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Unseen, but Near

Rob Norris, Senior Pastor



joyful expectancy.

The reason we can do this is that we are given a deeper understanding into the purposes of God. The reason that an angel was seen by Zechariah the priest as he ministered in the temple was because the coming of the true high priest was near. Jesus, who was the heavenly sacrifice, was being prepared.

Zechariah, like many who encountered divine messages, was startled. The reason is that God, when He wants to reveal some new aspect of His plan and purpose, does so with drama. So then that which was not seen or thought of before is revealed suddenly and in a way that will never be forgotten.

We should always keep in mind that it is part of God's very nature to remain unseen and to keep His will and nature hidden from human perception until it is in His perfect will to reveal Himself to us. That is how our faith is strengthened and our trust is deepened.

There are times in the experience of every believer when we have asked God for His hand to move and change some circumstance of our life, only to be disappointed when nothing seems to have changed. We might have asked for specific guidance, and the answer seems to have been a deafening silence. What do we do then? The answer is, we gather all the scattered disappointments, confusion and unanswered prayers, setting them back into the hands of the Lord, praying with a renewed and

Fourth's First Annual Spring Festival

Rob Norris, Senior Pastor

The Spring Festival is almost upon us. On Saturday April 9, from 3 to 6pm, we have planned a time of fun and fellowship for the whole family. It is a time not only for the "Family of Fourth." It is an opportunity for us all to bring non-churched friends from our communities to enjoy this festival together.

There is planned a blue grass concert, together with food for all. There will be plenty of activities for our children with a large inflatable moon bounce outside in the Lower Parking Lot as well as farm animals and pet adoption.

A car show is planned for older enthusiasts and a trackless train will delight all ages as it conveys children around the church property.

Inside Halverson Hall there will be an art show and our libraries will be open to visitors.

Rooms inside our new addition will be utilized for games and science discovery projects and a gardening area.

All this is designed to bring into the church people who would never darken its doors for any other reason. It will be an opportunity to invite new friends and neighbors to our Easter services to return and explore with us the claims of Christ.

The success of this festival depends not only on the many volunteers who have made it possible but upon YOU, as you bring friends, invite neighbors, and encourage those you know to come and see.

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You are invited to

Holy Week at Fourth

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!"

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

PALM SUNDAY MORNING

8, 9:30 & 11am services with Dr. Robert Norris
"The Stretched Out Hand of God" | Luke 19:28-48
 Children's processional with palms at 9:30am and 11:00am
 Music will be led by Ring Forth!, Celebration and Covenant Choirs.

PALM SUNDAY EVENING

6:00pm Communion service with Rev. Todd Smedley
"The Blessed Coming" | John 12:12-19

Seder Service

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:30pm meal and celebration
 Join us in the Upper Room for a family Seder meal in which we will recall the Passover meal celebrated by Our Lord Jesus Christ. We'll see the significance of that meal in God's plan of redemption preparing prepares for the coming of the Savior and the establishing of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Families are welcome at this service.

Maundy Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

7:30pm Communion service with Rev. Todd Smedley
"Remembering Until He Comes" | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 Music will be led by our Youth Choir.
 Childcare for infants-kindergarten will be available in Room 210.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:30pm Tenebrae service with Dr. Robert M. Norris
"The Blood that Speaks" | Hebrews 12:18-24
 Music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir.
 Childcare for infants-kindergarten will be available in Room 210.

Good Friday

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

EASTER SUNRISE

6am morning sunrise Communion service with Dr. Robert Norris
"He Cannot Die" | Romans 6:1-9
 The service will be held on the front steps (River Road side) of the church and a continental breakfast will follow in the Upper Room.

Easter

EASTER MORNING

8, 9:30, & 11am services with Dr. Robert Norris
"The Sure Thing" | Acts 2:22-36
 Music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir and Fourth Orchestra.

CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION

During 9:30am Sunday school, children will explore the Easter prophecy in a joyful assembly filled with drama, music, and activities.

EASTER EVENING

6pm Communion service with Rev. Todd Smedley
"Resurrection Hope" | 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Our music team will provide special music.

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Fourth Family Milestones

Births and Adoptions: Lauren Reed, x231, lreed@4thpres.org; **Marriages:** Jean Erskine, x205; jerskine@4thpres.org; **Anniversaries:** Jeri Weaver, x206; jweaver@4thpres.org; **Deaths:** Carolyn Gwadz, x217; cgwadz@4thpres.org
 Information reported to these sources will automatically be included in this monthly listing unless you request otherwise.
 We welcome your pictures! Send photos to accompany your announcements to jweaver@4thpres.org.

