

November 15–21, 2015

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News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Matt Helms will be installed as Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry today during the 11:00 a.m. service. A reception in his honor will follow in Anderson Hall.

Rocky Supinger was elected Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry at last Sunday's congregational meeting. We look forward to welcoming Rocky to ministry at Fourth Church on February 1.

On Tuesday, registration is due for the summer 2016 concert tour to Scotland and England, which will include a Fourth Church choir concert at St. Giles' Cathedral, where Calum MacLeod is Minister. Information is available in the literature racks, at www.fourthchurch.org, or by calling John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

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Taking Communion to homebound members will be part of the Deacon ministry this Advent. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion, please contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) at 312.640.5448.

THANKSGIVING

A "Thanks and Giving" Family Night will be held this Friday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Community Thanksgiving Worship will be held Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State). Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name, and Fourth Church will be cohosting.

A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 26 at 12:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Tickets, which are required, are available at the reception desk on Sundays and during the week.

With Thanksgiving less than two weeks away and Advent beginning on November 29, lots of seasonal opportunities will begin to appear on the Fourth Church calendar, from caroling on the Sanctuary steps to the annual interfaith service celebrating Thanksgiving with our neighbors. Let www.facebook.com/fourthchurch keep you updated on all the holiday resources and details!



Thanksgiving Day worship at Fourth Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 26. Vicky Curtiss will preach.

ADVENT

Items for Christmas Bags are being collected for guests of Meals Ministry's Sunday Night Supper and the Elam Davies Social Service Center. A list of needed items is available at Coffee Hour and in the information racks.

An Advent Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday–Saturday, December 11–12 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms, which are available in the literature racks and online, are due Sunday, December 6.

Help decorate the Sanctuary and Gratz Center and also memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Advent and 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. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, December 11 for names to appear in the bulletin.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Tunes for Tots for infants, young toddlers, and their parents meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

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

Choirs meet today in Room 4G at 9:00 a.m. (Cherub, age 4–grade 1), 9:45 a.m. (Youth), and 10:30 a.m. (Children's, grades 2–5).

Youth will worship together today at 11:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

"From the Euphrates to Chicago," a collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etab Hrieb, is on display in the Loggia.

Pianist Mio Nakamura will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

"A Chanticleer Christmas" concert will be held on Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org

MISSION AND OUTREACH

This Monday is the deadline for applications for the January mission trip to build rain cisterns in Mexico. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

Mission coworkers David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo will speak about the PC(USA) partnership with the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba this Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Book Nook is selling copies of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* this holiday season. For more information, visit the Book Nook during Coffee Hour.

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, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall and Borwell Dining Room.

The “Text to Give Thanks” challenge offers opportunity to have matched 2 to 1 (up to a total of \$25,000) all new and unpledged gifts made to the Fourth Church operating fund via text or online giving. Text @fourthchurch and a dollar amount to 52014 or give online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving by November 30.

The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, March 4, 2016.

WORSHIP

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join staff for this weekly prayer opportunity.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women’s Bible study that follows a lectionary-based curriculum, will meet today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

Three Academy for Faith and Life classes meet today: “Praying with Eyes Open” at 9:30 a.m. in Boyle Conference Room, “God in the Modern Wing” at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room, and “Presbyterian Beliefs” at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G.

“The Inclusion Imperative: Answering the Call to Address Racism in the Church,” a workshop about how authentic inclusion is essential to tackling social issues, will be held today at 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. A light lunch is available for a small fee. All are welcome.

Ministry with Prisoners and Families will be the topic of discussion facilitated by Shannon Kershner as part of the mass incarceration book series this Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults will meet for discussion and fellowship today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Christian Century Study Groups will gather for discussion this Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Presbyterian Women welcomes Elizabeth Fisher from the Selah Freedom Project—a nonprofit organization focused on ending human trafficking and sexual exploitation—to speak this Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. All are invited to attend.

All are invited to join the choirs in caroling on the church steps at 5:00 p.m. this Saturday, November 21 as part of the Michigan Avenue Lighting Festival.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service
Workers to set up and take down the Fair Trade Bazaar, December 4 and 6
Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring
Assistants to help lead Junior High youth

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s winter clothing
Clean blankets
Magazines

For more opportunities or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 15–21, 2015

Sunday, November 15			
	8:00 a.m.	Worship	Layton Williams preaching Sanctuary
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.		Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Tunes for Tots	Day School Classroom B
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.		Sunday School	Gratz Center, Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	“Praying with Eyes Open”	Boyle Conference Room
	9:00 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study	Room 5F
	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Youth Choir	Room 4G
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.		Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Shannon J. Kershner preaching Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	All-Youth Worship	Buchanan Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	“God in the Modern Wing”	Borwell Dining Room
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Reception for Matt Helms	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Randolph Room
	12:15 p.m.	“Presbyterian Beliefs”	Room 4G
	12:30 p.m.	Young Adults	Room 5A
	1:00 p.m.	“The Inclusion Imperative”	Borwell Dining Room
	4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Layton Williams preaching Sanctuary
Monday, November 16			
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk (<i>also Tuesday</i>)	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.		Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor
6:30 p.m.		Cuba Mission Presentation	Anderson Hall
Tuesday, November 17			
5:30 p.m.		Mass Incarceration Book Group	Room 4F
Wednesday, November 18			
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.		Morning Prayer	Buchanan Chapel
6:00 p.m.		<i>Christian Century</i> Study Group	Randolph Room
Thursday, November 19			
5:30 p.m.		Presbyterian Women	Bumpus Room
Friday, November 20			
12:10 p.m.		Noonday Concert: Mio Nakamura	Buchanan Chapel
5:30 p.m.		“Thanks and Giving” Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
Saturday, November 21			
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.		Labyrinth Walk	Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.		Caroling on Sanctuary Steps	(<i>see announcement</i>)

Worship on Sunday, November 22

8:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Hardy H. Kim preaching