

# Fourth Notes

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## Castle Island Worship: August 29

The deacons are leading us into our third annual church picnic AND WORSHIP at Castle Island. They initially targeted August 9, but a triathlon event has made Castle Island unavailable. So now, the way has been cleared for...

AUGUST 29! We will gather at the same location as the last two years. Follow Day Boulevard to Sullivan's, and after parking, follow the sidewalk from Sullivan's to the right. From Sullivan's follow the sidewalk to the right.)

Sunday School will also be at Castle Island. Rides for Sunday School at 9am. Sunday School will feature intergenerational games.

RIDE INFO- Please arrange carpools as best you can. If you do need a ride, be at church no later than 9:45am. (Parking slots go fast at Castle Island !!!) Note that deacon drivers may not be leaving the Island until 1 or 1:30. Please don't expect a deacon ride immediately after the service; they will be helping with the meal.

And speaking of the meal... This will be a POTLUCK COOKOUT. Deacons will lead the way with burgers and hot dogs, but we ask everybody to help with dishes and desserts. Swimming in the ocean is an option, but children need to have parents present.

This has been a fantastic event the last two years. Plan on being there!

### 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 11-13. Mike Motia and friends are again helping with the planning and we welcome others.

Cost will be \$55 per adult and \$35 per child ages 4-12. Under 4 is free.

We need volunteers to organize particular meals (and in some cases can discount fees for your cooking/shopping efforts).

Music will be a big part of the weekend. Tell Mike what you would like to play.

### Accountability Meeting with 5 State Rep Candidates- Sept 8

Please save the date:  
Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7pm.

On that evening, we will hold an accountability with the five candidates for State Representative. That action will be the fruit of some very hard work by Fourth Church

Members *and* Fourth church friends.

This summer, we have had something we've termed "The Greater Fourth Church Campaign." We have sought to strengthen connections to those many people connected to us through our various programs (pantry, theater, etc.). In a sense they represent the "suburbs" of "Fourth Church proper." We are stronger, deeper, and indeed "greater" when we know each other more.

House meetings with our extended community have yielded four issues that we will present to the candidates:

- youth jobs
- credit card concerns (especially exorbitant rates)
- education
- recovery efforts to treat substance abuse.

ALL FIVE candidates have agreed to come to Fourth Church on September 8. There is significant work to make that meeting is a success.

Please speak to Burns, Tim, Susan Devine or Mark Longhurst if you can volunteer to help.

WE NEED EVERYBODY to come. We've told the candidates that we will have 200 people in the church that night. They already recognize that Fourth Church is important to the community. With our turnout and our INFORMED participation we will confirm our commitment to this community.

### More Teen Crib, More cookouts

Summer Meals Program and Mazemakers come to a glorious conclusion with worship on August 15. HOWEVER, Teen Crib continues for ONE MORE WEEK (until August 21).

Naturally, there is also a cookout on August 11. They have been great events. Come on down.

# GOSPEL CONCERT- Saturday, Aug. 14

It's a night for us to gather with people from other churches. It's a chance for us to send spirited melodies into the summer air. It's a chance for us to raise funds. And it's a chance to praise God.

This is our sixteenth annual Evening of Gospel Music and it happens at 7:15pm, August 14, at Fourth Presbyterian Church. We will have the Cameroonian Veritas Singers, The Forest Hills All Stars, The Grant AME church of Dorchester and the Fourth Church Summer Singers.

Tickets are only \$10 and kids are free. Help us out by selling a batch. We also need DESSERT items for the reception.

We've also got raffle tickets for two amazing Red Sox tickets. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or \$20 for five.

**Please consider a commitment to raise at least \$200.** We raise most of our funds through an ad book. You could purchase a memorial ad (a half page ad is \$150), or persuade your local store to buy an ad (quarter page is \$75), or even encourage friends to donate enough for a sponsorship listing (\$50 each). A few are making multiple appeals, but we need the rest of us to make appeals in order this to succeed as a fund-raiser. ). If 65 people each raise \$200, we raise our \$13,000 goal.

Pack the house, everybody!

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- Sept. 5**

A special meeting of the congregation is called for Sunday, September 5, after worship. The purpose is to elect two elders.

Sharon Matthews will be in Prague for the next year, where her husband has a special fellowship to do his academic work.

Trinity Ray (and Tara and Jasper) are moving to Florida about the same time.

These are exciting events for these families, but it means we have two vacancies on our session, so the nominating committee is preparing two nominations to bring to the congregation on September 5.

The session is the decision-making body for the church. Please keep this process in prayer and plan to come.

## **Fall dates...**

Special beginnings are on the way. Keep them in your calendar:

Tutoring begins in mid-September (the 13<sup>th</sup> most likely).

Music and Art Registration is September 19 and 20.

Music and Art Classes begin September 27.

Pancake breakfast to launch Sunday School Season: September 19.

JUBILEE SERVICE to begin a new season of ministry: September 26.

## **prayers...**

Sheila Buckman's health is improving. It has been good to see her.

Keep Andrea Thomajan (and many of us at Fourth) in prayer. We miss Margaret Brennan.

You all should know that we had an excellent staff for Summer Meals Program this year.

Justin and Amanda are married!

Mark and Faith are married!

Prayers for the many of us who are looking for jobs.

We eagerly await Samantha Courage's return from South Carolina.

Blessings to you, Cori Williams, and thanks for being our intern this summer.

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