~Birth~

James Theodore Bodoh | February 24, 2011
 Parents: Dominic and Jessica (Gabel) Bodoh



~Deaths~

Jay (Jimmy) Lee | February 14, 2011
 Husband of Heu Sook (Sookie) Lee
 Father of Brian (Teresa) Lee and Erich Lee

Verna Horner | March 9, 2011
 Mother of Gary Horner, Doug Horner
 and Carol Horner Marshall



From the Pastor's Study "Behind the Lines in Greece" by Bob Perdue

One of the great privileges of being a pastor is the involvement in the lives of your people. You get to be with people in their times of greatest joys and also in their times of greatest sorrows. One of the things you do not get to do is to live their pasts. It is always sad to hear at funerals the things that you never knew about people with whom you have lived and with whom you have walked. So, when they publish parts of their lives, it is a blessing to gain a glimpse of what has helped shape them. Such is the case in reading "Behind the Lines in Greece," wherein Bob Perdue recounts some of the personal experiences that shaped him.

The book is not one of reminiscences however, but a factual retelling of an operational group within the OSS. It reveals some of the experiences that have

helped shape the man we know. It also elaborates the biblical truth that every life matters and that the contribution of individuals helps shape the future. We can and do make a difference for Christ in every sphere in which His providence places us.

*Bob Perdue, author of **Behind the Lines in Greece**, is one of more than 80 of Fourth's "Authors Among Us" whose books are on display and available for checkout in Fourth's Media Center.*

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Adult Education

Blair Smith, Pastor of Adult Education

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World Reformed Fellowship at Fourth Night

On March 30, members of the executive committee of the World Reformed Fellowship, of which Dr. Norris is a member, will join us for Fourth Night. Regularly scheduled adult classes finish on March 23.

On March 30, after our regular dinner, several of the International Board representing ministry from around the world will share. Amongst them will be Dr. Flip Buys, who preached at our Missions Conference last year and who is partnering with us in the development of the seminary in southern Sudan. We will also hear of the work of the fellowship from around the world and also be introduced to the Muslim Consultation which is being arranged to foster effective evangelism amongst Muslims who are traditionally hard to reach with the Gospel. The plenary speakers will present, from 7 to 8pm, with time afterwards for those able to stay to explore further.

The regular children's and middle school programs will be held at the usual time.

Gospel Application *A Special Fourth Night Series*

After Easter, from **April 27 to May 18**, we will hold a special series of lectures during **Fourth Night** on how the Gospel is applied in our daily lives, our relationships, and in neighborhoods and city. The talks will take place, 7 - 8pm, each Wednesday after our buffet dinner and concurrent with our regular children's and middle school programs. On the last week, May 18, Dr. Norris will speak to how we apply the Gospel as we welcome others into the life of our church. His brief talk will be followed by a church-wide Ministry Fair where you can find out more about Fourth's various ministries and how you can serve in them.

- April 27** **Daily Discipleship: *The Gospel and Day-by-Day Christian Living***

Speaker: Dr. Glen Knecht, former Fourth Church pastor, former Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC, and Wallace Memorial Church in College Park. Dr. Knecht is now pastor of Christ Reformed Evangelical Church in Annapolis.
- May 4** **Grace-shaped Relationships: *The Gospel and Those Closest to Us***

Speaker: Rev. Stephen Smallman, former pastor of 30 years at McLean Presbyterian Church, author of seven books on topics from discipleship to communicating the Gospel to children. Rev. Smallman currently serves with CityNet Ministries of Philadelphia, a dynamic ministry of church planting, pastoral training and mercy ministry.
- May 11** **Real World Ministry: *The Gospel, our Neighbors, our City***

Speaker: Dr. Mark Gornik, Director of City Seminary of New York. Dr. Gornik has spent the last 25 years of his life as a pastor, community developer and researcher in African churches in NYC and beyond. He is the author of *To Live in Peace: Biblical Faith and the Changing Inner City*, based on his experience in Sandtown, Baltimore.
- May 18** **Providing Home: *The Gospel and Hospitality in the Church*, followed by church-wide Ministry Fair**

Speaker: Dr. Rob Norris, Senior Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church

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Cost of Saturday Retreat:

Included in the registration fee:

Continental Breakfast, lunch, afternoon ice cream social

\$65 per woman by April 2
\$70 per woman after April 2

Click here to [Register Online](#)

The Simple Pleasures of Living as Abba's Child

Saturday, April 30

Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD

Do you live as a beloved child of God? How would your life be different if you did? Come and find the rest that living as a child of God brings. Speaker Elizabeth Fitch will present insightful messages on this topic, and small group conversations will help us apply these truths to our lives. Enjoy the refreshment of new and old relationships with your sisters in Christ, and take some time to rest alone with God, as well, in this beautiful setting.

