

November 28–December 4, 2010

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# News and Opportunities

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**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](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

**Today a four-week Advent book study** of *Watch for the Light*, led by Matt Helms and hosted by ThirtiesForties and Young Adults, begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Copies of the book are available at the Book Nook.

**A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5 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.

**The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be Sunday, December 12 at 6:30 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 to help with the reception.

**Chicago Lights Holiday Cards**, designed by Tutoring students, are available online at [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org), during Coffee Hour, and at the reception desk; all proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

**The “Christmas Wishes” gift project** collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are on hand in Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**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 10 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. Brochures are being mailed to member homes and will be available in the literature racks in December. For more information, contact Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833 ([wccarter@fourthchurch.org](mailto:wccarter@fourthchurch.org)).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The Chicago Ensemble** will be in concert Tuesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 773.889.4206 or visiting [www.thechicagoensemble.org](http://www.thechicagoensemble.org).

**Chanticleer will perform their annual Christmas concerts** at Fourth Church on Monday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org); 312.294.3000).

**The “Holidays a cappella” concert** with Chicago *a cappella* will be Friday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.chicagoacappella.org](http://www.chicagoacappella.org) (773.755.1628).

**The Lakeside Singers Holiday Concert** will be Monday, December 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.lakesidesingers.com](http://www.lakesidesingers.com) (847.382.5085).

## FELLOWSHIP

**Cornerstones**, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, is holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Prepaid reservations are required; to RSVP, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**Fourth Dimension**, a fellowship opportunity for individuals forty-seven and older, will meet for a Christmas social on Friday, December 10. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**The Fourth Church Men’s Group** will gather for a holiday program on Saturday, December 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. To RSVP, call 312.878.4570 by Wednesday, December 8 at 12:00 noon.

**The ThirtiesForties fellowship group** will have their Christmas luncheon on Sunday, December 12. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

**The monthly Cycling Club ride** will be Saturday, December 4. Call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 409 for details.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Today an Advent Wreath Workshop** for children and families will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All are welcome.

**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 17; families will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the reception desk.

## ENRICHMENT

**A book conversation with Chicago Sinai Congregation members** will be held this Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. The topic of discussion, led by Rabbi Levinsky and Joyce Shin, will be Philip Roth’s *Nemesis*.

**An informational meeting** about the June 20–29, 2011, trip to the Holy Land will be held Sunday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**Books by Women** will meet Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss Jacqueline Winspear’s *Maisie Dobbs*; copies of the book are available at the Book Nook during Coffee Hour.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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**“This I Believe,”** an evening with Bob Edwards, public radio host, will be held Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. John Buchanan will be among those reading essays that evening. Tickets are available at [www.wbez.org](http://www.wbez.org) (enter FPC for discount).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**A letter to President Obama regarding funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program** will be available to sign today during Coffee Hour at the Mission table.

**Mission trip** applications for the March 11–19 mission trip to Cuba are due Wednesday, December 1; the deadline to apply for the March 26–April 2 Colombia trip is Wednesday, December 15. Details are available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

## NEWS AND RESOURCES

**P2C construction work** may begin as soon as this week with the building of a temporary ramp in the Garth to facilitate handicap access to the church when the 126 E. Chestnut entrance is demolished in early 2011 and the new building construction work begun. While the ramp is being built, the Garth will be closed to the public. For more information about Project Second Century, see [www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html).

**Deacons and pastoral staff will be conducting visits** to members who are homebound and cannot make it to worship this Advent. Names of those who are unable to attend worship are being collected by the Pastoral Care Office; to submit a name, contact Sarah Johnson at 312.573.3360.

**Fourth Presbyterian Church** strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual’s spiritual pilgrimage.

## 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.

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

**Morning Prayer** is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers an opportunity to pray for those in need.

**A World AIDS Day service** remembering those who have died from and those who are living with AIDS will be held Wednesday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in Stone Chapel as part of Morning Prayer.

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

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Social Service Center helpers** on the first Friday of each month to help with clothes distribution

**Cookie providers, setup team, cocoa servers** for the reception after the December 12 Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

**Clothes sorters** on Mondays and Fridays

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men’s sturdy winter clothes** in larger sizes (pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

*For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 4, 2010**

**Sunday, November 28**

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Matthew J. Helms preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Victoria G. Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study		Page Smith Room
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Youth 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	(see announcement)	
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir		Blair Chapel
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Victoria G. Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Advent Book Study		Randolph Room
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Page Smith Room
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon Worship</b>	<b>Adam Fronczek preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

**Monday, November 29**

8:30 a.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Thursday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)	Dining Room

**Tuesday, November 30**

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Book Discussion: <i>Nemesis</i>	Randolph Room
7:30 p.m.	The Chicago Ensemble	Blair Chapel

**Wednesday, December 1**

<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>World AIDS Day Service</b>	<b>Stone Chapel</b>
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Randolph Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Christian Century Groups	Manse

**Friday, December 3**

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Victoria Holland	Sanctuary
5:15 p.m.	Advent Contemplative Retreat Begins	The Cenacle
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Christmas Party	Manse

**Saturday, December 4**

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar	Anderson Hall
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**Preaching on Sunday, December 5**

Joyce Shin preaching	8:00 a.m.
John 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.