

November 27–December 3, 2011

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CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

An Advent Wreath Workshop for families takes place today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

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 calling Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369.

The “Light Up a Life” holiday giving program is underway. Through “Light Up a Life” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org.

The annual Fair Trade Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are only available at www.cso.org.

“Holidays a cappella,” a concert featuring Chicago *a cappella*, will be held on Friday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.chicagoacappella.org.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the 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 in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 9 for names to appear in the bulletin.

An Advent Contemplative Retreat, led by Associate Pastor for Mission Vicky Curtiss, will take place Friday and Saturday, December 9–10 at The Well (1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park). To register, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

The “Christmas Gift Bag” project provides 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 Sunday, December 11.

The annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will be held Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place on Sunday, December 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available during Coffee Hour and at the church reception desk during the week.

ANNUAL APPEAL

The fiscal year for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights ends on December 31.

The Resource Development Committee asks members to please complete 2011 Annual Appeal pledge payments by that date. Those who have not yet pledged for 2011 are invited to either make a pledge or a gift before year end.

Church Alive Annual Appeal pledges for 2012 have been made by 701 households for \$2.6 million toward the \$5.2 million goal for pledges and gifts. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and an Advent discussion.

The Cornerstones Christmas Party will take place on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454, by Tuesday, November 29.

Fourth for Bridge will gather on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. To RSVP, call Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a holiday party on Friday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

The Men's Group will gather for breakfast and a program of seasonal music, led by Carl Grapentine of WFMT, on Saturday, December 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

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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Books by Women will celebrate its twentieth anniversary on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building when they will also discuss *Burning Bright* by Tracy Chevalier.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Hardy Kim will be installed as Associate Pastor for Evangelism today during 11:00 a.m. worship. A reception in Hardy's honor will be held in Anderson Hall after the service.

Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church, dropped off during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk, or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue in late January.

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

To see pictures from the children's musical, "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook. Fourth Church is also on Twitter: @FourthChicago.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

This Thursday is the deadline for the Mexico mission trip in February. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, and by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission Table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Fourth Church

Assistants at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm at Art Club on Mondays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and at cooking classes on Fridays from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour
Gift gatherers for the silent auction for Carnaval 2012

Current Donation Needs

Children's winter clothes for a family in need. List is available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray there with a Deacon at that time.

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

World AIDS Day Morning Prayer, in which those affected by HIV and AIDS will be remembered, will take place on Thursday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Loggia.

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** is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. The next service will be on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31.

ENRICHMENT

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, meets today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chicago Ensemble will perform a concert this Tuesday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.com.

Soprano Theresa Ludden will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Anderson Hall South Balcony.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet today at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 3, 2011

Sunday, November 27

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
	8:00 a.m. Morning Worship	John H. Boyle preaching	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	9:30 a.m. Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School		Dining Room
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m. Advent Wreath Workshop		Dining Room
	10:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m. Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs		737 Building
	11:00 a.m. Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m. Sunday School		Dining Room
	12:15 p.m. Reception for Hardy H. Kim		Anderson Hall
	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. Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room
	12:30 p.m. Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
	4:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
	5:00 p.m. Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary

Monday, November 28

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>		Anderson Hall

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Concert		Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 30

10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>		737 Building
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Thursday, December 1

9:30 a.m.	World AIDS Day Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class		737 Building

Friday, December 2

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room –	737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Theresa Ludden		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones Christmas Party		737 Building

Saturday, December 3

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 Hosted by Discover Fourth		Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Fourth for Bridge		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Preaching on Sunday, December 4

Hardy H. Kim preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Adam H. 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 \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.