

# Fourth Notes

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## Moving Ahead with Renovations

### *A Cooled Sanctuary in time for the Gospel Concert!*

There is important activity going on beneath the sanctuary these days. Ken Shallow's crew is replacing our heating system with a significantly more efficient heating and cooling system that should be in place for this summer. Coming later will be a renovated fellowship hall with a new kitchen and – at last – fully insulated walls and ceiling, along with substantial storage cupboards.

The Building Committee has been working hard on these plans and the hope is that the work can begin in late August. Enjoy the new system that is getting us started, and keep praying for the work that should soon offer us a beautiful and fuel-efficient fellowship hall.

### VISION III CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The last newsletter spelled out the details and this issue offers an update. We are entering our third year of mortgage payments on 5 Vinton Street (our new property next door) and we need pledges of \$23,000 -- or 230 "mortgage shares" where each \$100 contribution represents a share.

Right now: we have \$17,250 pledged. Just 58 shares to go.

You all know how important this space is -- office space, rooms for more Sunday School classes, after school programs, Harambee youth mentoring, cooking class, expanded summer offerings, **PARKING**, an affordable housing apartment upstairs.

But we have to pay the mortgage! And we can do this!

Here's one way:

- 1 person does 10 shares
- 2 people do 5 shares
- 4 people do 3 shares
- 5 people do 2 shares
- 16 people do 1 share

We will celebrate all shareholders once we reach our goal and present a framed listing of this newest list of Fourth Church Vision Stakeholders.

Please email Susan Devine with your Vision Three Pledge for 2009-10: [suzzand@verizon.net](mailto:suzzand@verizon.net)

### 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.

### children's theater: all star revue- june 12, 13

The way the dates fell this year, our spring music and art session only had 8 weeks. But our theater group jumped on this short session to craft an fabulous production with greatest hits of the last few years. We call it "The All Star Revue." Each night, the show will be at 7pm and feature a cast of thousands. Actually, it's something like 50, but it feels like thousands. There are scenes from Oz, Shrek, Mary Poppins, Willy Wonka, Jungle Book, Lion King, and more.

Piano recital on June 14.

### Summer prayers...

Summer means an important new season here at Fourth. On July 6, we begin our fifteenth year of the Summer Meals

Program with Mazemakers for the 9-13 year-olds. All together, 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. **AND** we welcome back Audrey with her South Carolina youth group and Andy Kort with his New York youth group during July and August. And of course, there is the big Gospel Concert on August 15. Come enjoy when you are in town, and do keep it all in prayer!

### Baptism – June 14

Grasyon Slade, the song of Peter and Alison, will be baptized on Sunday, June 14. Save that date and celebrate with us his part in God's family.

### Cookout potluck- june 28

Another great day to welcome visitors and celebrate the community on June 28. Our interns will be fully in gear by then, so we will do something special with them. And we will have a summery potluck. Salads, fruits, that kind of thing. Join us and invite friends.

## **childrens day – june 7**

Children are precious here, and June 7 is one of a few days we have every year to really celebrate their presence. Children will play an active role in leading worship that day. Grace and Marguerite will even have sermon presentations. Come and support them!

## **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.

## **Gospel concert-aug 15**

This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Evening of Gospel Music. August 15, 7:15pm. We have booked one wonderful choir from Jamaica Plain already (the Covenant Church) and more guests are in the works. 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!

We will be convening a committee soon and welcome your help!

## **summer wednesdays**

Special summer Wednesdays will begin June 17. Our schedule will be like past years:

6pm Dinner  
7pm Vespers in the Yard  
7:45 Choir rehearsal

We're hoping we can have folks take turns with grilling responsibilities. We're also looking for leadership in making sure tables are set up, etc.

Last year we had some fantastic lead cooks step up and create theme nights. Interested?

Can you do the grilling one Wednesday? Can you help with shopping or Clean up?

Burns will be working with summer intern Matt Johnstone (and the other interns as well) to help the Vespers services flourish. Count on some time for good singing. We welcome music leaders!

## **new folks around...**

There are some wonderful new friends in and around Fourth Church these days. If you don't know these names, find them and meet them! Jayme Bezan is a newly baptized member. Regina Anjeh has joined us, too; she is an elder from the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. Laura Massie is another new member. Also around are Lisa Frist, Amy Zheng, Elaine Kagan, Gerard Flaherty, Sarah, new confirmands: Isiah Thompson, John Keeley, Nathan, Samantha, Ryan, Simon.

## **prayers...**

Congratulations to Lori Wallace, who is on her way to a

doctoral program in Michigan, to Laurie Pierce, who is moving with her family to Chicago for a doctoral program at the University of Chicago, and to the Slades, who are moving to Eugene, Oregon for Peter's new job. Of course, this is sad for us as we must say goodbye, at least for now. But we celebrate these big developments in their lives.

Albert Aloise has had many health complications and we keep his family in prayer. Right now he is home and doing fairly well.

Erna Deeb is home after her surgery, as well.

Margaret Brennan is still at the Marian Manor; and her niece Andrea has been preparing the "Baker home" for sale. A big transition in the neighborhood! Thanks to those who have lent Andrea a hand.

John Senior and Raegan Dalbo are expecting a new baby boy in September!

Fred Corbett had a heart attack this past month, but he is doing OK at home right now.

Liz Leavitt is being ordained on June 6 and will be co-pastor at the Waltham Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Harvard graduates Chris Hoklotubbe, Michelle Sanchez, and Liz. Chris and Michelle continue at Harvard for their doctoral work.

Congratulations to Devina Patel for graduating from the School of Public Health at BU.

And congrats to Dieudonne Titakum for his high school graduation in Hyde Park.

Nate Stanfield travels to France with a choir and just received his class's award for outstanding character.

Thatcher and Erin get married in October. Chris & Stephanie get married on Aug. 9

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