancellation updates, call the Cycling Club Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 409.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individual adults in their late forties and older, will meet on Friday, January 8 for a presentation by the Reverend Dirk Ficca, Executive Director of the Parliament of the World's Religions. For details or to register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

India will be the topic of a January 15 gathering for Cornerstones, a fellowship group for adults over fifty, including couples, partners, and their spouses. For more information or to RSVP, call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

"Seasons of Friendship" is the theme of the Fourth Church women's retreat, which will be held the weekend of January 22–23. For information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@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.

Morning Prayer will be held Monday–Thursday at 9:30 a.m., and at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

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

An Epiphany labyrinth walk will be available on Saturday, January 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Chamber Choir singers and instrumentalists to assist in leading 4:00 p.m. worship

Sunday School teachers for 11:00 a.m. classes; alternating Sundays

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools

Current Donation Needs

Greeting cards and stamps for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, which serve those who are hungry or homeless

Men's seasonal sturdy clothes in larger sizes, especially pants, belts, and shoes

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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The free Friday Noonday concert series will resume Friday, January 8 with flutist Mark Alan Longo performing at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. (There will be no Noonday Concert January 1.)

The St. Olaf Choir will perform at Fourth Church on Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. For ticket information, visit www.stolaftickets.com.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 27, 2009–JANUARY 2, 2010

Sunday, December 27

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joann H. Lee preaching	Sanctuary
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	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
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
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Linda C. Loving preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, December 28

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, December 29

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
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Wednesday, December 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study		Large Conference Room

Thursday, December 31

	<i>New Year's Eve</i>		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Taizé		Sanctuary

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

Saturday, January 2

9:00 a.m.	Cycling Club Group Bike Ride		<i>(see announcement)</i>
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Preaching on Sunday, January 3

Sarah A. Johnson preaching	8:00 a.m.
John W. Vest preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam Fronczek 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.