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CHURCH**  
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December 29, 2013–January 4, 2014

# News and Opportunities

## 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.

**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, and more.

**Inquirers' Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

**The Pastor Nominating Committee** continues to be in conversation with candidates. The role of "call" as part of the search process is the topic of a recent PNC reflection, and you can read that online at [www.fourthchurch.org/pnc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/pnc).

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## WORSHIP

**A service in the style of Taizé** will next be held on New Year's Eve, this Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

**Opportunity to walk the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel is also available Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

### **It's easy to fulfill your 2013 pledge online:**

Just go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) (or scan this QR code) and click on "To Make a Gift." There you will find an option to make a gift toward your Annual Appeal pledge for 2013.

On the same page you can also make Light Up a Life gifts to thank friends, family, and colleagues, gifts that offer important year-end support to programs that serve others.



**Morning Prayer** is held this week in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Thursday, and Friday and at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Today's Coffee Hour** is sponsored by Jerry and Emma Talen in celebration of their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**A Young Adults open house** will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**Fourth for Bridge** will gather this Saturday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension** will come together for dinner and a performance by Fourth Acts on Friday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Buchanan Chapel. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 or Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, January 8.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Applications for the mission trip** to Mexico (March 8–15) are due January 8. Application details are available in the literature racks.

**"New Volunteer" orientation sessions** for Chicago Lights Tutoring will be held January 8 and 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4K. For details, contact Fernie Tiflis at ftiflis@fourthchurch.org.

**Youth and Young Adults** will participate in a joint Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project on Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Erie House (1701 W. Superior).

**"Hope in an Age of Crisis,"** a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and public meeting, will be held on Sunday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church (8235 S. Shore Dr.). For details, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, stop by the Mission table during Coffee Hour.

**Health insurance coverage assistance** for uninsured Illinois residents is available at [getcoveredillinois.gov](http://getcoveredillinois.gov). For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at [vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

**The Chancel Choir** will not rehearse on Thursday, January 2. Rehearsals for this volunteer choir will resume on Thursday, January 9.

**The Cecilia Guitar Duo**, with Pamela Kimmel and Helene Rottenburg, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The art exhibit "Work: Curse or Calling"** is on display in the Loggia through this Monday, December 30.

*News and Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org).

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

**Sunday School will not be in session** today or next Sunday, January 5. Children are invited to worship with their parents on those Sundays; preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome in the Nursery those days.

**Youth** will not gather today or next Sunday, January 5. They will resume meeting on Sunday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**A Family Service Project** in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Casa Central Casa Infantil (2222 N. Kedzie Ave.).

## ENRICHMENT

**“Endings and Beginnings,”** a spiritual retreat led by Vicky Curtiss, will be held this Saturday, January 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church (460 Lake St., Oak Park). To RSVP, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by the end of today, Sunday, December 29.

**Books by Women** will discuss *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**“Taste and See: A Retreat for Women”** will be held on Saturday, January 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**“Immigration Today,”** a Center for Life and Learning minicourse led by Edwin Estevez, will be held on Mondays, January 27–February 17 at 2:45 p.m. in the Gratz Center. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386.

**Several meditation opportunities** are being offered by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center in early 2014. “Mindfulness and Meditation,” led by Ruth Durchslag and Nesita Kwan, will be held on Wednesdays, January 8–February 5 at 7:00 p.m.; “Embodied Meditation: Introductory Class,” led by Jon Hansen and Whitney Logan, will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and “Embodied Meditation: Advanced Class” will be held every other Monday, January 20–March 3, at 7:00 p.m. All classes will take place in the Third Floor Conference Room. To register, call 312.787.8425.

**“Composing a Life: A Journaling Workshop for Boomers and Beyond,”** led by Carol LaChapelle, will be held on Tuesdays, February 4–25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of Parish House. To register for a discounted rate, contact the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at 312.787.8425 by Tuesday, January 28.

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**In2it Café instructors** to share hobbies with Chicago Lights Tutoring students; once a week; 5:25–5:55 p.m.

**Transcribers** for Oral History Committee interviews

**Teachers and health professionals** for the Center for Life and Learning

**Librarian** for the Tutoring program

**Church members** to serve as Nursery caregivers at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men’s seasonal clothes** in all sizes

**Women’s seasonal clothes** in larger sizes

**Department store bags** with handles

**Nonperishable food** items

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

**CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 29, 2013–JANUARY 4, 2014**

**Sunday, December 29**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Edwin Estevez preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m. to	12:15 p.m.	Nursery		Gratz Center, First Floor
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Victoria G. Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Victoria G. Curtiss preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults Open House		Room 5A
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jazz Worship</b>	<b>Edwin Estevez preaching</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper		Anderson Hall

**Monday, December 30**

7:30 a.m. to	9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 31**    *New Year's Eve*

	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Anderson Hall
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Taizé Service</b>		<b>Buchanan Chapel</b>

**Wednesday, January 1**    *New Year's Day: Church Office Closed*

**Thursday, January 2**

	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
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**Friday, January 3**

	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Sanctuary
	12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Cecilia Guitar Duo		Buchanan Chapel
		Senior Highs Ski Retreat ( <i>also Saturday–Sunday</i> )		Wisconsin

**Saturday, January 4**

7:30 a.m. to	12:00 noon	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to	4:00 p.m.	“Endings and Beginnings” Spiritual Retreat		( <i>see announcement</i> )
	7:30 p.m.	Fourth for Bridge		( <i>see announcement</i> )

**Worship on Sunday, January 5**

	8:00 a.m.	Matt Helms preaching
9:30 and	11:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin 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 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.