

# Fourth Notes

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## Ribbon-Cutting for New Property Sunday, September 30, 10:30am

*A Special Jubilee for 2007 with a dedication of our Shareholder List!  
Potluck Lunch Following!*

We have envisioned additional square feet for a long, long time; and now we have it! On Sunday, September 30, we celebrate the addition of 5 Vinton Street to the "Fourth Church campus." This last Sunday of September is traditionally our "Jubilee Sunday" for re-gathering to renew our commitment to ministry and faithful living; and it makes for a perfect day to celebrate this major step into future ministry.

We closed on the purchase of this property in late June, and we quickly put it to good use. The Mazemakers summer program (with its 50% growth) eagerly employed the space. We also hosted a summer volunteer and a family needing a home during cancer treatment. The first floor was also an important piece of the new youth outreach effort. We are now renting the top floor through the Section 8 system (for affordable housing) and a team of leaders is planning improvements on the first floor to create office and class space.

So this expanded campus is a good thing.

At the celebration we will sound a trumpet or two (or three?) and put out some great music. We'll welcome back the mighty potluck lunch. (Bring something really good for this one!) We'll present the framed list of "shareholders for 2007-8" for the foyer of the new building. And we'll welcome visitors.

If you know anybody who helped in the vision campaign in any way, invite them! We'll be asking our elected officials to join us, as well as neighbors, and friends from Boston Presbytery and other groups. If you want to make a shareholder donation to the first year of mortgage payments, it's not too late to get your name on the list! (\$100 a share) Thanks to all who have brought us to this place. Now come and celebrate!!!

### church retreat! september 7,8,9

Wilbur and the boys are back to lead the square dance (and a free-form dance party, too).

We'll be baking bread for communion..

We'll have a chance to renew baptism in the lake.

Nancy is organizing a Friday night Capture the Flag game.

This is our annual retreat at Camp Wilmot. Cost is \$55 per person over 12. (ages 4-12 : \$35)

Fourth Church does a great deal of important work during the year. The retreat is a chance to eat, hang out, pray, play and *breathe deep*...

We meet Friday night at the Wild Goose Restaurant and fix our remaining meals as a community.

Throughout we will be thinking on that simple charge: Breathe deep, breathe deep the breath of God.

### Thanks for a great gospel night

Many, many thanks to all who helped with the August 18 Gospel Concert. We had a packed house, perfect weather, great food, and some of the best music *ever*... Really.

Now on the money front, session needs a little more help. We have close to \$9,500 in hand, another \$2000 that is very likely. That leaves us still \$2500 behind our goal, and we appreciate post-event gifts!

It was a great evening. Thanks to all who lent a hand or a voice or a gift!

### food pantry

Our food pantry shifts to a 'by appointment' mode during the Summer Meals Program in July and August, but now it's time to resume our major, bi-monthly distributions on the second and

fourth Tuesdays of the month. Things get moving on September 11. Volunteers appreciated (contact Phyllis Curtis).

### Tutoring program starts Monday, sept 17

Homework Help resumes on Monday, September 17 and continues Mondays and Wednesdays for the semester. Light dinner at 5:30pm, help with homework from 6 to 7pm. Nancy McLaren oversees this and she can always use more volunteers! It's a great way to connect with kids in the church and the neighborhood.

### Choir on WEDNESDAYS

Many of our singers have lobbied hard to move choir night from Thursday to Wednesday, so we are giving it a try!!

Starting September 5, we have choir rehearsal on Wednesdays, 7:15pm. New singers welcome.

# PANCAKE PARTY

*Sunday, September 16, 9am: A new year of Sunday School*

While we don't stop Sunday School and maintain classes for different ages during the summer, September is a time for new classes and that is a great excuse for a party. Come Sunday morning, September 16 at 9am for a pancake party and introduction to your class. This includes a new adult class led by Cavan Concannon. Interested in helping with the kids classes? See Nancy McLaren.

Since we have the great NEW BUILDING (!!!) we can expand our offerings for Sunday class. We have:

- The class for ages 6 and under (organized by Kathy Burger, Matt & Laurie Pierce)
  - The class for ages 7-9 (organized by Nancy M)
- A new class for ages 10-12 (organized by Chris "Hawk" Hokklotubbe)
  - A new class for ages 13 and up (led by Rae Huang)
  - A new adult class on Corinthians.... See below!

We will also offer a confirmation class (organized by Burns) starting in October. This will be an option for various young people depending upon age, maturity, church experience and interest.

## **sunday adult class: Corinthians**

How do you build any kind of faith community when people are so.... different? We like to think of that as our modern challenge, but it is actually fairly ancient, and very much at play in Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

Cavan Concannon (Ph. D. candidate and teacher at Harvard in New Testament) is writing his thesis on Corinthians, and we are lucky to have him lead this six-week study on Sunday mornings. Come to the Pancake Party and hear the introduction.

## **Wednesday Soup & Study: Death & Afterlife**

We launch a new Wednesday Soup N Study on September 26. A light supper is available 5:30-6pm. Our study goes 6-7pm. And choir rehearsal is at 7:15.

Our first four weeks is a class to reflect on our understandings of death and afterlife, with attention how our understandings affect the way we live *this life*.

We'll use essays from a book called The Undertaking and Scripture. Burns will be

facilitating the discussion. All welcome!

## **Learn about your health care options- sept 23**

We worked hard with GBIO to get a new health care bill. With the political fine-tuning that went into the final version, it might be confusing as to what your exact options are. Pauline Edmonds and Cat Dodson are trained to guide you through options. Special presentation after worship on September 23.

## **Rummage sale – September 15**

Pauline Edmonds is organizing a group to present a new Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 15. Betsy Youngholm is helping her, so is Marcia Campbell. They welcome others! And to all of us: SAVE that date to show some love and support!

## **Music and arts classes sign up**

It's time for the 2007-8 Music and Arts Program. Registration takes place on September 17 and

18 (Monday and Tuesday), 6pm-7:30pm. There will be classes in children's musical theater (Tuesdays), piano, violin, cello, guitar, voice, art, dance, movie-making, photography (for teens). Brochures with specific courses are on the way.

## ***prayers....***

Please pray for Kevin Berry, who just had another operation.

Pray also for Larry Poor, now receiving hospice care at Margaret's home.

Aubrey Brown has had medical tests. So has Heidi Streck.

Michael Hangis's father (Joseph) passed. His memorial is Sept. 15.

We celebrate that Matthew and Laurie Pierce are expecting their second child, and that Michael Moyes & Lindsey Sweaney are getting married next August.

Matt and Cate are traveling in Europe; Samantha Courage is back from a visit with sister Cindy in South Carolina; Kiera Wilkinson is back from a stay with grandma in NY state.

We had some FANTASTIC staff for Summer Meals Program and Mazemakers this year. THANKS.

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