Optional Friday Night Room Rental:

We have reserved 19 rooms for Friday, April 29. Rest, relax, and rejuvenate with a night's stay at the hotel or party with your friends before the official retreat begins on Saturday, April 30. Overnight guests can use the heated pool and jacuzzi or make an appointment at the spa for a facial or massage.

If you would like to rent a beautifully appointed room at a special rate, please call Turf Valley Resort directly at 410-465-1500. Please use the **code 27Q4XK** or mention that you are attending the Women of Fourth Retreat on Saturday, April 30.

Cost of Optional Room:

\$114 *plus tax* 1-2 women to a room
(*price does not include 3-4 women sharing a room*)

\$10 Discount on registration fee for 1-2 women who rent a room on Friday night.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Women's Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 10, 11:30am-2pm, Upper Room

"On the Blessed Path: Relying on God's Word in Life's Decisions," presented by Barbara Murray.

Child care will be provided.

Look for registration tables in Halverson Hall toward the end of April. Cost is \$15.

Why Does Fourth Presbyterian Church have a School?

Sterling Mebring, Elder/Fourth School Board Member

As spring rolls around, many parents are thinking about school choices and enrollment decisions for the fall. A privilege of living in the metropolitan area is that we have choices—various private schools and a public system that still attracts many to our area. With such a large selection at our disposal already, one might ask, “Why did Fourth start a school in the first place?”

Stated simply, it is because as a church we take baptism seriously. This sounds odd at first, but when a covenant child is baptized at Fourth, the congregation commits to support parents as they raise them “in the nurture (paideia) and admonition of the Lord.” The term “paideia” was originally used by the Greeks to refer to education and to culture. Therefore, this baptismal commitment naturally informs the pressing concerns of all parents regarding their children’s education.

The Need

In 1993, in the midst of a national decline in education standards, what our church leaders, and dozens of congregational members desired was a distinctive kind of school, a Christian school that was both genuinely Christian and a seriously conceived educational project. In 1994, the Session authorized the formation of the Christian School Committee, whose mission was to develop an affirmative vision of what an authentic Christian education should be.

Distinctive Education

The committee spent a year vigorously discussing, reading, consulting with educational leaders, and visiting the best Christian schools that could be found nationally. Our investigation revealed four models of Christian schools--three of which were not compelling or appropriate: (1) The “baptized public schools” tended to identify themselves as Christian by casually adding a school prayer and a Bible course. In other cases it was only by distant historic association that they could claim to be Christian. (2) The separatist schools seemed to define themselves by what they were not, and by what they avoided. These schools sought to isolate their students from the world rather than educate them about it. (3) The evangelistic schools provided education as an opportunity to evangelize and bring people into the church.

We found most compelling a fourth model, the rich heritage of the Reformation and the schools influenced by those convictions. Sometimes called covenant schools because they generally only enroll covenant children, or children of believers, these schools form a model which the committee embraced.

Much educational philosophy rests upon distinguishing the good from the

better, and de-emphasizing all else for what is the very best. This Christian tradition has several distinctive doctrinal emphases that uniquely inform these decisions. For example, the distinctive emphasis on the sovereignty of God leads inevitably to the notion that all truth is God’s truth. This vitalizes the project of integration, creating a curriculum that finds connections and relationships because fundamentally all truth is integrated, having a common origin. Like the rays of light that find their birthplace in the sun, truth finds its single source in the mind of God. A curriculum integrated around Scripture, and bravely finding truth wherever it is revealed grows out of this conviction.

