The Fair Trade Bazaar is held today from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and the Gignilliat Commons.

An Advent Wreath Workshop for families is today from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

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.

“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.

Chicago a cappella will perform the concert “Navidad en México” this Friday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door and at www.chicagoacappella.org.

Men’s Group will gather for breakfast and the presentation “Sinners and Saints: Religious Characters and Themes in Opera,” led by Carl Grapentine of WFMT 98.7, this Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To RSVP (required), call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, December 5.

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 online at www.fourthchurch.org. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 14 for names to appear in the bulletin.

Have you seen the photos from the dedication celebration of the Gratz Center and Buchanan Chapel? They’re posted on the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch, or scan the QR code at right), where you can also find photos of the recent Day School presidential election, information about Advent concerts and activities, recent sermons and prayers, and more!
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.

“Christmas and Consumerism: Advice for Parents” will be led by Susan Schemper on Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room. For details, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

A CLL Holiday Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to attend. To RSVP (required), call Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by Tuesday, December 11.

The “Christmas with Tower Brass” concert will take place on Saturday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

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 call Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833.

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center are being offered today and on Sunday, December 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 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

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 today and next Sunday, December 9.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets will be available today at the reception desk.

“Two for Blu” Carnaval Getaway raffle tickets are available in Borwell Dining Room during Coffee Hour. The getaway includes two tickets to Carnaval, the annual gala benefiting Chicago Lights, the Counseling Center, and the Center for Life and Learning; an overnight stay for two at the Radisson Blu; and breakfast the next morning. For information, contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago
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Dominican Republic trip applications are due today. The application form and information about this March mission trip are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

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

The Near North Unity Program, a neighborhood organization that seeks to strengthen community health and cohesion on the Near North Side, will host a public celebration on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at 1111 N. Wells St. All are invited to attend and learn about the organization’s plans for 2013. Hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Current Volunteer Needs
Volunteers to lead seminars on job searches, housing rights, public benefits, and life skills.
Substitute tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Current Donation Needs
Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

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

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

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 of the Gratz Center.

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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A meet-and-greet with the artists of the current exhibition of artwork from Fourth Church members, staff, and program participants will take place on Sunday, December 9 in the Loggia following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place today in the Gratz Center. “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.

Cornerstones will gather for a Christmas Party this 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.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a Holiday Party on Friday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).
## Parking
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.

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### CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2–8, 2012

#### Sunday, December 2
- **7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Nursery
- **8:00 a.m.** Morning Worship  **Hardy H. Kim preaching**  **Sanctuary**
- **8:00 a.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal  **Sanctuary Choir Loft**
- **9:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour  **Borwell Dining Room**
- **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Fair Trade Bazaar  **Anderson Hall / Commons**
- **9:30 a.m.** Morning Worship  **Thomas Long preaching**  **Sanctuary**
- **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Advent Wreath Workshop  **Parish House Dining Room**
- **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  **Third Floor Conference Room**
- **10:30 a.m.** Cherub Choir Rehearsal  **Buchanan Chapel**
- **10:30 a.m.** Coffee Hour  **Borwell Dining Room**
- **10:30 a.m.** Intercessory Prayer  **Stone Chapel**
- **10:30 a.m.** Youth Gathering  **Bumpus Room**
- **11:00 a.m.** Morning Worship  **Thomas Long preaching**  **Sanctuary**
- **11:00 a.m.** Academy for Faith and Life Classes  **Gratz Center, Fifth Floor**
- **11:00 a.m.** Children’s Choir Rehearsal  **Third Floor Conference 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  **Borwell Dining Room**
- **12:15 p.m.** Intercessory Prayer  **Stone Chapel**
- **12:30 p.m.** Young Adults Gathering  **Room 5A**
- **4:00 p.m.** Jazz Worship  **Adam H. Fronczek preaching**  **Sanctuary**

#### Monday, December 3
- **9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Day School  *(also Tuesday–Friday)*  **Gratz Center, First Floor**
- **9:30 a.m.** Morning Prayer  *(also Wednesday–Friday)*  **Sanctuary**
- **6:30 p.m.** Inquirers’ Class  **Randolph Room**

#### Tuesday, December 4
- **7:30 a.m.** Men’s Bible Study  **The Loop**
- **9:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer  **Sanctuary**
- **6:00 p.m.** “Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study  **Gratz Center**
- **7:30 p.m.** “A Chanticleer Christmas”  *(also Wednesday)*  **Sanctuary**

#### Wednesday, December 5
- **9:30 a.m.** Benevolent Guild  **Room 5B**

#### Thursday, December 6
- **10:00 a.m.** “Reading the Bible in a Year” Bible Study  **Gratz Center**

#### Friday, December 7
- **12:10 p.m.** Noonday Concert: Alfreda Burke  **Sanctuary**
- **6:00 p.m.** Cornerstones  **Gratz Center**
- **8:00 p.m.** “Navidad en México”  *Chicago a cappella* Concert  **Sanctuary**

#### Saturday, December 8
- **8:00 a.m.** Men’s Group  **Borwell Dining Room**

### Preaching on Sunday, December 9
- **8:00 a.m.** Edwin Estevez preaching
- **9:30 and 11:00 a.m.** Thomas Long preaching
- **4:00 p.m.** Adam H. Fronczek preaching