

Fourth Notes

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HOLY WEEK – April 5-12

Palm Sunday is April 5. 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 11. Meditation at 6pm. Prayer service 6:10-6:25.

Wednesday Soup N Study (April 8). Our last session in the series on "finding the Holy in Your Work." Thatcher Freeborn is the evening's presenter.

Maundy Thursday (April 9) 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 10). 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 11). 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. Ben Potter is being baptized at the 7pm service.

Easter Sunrise Service Sunrise that morning is at **6:08** (DST). We meet at 6am 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! The confirmation class will prepare an egg casserole main dish. They are preparing for a spring trip and appreciate donations.

Easter Festival Service – 10:30

Continuing Lent ... *Everywhere, Everybody, Everything*

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...

Sunday morning classes -

Lauren Gallant finishes her Lenten class on exploring Lent and Laurie Pierce continues her class on fasting. Both meet at 9am 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

Passion play- Apr 5

The Passion Play will be presented Sunday, April 5. 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, April 4, 1-4pm. 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.

Rummage Sale- Apr 4

Carla, Sonny and crew think we have the critical mass of rummage once more.. They

have organized a sale for Saturday, April 4, 10am-3pm. Come by and show your support. Have lunch. Buy a bag of clothes...

BLUEGRASS BBQ - April 1

At press time our Bluegrass Barbecue Event is just around the corner. If you get this newsletter in the last few days of March, PLEASE make sure you come. Lindsey, Marcia, Karen, and others have worked REALLY hard to put this together and we have an incredible list of auction items.

If you get this after the event, be sure to say thank you to all the helpers. We presume that we will be celebrating a successful night!

“THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS” – new soup n study, April 15

Using a new film and book of the same name, Wednesday Soup N Study begins a series exploring forgiveness on April 15. The series combines powerful stories (like the recent one from the Amish community and the experience of South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation) with intriguing psychological research and, of course, the teachings of our own Christian faith.

“Soup” (or some kind of simple supper) will be at 6pm. The study will go 6:30-7:30. Choir rehearsal follows.

Six-week series.

Appreciation day & potluck: april 26

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 26. They have thank-you “fishes” available for you and ask for small donations to the deacons fund. Think about all the people you can thank...

Start gathering fishes and filling them out. We want the sanctuary to be a veritable ocean of appreciation.

Visiting choir- apr 19

The Milton Academy Gospel Choir will be singing in worship at Fourth Church on Sunday, April 19 ! Easter season is a time to Receive the Joy, so on April 19 we will receive the Joy

of some great music. Singing with the choir is Liz Stanfield.

New music & art classes

Registration for a new session of classes takes place Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 6 and 7. Advanced art, intro to drawing and set design, voice, piano, violin, guitar, ADULT PAINTING CLASS!!, Childrens Theater... All great stuff. Classes start April 13.

A marathon run...

Burns and Peter have been keeping it quiet, but both are planning to run the Boston Marathon on April 20 to raise funds for Fourth Church.

They will run for The Visio Fund and the dream of a renovated hall and kitchen! Pray for them. Bless their feet on April 19. And collect donations if you know people eager to support such efforts!

Share the Vision... our mortgage, year three

We are moving toward the end of our second year of mortgage payments on the new building. Congrats!

If you owe on your pledge, please try to catch up. Those bills come like clockwork!

And for all of us: We begin paying on Year Three this summer. Session will be leading another “Share the Vision” campaign after Easter. We will again be looking for

many \$100 shares, but also for some leadership gifts in the \$1000-\$5000 range.

Keep this in prayer!

prayers...

We all pray for Albert Aloise, who suffered a stroke. He is home recovering now. Holly, Rodney and Martha appreciate your prayers for their family, too.

Pray also for Jim Easler as he recovers from back surgery.

Pray for Margaret Brennan and Erna Deeb.

Phyllis Curtis is home!!

Chris Hoklotubbe is engaged to Stephanie (whom we’ve now met on her visits from California). Chris will be in the doctoral program at Harvard in the fall, as will Michelle Sanchez!!

Rae Huang starts a new job in Oakland this summer. It means she and Cavan go from Greece to California (instead of Boston! Sad for us!), but it is a wonderful job for her.

Liz Stanfield is on her way home from South Africa.

We’ve met Jasper Ray!

And we’ve met Grayson Slade! Great to see these beautiful babies and proud parents. Grayson will be baptized June 14.

We are being visited by leaders in the national church again. They will be meeting with us to learn more about our wonderful ministry (their words...) Stay tuned for more details.

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