

December 28, 2008–January 3, 2009

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News and Opportunities

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Cuba and Cameroon mission trip

applications are due Thursday, January 15 (for the May 1–9 trip to Cuba) and Monday, January 19 (for the May 29–June 12 trip to Cameroon). Details about these trips as well as the application form are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at the church at 312.981.3384.

The 2009 Mission Benefit, Carnival, will be Friday, February 20 at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. Invitations will be mailed in mid-January. To learn more about this annual event supporting the programs of Chicago Lights, the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church or for details about how to be a Mission Benefit sponsor, contact Allison Graham in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3596 (agraham@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Including Fourth Church in your estate plans will help ensure that the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights will continue for generations to come. For details about how to do so, contact Cerry Letrich at 312.981.3381.

There's still time to "Light Up a Life"!

Gifts to this year-end giving campaign will make a difference in the lives of those touched by Fourth Church and Chicago Lights while also serving as a meaningful gift and way to honor the special people in your life. Details are available in the brochures in the literature racks or at www.fourthchurch.org.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, will be available for a reduced price online at www.chicagolights.org or at the reception desk until Friday, January 9.

Fourth Church is counting on 2008 pledges to be fulfilled this week in order to finish the year positively. Those who have already fulfilled their pledge are asked to please consider a special additional year-end gift to help close the budget gap and to provide for the greater demand in social services that the church has seen in the past several months.

Year-End Gifts of Stock: Many people choose to make year-end gifts of stock to Fourth Church but have questions about how to do so. Information about how to make stock gifts is available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, and from Candi Wiggins, in the Giving Ministries office, at 312.274.3822 (cwiggins@fourthchurch.org).

The “Refreshing the Vision” long-range planning process for Fourth Church is underway. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/vision.html. Questions or suggestions for the steering committee can be e-mailed to vision@fourthchurch.org.

WORSHIP

An Ecumenical New Year’s Eve Service, hosted by Fourth Church and Holy Name Cathedral, will take place on Wednesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fourth Church sanctuary.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 12:00 noon or leave their prayer requests written on paper in one of the prayer boxes located outside the chapel, in the Narthex, or in Anderson Hall.

A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Morning Prayer will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday. All are invited to join staff for Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers an opportunity to pray for members of the congregation and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month in Blair Chapel. This monthly service offers an opportunity for prayer, meditative singing, and reflection. The next service will be Friday, January 23.

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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VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Tutoring program; 1½ hours weekly, especially Wednesday and Thursday evenings

Sunday School teachers for grades 1–3, to teach during 11:00 a.m. session

Audio operator to record occasional services during the week; training provided

Current Donation Needs

Computers in good condition (2007 or newer) to be donated to a Cabrini-Green school; a list of specifications is available at the Volunteer table

Infants’ and children’s gently-used winter clothes, strollers, cribs, car seats, and books to benefit the patients of a nonprofit clinic

Cell phones to be recycled.

For a list of additional needs, stop by the Volunteer table or contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering, a fellowship opportunity for individuals age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room to discuss resolutions and the power to be transformed, as expressed in the Christian tradition.

The book study of *God with Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas* does not meet today but resumes for its final session next Sunday, January 4 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

ENRICHMENT

Author and journalist Richard Longworth will speak on “Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalism” on Friday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. All are invited to this event hosted by Cornerstones.

Books by Women will meet next Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Talk Before Sleep* by Elizabeth Berg.

Live webcasts of noontime lectures from Calvin College’s award-winning January Series will be shown weekdays at Fourth Church January 7–27 at 11:30 a.m. and are being hosted by the Academy for Faith and Life. Lecture titles are printed in the January issue of *Fourth Press* and details are available at www.calvin.edu/january2009/.

A twelve-week Nia fitness class will begin Wednesday, January 7. Classes are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Fourth Church. Registration is required. To register or for information about class fees, visit www.niachicago.com or call the Nia Class Infoline at Fourth Church at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

An eight-session beginners T’ai Chi course starts Thursday, January 8 at 5:00 p.m. Registration is required. To register or for more details, call the T’ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

“Thinking and Writing about Religion in the Twenty-First Century,” presented by Robert McGlory, will be the topic of the Fourth Church Men’s Group gathering on Saturday, January 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. All are invited. RSVP by 12:00 noon on Friday, January 9 by calling the church office at 312.787.4570.

A five-week foreign film series, hosted by the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesdays beginning January 14 at 10:30 a.m. For details, call Patricia in the CLL office at 312.981.3387.

“Ode to Joy” is the theme of this year’s Fourth Church women’s weekend retreat, which will be held January 23–24. For details, contact Anne Ellis at the church at 312.573.3369.

The Community Book Group meets Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room to discuss *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters—and How to Talk about It* by Krista Trippett. Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families, will lead the conversation.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

There is no Sunday school today or next Sunday, January 4. Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 11.

Fourth Church youth will not meet today or next Sunday, January 4. Youth gatherings resume on Sunday, January 11.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The angel banners on display in the Loggia were designed and made by the women of St. Bartholomew Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Flutist Jessica Moore will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The internationally recognized Westminster Choir of the Westminster Choir College will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday afternoon, January 11 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com or by calling 866.468.3401

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 28, 2008–JANUARY 3, 2009

Sunday, December 28

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Alice M. Trowbridge preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	The Gathering		Randolph Room
4:00 p.m.	Social Service Center Sunday Night Supper		Dining Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal		Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching	Sanctuary

Monday, December 29

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
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Tuesday, December 30

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Wednesday, December 31

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Ecumenical New Year's Eve Service		Sanctuary

Thursday, January 1 *New Year's Day—Church Office Closed*

Friday, January 2

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Jessica Moore		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	"America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism"		Manse

Preaching on Sunday, January 4

Calum I. MacLeod	8:00 a.m.
Alice M. Trowbridge	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader	6:30 p.m.

Parking is available Sunday mornings at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, at the rate of \$7.00 for three hours and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.