

November 29–December 5, 2015

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News and Opportunities

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

“From the Euphrates to Chicago,” a collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etab Hrieb, is on display in the Loggia until this Monday, November 30.

Bach’s complete *Brandenburg Concertos* will be presented in a free concert by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago this Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Piano duo Evelyn Malouf Binz and Bette Coulson will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

La Posada Family Night will be held on Friday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Follow Fourth Church on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

We welcome Nanette Sawyer to Fourth Church on December 1, as she join us on a one-year contract as Minister for Congregational Life. A brochure introducing Nanette is in the literature racks. Please join us in giving Nanette a warm welcome!

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.

FELLOWSHIP

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

In this season of Thanksgiving we invite you to join us in “Texting to Give Thanks!”

Text @fourthchurch and a dollar amount to 52014 or make a gift online to the Fourth Church mission and ministry fund (www.bit.ly/FPCgiving, or scan the QR code) and your gift will be matched 2 to 1 (up to a total of \$25,000 for all new and unpledged gifts made by text or online by November 30).



Cornerstones will meet for their annual Christmas party this Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. To register (*required*), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by this Wednesday, December 2.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Fourth Dimension will meet for their annual Christmas party next Friday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. To register (*required*), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by 12:00 noon next Monday, December 7.

ADVENT

An Advent Wreath Workshop for children and families will be held today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Through **“Light Up a Life”** gifts, you can honor or remember someone special while also providing important year-end support of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights programs that help neighbors whose needs are great this holiday season. Gifts can be made online or by completing the form available in the information racks.

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. Volunteers are needed to help collect and wrap gifts. To help, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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

“Holidays a cappella,” with Chicago a cappella, will be held this Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.chicagoacappella.org

“Candlelight Carols,” a concert by the St. Charles Singers, will take place this Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com

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.

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.

Advent devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the church literature racks, by email (send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org), at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, and via Twitter (@FourthChicago).

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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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. Items are to be returned to the reception desk by Sunday, December 6.

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.

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Music will take place on Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow in Anderson Hall.

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.

Two new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin today: "Becoming a Vital Member of a Church Body" at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and "Handel's *Messiah*" at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A class about the poetry of Mary Oliver offered by the Center for Life and Learning (CLL) meets at 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, November 30 and December 7. All sixty and over are invited. To register, contact Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

Men's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, December 1 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Christian Century Study Groups will gather for discussion this Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss *The Grass Is Singing* by Doris Lessing next Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, December 9 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Due December 1 and 20 are applications for the mission trips to, respectively, Mexico and Cuba. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The Book Nook is selling copies of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* at Coffee Hour this holiday season.

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

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Workers to take down the Fair Trade Bazaar, December 6

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

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 29–DECEMBER 5, 2015

Sunday, November 29			
8:00 a.m.	Worship	Matt Helms 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.	<i>Weekly Seeds</i> Bible Study		Room 5F
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer		Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Youth Gathering		Bumpus Room
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Family Advent Wreath Workshop	Parish House Dining Room	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Matt Helms preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	“Becoming a Vital Member”	Borwell Dining Room	
12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	“Handel’s <i>Messiah</i> ” Class		Buchanan Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Young Adults		Room 5A
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Layton Williams preaching	Sanctuary
Monday, November 30			
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Day School (<i>also Tuesday–Friday</i>)	Gratz Center, First Floor	
11:30 a.m.	Poetry of Mary Oliver		Room 5E
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tutoring (<i>also Tuesday–Thursday</i>)	Gratz Center, Fifth Floor	
Tuesday, December 1			
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study		(<i>see announcement</i>)
7:30 p.m.	“A Chanticleer Christmas” (<i>also Wednesday</i>)		Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 2			
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer		Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild		Room 5B
6:00 p.m.	<i>Christian Century</i> Study Groups		Randolph Room
Thursday, December 3			
7:00 p.m.	Bach’s <i>Brandenburg Concertos</i>		Sanctuary
Friday, December 4			
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert		Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m.	“Holidays <i>a cappella</i> ”		Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Cornerstones		Room 4G
Saturday, December 5			
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Walk		Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m.	“Candlelight Carols”		Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Gift Bazaar		(<i>see announcement</i>)

Worship on Sunday, December 6

8:00 a.m.	Victoria G. Curtiss preaching
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching
4:00 p.m.	Shannon J. Kershner preaching