

Fourth Notes

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A Service to Remember the Saints Sunday, October 25, 10:30am

Our annual opportunity to remember departed loved ones

It is a tradition at Fourth Church to devote one Sunday to remembering our deceased loved ones. This year we celebrate the saints on Sunday, October 25. In that worship service, we will celebrate their lives, lift up old memories, acknowledge a continuing sense of loss, and take comfort in the promises of our faith.

As part of the worship service, we read the names of our departed loved ones. If you have names you would like us to print in the bulletin and read out loud, please submit them by mail, email, or slipping a piece of paper in the offering plate. Please write their names clearly, and please include your own name. The best way: email to Burns at above address.

We typically welcome donations with these names, and those gifts are again welcome but not necessary. Unless you specify otherwise, these gifts will support the Vision Fund's effort to finish paying for the renovation of the fellowship hall. We hope you attend this service of remembrance. After worship: A potluck lunch. Our first with the new kitchen!!

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW HALL?!

At press time, the renovated fellowship hall is not quite complete, but it is getting very close. We are awaiting the new light fixtures and there is a good bit of painting to do, but we are getting there.

At Jubilee we celebrated our Work-in-Progress, but we will do a full-fledged dedication in the near future, most likely at our Thanksgiving Sunday.

In the meanwhile, lend prayerful support to Peter Brook and Karen Flaherty as they oversee our painting. And lend financial support to...

The "Leap of Faith for Fourth" Project!

Last month we reported that some surprises added \$25,000 to our renovation costs. A number of people have stepped up to donate funds, and we have reasonable hope that a funder will give us a \$10,000 grant. 5 year-old Rodney Aloise also gathered \$3.62!

But that still leaves a gap of \$8000, or actually \$7996.38.

And for this Dave Courage, Ken Shallow, Katie Cole, Lauren Gallant and Peter Brook (and

others???) are taking a giant leap...out of a plane... with parachutes. They are collecting sponsorship donations and prayers for their November 1 JUMP. Keep em in prayer!

The Stanfields invite you to a 50th birthday

Burns turns 50 on November 4, and the party will be Sunday, **November 8, 4:30pm.** It begins with a concert/hootnanny. Anybody who would like to offer a song or brief skit or whatever.. tell Lorraine or Burns. After our entertainment: supper with a combination of catered and potluck gathered food.

No presents, please. Bring some food if you like, and/or make a donation to the Fourth Church Vision Fund.

Bart Campolo to Preach at 4th- Nov 8

So you're invited to a party Sunday evening, Nov. 8. You are also invited to hear a national leader in the church at worship that morning.

Bart Campolo is an urban minister, activist and writer, who is currently on a speaking tour. He also happens to be an important friend and mentor for Tim Hughes, and it will be our great pleasure to host Bart in our pulpit on November 8. Don't miss this!

Thanksgiving Sunday & Invite a Friend Day at Fourth – Nov 23

We celebrate Thanksgiving as a church family once again on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 22). The deacons will provide some key leadership, but as always with our potlucks, we look to everybody to help out in some way. Interested in roasting a turkey? Tell Burns or a deacon.

We are aware of how very important it is to share the goodness that is Fourth Church with others, so we are also making November 22 an INVITE-A-FRIEND Sunday. Start thinking of whom you want to bring.

And save that day! We will be dedicating pledges, showing thanksgiving, and welcoming the friends you invite.

Should be grand...

Wednesday Soup & Study: around the world with 4th church

A new Soup N Study begins Wednesday, October 7, guided by seminarian Young Ra Rhee and the new International Group. Many countries and cultures are represented here in our congregation. With this series, we try to learn more about the places are members come from.

Oct 7- Singapore (Jonathan)

Oct 14- visiting mission workers from Africa

Oct 21 – Cape Verde (Antonia)

Oct 28 – Iran (Mike & Sarah)

Nov 4 - Jamaica & Haiti (Matt, Ivenz and others)

Nov 11 – Cameroon (Franco & others)

Nov 18 - South Korea (Mia & Young Ra)

As always, dinner is at 5:30, with the tutoring group. Our session then goes 6-7pm.

Each presentation will be different. There could be political discussions, desserts, dance, art work.... Come and see!

Weekly Prayer Service on Thursdays, 7pm

We know how important prayer is, and a lot of us know that we are more regular in praying when we have a small group.

So we are importing a piece of our Lenten tradition at Fourth to have Evening Prayer through the fall and winter. We won't be doing it every night (as we do during Lent), but we will have Evening Prayer every Thursday night at 7pm, usually with communion.

Lauren Gallant will be leading this new piece of our life together. See her if you would like to assist in any way. For the fall, we will be focusing on the psalms and indeed, "Praying With the Psalms." It starts October 8, with communion.

CHOIR - Thurs, 7:30

As the construction finishes, we settle into a new fall routine; and in this fall's version of Fourth Church ministry, Thursday has become an important day. Wednesday is already a day for classes, Soup N Study and tutoring.

Now tutoring will also take place on Thursday and we have a new prayer service.

Additionally... **CHOIR REHEARSAL** will be Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm. New singers welcome! We will be preparing music for the Bart Campolo visit and the hootenanny on November 8. Come & sing!

Soul possibilities:

Music and arts classes have begun. While many of our offerings focus on young people, there are opportunities for adults, as well. Think about piano, voice, guitar or violin lessons. And now there's an adult painting workshop with Gary Cosgrove on Tuesdays, 6pm.

GBIO: Precinct 6 & Senate candidates

Our ministry with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization has two big foci this fall:

ONE- We want our neighborhood to matter more to politicians. That happens if the people in our precinct VOTE. So we are going out every week to encourage our neighbors in Precinct Six to vote this November. Teens are doing it well and Young Ra is recruiting adults to do our share! We've got about 680 more people to reach. We need you!

TWO- On some night of the week of November 16, we will have a major action with the candidates to fill Sen. Kennedy's seat. We will need your presence for this, too!

Sunday Adult Class – The Bible and Art

Kristin Raley, a new seminarian, leads a new adult Sunday School class starting on October 11. She calls it: "Imagining the Bible - - Understanding Scripture Through Art." The group will study some great visual depictions of Bible stories, and perhaps even create their own...Every Sunday, 9:30am.

LET'S TALK- strength in conversations

Relationships are the sinews of this body of Christ. They are key! And our annual "Let's Talk Campaign" is a simple tool to strengthen those connections.

Right now, Fourth Church has a load of new people, as well as a big batch of seminarians. We need to take time to make sure we know each other. So a team is putting together a string of four sessions (over five weeks) when we will meet for one hour after worship and have "one-on-one" meetings.

It's a guaranteed good time, and one of the best ways we have of making this a stronger, more faithful congregation.

Sign up with Kristin Raley. It starts on Sunday, October 18, after worship.

EMMAUS-Monday nights?

Emmaus has had a wonderful two-year run as a ministry on Sunday nights, oriented to young adults. Some key leaders have moved to new cities, alas; but the group is re-gathering in a new way, and perhaps on a new day: Monday. See Erik Jacobs if you are intrigued...

prayers...

Micah & Foy are expecting soon! Audrey Hartness is getting married. Thatcher & Erin Freeborn ARE married. Aubrey & Alice have a grandchild. Margaret is at Marian M.

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