

Fourth Notes

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HOLY WEEK: March 28- April 4

Palm Sunday is March 28. We will gather in the church hall for palms at 10:15, then have our own procession into the sanctuary, led by two trumpets. Worship features this year's passion play.

Nightly Prayer Services continue through Saturday, April 3. Meditation at 6pm. Prayer service 6:10-6:25.

Wednesday Soup N Study (12 Steps & Christianity). This is a vital group and will continue our explanations of these faith-rooted steps all the way through Lent, including Wednesday, March 31.

Maundy Thursday (April 1) Meal, Communion & Foot-washing. We remember *and re-live* the last supper, gathering for a meal in the Hall at 6:30pm (right after the nightly prayer service), and celebrating communion. We then move into a darkened sanctuary to remember that this is the night of Jesus' arrest. See Alice Hageman if you can help with preparations.

Good Friday Way of the Cross (April 2). Meet at St. Monica's Church (at the rotary) at 10:45am. We leave at 11am for a remembrance of the Stations of the Cross as we walk through our neighborhood. We will be joined by folks from

other SB churches. We finish at Dorchester Heights.

Good Friday Vacation Bible School takes place that Friday, as well. Activities, lunch, and a chance to tell community children about the importance of these days. Volunteer with Tim. Time is 8:30-1pm..

Saturday Easter Vigil, and Reaffirmation of Baptism (April 3). We have a special worship service at 7pm to remember our baptism and begin the wait for the sunrise.. From that point on, we ask all to consider signing up for one hour of vigil throughout the night. Please volunteer with Lauren Gallant.

Easter Sunrise Service Sunrise that morning is at **6:22** (DST). We meet at 6:15am at the café on Carson Beach. Then donuts!

Big Easter Potluck Breakfast at 9am at the church. Bring your favorite breakfast "bread" or fruit -- muffins, bagels, croissants, whatever! We are looking for a team willing to create our breakfast main dish. Please tell session or Burns if you want to volunteer!

Easter Festival Service – 10:30

Continuing Lent ...

RE: lent

While we look forward to Holy Week, we are still very much in Lent. This year's Devotion Book is a classic, nightly prayer has been rich and wonderful, and the Lenten classes are in full gear. Join us...

12 steps & christianity

The response to our January Wednesday soup n study on the the 12 steps of recovery was remarkable; and the group voted to start it again.

So with the beginning of Lent, we have re-started our discussion and study of the 12 steps, drawing upon lessons from our Christian tradition to

create a vital space for folks to explore their walk in faith.

Join us. Supper at 5:30. Communion & prayers at 6., Discussion at 6:30-7:30.

Sunday morning classes -

Lauren Gallant and Kristin Raley finish their Lenten Bible Study using the Devotion Book. Mike Moyes and Erik Jacobs continue their class on fasting. Both meet at 9:30am each Sunday morning.

nightly prayer service

During Lent, we gather every night (except Sundays) to pray. Doors open by 6pm for a time of music and meditation. Liturgy begins at 6:10 and we will be done

around 6:25. A reflection each night is presented by different members of the Fourth Church community. Communion on Wednesdays

PARADE DAY- Sunday, March 14

The annual St. Patrick's Day parade comes right by Fourth Church on Sunday, March 14; and we again hope to extend hospitality and raise money for mission at the same time. PLEASE bring lots of goodies to sell. If you are able to stay and help with the hospitality... it will be greatly appreciated, and you'll have a fantastic time! See the parade and help the church at the same time!

BLUEGRASS BBQ- April 7

The Bluegrass Barbecue event felt even better last year, so we are bringing it back. Wednesday, April 7, 6-9pm at the Stadium.

There will be plenty of good BBQ, vegetarian options, Silent Auction, Live auction, live bluegrass music by the Spring Hill Rounders and The Down Home Singers. (Tell Burns if you want to join the singers.)

The price is again \$50 per person, \$90 for a couple. We are raising funds for the Vision Fund, and we have our "Vision Eyes" on paying down that big, 30-year mortgage on 5 Vinton Street. Remember that with the magic of mortgage math, when we pay \$100 of principal early, we are saving something like an additional \$300 on

interest in the future. It's a BIG multiplier on every dollar we raise through this event.

The key to making this a success will be B-R-O-A-D participation. Please make a point of coming yourself and enticing 2 or 3 or 10! of your friends to come and support our community presence. THAT will pack the house! Also, please think about what Silent Auction items you might be able to get donated to the cause. Perhaps sports tickets? Restaurant certificates?? Art?

There is plenty of room for helpers in the planning! Please see Allison Burns, Karen Flaherty, Foy White-Chu, Lindsey Moyes, Marcia Campbell, Kristin Raley or Burns.

"ANNIE" – March 26, 27 performances

With perhaps the biggest cast EVER, the Fourth Church musical theater program is presenting a wonderful version of "Annie" on Friday night, March 26, 7pm. There will also be two performances on Saturday, March 27: 4pm and 7pm. The kids are fantastic!! Plan to come!

Passion play- Mar 28

The Passion Play will be presented Sunday, March 28. In our version of this ancient tradition, all are invited to help tell this central story of our faith.

We have a rehearsal on Saturday, March 13 (2-4pm) and March 27 (noon-3pm). Readers, singers, actors work with Burns to re-enact the story. It will be compelling to watch. It is even more

compelling to help tell the story. All welcome to participate.

International Group Potluck- March 28

The last Sunday of March will be a special day for worship as it is our day to present this year's Passion Play. After worship will be our monthly potluck lunch, this month with special leadership from the International Group. Please bring a favorite dish of food, and consider making it an international specialty.

Appreciation day & potluck: april 25

The Deacons have a wonderful tradition of getting us together to thank each other. They will do with creativity and a great big potluck on Sunday, April 25. They will have thank-you cards

available for you and ask for small donations to the deacons fund. Think about all the people you can thank... Also joining us that day is the Gospel Choir of Milton Academy!

prayers...

We pray for Sheila Buckman, who has spent significant time in the hospital with serious headaches.

Katie Harris continues to recuperate from thyroid surgery.

Ed Buccieri appreciates prayers for his cancer treatment.

Eoin Cannon and Michelle are expecting another boy!

Amana Lee and Justin Wood are getting married in July.

Lindsey and Michael Moyes are back from traveling.

Erin Riddle has a new job! She appreciates the many prayers.

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