Other distinctive convictions such as the creation mandate from God that gives man his culturep-creating marching orders, the idea of vocation that points us to our primary service to God as we are engaged in diverse pursuits in the world, the doctrine of depravity which informs the need for discipline and constructive discomfort in school. These and more make for a sophisticated basis for educational priorities and decisions. One hundred years ago, classical education was widely acknowledged, among secular and Christian educators, as the finest education. A classical education consists of an integrated curriculum of literature and the humanities, historically organized and informed by a reformed Christian worldview. That ‘dimly remembered’ idea of education merged neatly with our doctrinal tradition. Today these ideas conflict unhappily with modern romantic notions about human perfection and the pragmatic ends of education and consumerism. What was needed was not a new emphasis or a curriculum change, it called for a new school.

In 1995, the committee delivered a compelling rationale and statement of vision, which drew popular support. The vision was unanimously accepted by the Session, cottage meetings galvanized parent and donor support, and, with God’s blessing and provision, the school opened in 1999 on its own campus in Potomac, MD.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church sponsors and encourages the growth of the Fourth Presbyterian School because the education “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” is central to our mission. We take that task seriously and seek to equip the families of our church to raise their children to be Christ’s true disciples as they take their place in the world, the home, and the church. The Fourth Presbyterian School will not meet the needs of every family or even every Fourth family, but the Session believed this institution and the mutual influence of school and church will bless our entire community, whether they choose to educate their children in the Fourth School, public or private schools, or home school.

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Fourth School Student Wins the Montgomery County Regional Spelling Bee

Will Go on to Compete in Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC

John Murray, Headmaster

The Fourth Presbyterian School hosted the third annual Scripps Regional Spelling Bee for Montgomery County on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The bee is sponsored by The Meakem Group of Wells Fargo and was held in the Upper Room here at Fourth Church. The following 34 Montgomery County public and private schools, home school group, and individual home school families were represented this year:

Bradley Hills Elementary School	Norwood School	Georgian Forest Elementary School	St. John's Episcopal School
Montrose Christian School	Connelly School of the Holy Child	Rocky Hill Middle School	Holy Cross Elementary School
Briggs Chaney Middle School	Pine Crest Elementary School	German School	Takoma Park Middle School
Muslim Community School	Flower Hill Elementary School	St. Andrew's Episcopal School	Julius West Middle School
Chieftain Christian Academy	Rachel Carson Elementary School	Grace Episcopal Day School	Tang Home-School Family
Neelsville Middle School	Fourth Presbyterian School	St. Bernadette School	Little Bennett Elementary School
Clearspring Elementary School	Ridgeview Middle School	Greenwood Elementary School	Whetstone Elementary School
North Bethesda Middle School	Garrett Park Elementary School	St. Jane Dechantal School	
Cold Spring Elementary School	Robert Frost Middle School	Herbert Hoover Middle School	

After ten rounds, it was narrowed down to two students: Marina Stumpf, an eighth grader from Grace Episcopal Day School, and Susanna Yau, a seventh grader from Fourth Presbyterian School. The two middle school girls then continued for several more rounds without faltering, but then, in the 17th round, Marina misspelled "neophyte." Susanna correctly spelled "Rubicon" to win the round and then clinched the title with the championship word "ineluctable."

Susanna will now go on to compete in the 84th Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC on June 1, along with hundreds of other elementary and middle school students from across the United States. The winner of the National Bee receives a \$30,000 cash prize and an engraved loving cup trophy from Scripps, a \$2,500 savings bond, a reference library from Merriam-Webster, \$3,800 in reference works from Encyclopedia Britannica, and a \$5,000 cash prize from the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation.

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Susanna Yau competes in the Montgomery County Regional Bee



Susanna Yau and Carolyn Meakem of The Meakem Group of Wells Fargo

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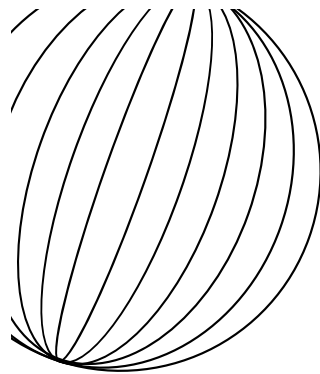
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Mission & Outreach Missions in March

Rob Yancey, Missions & Outreach Director

The month of March proved to be busy for Missions at Fourth. We had over 15 members from our congregation doing ministry in over 15 countries. We also had the opportunity to host the Board of the World Reformed Fellowship. Below is closer look at a few of these items...

