

This Week

As we welcome Todd Smedley as our Senior Pastor many have asked if there might be a tangible way to express our appreciation for Rob Norris' 32 years at Fourth. Rob and Caren have raised their children among us, loved us, served us, and prayed for us. Today their children are in locations stretching from Europe to the Central Pacific.

Session believes that an appropriate way to express our appreciation is to provide them the ability to visit and to strengthen their children as they have strengthened us. Session has, thus, endorsed a "Love Gift" in the form of a pair of air tickets sufficient to cover the needed travel and, if possible, associated expenses.

If you would like to contribute to this love gift please indicate on your contribution check or envelope "Rob's Travel" to insure your gift goes to this special fund. Funds should be received by November 15.

Reaching out in this special way to Rob and Caren, we prayerfully thank you for your continued support of the church, as we move toward the end of the calendar year and the close of the current budget cycle.

With the affection of Christ Jesus...to the glory and praise of God,

Session

Fourth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 11

12:30pm	Nominating Committee	Room 130
12:30pm	Medical/Science Fellowship Luncheon	Upper Room
1:00pm	Boland Community Group (Vienna/Oakton)	Offsite
4:00pm	Thatch Community Group (Bethesda)	Offsite

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day—Church Offices Closed

7:00pm	Curtis Community Group (Bethesda)	Offsite
7:00pm	Dinner & Alpha Course	Offsite
7:15pm	Martha Circle (Potomac—Bev Langston: 301-983-1898)	Offsite

Tuesday, October 13

9:30am	Community Bible Study w/Children's Program	Sanctuary
7:00pm	Esther Circle (Silver Spring)	Offsite
7:30pm	Treseler Community Group (Rockville)	Offsite
7:30pm	Fourth Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30pm	Missions Committee	Room 131

Wednesday, October 14

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
9:30am	G2G Bible Study w/Children's Program	Various Rooms
10:30am	Lydia Circle	Room 111
5:30pm	Fourth Night Prayer	Parlor
5:45pm	Fourth Night Dinner	Upper Room
5:45pm	Middle School Bible Study—The Rock	Room 102
5:45pm	High School Bible Study—The Root	Room 007
7:00pm	Fourth Night Classes	Various Rooms
7:00pm	New Members Class	Room 131
7:00pm	ESOL Fall/Winter	Various Rooms

Thursday, October 15

8:30am	Holton & Landon Moms in Prayer	Parlor
9:00am	Classical Conversations Homeschool Group	Various Rooms
9:45am	Moms in Prayer Bible Study	Chapel
10:30am	Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	Offsite
12:30pm	Body and Soul	Upper Room
6:30pm	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	Room 102
7:00pm	Jones Community Group (Laytonsville)	Offsite
7:00pm	Divorce Care	Emmaus House Sunroom
7:30pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	Room 131
7:45pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:45pm	Young Career Fellowship	Room 130

Friday, October 16

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
10:30am	Women's Reformed Theology Reading Group	Room 132
7:30pm	Kiess Community Group (McLean)	Offsite
7:30pm	Bronson Community Group (Rockville)	Offsite
7:30pm	Jubilate String Quartet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, October 17

9:30am	NOVA Circle	Offsite
10:00am	Mary Circle (Gaithersburg/Germantown/Frederick)	Offsite

Family Prayer Page

For the Week of October 11- October 17

We maintain the complete list of prayer needs of the congregation via the Churchwide email system. Printed copies are available in the Media Center. Prayer needs from the Fourth family remain printed in the bulletin for up to four weeks but stay on the email list as long as needed. A complete list of those with long term health needs is printed in the bulletin monthly. Contact Charlotte FitzGerald, cfitzgerald@4thpres.org, to subscribe to these emails.

Recuperating

Harry Balukjian
Sharon Nyhus
Jack Vrentas
Anne Wetzell
Howard Wetzell

Long Term Health Needs

Gene Beaumont
Barbara Cummins
Ed Davis
Dwight Fortna
Joan Friberg
Charlotte Marsheck
Jim Rowe

Fourth's Family Roster

Shang Ying Hsiung
Fred & Cecelia Hubach
Larry & Lyn Huff
Bob & Linda Hughes
John Hunsberger
Shirley Hurwitz

Unable to Attend Regularly

Mrs. Melodie Sackett c/o Geoffrey Sackett:
1611 Candlewood Pl NE Leesburg, VA 20176-6612

Additional Prayer Request

Pray for the York, PA church plant. Dr. Norris will preach the opening worship service next Sunday, October 18.

Missionary Prayer Requests

D & B, Middle East

Pray for our missionary couple working in the Yezidi refugee camp. The Yezidis are being pushed out of Iraq by ISIS and many have lost their land and homes. This is part of a genocide that has been going on for many years. They are waiting for any country to receive them. Pray for the director of the refugee camp who has witnessed the sacrificial service, generosity and love of a steady stream of Christian volunteers serving at the camp. Pray for the salvation of this influential man.

Announcements for Oct 11- Oct 17

At the evening service on October 18, Dr. Todd Smedley will be installed as the eighth Senior Pastor of Fourth Church. A reception will follow in the Upper Room to share in the joy of welcoming Todd as our new Senior Pastor. Everyone is invited to attend the service and the reception, taking this opportunity to encourage Todd and enjoy light refreshments together.

