

# Fourth Notes

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## HOLY WEEK: April 17 - 24

**Palm Sunday is April 17.** We will gather in the church hall for palms at 10:15, then have our own procession into the sanctuary, led by two trumpets. This year's Passion Play features selections from "Jesus Christ Superstar," directed by Kevin Black from New England Conservatory.

**Nightly Prayer Services** continue through Saturday, April 23. Meditation at 6pm. Prayer service 6:10-6:25.

**Pray with the Labyrinth...Monday through Saturday evening.** We have now created our own, beautiful labyrinth. During Holy Week, it will be available every night, 6:30-7pm.

**Maundy Thursday (April 21) 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 22).** 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 St. George's Albanian Orthodox Church on Broadway.

**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 afternoon performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar," 4:30.** Our choir has worked hard to prepare some amazing music. Much of it will be shared in the Palm Sunday Passion Play. They sing a fuller selection in this performance.

**Saturday Easter Vigil and Baptism (April 23).** We have a special worship service at 7pm to remember our baptism and begin the wait for the sunrise. It is also a night to celebrate Jena Benson's baptism! From that point on, we ask all to consider signing up for one hour of vigil throughout the night. Volunteer with Sarah Manouchehri.

**Easter Sunrise Service** Sunrise that morning is early! Meet at **5:45am** (DST) 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!

### **Easter Festival Service – 10:30**

Come ready to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus! You can find the music at:  
[www.hallelujah-chorus.com/score/index.html](http://www.hallelujah-chorus.com/score/index.html)  
You can practice your part at:  
<http://www.anselm.edu/abbey/choir/hallelujah.htm>

### **Continuing Lent ... There and Back Again**

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 we now have a labyrinth. Join us...

### **12 steps & christianity**

This group continues its weekly discussion of challenges we all face, drawing on insights from our faith and lessons from the 12 step approach to recovery.

### **our new labyrinth**

Katherine Pater and Katie Cole have incredibly guided a group of 20 volunteers to create a canvas labyrinth which fills the floor of our fellowship hall. During Lent we have it set up every Sunday morning at 9:30am for prayer, and also every Monday night, 6:30pm-7:15. It will be out every night of Holy Week at 6:30pm.

### **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 community. Communion on Wednesdays.

### **bereavement group**

While not limited to Lent, the latest offering of a grief support group is taking place every Wednesday afternoon, 1-2pm. See Jonathan Pierce for details.

### **healing service: april 10**

Our April 10 Sunday worship service will include a time for prayers of healing. Please invite all those who might benefit.

# FOURTH FEST— May 6

*Celebrating our 140th*

*Recognizing Phyllis*

*Renovating our sanctuary*

We are due for a spring party; and we have the perfect excuse: we are 140 years young!

Equipped with this wonderful reason to celebrate, we are gathering musicians, lining up auction items, securing food and drink (from Blue Ribbon Barbecue, no less), and booking a brand new party venue. Everybody, take note:

Fourth Fest is happening Friday, May 6, 6pm-10pm, at the exquisite new Carpenter's Center (750 Dorchester Avenue). Cost is \$50 per person, and \$90 for a couple.

There will be plenty of good BBQ, vegetarian options, Silent Auction, Live auction, live music, and some special performances.

We are also recognizing Phyllis Curtis for her years of service to Fourth Church and the South Boston community. Come cheer her on, and consider taking out an advertisement in our ad book to congratulate her.

All proceeds will go to the Vision Fund, and this year our Vision Fund is trying to raise enough money to renovate our sanctuary and narthex. We use those spaces pretty hard, and that's basically a good thing. To paraphrase Isaiah, "the fast we choose" includes nurturing neighborhood children through Bible story-

telling, meals, music, theater, crafts and fellowship. But this lively practice of our faith wears out our sanctuary! So we need to repair, re-carpet, repaint and refresh. (We could also save on energy bills by re-windowing!) Bottom line: support the Vision Fund by supporting Fourth Fest generously!

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 Amanda or Stephen Grant-Rose, Karen Flaherty, Kristin Raley or Burns.

Note that we are also getting in that fund-raising spirit along the way by selling raffle tickets for 2 seats at the May 31 Red Sox game. See Jonathan Pierce to help out with that piece. The drawing will be at the event on May 6.

## **March THANKS**

We are grateful to many for some wonderfully good ministry the past few weeks...

...to Kathy Burger and a full team practicing hospitality during the St. Pat's parade (and raising \$1200, too!),

... to Jonathan P, Dave C and others for raising another \$1200 toward the sanctuary renovations in the Celtics raffle,

...to Kevin, Alicia and others for an excellent "Sound of Music" production,

....to Franco Akum for that Cameroonian feast, and to all the deacons for a great Appreciation Day.

## **English Classes**

Young Ra Rhee is leading a new ministry initiative to help new neighbors with their English. This class is growing out of the Food Pantry on Tuesdays. Beginning April 12, Young Ra will lead volunteers in the morning sessions. Please keep this in prayer, and see Young Ra if you would like to volunteer.

## **Supporting parents**

Foy White-Chu is also leading a new ministry initiative. We want to be more supportive of parents with toddlers; and to that end we are working on good space (with supplies!) for parents during worship. See Foy to help!

## **prayers...**

We celebrate the birth of Helena Van Veller! Joyce and Terry McDonough are due very soon, too.

Please pray for Ed Buccieri . Also: Frank McNeil in Florida, JoAnn Evans and Ken Evans in Springfield.

The Stanfields are back from Kenya with stories to share. Stay tuned for a Soup N Study, and don't be surprised to hear a few tales in sermons.

The Titatkums have moved to JP. Thank you, Peter, for help.

Alice Hageman is still adjusting to her new pacemaker.

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