JAPAN

Team Members: Corey Grey, Lyn Huff, James Hoobler, Daven Petite, Carol VanDuzer, Rob Yancey

Trip Description:

Japan has a population of 128 million people and Christians make up less than 1%. Fourth has two missionary families in Japan that we are privileged to partner with, Craig & Yumiko Chapin and Eric & Sue Takamoto. From March 7-17 a team from Fourth traveled to Japan to minister to these families and their needs. The Fourth team put on a Vacation Bible School for close to 30 missionary children. The parents of most of these kids are planting churches and these church plants often aren't of the size and don't have the resources to have a significant children's ministry. The program we put on for them is one of the few times they can gather with other kids their age and learn about God. The Fourth team also traveled to Sanda, where the Takamotos live. There they assisted them with a couple of outreach events. For a day-by-day account of the trip, please see: <http://fourthtojapan.wordpress.com>.

For a look at our favorite photos from the trip, click [here](#).

SOUTH SUDAN

Team Members: Robert and Mellissa Labutta

Trip Description:

Robert and Mellissa joined a team of 25 from Covenant Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Omaha, NE that spent 10 days, March 10-20, in Kejo Keji south Sudan ministering for Christ & His kingdom. The medical mission of the team was well equipped with 12 doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and planned to see 10,000 Sudanese patients

through the Family Practice clinics that were set up upon arrival. Besides the actual ministry, part of the Labuttas' aim was to investigate and prepare for leading future short-term medical trips to southern Sudan made up of medical professionals from Fourth and in partnership with Fourth's initiatives in the region.

DUBAI

Team Members: Peggy Gnehm, Carol Anne Griffith

Trip Description:

Peggy and Carol went to Dubai with Women of the Harvest (WHO) ministries. The aim of their trip was to encourage woman missionaries from throughout the Middle East and North Africa who would be attending a retreat in Dubai. These women missionaries labor in a difficult context and this retreat provides them with an opportunity to receive spiritual, emotional, and physical renewal.

World Reformed Fellowship

At the end of March we will host the Board of the World Reformed Fellowship (WRF), a body of reformed individuals, churches, denominations, and seminaries. It provides an opportunity to partner with like-minded believers from around the world. On Tuesday, March 29 we will host them at a dinner in the Upper Room, and on the following day several members of the Board will participate in our Fourth Night activities.

OTHER TRIPS

South Africa—Sarah Mears, Fourth college student doing education and mercy ministry for six months with one of Fourth's partners.

CHICAGO—Alison Muscato, Fourth college student doing week long mercy ministry.

6th Annual Easter Celebration

Pamela Roylance, Co-chair, Faith in Action

Celebrate Easter with the Hispanic Family Ministry at Central Union Mission. This is the same group of children from our Christmas outreach.

Each year, Fourth organizes the Easter Egg Hunt of more than 3,000 eggs stuffed with chocolate candy. We need donations of chocolate candy—better yet, plastic Easter eggs stuffed with candy.

There will be a basket in Halverson Hall on Sundays so you can drop off your candy or eggs. The Easter Celebration will be at Camp Bennett in Olney, MD, on Easter Monday. Contact Pamela Roylance, 301-424-4742 for additional information.



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CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



Easter Reading/ Viewing Choices in the Children's Library

BOOKS:

- The Easter Story* by Heather Amery
- An Easter Gift for Me* by Crystal Bowman
- The Story of Easter: eyewitness animals* by Robin Currie
- Mary and the Empty Tomb* by Alice Davidson
- My First Story of Easter* by Tim Dowley
- Miracle in the Morning: the wonderful story of Easter* by Mary E. Erickson
- The Easter Women* by Carol Greene
- He Is Alive!* by Helen Haidle
- Journey to the Cross: the complete Easter story for young readers* by Helen Haidle
- Parable of the Lily* by Liz Curtis Higgs
- That's My Colt: an Easter tale* by Dandi Daley Mackall
- The Story of the Easter Robin* by Dandi Daley Mackall
- The Very First Easter* by Paul L. Maier
- The Story of Easter* by Patricia A. Pingry
- Duncan Carries A King: a donkey's tale* by Dan Taylor
- The Legend of the Easter Egg* by Christoph Von Schmid

- Peter's First Easter* by Walter Wangerin
- The Easter Story* by Brain Wildsmith
- Passion Hymns for a Kid's Heart* by Bobbie Wolgemuth
- The Story of the First Easter* by Bill Yenne

MOVIES:

- And It Was So!: God's Power and Forgiveness
- An Easter Carol
- He Is Risen
- How Can I Celebrate Passover?
- The Easter Promise/The Witness
- The Easter Story Keepers
- The First Easter
- The Last Stone
- Three Easter Classics: Easter Is/ Magic Boy's Easter/ The Puzzle Club Easter Adventure
- The Story Behind the Cross
- The Story of Easter

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During a recent visit from Christian Focus Publications in Scotland, author/editor Catherine MacKenzie reads to children in the library.

