

January 15–21, 2012

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News and Opportunities

ENRICHMENT

Today “**The Trial of Jesus,**” presented by attorneys Jeanne Bishop and Mark Osler, will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life, it will offer an engaging and challenging look at the death penalty as it intersects with the story of the life of Christ.

Today the “**Religion in Interfaith Homes**” series will discuss “Teaching Your (Future) Children about Human Values, Christian Values, and/or Jewish Values” at 12:30 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Men’s Bible Study will gather on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

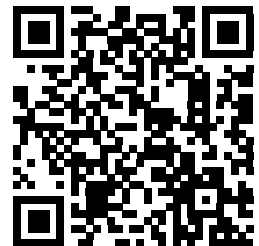
Nia fitness classes, offered through the Center for Whole Health, meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the 737 building. To register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

The Career Transitions Center, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, is hosting two events this week at 703 W. Monroe St. “Hear It from the Pros: Make the Connection with Recruiters, HR, and Hiring Managers” will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 11:15 a.m. and “Over 40 and Hired” will be held on Thursday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. To register (required) for these free events, visit www.ctcchicago.org.

Join us in reading the entire Bible in a year! Fourth Church is participating in a congregation-wide Bible journey that will take us through the entire Bible by December 31. **A weekly Bible study** of the texts for the week takes place on Tuesdays at the 737 building (Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan; 19th floor) at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. To register for the Bible studies, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364. **Daily devotions** (available via Facebook, Twitter, the website, email from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and in the literature racks) also reflect on the daily readings.

Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you’ve not yet “Liked” Fourth Church on Facebook (online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or just scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today—and invite your friends to like us too. You can see photos of the Gratz Center construction, follow along as we read the entire Bible in a year, and stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



HONORING JOHN BUCHANAN

This week the memory box for John and Sue Buchanan is being assembled so it can be presented to them at the Sunday, January 22 congregational meeting. Private expressions of gratitude, well wishes, or shared memories can be submitted as notes, letters, or photos to thank John and Sue for their ministry among us and to wish them well post-retirement. They can be emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org or dropped off at the reception desk today.

Walter Brueggemann will speak this Thursday at a special Michigan Avenue Forum honoring John Buchanan. The topic will be Christianity—“where it’s been and where it’s going.” A panel of Chris Chakoian, Patrick Daymond, Bill Golderer, Jeannine Oakes, and John Vest will respond to Dr. Brueggemann’s comments at this special January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. A brief reception will follow the symposium. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

A special meeting of the Fourth Presbyterian Church congregation has been called by the Session for Sunday, January 22. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with John Buchanan, effective Tuesday, January 31. The gift of the congregation—a memory box of notes, messages, and photos from members and friends—will be presented; there will be a brief program; and a reception with John and Sue Buchanan will follow. All are invited to attend.

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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John Buchanan’s last Sunday as Pastor of Fourth Church will be January 29. He will preach at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services that day. Please note that the third morning service on January 29 will be at 11:30 a.m. To accommodate all who will be worshipping with us that morning, we encourage those who regularly attend the 9:30 or 11:00 service to consider attending the 8:00 service that day.

A drop-in meet-and-greet open house for John and Sue Buchanan will take place between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29 at the Drake Hotel. All are invited to attend.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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

A congregational luncheon will take place in Anderson Hall following the Annual Meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 12. Tickets are available at the church reception desk today and during the week.

Children’s Christmas Pageant photos as well as other photos from Christmas at Fourth Church are posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A new art exhibition “1985–2011: A Retrospective,” featuring photographs of ministry at Fourth Church during the twenty-six years John Buchanan has served as Pastor, is on display in the Loggia through February 21.

Light, the new CD featuring the **Fourth Church choirs**, is available by calling Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

Soprano Erin Snell will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

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

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. at the 737 building.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children Mondays–Thursdays 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Fourth Church

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Church members to usher at the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion as part of the weekly "Called to Be" Gathering series.

A support group for those mourning significant losses will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center from January 30 through March 5. To register, call 312.787.8425.

This year's Women's Winter Retreat is "Exploring the Essence of Spiritual Friendships." It will be held on Saturday, February 4 at the 737 building. To register, contact Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

Morning Prayer is held Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday through Friday at 9:30 a.m.

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

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be Friday, January 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Donations needed for Carnaval's Silent Auction include sports/event tickets, airline tickets, home décor and art items, and restaurant and spa gift cards. **Volunteers for the Silent Auction Committee** are also needed. For details, call Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

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).

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 15–21, 2012

Sunday, January 15

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Anderson Hall S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Calum I. MacLeod preaching
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	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	737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	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.	“The Trial of Jesus”	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	“Religion in Interfaith Homes”	The Clare (55 E. Pearson St.)
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties: “Breaking Bread”	Go Roma (848 N. State St.)
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion	Sanctuary

Monday, January 16 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, January 17

7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	737 Building
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Wednesday–Thursday)</i>	Anderson Hall

Wednesday, January 18

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Thursday–Friday)</i>	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>	737 Building

Thursday, January 19

10:00 a.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study	737 Building
5:00 p.m.	T’ai Chi Class	737 Building
7:00 p.m.	Michigan Avenue Forum: Walter Brueggemann	Sanctuary

Friday, January 20

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room – 737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Erin Snell	Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, January 22

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.