

News and Opportunities

WORSHIP

Tom Long, named one of the twelve most-effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sundays, December 2 and 9.

ENRICHMENT

The first Academy for Faith and Life classes in the Gratz Center begin today. “Growing in Service, Growing in Spirit,” led by Vicky Curtiss (Room 5F), and “The Church and the Definition of Marriage,” led by John Vest and Adam Fronczek (Room 5G), will meet at 9:30 a.m. “Love and Conflict,” led by John Boyle (Room 5F), and “Christianity outside the Presbyterian Church,” led by Bruce Rigdon (Room 5G), will meet at 11:00 a.m. Details are available online and in the literature racks.

“**Our Pastors’ Call to Ministry**,” led today by Edwin Estevez, takes place at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E of the Gratz Center.

The Jerusalem: The Biography book study continues this Tuesday, November 27 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4D. Participants are asked to read through Part 8 for this third session.

Books by Women will discuss *Literary Ladies’ Guide to the Writing Life* by Nava Atlas on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5G.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. For details or an application form, call Adam at 312.640.5398.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Child care is provided in the Nursery, on the first floor of the Gratz Center.

Sunday School is at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) meet today at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Even if you like us on Facebook, you might be missing

some of our posts. To make sure you aren’t, go to facebook.com/fourthchurch. Hover over, or point to, the “Like” button under the Gratz Center photo and make sure “Show in News Feed” has a checkmark in front of it. If it doesn’t, click on those words. That way you’ll ensure you’ll see all of our posts of the latest Fourth Church news, resources, and fun photos!



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Volunteers are needed to lead seminars on job searches, housing rights, public benefits, and life skills. For details, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to set up and take down

the Fair Trade Bazaar on Friday, November 30 and Sunday, December 2

Sewers with machines to cut and hem muslin panels to be used for the Gratz Center Community Grand Opening (which will be Saturday, January 12)

Current Donation Needs

Men's winter clothes in larger sizes

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

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center

are being offered today and on Sundays, December 2 and 9 at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. Look for the docents in the Commons of the Gratz Center. Tours will also be offered Saturday, December 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

The Gratz Center donor wall in the Gignilliat Commons includes the names, randomly placed, of all who contributed to the building project. While every effort was made to ensure complete accuracy, including contacting all donors this past summer for verification of the desired listing of the name, if there is an error in your listing, please contact Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833 (wcarter@fourthchurch.org).

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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Help create the ribbon to be cut at the Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center, to be held Saturday, January 12, when we celebrate with our neighbors this new building. Ribbon pieces to decorate are available at Coffee Hour.

The Pastor Nominating Committee

is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates and begin to learn more about those individuals, an undertaking that requires the strictest confidentiality, given the candidates are currently serving elsewhere. For details about the PNC process, see www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The St. Charles Singers will perform "Candlelight Carols" this Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com.

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are only available at www.cso.org.

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth for Bridge, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will meet at a member's home this Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP and for details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Cornerstones will gather for a Christmas Party on Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, December 5.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A petition urging the president of Cameroon to not develop a palm oil plantation that would destroy the rain forest and affect the livelihoods of families is available for signing at Coffee Hour.

The Sewing and Knitting Group will gather this Tuesday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 5B for a time of fellowship, to drop off items they have completed, and to pick up yarn and material for new projects.

The Benevolent Guild will gather this Wednesday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Dominican Republic trip applications are due Sunday, December 2. The application form and information about this March mission trip are available at Coffee Hour and online.

ADVENT

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 or at www.fourthchurch.org.

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for more than 700 children who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour or by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

“The Music and Meaning of Advent” invites adults and children to a time of fellowship and music this Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Christmas flowers and garlands. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made using forms in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 14 for names to appear in the bulletin.

The Fair Trade Bazaar will be held the weekend of December 1 and 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and the Gignilliat Commons.

“Center Yourself for the Holidays,” offered through our Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, will take place on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. To register (required), call 312.787.8425.

An Advent Wreath Workshop for families takes place next Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony.

An Advent contemplative retreat, led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 7–8 at The Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

“Christmas and Consumerism: Advice for Parents,” conversation about helping children celebrate the season in a healthy way, will be led by Susan Schemper on Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

The “Christmas Gift Bag” project provides gifts for Sunday Night Supper guests. Instructions and a bag, to decorate and fill, are available at Coffee Hour. Filled bags are to be returned by Sunday, December 9.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 25–DECEMBER 1, 2012

Sunday, November 25

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering	Bumpus Room
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Page Smith Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
12:15 p.m.	Church and Organ Tours	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 4D
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Hardy H. Kim preaching	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall

Monday, November 26

9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, November 27

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Workshop	Room 5B
5:30 p.m.	<i>Jerusalem: The Biography</i> Book Study	Room 4D
6:00 p.m.	"Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study	Gratz Center

Wednesday, November 28

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
5:30 p.m.	"The Music and Meaning of Advent"	Gratz Center, Second Floor

Thursday, November 29

10:00 a.m.	"Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study	Gratz Center
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Friday, November 30

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Renovo Chamber Music	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	St. Charles Singers Concert	Sanctuary

Saturday, December 1

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Bazaar	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m.	"Center Yourself for the Holidays"	Third Floor Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	Fourth for Bridge	<i>(see announcement)</i>

Preaching on Sunday, December 2

8:00 a.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Thomas Long preaching
4:00 p.m.	Adam H. Fronczek preaching

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. 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 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.