

November 13–19, 2011

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Linda Loving has accepted the position of Director of Pastoral Care/Chaplain at Avalon Square Presbyterian Homes in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Her last day at Fourth Church will be November 30. Next Sunday, November 20, there will be opportunity to greet Linda during Coffee Hour and thank her for her ministry at Fourth Church.

Notes, letters, memories, and photos for John and Sue Buchanan, thanking them for their ministry among us and wishing them well post-retirement, are being collected through January 15. They can be mailed to the church; beginning November 20, dropped off during Coffee Hour or at the reception desk; or emailed to memorybox@fourthchurch.org. These private expressions of gratitude, shared memories, and well wishes will be collected and presented to John and Sue in late January.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Save the date! Carnival 2012, the annual Mission Benefit, will be Friday, March 2.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are available today during Coffee Hour and during the week at the reception desk. This traditional dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 24.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 20 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 on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church will be participating.

Thanksgiving Day Worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 24.

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray there with a Deacon at that time.

A **jazz service** is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion.

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** is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. The next service will be Friday, January 27.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion. They will also gather for a homemade-pizza dinner on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. For information, contact Matt Helms at 312.981.4034 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

ThirtiesForties will “break bread” following 11:00 a.m. worship today with lunch at Go Roma.

ENRICHMENT

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place today at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). “Christianity without Heaven or Hell,” led by John Vest, and “Expected Grace: Can Jesus’ Interactions with Women Help You Get Over Your Fear of the Bible?” led by Judy Watt, meet at 9:30 a.m. “Understanding Arab Spring,” led by Azam Nizamuddin, and “At the Name of Jesus,” led by Tom Rook, meet at 11:00 a.m.

The “**Religion in Interfaith Homes**” series will discuss “What Are We Doing This December?” today at 12:30 p.m. at the Clare (Rush and Pearson).

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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Men’s Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 a.m. at 300 N. LaSalle in the Kirkland and Ellis office. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Fourth Church

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Church members to usher at the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Gift gatherers for the silent auction for Carnival 2012

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and during the week

Current Donation Needs

Children’s winter clothes for a family in need. List is available at the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Men’s clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The art exhibition “**Bound for Glory**” by Timothy Botts is on display in the Loggia now through Tuesday, November 22.

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Director of Music and Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Second-Floor Conference Room.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet today at 10:30 a.m. in the 737 building.

Nursery children will be hanging leaves of thanksgiving on a tree in the Garth immediately following 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship this morning.

This year's children's musical, 100% Chance of Rain, will take place this Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend this free production.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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

The annual Fair Trade Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands for the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the forms in the literature racks. Completed cards must be returned by Friday, December 9 for names to appear in the bulletin.

"Christmas Gift Bag" provides holiday gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available during Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 11.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A luncheon presentation on the February Mission Trip to Mexico will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Calvin Room on the 19th floor of the 737 building. Todd Luke will offer information about the cistern project on which trip participants will work, and he will answer questions regarding church and political issues in Mexico. Trip details and an application form are available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html, and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815. The application deadline is Thursday, December 1.

A letter urging U.S. Senators to oppose amendments that would cut poverty-focused foreign assistance in developing countries is available for signing at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission Table during Coffee Hour or contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 13–19, 2011

Sunday, November 13

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Conference Room	
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.	Sunday School		Dining Room
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes		The Clare
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		737 Building
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes		The Clare
12:15 p.m.	ThirtiesForties: “Break Bread”		<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Mexico Mission Trip Luncheon	Calvin Room – 737 Building	
12:30 p.m.	“Religion in Interfaith Homes”		<i>(see announcement)</i>
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary

Monday, November 14

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 15

7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study		<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 16

10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>		737 Building
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Thursday, November 17

5:00 p.m.	T’ai Chi Class		737 Building
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Friday, November 18

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room – 737 Building	
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer		Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Children Musical: <i>100% Chance of Rain</i>		Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Young Adults: Homemade-Pizza Dinner		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Saturday, November 19

9:00 a.m.	Inquirers’ Class		Randolph Room
5:00 p.m.	Caroling on Sanctuary Steps		<i>(see announcement)</i>

Preaching on Sunday, November 20

Kerri N. Allen preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Judith L. Watt preaching	4:00 p.m.

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.