

November 17–23, 2013

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News and Opportunities

THANKSGIVING

A “Thanks and Giving” Family Night will take place this Friday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The annual Thanksgiving Gospelfest, sponsored by the Near North Ministry Alliance, of which Fourth Church is a participant, will be held Sunday, November 24 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1000 N. Orleans (at Oak Street). A community meal will follow.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship will be held Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Chicago Sinai, Holy Name Cathedral, and Fourth Church host the service. Joyce Shin will participate; Monsignor Dan Mayall will preach.

Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 28. Vicky Curtiss will be preaching.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner tickets, which are available today and during the week at the reception desk, are required for this traditional dinner, which will be served on Thursday, November 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.

WORSHIP

Those interested in gathering for regular contemplative prayer are invited to attend an initial meeting this Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the second-floor Hospitality Suite of the Gratz Center. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held this Friday, November 22 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

“Christmas with Tower Brass,” “Chanticleer Christmas,” and “Holidays *a cappella*” (the latter held this year in Buchanan Chapel) are just some of the many musical offerings with which we will mark Advent and Christmas this year. A complete schedule of concerts and other seasonal events and programs can be found on the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org



Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. (See page 4 calendar for times.)

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Information about the pastoral search process is posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Alliance Brass Quintet will perform this Friday’s free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.thechicagoensemble.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Youth meet at 10:30 a.m.

The “Parenting in Faith” series continues today with the topic “Growing as a Parent in Your Faith” at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4E.

The “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series will discuss “What Are We Doing This December?” today at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Due December 15 are applications for the women’s mission trip to Cuba (March 21–29) and the musical mission trip to Guatemala (February 22–March 1). Applications for the mission trip to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

To sign up to receive advocacy action alerts by email from the Mission Committee, stop by the Mission table at Coffee Hour.

ADVENT

The “Christmas Wishes” gift project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students who might not otherwise receive them. Wish lists are available at Coffee Hour today or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. this Saturday, November 23 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

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 to the reception desk by Sunday, December 8.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” concert will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.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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The annual Fair Trade Gift Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

An Advent Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, December 13–14 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details are available in the literature racks.

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 13 for names to appear in the bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

ThirtiesForties will meet today for a discussion of “Life in Focus: Violence” at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

Men’s Ministry will gather today to watch the Bears game on TV at 12:00 noon in the Manse. All men are invited to attend.

Women@Fourth Connect’s next planning meeting will be held this Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

ENRICHMENT

Men’s Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather this Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held today: “A Community United: Understanding and Responding to Homelessness” at 9:30 a.m. and “Bible Stories Ripped from the Headlines” at 11:00 a.m. The final session of “Hinduism 101” will be held next Sunday, November 24 at 12:30 p.m.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet this Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

“Immigration Dreams and Challenges: Entering the Conversation from a Place of Faith,” a free Michigan Avenue Forum panel presentation, will take place this Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. To register, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

A creative workshop will be offered through the Center for Life and Learning on Thursdays, beginning December 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. This time to work on creative projects is open to anyone sixty and more.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Transcribers to type recorded interviews for the Oral History Committee

Librarian for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Members to be Nursery caregivers on Sundays, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Shopping aide for guests of the Social Service Center’s Consumer Choice Food Pantry, alternating Wednesdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s seasonal clothes
Double paper/plastic bags with handles

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

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 17–23, 2013

Sunday, November 17

	8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.		Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class		Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	“Parenting in Faith”		Room 4E
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal		Room 5B
	10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal		Buchanan Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John W. Vest preaching	Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Class		Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
	11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir Rehearsal		Room 5B
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School		Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	11:00 a.m.	ThirtiesForties: “Life in Focus”		Room 5D
	12:00 noon	Men’s Ministry		Manse
	12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	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	Judith L. Watt preaching	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

Monday, November 18

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk <i>(also Tuesday)</i>	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>(also Wednesday–Friday)</i>	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 19

7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	<i>(see announcement)</i>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 20

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
6:00 p.m.	<i>Christian Century</i> Discussion	Randolph Room
6:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer	Second-Floor Hospitality Suite

Thursday, November 21

6:00 p.m.	Women@Fourth Connect Planning Meeting	Page Smith Room
6:30 p.m.	“Immigration Dreams and Challenges”	Buchanan Chapel

Friday, November 22

12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Alliance Brass Quintet	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 p.m.	“Thanks and Giving” Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service	Buchanan Chapel

Saturday, November 23

5:00 p.m.	Caroling on Sanctuary Steps	<i>(see announcement)</i>
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Worship on Sunday, November 24

8:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin preaching
4:00 p.m.	Edwin Estevez 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 on Sundays only at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and only for three hours in that period. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.