

Fourth Notes

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Year Four of “Share the Vision” Mortgage Shares for 2010-11

We announced this in last month’s edition of Fourth Notes, and we are pleased to report that we have HALF of our PLEDGES in! Thank you! But we need to finish up before May 23, so we are running this article again and this time enclosing a pledge card. Here are the details...

Three years ago, after several years of working on a plan to expand our church building, Fourth Church had an opportunity to purchase the property next door. Given that the costs of building expansion were becoming increasingly unreachable, the opportunity felt like a Godsend, literally. So we bought 5 Vinton. We made a substantial down payment and took out a mortgage, which we pay each year through extra mile pledges from our members and friends.

The space at 5 Vinton has made an incredible difference. Specifically, it has given us:

An office for staff, A pleasant and quiet space for confidential meetings, Program space (allowing Mazemakers to double, Sunday school classes to multiply, and new youth and children programs), PARKING! And an apartment with affordable rent for a family.

We’ve now had three years of “Share the Vision” campaigns. We have indeed paid our mortgage, made necessary repairs, kept up with bills, and all the rest. Congratulations, everybody, and thank you.

Now it is time for Year Four (July 2010-June 2011) and we again invite everybody to invest in “Mortgage Shares.” Together, we are investing in future ministry, and each \$100 share helps us take care of our mortgage commitment for 2010-11

Our goal: \$23,000. That is 230 shares. Mike Moyes and Jared Neilan will be leading this campaign. It is only *just* beginning. Soon a mailing will go to past pledgers, and many will also receive a phone call, but we invite the broad audience of Fourth Notes to consider contributing toward one share, or five, or fifteen, or more.

There are many ways we could reach the needed \$23,000. Here’s one path:

Amount for year	# pledgers at this amt.	total raised
\$3500- 35 shares	1	3500
2500	1	2500
2000	2	4000
1500	1	1500
1000	2	2000
800	2	1600
500	3	1500
400	3	1200
300	4	1200
200	8	1600
100	25	2500
<u>Total - 53 pledges raising \$ 23,100</u>		

It’s worth noting that we are taking care of these mortgage payments while we continue to take care of key renovation pieces in our church building. Two years ago, we renovated the bathrooms, built a new roof and re-sided our exterior. This past year, we completely renovated the hall and kitchen, and replaced an ancient heating system. So while you help us do the necessary task of keeping up with the mortgage; the church is also moving forward in creative ways to improve our facility. Together, these efforts mean excellent space for this ministry we cherish so much.

So please consider this invitation to share in our vision. Contact the church with any of the addresses above. We want to be done with this campaign my Pentecost, May 23. Naturally we’ll have a party that day with a cookout potluck!! Come on down, wear red for the holiday, and take a place in our group photo.

PENTECOST- May 23

Save Sunday, May 23. It's a potluck weekend and we're going to make it a cookout potluck. It is also the day to celebrate our success in the Share the Mortgage Campaign. Most of all, it is Pentecost: the birthday of the Christian Church and a day for the Holy Spirit.

Come, bring food and friends, wear RED, and bring a smile for the group photograph after worship. On that day, we also welcome...

New Members

We have at least four new members to welcome officially, and others are on their way to being welcomed either May 23 or a Sunday in the near future.

At this point, we plan to welcome: Stephanie Hoklotubbe, Layne & Danae Jacobs, and Jared Neilan. In Jared's case, we also have the wonderful privilege of celebrating his baptism. Come pray, sing, celebrate on May 23.

Kristin & Lauren's Bible Adventure

Sunday school for adults continues under the good care of Kristin Raley and Lauren Gallant. Every week at 9:30!

WEDNESDAY- soup n study & prayer service

Our Wednesday Soup N Study has developed a strong core of people from the church and community committed to exploring the 12 steps of recovery and Christianity. Within that framework we have moved into a Bible study on healing. Please come and join us as we work the steps while diving into Scripture.

Also note: There is a weekly prayer service every Wednesday, 6pm-6:30, with communion included. Come to pray or study or even have dinner at 5:30.

Our schedule;
5:30 light supper
6pm prayer service & communion
6:30-7:30 our study
ALL WELCOME! And it's fine just to check it out!

Childrens Day- May 16

We know wonderful our kids are, and we know their special perspective on this life of Christian faith. Tim Hughes, Kathy Burger and Michelle Sanchez are working with the kids as they develop a special worship service for us on June 16 Everybody save the date! There will be a party afterwards.

Coming soon: Gospel Concert on August 14

Summer is coming. That means Summer Meals Program, a new intern (named Cori Williams) from Princeton, Audrey's youth group from South Carolina, Wednesday Worship & Cookouts, AND... The Evening of Gospel Music! We are lining up groups (tell us if you have a group in mind), and our own choir is lining up music. Everybody: SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, August 14, 7:15pm

MORE VISITING CHOIRS from...

****Macon, GA (June 2)**

A youth choir will be here from Macon, Georgia to present a midweek concert

on Wednesday, June 2. We will put together a supper (probably a cookout) followed by a 7pm concert. Come & enjoy!!!

****And Battle Creek, Michigan (June 13)**

The Kellogg Community College Choir is on tour from Michigan. They are an impressive 40-member group, and they will sing in worship that morning, enjoy a lunch that we will host and present!, and then offer a 50-minute concert at 1pm.

prayers...

Nancy McLaren is getting ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in New Haven on May 16, 7pm. We hope to have a group go down, including some singers!

Terrific to see Karen Foley back in church. Shorty Henry is also doing better and will be with us soon!

Monica Titakum is recovering, but deeply appreciates prayers and visits.

Continue prayers for Barbara Titakum.

We know many who are looking for jobs.

Pray (and call) Phyllis Curtis - 617 269 1388.

Eoin and Michelle await a new child! Amanda and Justin get married on July 24. So do Mark and Faith.

Burns will be a commissioner for Boston Presbytery at the General Assembly of our denomination, July 3-10. Pray for him, please.

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