Fourth libraries have more than 100 books from this publisher.

Click [here](#) to see list of Christian Focus Publications in the Children's Library.



Catherine MacKenzie's books, as well as those written by her mother, Carine MacKenzie, are on display this month in the Children's Library.

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DEACONS CORNER

A Family of Dedicated Families

Carol Bontempo, Deacon

The Family of Fourth consists of many individual families, each with its own special connections within the Body of Christ. Some families are new to the church; some have service links that go back through generations. This is certainly true of the Board of Deacons, a few of whose stories we'll share with you.

A commitment to service often occurs in families connected by marriage. Our outgoing Board Chair, Jeff Hearle, is the son-in-law of Deacon Donna Collins and Trustee Dennis Collins. His wife Claire served on the Summer Youth Staff, as did their son Todd, who helped with the rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Andrew. In the early 90's, the Collins family hosted a high school group, Catacombs, under Youth Pastors Corey Gray and Jim Byrne.

Speaking of generations, both Charlie Smith and Rebekah Burrows are children of former deacons, and Rebekah is also the sister-in-law of Mike Castillo, who served on the Board in the early 2000's. Barbara Hocker, another current Deacon, is married to John, an Elder for six years and a Trustee for three. They have headed the New Members Committee for more than 20 years.

The Gnehms are another service-minded family. Deacon Peggy is a former Vice-Chair of the Board, and has participated in several short-term mission trips. Her husband Skip is a newly-elected Elder and serves as a Table Leader in the 9:30 Pastors Class.

A favorite saying is: "once a Deacon always a Deacon," and former deacons often return to the Board. Jackie Keller served several years ago and is now back on the Board, while her husband, Anson, is an Elder and a Table Leader and Coordinator for the 9:30 Pastors' Class. Deacon Carol Graham, also serving a second term, is the daughter of an effective church planter, while incoming Board Chair Don Robinson has also served before, and his wife Susie has contributed to the Church in numerous ways, including many years on the Women of Fourth Retreat Committee. In addition, several of our outgoing deacons are "re-uppers," including Martha Jenkins, Bev Klassen, Camille Weithers, and Susan Zinger (and they may be back again!).

Later this year, we'll tell you about some family connections among our incoming deacons. And I know there are a lot of stories I haven't heard yet. If you have more Deacon stories that we could include in the next installment (sometime this summer), please let me know, so we can all share some of the amazing ways that each branch of the vine nourishes and encourages the others.



Please join us in praying for our youth this month.

April 1-8: Pray for middle and high school students, that they'll continue to grow in their faith. Pray that they would reach out to their peers and share God's love. Pray for the whole youth family, that God would continue to teach, discipline, and grow each in His love.

April 9-15: Pray for the 2011 Communicants Class. They will complete their course with a dinner on April 13, when they will share their statements of faith and be welcomed into the church body.

April 16-23: Pray for the Senior Florida Trip (16-23). Pray for the seniors and staff that are on this week-long trip. Pray for the students as they learn to prepare for the transition from high school to college. Pray for safety, and for this to be a great week of fun and fellowship.

April 24-30: Pray for the summer. Pray as programs are planned and as trips are readied. Pray for the time of preparation, team building, and safety. Pray for the Summer Staff that will begin their summer of service in less than a month.

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Easter Lilies

Do you wish to donate lilies or spring flowers to grace the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of a loved one? The plants are \$12 each. Checks should be made payable to **Fourth Presbyterian Church** with the memo to **Flower Fund**. The plants will be available for you to take home AFTER the Easter Sunday evening service. Please mail the information below to Fourth Presbyterian Church, c/o Flower Ministry, 5500 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20816-3399. Or you may put the form in the Flower Ministry box in the Church Office. **The deadline for orders is April 17, 2011.**

Given by (your name): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

- I can take my plant(s) AFTER the Easter Sunday evening service.
- Please deliver my plant(s) to shut-ins.