

December 19–25, 2010

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News and Opportunities

CHRISTMAS

A “**Blue Christmas**” Service will be held Wednesday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and provides a Christmas worship opportunity for those who may find it difficult to share in the traditional celebrations on December 24 and 25.

There will be four candlelight services on Christmas Eve: 4:00 (Children’s Pageant), 6:00, 8:30, and 11:00 p.m. On Christmas Eve, nursery care is available between 3:30 and 7:15 p.m. only.

Christmas Day dinner tickets are available during Coffee Hour. This dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door that day.

The Christmas Day service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

On Sunday, December 26, there will be 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship; 8:00 and 4:00 worship will *not* be held that day.

Daily Advent and Christmas devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in printed booklets that can be found in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), and at www.fourthchurch.org.

“**Light Up a Life**” this holiday season! 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. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the offering envelopes found in the pew racks. For details, pick up a brochure found in the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Today’s rehearsal for the Children’s Christmas Eve Pageant will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary; attendance is required for all choir members, readers, and the teenage cast. (Angels, sheep, and shepherds need not attend.) Parents of those children wishing to participate in the pageant as an angel, sheep, or shepherd are required to attend one of the identical half-hour parent sessions taking place today at 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 noon in Blair Chapel.

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow’s Nest. There will be no Fourth Church youth meetings on Sundays, December 26 and January 2.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House. There will be no Sunday school on Sundays, December 26 and January 2.

A fellowship group for mothers with children ages 5–12 will begin on Sunday, January 9 at 9:10 a.m. at the Oak Tree restaurant (900 N. Michigan Ave.) The first chapter of Linda Dillow's *Calm My Anxious Heart* will be the topic for discussion; contact Liz Nickerson at enickerson@fourthchurch.org for details.

FELLOWSHIP

The final gathering of the Advent book study hosted by ThirtiesForties and Young Adults meets today at 12:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

Young Adults are invited to a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034.

The life and work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright will be the topic of a Friday, January 7 gathering of Cornerstones, a fellowship group for adults over fifty, including couples, partners, and their spouses. To RSVP, call 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by January 3.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Meet Aaron David Miller, composer of today's Christmas cantata, during Coffee Hour after 11:00 a.m. worship.

Friday Noonday concerts will not be held on December 24 and 31. This free concert series will resume on Friday, January 7 with clarinetist Jennifer Woodrum-Hogg performing at 12:10 p.m.

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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P2C Gift Intention forms are available in the pew racks. Gift intentions can also be made during Coffee Hour or online at www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html. Pledges to Project Second Century support the new addition, on which construction will begin in 2011, and thus help Fourth Church build for the future. For more information about supporting P2C, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Thank you to those who have already fulfilled their 2010 pledge. The Resource Development Committee asks those who have not fulfilled their 2010 pledge to please do so before year-end.

A temporary ramp is being built in the Garth to facilitate handicap access to the church when the 126 E. Chestnut entrance is demolished in early 2011 and the Project Second Century new building construction work is begun. A temporary exit stairway is also being built from the Dining Room. The Garth will remain closed to the public while the work is being done. Upon completion of the new building, the Garth will be returned to its original beauty. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/P2C.html.

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 is available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org, and by contacting Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter to state representatives addressing the negative impact of a casino in Chicago is available for signing at the Mission Table.

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, members of the Fourth Church community are invited to participate in Saturday, January 15 service projects coordinated by the Multicultural Initiatives and Resources Committee at Fourth Church. For more details or to sign up, stop by the Mission Table in Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.2743815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

WORSHIP

A jazz service will be held today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and includes Communion.

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

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m., in Stone Chapel.

A service in the style of Taizé will be held on New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes sorters on Mondays and Thursdays

Volunteers to participate in various service projects on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Saturday, January 15 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Social Service Center helpers on the first Friday of each month

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes (coats, pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

ENRICHMENT

The John Knox Bible Study meets this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony B; there will be no Bible study on Sunday, December 26.

"Women, Food, and God," a Tuesday evening discussion group focusing on issues raised in this book by Geneen Roth, is underway. For details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 375.

A twelve-week Nia series will begin on Wednesday, January 5. For registration details, call 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit www.niachicago.com.

Books by Women will meet Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

"Eat, Pray, Love" is the theme of the Fourth Church women's retreat, which will be held Saturday, January 29. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

"How to Do Good Grief" will be the topic of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center's annual Midwinter Conference, to be held at the church on Saturday, February 5. The symposium will address the experience of loss, which can take many forms and is a natural part of life. For information, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest June 20–29. For information and an application (due February 11), contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 19–25, 2010

Sunday, December 19

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| 7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Nursery | Westminster 14 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Worship Calum I. MacLeod preaching | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | Anderson Hall |
| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship John Buchanan preaching | Sanctuary |
| 9:30 a.m. | John Knox Bible Study | Anderson Hall N. Balcony B |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School | Westminster House |
| 9:30 a.m. | Youth Choir | 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 | (see announcement) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Cherub Choir | Blair Chapel |
| 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship John Buchanan preaching | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School | Westminster House |
| 11:00 a.m. | Children's Choir | Dining Room |
| 12:15 p.m. | Coffee Hour / Reception for David Aaron Miller | Anderson Hall |
| 12:15 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer | Stone Chapel |
| 12:15 p.m. | Church Tour | Sanctuary |
| 12:30 p.m. | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 12:30 p.m. | Advent Book Study | Randolph Room |
| 1:30 p.m. | ThirtiesForties Christmas Luncheon | Manse |
| 4:00 p.m. | Afternoon Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching | Sanctuary |
| 5:00 p.m. | Sunday Night Supper | Anderson Hall |

Monday, December 20

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| 9:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday) | Stone Chapel |
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Tuesday, December 21

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| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Stone Chapel |
| 6:00 p.m. | Young Adults Christmas Party | Manse |
| 6:00 p.m. | “Women, Food, and God” | Randolph Room |

Wednesday, December 22

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| 6:30 p.m. | “Blue Christmas” Worship Service | Sanctuary |
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Friday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

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| 3:30 to 7:15 p.m. | Nursery | Westminster 14 |
| 4:00 p.m. | Children's Pageant | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 p.m. | Family Service John W. Vest preaching | Sanctuary |
| 8:30 p.m. | Service of Lessons and Carols | Sanctuary |
| | John M. Buchanan preaching | |
| 11:00 p.m. | Service of Lessons and Carols | Sanctuary |
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Saturday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

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| 11:00 a.m. | Christmas Worship Victoria G. Curtiss preaching | Sanctuary |
| 12:30 p.m. | Christmas Dinner | Anderson Hall |

Preaching on Sunday, December 26

John Buchanan preaching 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

(8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship will not be held on Sunday, December 26)

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.