

January 8–14, 2012

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News and Opportunities

HONORING JOHN BUCHANAN

At a Michigan Avenue Forum honoring **John Buchanan, Walter Brueggemann** will speak about Christianity—“where it’s been and where it’s going.” A panel of Chris Chakoian, Patrick Daymond, Bill Golderer, Jeannine Oakes, and John Vest will respond to Dr. Brueggemann’s comments at this special Thursday, January 19 event to be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. A brief reception will follow the symposium.

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 at the church 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 on Sunday, January 22 as a gift from the congregation.

A special meeting of the **Fourth Presbyterian Church congregation** has been called by the Session for Sunday, January 22. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with John Buchanan, effective Tuesday, January 31. The gift of the congregation—a memory box of notes and messages from members and friends—will be presented; there will be a brief program; and a reception with light refreshments will follow.

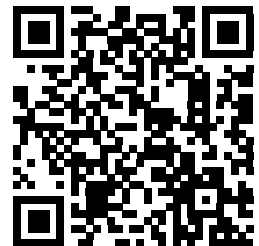
John Buchanan’s last Sunday as Pastor of Fourth Church will be January 29. He will preach at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. services that day. (Please note that the third morning service on January 29 will be at 11:30 a.m.) An open house reception for John and Sue will follow the 11:30 service that day and will be held at the Drake Hotel (one block north at 140 E. Walton).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

Help us double our number of Facebook friends!

If you’ve not yet “Liked” Fourth Church on Facebook (online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or just scan the QR code at right with any smartphone), please do so today—and invite your friends to like us too. You can see photos of the Gratz Center construction, follow along as we read the entire Bible in a year, and stay up-to-date on Fourth Church news.



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

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. at the 737 building.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teacher for a third-grade class at 9:30 a.m.

Tutors for children Mondays–Thursdays 6:00–7:30 p.m. 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

Current Donation Needs

Countertop microwave oven for a family in need

Men's sturdy winter clothes in larger sizes for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

For details or to volunteer, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio (including podcasts) of the 11:00 a.m. services; sermon transcripts from all worship services; the text of worship bulletins and News and Opportunities; and devotional resources.

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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Photographs of the “topped off” Gratz Center are posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch.

WORSHIP

A jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and includes Communion. A Bible study and sermon discussion follow the service.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for the opportunity to remember in prayer members of the congregation and those in need.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, offering opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. The next service will be Friday, January 27. It will be preceded by an opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Donations needed for Carnaval's Silent Auction include sports/event tickets, airline tickets, home décor and art items, and restaurant and spa gift cards. **Volunteers for the Silent Auction Committee** are also needed. For details, contact Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380 (lradetski@fourthchurch.org).

Connect with Chicago Lights, a nonprofit organization at Fourth Church serving those facing the challenges of poverty. Chicago Lights is on Facebook, Twitter, and online at www.chicagolights.org.

A mission trip to Cuba will take place April 21–28. 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 this Monday, January 9.

Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day is Saturday, January 14. There will be several sites where intergenerational volunteer teams can work, with times in the morning and afternoon. To volunteer or for details, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 or pick up an information card from the literature racks.

ENRICHMENT

Join us in reading through the entire Bible in a year! Fourth Church is participating in a congregation-wide Bible journey that will take us through the entire Bible by December 31.

A weekly Bible study of the texts for the week takes place on Tuesdays at the 737 building (Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan; 19th floor) at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. To register for the Bible studies, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364. **Daily devotions** (available via Facebook, Twitter, the website, email from devotions@fourthchurch.org, and in the literature racks) also reflect on the daily readings. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/bibleyear.html.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building to discuss *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff.

A T'ai Chi for Beginners class, sponsored by the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, will take place on Thursdays, beginning January 12, at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To register, call the T'ai Chi Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 388.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

“The Trial of Jesus,” presented by attorneys Jeanne Bishop and Mark Osler, will offer an engaging and challenging look at the death penalty as it intersects with the story of the life of Christ. Sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life, it will be held on Sunday, January 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Changing Conversations will *not* meet Friday, January 20. Their next event will be held on Friday, February 17.

Nia fitness classes offered through the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. at the 737 building. For information or to register, call the Nia Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Light, the new CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available during Coffee Hour and by calling Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults meets today at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Fourth Dimension will meet for “The Amazing Case of the Disappearing Bees,” led by Dr. May Berenbaum, on Friday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

Men’s Group will gather for breakfast and the presentation “Cameroon Update” by Dr. Bernie Blaauw on Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to 312.787.4570 by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 11.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 8–14, 2012

Sunday, January 8

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Nursery	Page Smith Room/Anderson Hall	S. Balcony
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Matthew J. Helms 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.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour		Sanctuary
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, January 9

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring <i>(also Tuesday–Thursday)</i>		Anderson Hall
6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class		Randolph Room

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study		737 Building
6:00 p.m.	Books by Women	Knox Room –	737 Building

Wednesday, January 11

10:15 a.m.	Nia Fitness Class <i>(also Friday)</i>		737 Building
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Thursday, January 12

10:00 a.m.	“Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study		737 Building
5:00 p.m.	T'ai Chi Class		737 Building

Friday, January 13

10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Superior Room –	737 Building
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Christopher O'Hara		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Fourth Dimension		737 Building

Saturday, January 14

8:00 a.m.	Men's Group		Dining Room
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Preaching on Sunday, January 15

Calum I. MacLeod 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.