

December 16–22, 2012

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News and Opportunities

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Today the Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-hot-cocoa reception hosted by Women@Fourth Connect will follow.

“Happy, Healthy Holidays,” a CLL program about ways to grow in health during the holidays, will be led by JoAnn Gruca for adults sixty and more this Tuesday, December 18 at 12:00 noon in Room 5G of the Gratz Center. For details, contact Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

A Blue Christmas service for those for whom Christmas is made difficult by loss and sadness will be held this Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Still shopping for Christmas presents? Consider honoring or remembering those on your list with “Light Up a Life” gifts, which also help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made using the offering envelopes, the brochures in the literature racks, or the forms online at www.fourthchurch.org.

A Christmas Cantata, featuring Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s *In Nativitatem Domini Nostri Jesu Christi Canticum*, will be sung by the Morning Choir next Sunday, December 23 during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Four candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Children’s Pageant); 6:00 p.m. (Family Service); and 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols). The Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner, which will take place on Tuesday, December 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall, are available at reception.

Online gifts for Light Up a Life—to make a difference

in the lives of those served by the programs of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights—can be made at www.fourthchurch.org.

There you can also find a complete schedule of this year’s Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship opportunities as well as other ways to join this community in sharing Christmas joy together and with others this season.



NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today decorated muslin panels, which will create the ribbon to be cut at the January 12 Community Grand Opening of the Gratz Center, are due at the Fine Arts Council table at Coffee Hour. All are encouraged to invite friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to come join in the celebration that day and see firsthand the new Gratz Center.

Docent-led tours of the Gratz Center

are being offered today 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.

Today Coffee Hour is sponsored in honor of Armon Haagen, who this Christmas Eve completes ten years as head usher at Fourth Church. To sponsor Coffee Hour, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is currently in a several-month quiet phase as they review Pastor Information Forms of about 200 possible candidates. 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, if there is an error in your listing, please contact Wydetta Carter at 312.274.3833 (wcarter@fourthchurch.org).

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chicago Camerata will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

"Two for Blu" Carnival Getaway drawing tickets are available at Coffee Hour. The getaway includes two tickets to Carnival, 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).

Silent Nights, a vigil for peace on the Chicago streets, will be held this Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Congregational Church (1613 W. Washington). For details, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

The Benevolent Guild will gather this Wednesday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Josh Heikkila will speak about his ministry as a PC(USA) global mission coworker in Ghana at a luncheon next Sunday, December 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G of the Gratz Center. To RSVP, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

The Sensible Gun Laws petition, which has collected 25,000 signatures, is available for signing at the Mission table at Coffee Hour and online at www.change.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

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

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

La Posada Family Night will be held this Friday, December 21, with younger children beginning their “journey” at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Older children may arrive at 6:15 p.m., when everyone will enjoy dinner. Older children will then go on their “journey” following dinner. To RSVP, call Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

College-age youth, from eighteen to twenty-two, and their families are invited to an open house with refreshments and fellowship on Christmas Eve from 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. in the Loft of the Gratz Center. For details, call Kimberlee Frost at 312.981.4035.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Energetic individuals to share hobbies and activities with Chicago Lights Tutoring students, one evening a week, January 7–March 7

Members to transcribe recorded oral histories

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men’s winter clothes in larger sizes

Paper grocery bags with handles for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

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

WORSHIP

A New Year’s Eve service in the style of Taizé will be held on December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

ENRICHMENT

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.

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class meets today at 12:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room.

Today the “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series meets at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G of the Gratz Center to discuss “Dealing with Your In-Laws.”

Men’s Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

The Jerusalem: The Biography book study will conclude this Tuesday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4D. Participants are asked to read through the end of the book.

A study trip to Greece and Turkey will be led by Adam Fronczek April 30–May 13. Applications are due Friday, January 18. Details are available in the literature racks.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will discuss “All about Advent” today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will also gather for a Christmas party this Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manse.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 16–22, 2012

Sunday, December 16

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nursery	Gratz Center, First Floor
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Joyce Shin preaching	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall / Commons
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Adam H. Fronczek 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	Third Floor Conference 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 Adam H. Fronczek 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
12:00 noon	New Members Brunch	Randolph Room
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.	Inquirers' Class	Morse Conference Room
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Gathering	Room 5A
1:00 p.m.	"Religion in Interfaith Homes"	Room 5G
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship Adam H. Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Festival of Advent Lessons and Music	Sanctuary

Monday, December 17

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Day School <i>(also Tuesday–Wednesday)</i>	Gratz Center, First Floor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 18

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
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, December 19

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
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Thursday, December 20

10:00 a.m.	"Reading the Bible in a Year" Bible Study	Gratz Center
6:30 p.m.	Blue Christmas Worship Service	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, December 21

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Chicago Camerata	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	La Posada Family Night	Anderson Hall

Saturday, December 22

5:00 p.m.	"Christmas with Tower Brass" Concert	Sanctuary
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Worship on Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Calum I. MacLeod 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.