Media Center

DVDs and CDs from the September reception recognizing Rob Norris' 32 years of service as Senior Pastor are available for sale in the Media Center (DVDs - \$5 and CDs - \$3).

A few more copies of Rob Norris' book, *To Live the Gospel: Things that Matter Most*, are still available in the Media Center for \$10.

Packaged sets of the full services from the August four-part series, "In the Grip of Grace" are being sold in the Media Center for \$15.

Music Ministry

Fourth Orchestra welcomes anyone who plays a woodwind, brass or stringed instrument, high school age and adult. They especially need stringed instruments and trombones. Fourth Orchestra plays in the worship services five times between October and May. The first scheduled date is October 25 in the morning services. Rehearsals for these services are Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 21, both at 7:30pm. Music can be picked up TODAY between 8-11:30am in the Music Office.

Young Career Fellowship

Calling all young adults to the YCF Fall Retreat to NorthBay, October 30-November 1. Join friends on the zip-line, ropes course, giant swing, frisbee golf, roasting s'mores, and learning from God's Word. Find more information and online registration at 4thpres.org/ycfevents.

Adult Education

SAVE THE DATE: C.S. Lewis Conference—On Friday, November 13, 7:15-9:30pm, Fourth Church will host Dr. Gary Habermas, Distinguished Research Professor of Apologetics and Philosophy at Liberty University, as he presents The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus. Find more information and online registration at cslewisinstitute.org/Resurrection.

Flower Committee

Fourth's Flower Committee needs more members. Flower lovers are invited to join (small time commitment) and learn to create arrangements for the glory of God. Contact Lois Smith.

Outreach Ministry

Would you like to pray for our missionaries on a regular basis? Sign up to receive emails highlighting a few missionaries each week. Contact the Missions Office at cfitzgerald@4thpres.org to sign up.

You are invited to attend the annual benefit for Romanian Christian Enterprises on October 23 at 7pm at McLean Presbyterian Church. R.C.E. is a partnership ministry with Fourth Church, bringing God's love and special care to the poor, the widow, and the orphan to the glory of God in Romania, through programs like Sunshine School, Amy's House, and Darius House. Join us for a light dinner and to hear from special guests Mihai and Carmen Bosca along with Imola, who will share her story of God's restoration and redemption through RCE. Business attire. Please RSVP at rcenterprises.org.

Please join other Fourth members this Thursday, October 15 at a prayer vigil on a public sidewalk in Germantown near a townhouse where 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions are performed. We join other churches that have chosen one day during 40 Days for Life to pray. You may choose one or more hours, 7am-8pm, to join us in praying quietly for the parents, the doctor, and of course the babies. For more information or to sign up, contact Bill and Marsha Nickels.

Congregational Care

Young at Heart Presents the Return of the Antiques Road Show, Friday, October 23, 11:45am in the Upper Room. Lunch cost is \$5. RSVP by October 14 to Charlotte FitzGerald at cfitzgerald@4thpres.org or 301-320-3600 x216.

Faith in Action (Urban Ministries):

Are you cleaning out your house? Faith in Action will have a cargo van in the Upper Parking Lot TODAY, 9-11am. In addition to needing staple grocery items and paper products, we could use donations of your old PG-rated movies. All items in good condition are appreciated. Thank you.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Reformed Theology Reading Group will meet October 16 to discuss Calvin's Institutes, Book III, Chapters 12,13,14. All are welcome. Room 132, 10:30am-12. Esther Steele, RTReading@4thpres.org.

One very important Save-the-Date: Mark your calendar on December 9 for our luncheon or evening dessert, when Kristie Anyabwile will speak about "Our Good, Gift-Giving God." She is married to Thabiti Anyabwile, pastor of Anacostia River Church in Southeast Washington, DC. (To get acquainted with Kristie beforehand, you can read her blog or follow her on Twitter.)

Church-wide

Help us prepare a book for Rob Norris as his 32-year ministry as Senior Pastor concludes. Please submit notes, letters, photos, and/or drawings on 8.5"x 11" paper, to be scanned and included in the book. The deadline to receive these is TODAY. You may bring or mail items to the Church Office or email to book@4thpres.org.

This year's update for the church directory is now available in the Welcome Center on Sundays and in the Church Office during the week. The update is free if you purchased a directory last year, and \$5 if you are listed in the directory and did not purchase one last year. Complete directories, including the update, cost \$15.

The Science and Healthcare Fellowship luncheon is TODAY, after the 11am worship service in the Upper Room. John Heater, Director, TEAMS for Medical Missions, will speak on Serving Jamaica Together. Ray Shive (and wife Ruth), former director of TEAMS, and Georgia Perdue, chairman, Medicines for Missionaries, will also speak. The luncheon is free for students and children; cost is \$5 at the door for others.

The Nominating Committee is prayerfully considering nominees for offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. We request that you recommend individuals from our congregation for our consideration. Please submit recommendations as soon as possible, and note that there is a particular need for Deacon candidates; please obtain permission from the individual you wish to recommend before submitting his/her name.

Printed nomination forms are available in the Media Center and Church Office. Deposit your completed forms in the office folder for the Committee Chair, Doug Smoot or Vice-Chair, John Ritterpusch; folders are in the Church Office. Nominations may also be submitted on line via the church website.