

Fourth Notes

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Visiting Michigan Choir June 13

Special Worship, Dinner, Concert

The community choir of Kellogg College in Battle Creek, Michigan, will be visiting us on Sunday, June 13. Led by conductor Gerald Blanchard, they will provide special music in our 10:30 worship service, and then present a 50 minute concert at 1pm. Please spread the word! The concert is free and the advance reports on this choir is that they are very good.

In between worship and the concert, there will be a dinner for only \$2 per person. Master chef Brian Thornton (of gumbo and Easter breakfast fame) is putting together a simple meal so we can feed our guest performers. The menu will include baked ziti, salad and Brian's Famous Peach Cobbler. For two dollars, it is a bargain that cannot be beat.

Bring guests for the day. It is our privilege to host these guests from Michigan. Come and enjoy.

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN IN COMMUNION- June 6

"First communion" is an important ritual for many families in our broader (and mainly Catholic) community. Since we welcome children to the table even before they are in second grade, that rite does not exactly fit our congregational life. It is appropriate, however, to give due attention to the presence of children in our sacramental life, however, and this attention can be a great time for the pastor to spend time with younger elementary children and study the importance of communion in our life.

So we have this celebration on June 6! Specifically, these children have prepared with Burns – Tatum Bezan, Aiden Rego, Jason Thompson, Nailanny Morales, Dayla DePina, Kenese Cohen. Come support them and celebrate their presence at the table!

VISION IV CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Vision IV raises funds to pay our 5 Vinton expenses (mainly mortgage) for the upcoming year, July-to-June. We need pledges of \$23,000, Right now we have \$19,600.

Only 3400 to go!

Please email Susan Devine with your Vision Four Pledge for 2010-11: suzzand@verizon.net

church retreat- save September 10-12

Square Dance, canoeing, prayer time, singing... and elements still to be imagined. We have Camp Wilmot reserved for September 10-12. WE WELCOME PLANNING HELP! This is your chance to shape the weekend. Please let know Burns or a session member know if you can help. Save the date.

children's theater: shrek: June 11, 12

The way the dates fell this year, our spring music and art session only had 8 weeks. But our theater group jumped on this short session to craft an fabulous reprise of "Shrek." We also had an advanced class put together a series of solos from various musicals. Come see it all Friday night June 11 (7pm) and Saturday, June 12.

Piano recital on June 13.

Summer prayers...

Summer means an important new season here at Fourth. On July 6, we begin our sixteenth

year of the Summer Meals Program with Mazemakers for the 9-13 year-olds. All together, over 100 kids a day. Three evenings a week, we operate "Teen Crib" for local teens, also with a meal. Wednesday night is cookout and worship night. AND we welcome back Audrey with her South Carolina youth group. And of course, there is the big Gospel Concert on August 14. Come enjoy when you are in town, and do keep it all in prayer!

A welcome to the newly baptized

Pentecost became a day not only to wear red, take a photo, and welcome new members, but also a day to celebrate baptism. We baptized Nailanny Morales, Dayla DePina, Jasmine Barros, Kenese Cohen, and Jared Neilan. Their ages range from 2 to 9 to 20-something. Be sure to welcome them all to this ministry!!

Cookout potluck- June 27

Another great day to welcome visitors and celebrate the community on June 27. We hope to use the day to fully welcome our new intern, Cori Williams.

And we will have a summery potluck. Salads, fruits, that kind of thing. Join us and invite friends.

Building improvements!

Take a look in the basement and behold repairs, new paint, and a new carpet.

Take a look in the yard and behold a new lawn and improved plantings.

(Soon...) take a look in the kitchen and see our new set up. (It's happening soon, we promise!)

Many thanks to Karen, Ken, Barry, Erik, and a lot of helpers.

christmas in july: July 25

July 25, 10:30am, is our time for a Christmas Pageant, and a day to remember God being born in our midst on a hot day. Our annual Christmas-in-July will feature a trumpet, carols, a mini-pageant, and potluck lite. Please bring turkey sandwiches, ham sandwiches, and basic side dishes. Remember to invite friends; newcomers like to come to this service.

Castle Island worship- August 8

Save Sunday, August 8. The deacons are planning to once again lead us out onto Castle Island for a special worship service in the open air. They can help you arrange rides as necessary. Worship will be outside, followed by a community

potluck cookout right there in the park, next to the beach.

Gospel concert-aug 14

This will be the 16th annual Evening of Gospel Music. August 14, 7:15pm. We have booked one wonderful choir from Jamaica Plain already (the Covenant Church) and more guests are in the works. Our own Fourth church Summer Singers will be ready to go and there will be another grand reception. Tickets are \$10. Please help us sell them and please help us identify advertisers for the program book.

Our treasurer is looking for \$13,000 from this event this year. It sounds like a lot. But it happens if everybody does their share and solicits ads. If 45 people each raise \$300... we clear it!

Sharon and Thatcher are convening a committee soon and welcome your help!

summer wednesdays

Special summer Wednesdays will begin June 16. Our schedule will be like past years:

6pm Dinner

7pm Vespers in the Yard or Hall

7:45 Choir rehearsal

We're hoping we can have folks take turns with grilling responsibilities. We're also looking for leadership in making sure tables are set up, etc.

Last year we had some fantastic lead cooks step up and create theme nights. Interested?

Can you do the grilling one Wednesday? Can you help with shopping or Clean up?

Burns will be working with summer intern Cori Williams to help the Vespers services flourish. Count on some time for good singing. We welcome music leaders!

prayers...

Great to see Lori Wallace and Debbie Nicoellis in church. Lori has finished her first year of doctoral work in Michigan.

And Cavan Concannon is now DOCTOR Concannon with his Ph.D. complete.

Congrats also to Erin Freeborn for finishing law school.

Continued prayers for Erna Deeb, Phyllis Curtis and Margaret Brennan.

Monica Titakum is recovering from her hospital stay, but she still needs prayers.

Alice Hageman has had heart issues, with another procedure on the way.

Burns Stanfield will be the clergy commissioner for Boston Presbytery at General Assembly. He appreciates your prayers.

Fred Corbett is also recovering from one procedure, but has more on the way.

Eoin and Michelle Cannon are close to having child number two. Another celebration: Eoin won a writing contest that got him into Game Six of the Celtics playoffs with Orlando!

Nancy McLaren is now REV. Nancy. A good-sized fourth Church contingent made the trip to New Haven.

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