

Fourth Notes

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April 9-16: HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday is April 9. We will have palms available; and we will remember Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. We present our annual Passion Play with music, movement and story-telling with scenes from "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Nightly Prayer Services continue through Thursday, April 13. 6pm-6:30.

Maundy Thursday (April 13) 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. Volunteers appreciated. We have a team of helpers to continue the legacy of Alice Hageman, and we hope to have Alice as a visiting guest from New Jersey!

Good Friday Way of the Cross (April 14). 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 and finish at St. George's Albanian Church around 12:30, with a light lunch available there, joined by folks from other SB churches.

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 Katie Cole. Time is 8:30-1pm..

Easter Saturday Passion Play (April 15). We reprise our Passion Play at 4pm and create space for people to enter an evening of vigil prayer. This is an especially good way to share our observance of Holy Week with neighbors and friends. The Passion Play tells the story of Holy Week.... All the way to the cusp of Easter. Bring guests for the play, and maybe they'll want to come the next day for breakfast and the rest of the story!

Easter Sunrise Service -- Meet at **5:55 (DST)** (for a 6:01 sunrise) at the café on Carson Beach. We worship with Roxbury Presbyterian Church. Rev. Burns and Rev. Liz Walker will do a shared homily. Then we go to Geraldine Embry's home for coffee and refreshments!

Big Easter Breakfast at 9am at the church. Bring your favorite breakfast "bread" or fruit -- muffins, bagels, croissants, whatever! Laura Massie and Erin Riddle are organizing and they welcome volunteer helpers.

Easter Festival Service – 10:30
We sing! We shout Alleluia! We play trumpets. We embrace new life...

Evening Prayer Service during Lent

The deacons encourage all to you embrace this Lenten season, in part, by gathering to pray in the church in the evening. Every night, Monday thru Thursday, there will a prayer gathering from 6pm to 6:30.

We'll begin with music and meditation, followed by a simple liturgy at 6:10. Reflections on Scripture will be shared by different members of Fourth Church. We are looking for preachers (or at least "mini-preachers:" 3-4 minute reflections). Please volunteer with Eric Ogi.

9:30 Sunday School Class: "To Bless the Space Between Us"

Eric Ogi continues his Sunday School class during April, corresponding with the season of Len: Every Sunday, 9:30, with breakfast available in the back hall at 9:15. His theme is "Preparing for Resurrection," and he will use the lectionary passages as well as some spiritual practices (like *lectio divina*) to guide our preparations. All welcome.

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Fourth Fest!!

Sunday, April 30, 2:30-5:30 + Boston Globe + Tkts \$50

This is our spring fund-raiser and our goal is 300 people! A team has been hard at work at inviting folks to fill the room. Tickets are \$50.

It all happens at 2:30-5:30pm at the Boston Globe – a historic building on Morrissey Blvd with ample free parking! This is one of the last events before the Globe relocates. The inimitable Tom Tinlin is our MC auctioneer. There will be live entertainment plus a sampling from children and youth theater programs. Also featured: a magic act for kids and the young-at-heart.

We've got some good auction items: Saturday Night Live, Tonight Show passes, restaurant cards, "Bowling with Burns," vacation spots, Sox ...

But of course, we need more. Please tell Kelly Luethje or Kristin Rinehimer what you get for us. Be creative! Vacation spots! Theater tickets! Sports tickets! Special services!

This event will raise funds for our community efforts, especially the Summer Meals Program. There are many ways you can help—

- Buy a tickets! Even if you can't come, give them away. (It's always helpful, of course, to have guests who are willing to bid...)
 - Sell tickets.
 - Volunteer with the committee. There is lots of work to do. See Kristin, Kelly, Burns or Katie right away.
 - Locate stellar auction items.
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Last year, this event was great fun and it raised \$60,000. We are aiming for another big year. The key is to have LOTS of people inviting and helping out. Here we go, everybody!!

ALSO on April 30

The Baptism of Will Hale in our morning service!

Appreciation Day May 7 with POTLUCK

Every year, the deacons lead us in a special Sunday of appreciation. It's a chance to duly note the remarkable ministry of the people in our pews. In the weeks leading up to that day, we'll have a chance to name particular people in writing and thank them for: singing, cleaning, repairing, caring, praying... whatever their particular contribution to ministry might be.

This year it happens Sunday, May 7. That will be a day to practice the spiritual discipline of GRATITUDE. Our theme: A Great Thanksgiving!

Being a Sunday in the season of Easter, it will also be a day to have a feast. THIS IS A POTLUCK DAY!

There will also be a chance to write down specific people you want to thank. See the deacons on the preceding Sundays, they will have craft creations for you to write upon.

prayers...

Pray for Pam & Shorty.

Great to see Karen Foley in church! And Michelle Grover-Kanash.

Victoria Edwards just had twins.

Pray for Geri Embry's sister and her cancer treatments.

Jennifer Nichols is recuperating and now back at work.

JoAnn Uetz is also getting around now, and appreciates calls and prayers.

Katie Stansifer's beloved grandfather passed.

Korte Yeo is ORDAINED!

We are commissioning Amanda Grant-Rose as a Ruling Elder in Service to Common Cathedral on April 2.

Sarah Hathaway and Eric Ogi are approved for ordination.

Pray for Kim Hicks.