

January 4–10, 2015

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NEWS AND RESOURCES

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 11 following the 11:00 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee responsible for recommending a candidate to serve as Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry. Matt Helms, who is currently serving as Minister for Children and Families, will be among the candidates considered by the committee to fill this new Associate Pastor position.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, an archive of bulletins, sermons, prayers, devotions, News and Opportunities, and much more.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago and @FPCAngel

Today we recall the gifts brought by the magi who followed the light of the star, a generosity that gave rise to our own gift-giving tradition at this time of year. Light Up a Life gifts offer opportunity to join in that generosity by giving gifts that support the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights that help neighbors whose needs are great this season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks or online at www.fourthchurch.org

WORSHIP

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A hosted labyrinth walk will be held on Saturday, January 17 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

It couldn't be easier to share Fourth Church

with friends: whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday Noonday concert, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch).

Why not share at least one with friends?



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. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

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, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of most months, will next be held on Friday, January 23 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chancel Choir rehearsal will resume this Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

Violist Jonas Benson will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create stuffed animals and taggies for hospitalized children, will next meet this Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available for purchase at the Mission table during Coffee Hour or by contacting Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

Applications for 2015 mission trips "Racial Reconciliation" (May 2–9) and Guatemala (July 12–19) are due February 15 and April 11, respectively. Application information is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The mission trip to Cuba, originally scheduled for March of 2015, will now take place May 11–18, 2015. Registration information is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Angels on Call is a volunteer opportunity offering home-cooked meals to Fourth Church families who have recently welcomed a baby or who are recovering from surgery. To learn more about Angels on Call and how to help, contact Judy Watt at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Save the date for Gala of Hope, to support Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being: Friday, March 6.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School will not be in session today. Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, January 11.

Youth will not gather today. They will resume meeting next Sunday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus 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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“Mindful Parenting,” a monthly series for parents that is led by Sue Schemper, will be held next Sunday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

A new Moms’ Group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month, beginning on Wednesday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m. at a member’s home in Lincoln Park. To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at lnickerson@fourthchurch.org

ENRICHMENT

“Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education” describes the January Series of lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live Internet video feed in the Page Smith Room on weekdays January 7–27, with “Storytelling and the Arc of Transformation” on January 7; “The Mystery of the Human Mind” on January 8; and “Why Mass Incarceration Defines Us as a Society” on January 9. For more information about the series and speakers, visit www.calvin.edu/january

Books by Women will discuss *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A trip to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Friday, January 23. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 by Wednesday, January 14.

FELLOWSHIP

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Young Adults will gather today for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will meet for a joint gathering of the presentation “The Music and History of Bagpipes,” led by George Sims, this Friday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7.

ThirtiesForties’ “Faith in Focus” series continues next Sunday, January 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of faith perspectives on discipline.

The Center for Life and Learning January Luncheon, featuring the presentation “*Downton Abbey* Art and Fashion,” will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to register (required) with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386 by Tuesday, January 6.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording operators for Sunday morning worship

Church members to serve as Nursery caregivers during morning worship

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Volunteers to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s sturdy winter clothes
Individually wrapped and nonperishable food items

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

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 4–10, 2015

Sunday, January 4

	8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Commons
9:00 a.m. to	12:15 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Commons
	10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Shannon J. Kershner preaching	Sanctuary
	12:00 noon	Coffee Hour	Commons
	12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, January 5

	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
		4:15 p.m.	Monday Night Supper	Catholic Charities (721 N. LaSalle)
	5:30 to	7:30 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor

Tuesday, January 6

	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
	6:30 and 7:00 p.m.	Intro to Meditation/Meditation	Boyle Conference Room

Wednesday, January 7

	7:30 a.m. to	5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
		11:30 a.m.	Calvin College's January Series	Page Smith Room

Thursday, January 8

	11:30 a.m.	Calvin College's January Series	Page Smith Room
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Choir Loft
	6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation	Room 4J

Friday, January 9

	11:30 a.m.	Calvin College's January Series	Page Smith Room
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jonas Benson	Buchanan Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones/Fourth Dimension	Anderson Hall

Saturday, January 10

	7:30 a.m. to	12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
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Worship on Sunday, January 11

	8:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching	
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	4:00 p.m.	Layton Williams preaching	

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. 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.