

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
**FOURTH
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CHURCH**
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November 20–26, 2011

News and Opportunities

THANKSGIVING

The annual **Thanksgiving Gospelfest**, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, is today 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 this 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 in the service.

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

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

ANNUAL APPEAL

The **fiscal year for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights ends on December 31**, so the Resource Development Committee asks that you please complete 2011 Annual Appeal pledge payments by that date. Those who have not yet pledged for 2011 are still invited to either make a pledge or a gift before year end.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

An **Advent Wreath Workshop** for families will take place on Sunday, November 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

The **Light Up a Life holiday giving program** is underway. Through Light Up a Life gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also helping neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the brochures in the literature racks.

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 calling Julia Bergen at 312.573.3369.

Memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the 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.

The **annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be held Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception hosted in Anderson Hall by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

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.

The “Christmas Gift Bag” project provides 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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A performance of Handel’s *Messiah*, sung by Bella Voce, will take place this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

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

Tower Brass will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert in the Sanctuary.

Chicago Ensemble will perform a concert on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.com.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

The nursery for young children is located in the Page Smith Room and Anderson Hall South Balcony.

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

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet today at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building.

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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MISSION AND OUTREACH

A February Mission Trip to Mexico will be led by Donna Gray and Joe Pixler. 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.

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 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Linda Loving’s last Sunday at Fourth Church is today, as she has accepted the position of Director of Pastoral Care/Chaplain at Avalon Square Presbyterian Homes in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Please stop by Coffee Hour to greet Linda 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, 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.

Hardy Kim will be installed as Associate Pastor for Evangelism on Sunday, November 27 during 11:00 a.m. worship. A reception in Hardy's honor will follow in Anderson Hall after the service.

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

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

FELLOWSHIP

ThirtiesForties will gather today for "Face-to-Face: A Fireside Chat with Two Women of Islam," with guests Hind Makki and Suroor Raheemullah, at 12:30 p.m. in the Calvin Room at the 737 building.

Young Adults meet today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for discussion. They will also gather for fellowship on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Fadó Irish Pub (100 W. Grand Ave.).

The Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ontario Room at the 737 building.

A Cornerstones Christmas Party, which will include appetizers, a potluck, and carol singing, will take place on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. on the 19th floor of the the 737 building. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454, by Tuesday, November 29.

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.

World AIDS Day Morning Prayer, in which those affected by HIV and AIDS will be remembered, will take place on Thursday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Loggia.

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.

ENRICHMENT

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

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, November 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

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

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

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

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 20–26, 2011

Sunday, November 20

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Nursery	Page Smith/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Kerri N. Allen 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
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
12:15 p.m.	New Members Brunch		Randolph Room
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.	ThirtiesForties: “Face-to-Face”	Calvin Room –	737 Building
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering		737 Building
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Gospelfest		(see announcement)
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Worship	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall
5:00 p.m.	Bible Study and Sermon Discussion		Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> : Sung by Bella Voce		Sanctuary

Monday, November 21

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
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Tuesday, November 22

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group	Ontario Room –	737 Building
7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Fellowship		(see announcement)
7:30 p.m.	Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship		(see announcement)

Wednesday, November 23

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class		737 Building

Thursday, November 24

11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Worship		Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner		Anderson Hall

Friday, November 25 **Church Office Closed**

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Tower Brass		Sanctuary
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Open House		Sanctuary

Preaching on Sunday, November 27

John H. Boyle preaching	8:00 a.m.
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest 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.