

Notes

This Week

Family Prayer Page

For the Week of December 8 - 13

Sunday, December 8

12:30pm Congregational Meeting Sanctuary
6:00pm Children's Celebration of Christmas— York Nativity Play Upper Room

Monday, December 9

9:30am Body and Soul Upper Room
7:00pm Abigail Circle (Bethesda/Rockville)
7:15pm Martha Circle (Potomac)

Tuesday, December 10

9:30am Community Bible Study (CBS) Sanctuary
11:30am YAH Christmas Luncheon Upper Room
6:30pm ESOL International Christmas Potluck Dinner Upper Room A
7:00pm Esther Circle (Silver Spring)
7:00pm Ruth Circle (DC)
7:00pm Lessons and Carols Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:30pm Missions Committee Meeting Upper Room B

Wednesday, December 11

9:30am Body and Soul Upper Room
10:30am Lydia Circle (Fourth) Room 111

Thursday, December 12

8:15am Holton Arms Moms in Prayer Parlor
9:00am Classical Conversations Homeschool Group Room 102
10:30am Ladies Thursday Bible Study Offsite

For more information contact Patricia Windsor, 301-320-3600.

12:15pm Body and Soul Upper Room
7:00pm Lessons and Carols Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:45pm YCF Fellowship and Bible Study Offsite

For more information contact Rev. Dave O'Connell, dconnell@4thpres.org.

Friday, December 13

9:30am Body and Soul Room 131
8:00pm Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert Sanctuary

Saturday, December 14

8:45am Middle School Outreach—Star of Bethlehem Room 102

We now maintain the long-term, recuperating, foreign/military service, and missionary health prayer needs of the congregation via the church-wide email system. Prayer needs from the Fourth family will remain printed in the bulletin for up to four weeks but stay on the email list as long as needed. Contact Chelsea Custer, ccuster@4thpres.org, to subscribe to these emails.

Recuperating

Mae McNamara

Fourth's Family Roster

Miguel & Conchita Valencia
Tabo & Kelly Valencia
Ted Van Der Meid
David & Carol Van Duzer
Kate Van Duzer
Suzanne Vander Mey

Unable to Attend Regularly

Nancy Gregory

Missionary Prayer Request

Robert and Joyce, EPC, Sensitive—Continue to pray for Rainbow Kids' Daycare as it ministers to migrant worker communities and refugees. Pray specifically for Joyce's peace and joy as she balances work, family, and ministry. Pray for their three children as they discern future plans.

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Announcements for December 8 - 13

Congregational Care

Young at Heart (age 55 or above): Please join us for a Luncheon and Christmas Carols this Tuesday, December 10 at 11:30am in the Upper Room. There will be a special Christmas music team and lunch catered by Leonardo. Cost is \$5 payable at the door, defrayed by a generous donor.

Music Ministry

The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be Friday, December 13 at 8pm and Sunday, December 15 at 6pm. Invitation cards are available for you in the Media Center, Church Office, and Welcome Center. Use them to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to enjoy Advent Scripture lessons and traditional carols.

Outreach

This Christmas share the joy of Making Mercy Happen by giving... little fat pig, milk cow, load of firewood, Sunshine School books, or Grant a Wish for a Darius House child. This gift will be delivered by Romanian Christian Enterprises to impoverished families and orphans in Romania on behalf of your friends and family. Learn more about this Fourth Church partnership ministry and pick up your alternative giving packet in Halverson Hall.

Faith in Action will be in Halverson Hall today having a toy drive and handing out wishes from children from Central Union Mission and Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Program. For information or names, contact Pamela.

Faith in Action will collect for the inner city TODAY in the Upper Lot. All items in good condition are welcome. All grocery items, including but not limited to canned meats, peanut butter, juices, cereal, paper products or any staples items are appreciated.

For safety and traffic concerns, please pull your vehicles to the left, forming a line allowing others to pass on the right.

Children's Ministries

Join us TONIGHT at 6:00pm in the Upper Room for Fourth's traditional Children's Celebration of Christmas. Rev. Dave O'Connell and the children of the Sunday School will lead the evening worship service with a presentation of the York Nativity Play and special music by the Celebration Choir and the Ring Forth!. A party will follow so please bring a tray of finger food to share.

Women's Ministry

Mark your new calendars ... Ladies Night Out: Organization Edition!—January 24, 7pm. Tools and tips to equip you in the new year! Come enjoy fellowship and a lively panel discussion led by women from Fourth gifted in organization!

Women's Retreat - April 4-6— with Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie and singer/songwriters Keith and Kristen Getty at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort. Keep an eye out. Registration will begin later this month.

Church-Wide

The Session has called a church-wide congregational meeting TODAY at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is for members of the congregation to consider and vote on two resolutions presented by Session. First, the congregation will consider and vote on a resolution to amend Article VII ("Call of Pastors") of the church's bylaws to add a new Section D to permit an alternative pastor successor process to the current search committee process. Second, if the bylaw amendment is approved, the congregation will consider and vote on a resolution to approve Rev. Dr. Todd Smedley as the next Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Both resolutions will be subject to discussion and debate. Voting will be by secret ballot. The vote on each resolution will be "yea" or "nay" without amendments. Copies of the resolutions are available in the Media Center and the Visitors Center.

Child care will be provided for children through 5th grade. There will be extended bus service.



ADVENT EVENING SERVICES:

Children's Christmas Celebration
Sunday, December 8, 6pm in the Upper Room
York Nativity Play

Lessons and Carols
Friday, December 13, 8pm
Sunday, December 15, 6pm in the Sanctuary

Christmas Communion Service
Sunday December 22, 6pm in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

Family Service
December 24, 5pm in the Upper Room

Communion Service
December 24, 8pm in the Sanctuary

Candlelight Service
December 24, 11pm in the Sanctuary