

# Fourth Notes

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## Pentecost -- June 12

### *Group Photo and many celebrations...*

We celebrate the birthday of the Church Universal the life of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, June 12. It has been our custom to wear red – the liturgical color of the day -- so find your favorite red items. This year, June 12 is also Alice Hageman's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, and it's very close to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Burns's installation as pastor of Fourth Church; so we're throwing those celebrations into the mix, as well.

When you have this much to lift up, it seems only fitting that you have food! Rumor has it that there is a potluck lunch that day. (There is a surprise element to some of these celebrations, so the Fourth Notes editor is not able to confirm this rumor... But be ready to bring food.)

But more than anything, be ready to sing, pray, and otherwise lift up the ways the Spirit still breathes into our lives. Happy Pentecost, everybody!

### **Helena's baptism & CHILDRENS DAY- June 5**

It is the day we make a special effort to be "lead by a child." Children's Day is our annual service for extensive worship leadership by our youngest community members. It is also a time to say thank you to our faithful Sunday School teachers.

This year, we have a baptism, as well -- Helena Van Veller. Her extended family will be here, and we'll have a reception in her honor (and the kids!) after worship.

### **VISION V CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Vision V raises funds to pay our 5 Vinton expenses (mainly mortgage) for the upcoming year, July 2011 to June 2012. We need pledges of \$25,000. Right now we have \$12,000.

Just about half way! Keep those cards coming! We would love to be done by June 12!

Please email Michael Moyes with your Vision Four Pledge for 2011-12:

[mikemoyes2@gmail.com](mailto:mikemoyes2@gmail.com)

### **church retreat- save September 9-11**

Irish or Square Dancing, canoeing, prayer time, singing...

and elements still to be imagined. We have Camp Wilmot reserved for September 9-11. WE WELCOME PLANNING HELP! This is your chance to shape the weekend. Please let know Burns or a session member know if you can help. Save the date.

### **children's theater: Cinderella: June 10-11**

The way the dates fell this year, our spring music and art session only had 7 weeks. But our theater group jumped on this short session to craft an impressive new production of the classic tale "Cinderella". Music is from both the movie AND Rodgers & Hammerstein TV special of the 1950s. In other words: fantastic songs.

Piano recital on June 13.

### **And more theater: Charlie Brown: June 17-18**

One week after Cinderella: Charlie Brown. It is our year to champion underdogs! The smaller theater workshop present "You're A Good Man , Charlie Brown" on Friday and Saturday nights, in the fellowship hall. It will be fabulous!

### **An opportunity to save money and help the environment...**

Through the Mass Save HEAT loan program, commercial and residential property owners have the opportunity to apply for a 0% loan with terms up to 7 years to help with the cost of installing qualified energy efficient improvements in their properties. This includes homeowners, rental property owners, businesses and non-profits. Details of the Mass Save HEAT Loan program are available at [Masssave.com](http://Masssave.com) or by contacting [Thatcher Freeborn of Century Bank](mailto:Tthatcher@centurybank.com) at 617-582-0920 or [tfreeborn@centurybank.com](mailto:tfreeborn@centurybank.com). Examples of energy improvements include: Attic, Wall, and Basement Insulation; High Efficiency Heating Systems; High Efficiency Domestic Hot Water Systems; Solar Hot Water Systems; 7-day Digital Programmable Thermostats, Energy Star Qualified Replacement Windows.

## Sanctuary Renovations on the way!

Thanks to a very successful Fourth Fest and continuing contributions, we are on our way to a refreshed and renovated sanctuary!

We love our worship space, and we have *worshipped in that space* in all kinds of ways - through summer programs for children, theater productions for young and old, multiple Gospel concerts, the display of many appreciation day thanks, meetings for the community ... And that good activity takes a toll on the facility.

So our plans include a new carpet, new painting, new ENERGY-EFFICIENT windows. We are also planning to install new rose windows up high, and do something wonderful with the narthex entrance.

It's all very exciting.

The January town meeting gave us our basic direction, but we welcome more volunteers to help us with this planning. See Ken Shallow or Karen Flaherty to support the committee.

A key decision is what to do with the current communion rail which we don't actually use for communion. If you want to be sure to have your voice heard, come to a meeting on JUNE 7, 6:15pm when the committee to consider our options.

We are lining up professional crews AND teams of volunteers. Ken Shallow will coordinate our workers to make the work both wonderful and affordable! Target date for beginning repairs: MONDAY, AUGUST 15. Worship will be in the hall on August 21, and on Castle Island on August 28!

## June 12 Presbytery Worship : the peace

Several presbytery leaders of diverse theological perspectives

have been gathering to build on their shared passion for mission, reconciliation and "passing the peace." Together they have sponsored a mission project (getting food to North Korea) and crafted a worship service in the spirit of last fall's presbytery revival.

Sunday, June 12. 7pm.  
At First Presbyterian Church of Quincy (Franklin Street).

Burns is organizing the music and Fourth Singers will do a selection. Please join us and help this presbytery with our continued healing and mission!

## GBIO action- June 16 !

Five years ago, after organizing the financial resources of member institutions, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization launched a powerful partnership with Citizens Bank. One piece of that work was the "Moving from Debts to Assets" financial literacy program. The very first class was a joint offering with Roxbury Pres. and.... FOURTH CHURCH.

Five years later, it is time to celebrate a great thing. It is also time to meet the new Citizens Bank CEO and remind the new State Treasurer (Steve Grossman) that he promised to support us!

We do this through public action, and Fourth Church needs 25 people to meet our quota!!

A side note: this relationship also led Citizens Bank into many years of support for our Fourth Church Summer Meals Program. This relationship has been important to our ministry. Show up please and demonstrate our continued strong presence!!

## Castle Island worship- August 28

Save Sunday, August 28. The deacons are planning to once again lead us out onto Castle Island for a special worship service in the open air. They can help you arrange rides as necessary. Worship will be outside, followed by a community potluck cookout right there in the park, next to the beach.

## Gospel concert-aug 13

This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Evening of Gospel Music. August 13, 7:15pm. We are close to booking the amazing Grant AME choir. Our own Fourth church Summer Singers will be ready to go and there will be another grand reception. Tickets are \$10. Please help us sell them and please help us identify advertisers for the program book.

Our treasurer is looking for \$13,000 from this event this year. It sounds like a lot. But it happens if everybody does their share and solicits ads. If 45 people each raise \$300... we clear it!

## Adult Sunday School- The Seven Deadly Sins

Adult Sunday School is on break right now, but we will launch a whole new series on July 10. Taking our cue from a popular series with the Youth Group, we will consider "The Seven Deadly Sins." We'll do a little bit of background work to explain where that framework comes from, then look at each "deadly sin" through Bible study and movie clips. Different leaders will work with Burns to facilitate conversation.

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