

A Service to Remember the Saints Sunday, October 31, 10:30am

Our annual opportunity to remember departed loved ones

It is a tradition at Fourth Church to devote one Sunday to remembering our deceased loved ones. This year we celebrate the saints on Sunday, October 25. In that worship service, we will celebrate their lives, lift up old memories, acknowledge a continuing sense of loss, and take comfort in the promises of our faith.

As part of the worship service, we read the names of our departed loved ones. If you have names you would like us to print in the bulletin and read out loud, please submit them by mail, email, or slipping a piece of paper in the offering plate. Please write their names clearly, and please include your own name. The best way: email to Burns at above address.

We typically welcome donations with these names, and those gifts are again welcome but not necessary. Unless you specify otherwise, these gifts will support our main program budget.

We hope you attend this service of remembrance. After worship: A potluck lunch.

Oct. 17- For Such A Time As This...

We hear two wonderful presentations in worship on Sunday, October 17. First: Our Confirmation Class will be back from their Civil Rights pilgrimage and ready to report on their journey.

Second: The Esther Bible Study group will present that story – one we don't hear enough in churches!

Together these presentations just may encourage all of us to consider how God might be calling us for "just such a time as this," to quote Mordecai, a key figure in the Esther saga.

Oct. 17- Meeting with all four candidates for governor

Such a time indeed! We have a tight race for governor in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. GBIO has an accountability action meeting with all four candidates on Sunday, October 17, 6-8pm, at Temple Israel in the Longwood medical area.

Fourth Church is committed to having FORTY people there in this assembly of 1200. WE NEED YOU! Sign up with Layne Jacobs (or Tim Hughes, the Sanchezes, Burns or Stephanie).

The candidates will be asked to address key GBIO concerns: usury, youth, opposing questions 1,2,3 and religious freedom.

Temple Israel has a parking garage and is T-accessible.

Oct 24- Visiting Choir from France

Every Sunday is a special day at Fourth, right? But save October 24 as day to welcome musicians from France. They will be in town as part of an exchange with Milton Academy and they are coming to church!

There is a possibility that they might do a short concert at 1pm, as well; but we know we'll get to hear at least a couple of songs in worship.

They also want to hear US, as they've heard of the spirited mix of music we tend to sing. So come to listen, but also to sing!

Fourth Church Has Got TALENT!- Nov 6

It's a talent extravaganza!

The Fourth Singers will anchor the evening (which begins at 7pm), but we are welcoming singers, jugglers, comedians.... There are limited slots, so book with Burns soon!

After the concert, we'll have a simple reception. All kinds of donated food are welcome!

Tickets are \$10 each. The person (or team) who sells the most tickets gets a \$100 gift certificate to The Stadium.

So you know... we're doing this because it's really fun to sing and dance with and for each other; AND because we really need to raise \$2000 to make up for a hiccup in our fund-raising this summer!

So GIVE GENEROUSLY, HAVE FUN, SING!, and join us on November 6.

Thanksgiving Sunday & Invite a Friend Day at Fourth – Nov 21

We celebrate Thanksgiving as a church family once again on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 21). The deacons will provide some key leadership, but as always with our potlucks, we look to everybody to help out in some way. Interested in roasting a turkey? Tell Burns or a deacon.

We are aware of how very important it is to share the goodness that is Fourth Church with others, so we are also making November 21 an INVITE-A-FRIEND Sunday. Start thinking of whom you want to bring.

And save that day! We will be dedicating pledges, showing thanksgiving, and welcoming the friends you invite.

Should be grand...

Wednesday Soup & Study: "The Greatest Prayer"

A new Soup N Study begins Wednesday, October 20, guided by Burns. Using a new book by John Dominic Crossan, *The Greatest Prayer*, we will study the Lord's Prayer. While this is clearly a familiar prayer to most of us, there are surprising messages within the prayer, and lots of great themes to explore.

Light dinner and check-in: 5:30-6pm. Study: 6-7pm. (And remember that choir follows at 7:15!)

Burns will have copies of the book to sell at a subsidized rate of \$12, if you want your own copy. You can also purchase it in most bookstores or online.

New Sunday School Bible Study: JOHN

After Katie Cole's wonderful Bible study on the Parables of Jesus, we begin a new series on the Gospel of John, led by Katherine Pater. It starts October 31 and runs 4 weeks. 9:30am every Sunday. ALL WELCOME!

A Revival for Boston Presbytery- Oct. 22

Friday night, October 22: It's a night to pray for the ministries of Boston Presbytery!

It's also a night for great food from Blue Ribbon Barbecue (dinner starts at 5:30).

It's also a night for witnessing the different ministries in our midst.

It's also a night for great preaching (Hurmon Hamilton) and great music (musicians from Fourth and other churches).

Most of all, it's a time to remember that we are a connected church. Come together so we can live that truth in Word, Song and Prayer.

It takes place at Newton Presbyterian Church.

Please Help Us Catch Up on Pledges!

We are now three quarters of the way through 2010, but our pledge receipts are about \$15,000 short of the three-quarter level. So our treasurers send you this simple word: Help!

Bills come to us at a steady pace, of course, so please do your best to catch up on pledges.

If you are able to pay something extra: Thank you.

Precincts 5 & 6 –Door to door canvassing!

We facilitated something incredible last fall – our door to door visits helped increase the voting rate by 30%. We are trying it again this fall, meeting 500 neighbors and encouraging their vote. We are also canvassing against Question One, which would eliminate the alcohol tax and dramatically remove state support for recovery programs.

Canvassing happens every Sunday, 1-3pm, and every Wednesday, 5-7pm. Help us continue to show elected officials that this neighborhood matters!

LET'S TALK- strength in conversations

Relationships are the sinews of this body of Christ. They are

key! And our annual "Let's Talk Campaign" is a simple tool to strengthen those connections.

Right now, Fourth Church has a load of new people, as well as a big batch of seminarians. We need to take time to make sure we know each other. So a team is putting together a string of three sessions when we will meet for one hour after worship and have "one-on-one" meetings.

It's a guaranteed good time, and one of the best ways we have of making this a stronger, more faithful congregation.

Sign up with Katherine Pater or Sarah Manouchehri. It happens on Sundays, October 10, 17, 24, after worship.

prayers...

Brett and Courtney Van Veller are expecting a child!

Tyiesha Thompson is due any day.

Micah and Foy are home from China with a new daughter.

Lauren and Daniel Cochran are due in a few months.

Prayers for Gloria McMaster, recovering from surgery

Prayers for Phyllis Curtis, who is having a hard time getting around.

Prayers for Katie Harris and Alice Hageman, both dealing with heart rhythms.

Prayers for Erin Riddle.

The confirmation class travels to Atlanta, and while on pilgrimage hopes to see John Senior, Raegan, Haemin and Kathy Dawson.

It's been great to see Mike and Kathy Hangis. Kathy requests prayers for her throat.

Also great to see Barbara Faith and Debbie Nicoellis!

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