

November 11–17, 2012

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News and Opportunities

THANKSGIVING

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street).

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (State and Superior). Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating, and Rabbi David Levinsky will preach.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 22.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets are available today and during the week at the reception desk. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 22.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates and begin to learn more about those individuals, an undertaking that requires the strictest confidentiality given that the candidates are currently serving elsewhere. Information about the PNC process, including a checklist, is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center will be available on the following dates for all who are interested. They will be offered on Sundays, November 25 and December 2 and 9 at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. They will also be offered on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. No reservations are necessary for these tours.

Join us next Sunday for a historic day in the life of

Fourth Church. At 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, we will dedicate and celebrate the official opening of the Gratz Center. We will also join together with John and Sue Buchanan in marking the dedication of the new Buchanan Chapel. Details about this festive event are online at www.fourthchurch.org.



A time of tailgating fellowship with John Vest and Hardy Kim, followed by a brief worship service, will take place this afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the upper level of the Waldron Parking Deck at Soldier Field. The Communion service will begin at 6:00 p.m. A ticket to the Bears game is not required for tailgating.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes are held each week at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Today the “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series will discuss “What Are We Doing This December?” at 1:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware Pl.).

A Gratz Center Family Night, complete with a scavenger hunt, will take place this Friday evening, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. Details are available online. RSVP to Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to set up and take down

the Fair Trade Bazaar on Friday, November 30 and Sunday, December 2

Sewers with machines to cut and hem muslin panels to be used for the Gratz Center Community Grand Opening on Saturday, January 12

Substitute tutors and In2it Café leaders for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, one evening each week

Current Donation Needs

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

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

Help create the ceremonial ribbon that will be cut at the Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center on Saturday, January 12 when we celebrate with our neighbors in the community this wonderful new building. Ribbon pieces to decorate are available at Coffee Hour.

The Chicago Ensemble will perform a concert this Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

Handel’s *Messiah*, sung by Bella Voce, will be performed next Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at www.bellavoce.org.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are only available at www.cso.org.

ENRICHMENT

The first Academy for Faith and Life classes in the Gratz Center will begin on Sunday, November 25. Details are available in the literature racks and online.

“Our Pastors and Their Call to Ministry,” led today by John Vest and next week by Judy Watt, takes place at 9:30 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Books by Women will discuss *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett this Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Associate Pastor Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. For details or application forms, contact Adam at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties will “break bread” today at Go Roma (848 N. State) following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Young Adults meet today for fellowship and conversation at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

A CLL outing to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, featuring the Rockettes, will take place on Friday, December 21. Adults sixty and more are invited to RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, November 20.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A petition urging the president of Cameroon to not develop a palm oil plantation that would destroy the rain forest and affect the livelihoods of families is available for signing at Coffee Hour.

Dominican Republic trip applications are due Sunday, December 2. The application form and information about this March mission trip are available at Coffee Hour and online. Information is also available about other 2013 trips.

ADVENT

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

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 at www.fourthchurch.org.

The “Christmas Gift Bag” project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk or at Coffee Hour by Sunday, December 9.

“The Music and Meaning of Advent,” an event hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life and Children and Family Ministry, invites adults and children to a musical program on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center.

The annual Fair Trade Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and the Commons.

“Center Yourself for the Holidays,” a mini retreat offered through our Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

An Advent contemplative retreat, led by Associate Pastor Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 7–8 at The Well (1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park). To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 11–17, 2012

Sunday, November 11

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	“Our Pastors and Their Call to Ministry”		The Clare
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room	
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Dining Room
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Third Floor Conference Room	
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	ThirtiesForties “Break Bread”		<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
1:00 p.m.	“Religion in Interfaith Homes”		<i>(see announcement)</i>
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
4:00 p.m.	“Tailgate Church”		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Monday, November 12

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School <i>(also Tuesday–Friday)</i>		Manse
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 13

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		737 Building
6:00 p.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study		737 Building
7:30 p.m.	Chicago Ensemble Concert		Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 14

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Superior Room–737 Building	
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Thursday, November 15

10:00 a.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study		737 Building
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Friday, November 16

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: St. Luke’s Trio		Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Gratz Center Family Night		Anderson Hall

Saturday, November 17

5:00 p.m.	Caroling on Sanctuary Steps		<i>(see announcement)</i>
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Preaching on Sunday, November 18

Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	8:00 a.m.
Calum I. MacLeod 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 \$8. 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 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.