

December 7–13, 2014

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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A **memorial service** for Margaret (Greta) Telford will be held on Friday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception afterwards in Anderson Hall.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

An **orientation session** for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

“**Mindful Parenting**,” a monthly series for parents that is led by Sue Schemper, will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

La Posada Family Night will be held on Friday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center.

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties’ “Faith in Focus” series continues today at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of faith perspectives on leadership. A Christmas party will follow at 12:00 noon in the fifth-floor lounge.

Fourth Dimension will gather for their annual holiday party this Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor of the Manse. Register online at bit.ly/fourthdim-christmas-2014 or with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Monday, December 8.

Online gifts for Christmas Flowers and Light Up a Life

can be made at www.fourthchurch.org (also accessible by scanning the QR code at right with any smartphone). There you can also find a complete schedule of this year’s Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship opportunities, upcoming Christmas concerts, and various ways to join this community in our Advent journey to the manger.



ENRICHMENT

“Marriage: The Master Class,” a series led by Elise Magers and Paul Giblin, will explore “Timeshifting and Marriage” this Monday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. Register online at bit.ly/marriage-timeshifting

Books by Women will discuss *Persuasion* by Jane Austen this Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

“Endings and Beginnings,” a spiritual retreat, will be held on Saturday, January 3 at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To register (required), contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Sunday, December 28.

WORSHIP

The blue hymnals, to which we bid farewell on November 23, are going to be given to communities in need of hymnals—but if you would like to have one or more of them, they are available from the Book Nook for a suggested donation of \$10 each.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Today’s Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

Today is the last day to donate items for Christmas gift bags, which will be distributed to guests of the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Items are being collected at the reception desk.

“Holiday Pops!”—a concert with Chicago Chamber Orchestra and cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael—will take place today at 3:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available online at www.chicagochamberorch.org

Through “Light Up a Life” gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/light-up-a-life.html

“Holidays a cappella,” with Chicago *a cappella*, will be held this Friday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Volunteers are needed to help with weekday inventory and at the gift-wrapping party next Sunday, December 14 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. To help, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Today is the last day to register for the Advent Contemplative Retreat, held this Saturday–Sunday, December 13–14 in La Grange Park. Registration forms are available in the literature racks and online.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place next Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

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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A **Holiday Luncheon**, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to register online at www.fourthchurch.org/cll by this Tuesday, December 11.

Friday is the deadline for Christmas flower contributions to memorialize or honor loved ones. Names of those being remembered must be received by December 12 in order to be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org

A “**Longest Night**” service for those for whom Christmas is made difficult by loss and sadness will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A **Lakeside Singers holiday concert** will be held on Friday, December 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.lakesidesingers.com

A “**Christmas with Tower Brass**” concert will be held on Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A \$20 suggested donation will be received at the door.

A **Christmas Cantata**, featuring Britten’s *A Ceremony of Carols*, will be sung by the Morning Choir, accompanied by harpist Kara Bershad, on Sunday, December 21 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Four candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children’s Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.

The **annual Christmas Dinner** will take place on Thursday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Register, with cash or check, at the reception desk.

Parking rates for Christmas Eve and Day:

For those entering the 900 garage before 5:00 p.m. on December 24, discounted parking will cost \$16, which is the holiday rate. The \$16 orange parking voucher for that discount will need to be purchased at Fourth Church on Christmas Eve—cash or check only—and will be available before and after the Children’s Pageant that day. Those entering the garage after 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve will be able to park for the usual \$8 evening rate with a green voucher available at the church. Parking on Christmas Day in the 900 garage will cost \$16. The voucher for discounted parking on Christmas Day must be purchased, with cash or check, at the church on Christmas morning. There will be no discounted parking at the Hancock garage on either day.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Embellish Handbell Ensemble will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording operators for worship
Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during morning worship
Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s sturdy winter clothes
Nonperishable food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 7–13, 2014

Sunday, December 7

8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar	Anderson Hall/Borwell Dining Room	
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”		Room 4G
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Commons
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	ThirtiesForties: “Faith in Focus” and Christmas Party		Room 5F
12:00 noon	Coffee Hour		Commons
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		Room 5A
3:00 p.m.	Holiday Pops!		Buchanan Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, December 8

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>)		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School (<i>also Tuesday–Friday</i>)		Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>also Wednesday–Friday</i>)		Sanctuary
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)		Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
7:00 p.m.	“Marriage: Master Class”		Boyle Conference Room

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women		Bumpus Room

Wednesday, December 10

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B

Thursday, December 11

6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation		Room 4J
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Friday, December 12

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Embellish Handbell Ensemble		Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension		Manse, First Floor
8:00 p.m.	“Holidays <i>a cappella</i> ”		Sanctuary

Saturday, December 13

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Advent Contemplative Retreat	(1515 W. Ogden, La Grange Park)	
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers’ Class		Room 4F

Worship on Sunday, December 14

8:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	John W. Vest preaching
6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

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 on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.