

# Fourth Notes

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## GOSPEL CONCERT- Saturday, Aug. 15

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 fifteenth annual Evening of Gospel Music and it happens at 7:15pm, August 15, at Fourth Presbyterian Church. We hope to have the Ghanaian group from Providence, a wonderful choir from Covenant Church in Jamaica Plain, and the Fourth Church Summer Singers.

Tickets are only \$10 and kids are free. Help us out by selling a batch. We also need food items for the reception. And to everybody we make this special request:

**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. Our appeal letter is included in this mailing. Please feel free to copy and distribute

Please pray for the event and think about how you can help make it a success. And do plan to attend!

### VISION III CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We made it, everybody! Thank you. We needed pledges and gifts totaling \$23,000 to meet our mortgage commitment for the next year (July 2009-June 2010), and we made it! If you meant to send us a gift and forgot, make a donation to Gospel Night!!

Many, many thanks to all donors. We will prepare a new framed document listing the shareholders for 2009-10. You are indeed a hall-of-fame bunch. Thank you.

### church retreat- save September 11-13

Square Dance, canoeing, prayer time, singing... and elements still to be imagined. We have Camp Wilmot reserved for September 11-13. 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.

### christmas in july: July 26

July 26, 10:30am, is our time for a Christmas Pageant, and a day to remember God being born in our midst on a hot day. Our annual Christmas-in-July will feature a trumpet, carols, a mini-pageant, and potluck lite. Please bring turkey sandwiches, ham sandwiches, and basic side dishes. Remember to invite friends; folks like to come to this service.

### It all starts July 6...

Summer has its own fullness here at Fourth. On July 6, we begin our fifteenth year of the Summer Meals Program with the Mazemakers component for the 9-13 year-olds. Registration has been high; and all together, we expect over 100 kids a day. Three evenings a week, we operate "Teen Crib" for local teens, also with a meal. Wednesday night is cookout and worship night.

AUDREY HARTNESS brings her youth group from South Carolina on July 12 for the week.

ANDY KORT brings his youth group for the first week of August.

We have our big concert on August 15 (with Kathy Dawson as a visiting guest and beloved friend of Fourth).

Please keep it all in prayer.

### Wanted: summer singers

Summer Singers is a summer only choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:40, after the outdoor worship, and we will be performing in the August 15 concert. It is not too late to join us, but please jump on board quickly! You are welcome to sing in this choir even if you are not able to commit to our regular fall-spring choirs! It's a great way to give gospel singing a trial run.

## Church picnic - aug 9

The deacons are leading us into our third annual church picnic AND WORSHIP at Castle Island. On August 9, we gather for worship at Castle Island. (Same location as the last two years. 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 and a nice walk led by Sarah Manouchehri.

RIDE INFO- Please arrange carpools as best you can. If you do need a ride, be at church no later than 10am. (Parking slots go fast at Castle Island !!!)

Note that deacon drivers may not be leaving the Island until 1 or 1:30.

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

## 4 fantastic interns

Year after year, Fourth is blessed with fantastic interns. We have four more this summer.

From Princeton Seminary we have Hailey Braden (a Texan, soon to be wed, who is helping us with SMP, Sunday School, Wednesday worship and more) and Matt Johnstone (a Middlebury grad ready to assist with SMP, Adult Sunday School, Wednesday nights, and any kind of computer need).

From Harvard Divinity School, Lauren Gallant is rejoining us primarily to lead SMP. She is doing a lot to prepare our hearts, minds and *basement* for the onset of Summer Meals. Also working with us officially is Sarah Manouchehri, a Californian who worked with Teach for America in New York City and plans to work with Mazemakers and Teen Crib this summer.

Introduce yourselves to them. They are fabulous, and they are

eager to learn how wonderful each of you are.

## summer wednesdays

Special summer Wednesdays are in full gear now. Here is what Wednesday evenings look like every week:

- 6pm Dinner (burgers, dogs, & whatever potluck dishes people bring)
- 7pm Vespers in the Yard
- 7:40 Choir rehearsal

For dinner, please bring a few dollars and/or side dishes to make the meal work.

Volunteers always needed for set up, grilling and clean up.

Worship features a creative presentation of the Joseph story each week, and a "story from my home town." See Hailey Braden or Matt Johnstone to offer your services. And yes, we will sing our hearts out.

## Prayers for Devina Patel in India

This month, Devina heads to India to work for six months with with Population Services International (PSI). They run programs in malaria, reproductive health, child survival, HIV and tuberculosis.

Please consider making a donation to help her cover her costs. (You can send a check to Fourth and note that it is for Devina, if you like.)

And please pray for her important work there.

## prayers...

We owe major thanks to God and some dedicated servants of God...

To Ken Shallow and his crew for installing the new heating and cooling system for the sanctuary.

To Lauren Gallant, Hailey Braden, Matthew Johnstone, Karen Flaherty, Ryan Schomburg, Peter Brook and many others for their help in cleaning, repairing and painting rooms in the basement and 5 Vinton.

To Bobby Hicks, Peter, Burns, Jayme, Ken, Dawn and Karen for CLEANING the church dirt cellar.

To the Food Pantry crew (with Susan Barnes, Antonia Barros, Art Martin, Sonny Stevens, Carla & Sherrie Martin, Sugar Long, plus many neighbors) for keeping things smooth even as the number of families coming by has increased to 300 every 2 weeks!!

To Tim, Kathy, Michelle, Mike and especially the children for a great Childrens Day on June 7

To the International Group for a richly international potluck.

More prayers...

Margaret Brennan is at Marian Manor.

Albert Aloise felt good enough to travel with his family to Holly's parents in Montana. He continues to recuperate, however.

Fred and Mary Corbett both have health issues.

Tim Ellis is having a rough time.

Erna Deeb.

John Senior & Raegan Dalbo are expecting child # 1.

How great to see Rae Huang and Cavan Concannon in church on June 7.

Alison, Peter, and Grayson Slade move later this summer to Oregon. The Pierces move to Chicago. Lori Wallace & Debbie Nicolellis move to Ann Arbor.

Our Cameroonian friends had a grand cultural celebration in June up in Lynn.

Jen, Simon & Marguerite Belcher are traveling to Florida, Alaska, Minnesota, and...

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