

December 5–11, 2010

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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

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

Men's Bible Study will be held this Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

"This I Believe," an evening with Bob Edwards, public radio host, will be held this 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 (enter FPC for discount).

"Women, Food, and God," a discussion group focusing on issues raised in this book by Geneen Roth, is underway. For details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A Fair Trade Gift Bazaar is being held today until 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. This opportunity to find gifts helps build a sustainable future for those in need.

Over 400 gift requests still need to be picked up and fulfilled for our annual gift drive for children who might not otherwise receive presents this Christmas. Wish lists are available in the Loggia today or by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369. Gifts will be collected through Sunday, December 12 at the reception desk or during Coffee Hour.

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.

"Operation Christmas Gift Bag" provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available during Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by Monday, December 6.

"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 loved ones. "Light Up a Life" offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and brochures are being mailed to member homes. For more information, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

Christmas Day dinner tickets are available in Coffee Hour today.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be held Sunday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

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 this Friday, December 10** for names to appear in the bulletin.

Feelings of grief, loss, loneliness, sadness, and anxiety can become more pronounced during the holidays. The Counseling Center is available to offer support (call 312.787.8425), and the “Blue Christmas” Service on Wednesday, December 22 provides a Christmas worship opportunity for those who may find it difficult to share in the traditional celebrations on December 24 and 25.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Hosts to serve December 15 holiday dinner to guests at an area SRO

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

Current Donation Needs

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

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

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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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chanticleer will be in concert at Fourth Church on Monday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. A limited amount of tickets are available through the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (www.cso.org; 312.294.3000).

A gallery talk and open house for “Peaceable Kingdom,” now on exhibition in the Loggia, will be held with artist David Csicsko this Thursday, December 9 in the Loggia from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The “Holidays a cappella” concert with Chicago *a cappella* will be this Friday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at 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 (847.382.5085).

The annual Christmas with Tower Brass concert will be Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This year’s Christmas Cantata will be sung Sunday, December 19 during 9:30 and 11:00 worship and will feature the world premiere of *Magnificat* by Aaron David Miller, as performed by the Morning Choir, with organ and Tower Brass.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Mission trip applications for the March 26–April 2 trip to Colombia are due Wednesday, December 15. Details are available in the literature racks and online at www.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.

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., in Stone Chapel.

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

P2C construction work is underway: being built in the Garth is a temporary ramp 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. The Garth will remain closed to the public while the ramp is built. For details about Project Second Century, visit 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 is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

FELLOWSHIP

An Advent book study of *Watch for the Light*, hosted by ThirtiesForties and Young Adults, meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room. Copies of the book are available at the Book Nook.

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.

Carl Grapentine of WFMT-98.7 will host a holiday program for the Men's Group breakfast 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 19. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, December 13.

A Young Adults Christmas party will be held Tuesday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

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 at 10:30 a.m. with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow's Nest. Youth and families are invited to a luncheon today at 12:00 noon in the Dining Room.

The annual La Posada Family Night will be Friday, December 17; families will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the reception desk.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 5–11, 2010

Sunday, December 5

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	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	Sanctuary
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	Loggia
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	Blair Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Dining Room
12:00 p.m.	Youth and Family Luncheon	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.	Advent Book Study	Randolph Room
1:00 p.m.	Holy Land Study Tour Informational Meeting	Page Smith Room
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, December 6

8:30 a.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)	Dining Room
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
7:30 p.m.	Chanticleer Christmas Concert	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 7

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Chanticleer Christmas Concert	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	"Women, Food, and God"	Randolph Room

Wednesday, December 8

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Randolph Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	"This I Believe" with Bob Edwards	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 9

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Gallery Talk: "Peaceable Kingdom"	Loggia
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Friday, December 10

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: David Lamb	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension Christmas Party	Manse
8:00 p.m.	"Holidays a capella" Concert	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 11

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group	Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room

Preaching on Sunday, December 12

John H. Boyle 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.