

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 reared 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 ensure 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

This Week

Sunday, October 25

12:30pm Nominating Committee Room 130
 1:00pm Wyatt Community Group (Bethesda) Offsite
 4:00pm Thatch Community Group (Bethesda) Offsite

Monday, October 26

9:30am Body and Soul Upper Room
 1:00pm Women's Prayer Gathering Parlor
 7:00pm Curtis Community Group (Bethesda) Offsite
 7:00pm Dinner & Alpha Course Offsite

Tuesday, October 27

9:30am Community Bible Study w/Children's Program Sanctuary
 7:00pm Boland Community Group (Vienna/Oakton) Offsite
 7:00pm Springfield Civic Association Room 131
 7:30pm Treseler Community Group (Rockville) Offsite

Wednesday, October 28

9:30am Body and Soul Upper Room
 9:30am G2G Bible Study w/Children's Program Various Rooms
 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 New Members Class Room 131
 7:00pm ESOL Classes Various Rooms

Thursday, October 29

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
 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

Friday, October 30

9:30am Body and Soul Upper Room
 3:00pm YCF Fall Retreat Offsite
 7:30pm Kiess Community Group (McLean) Offsite
 7:30pm Bronson Community Group (Rockville) Offsite

Saturday, October 31

Family Prayer Page
For the Week of October 25- October 31

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

Chris Istrati
 Sharon Nyhus
 Jack Vrentas
 Anne Wetzell
 Howard Wetzell

Long Term Health Needs

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

Fourth's Family Roster

Jeff and Allison James
 Joan James
 James & Lisa Jefferys and family
 Kelly Jefferys
 Ed & Martha Jenkins and family
 Robert & Catrin Jenkins

Unable to Attend Regularly

Mrs. Simone Schoch: 5113 Newport Ave Bethesda, MD 20816-3024

Missionary Prayer Requests

Eric Ockenhouse, Reformed University Fellowship

Eric is our new short-term missionary, serving on the campus of Stanford University with RUF. Pray that students would find community wherever they look for it and know that RUF is a safe place to come and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Announcements for Oct 25- Oct 31

Media Center

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

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 still available in the Media Center for \$15.

Young Career Fellowship

Calling all young adults to the YCF Fall Retreat at 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.

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.

Adult Education

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.

Congregational Care

Care for Caregivers support group: Wednesday, November 4, 6-7pm in the Emmaus House. Support and resources for those caring for a loved one. Dinner provided.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors here this morning and invite you to a luncheon on Nov 8 in the Upper Room following our 11am service. This lunch is a great opportunity to meet some of our pastors and other members, and to learn about the variety of ministries and activities here at Fourth. Please let us know you're coming: cfitzgerald@4thpres.org

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.

Join Us at InterVarsity's Urbana "Find Your Life!" Conference in St. Louis, MO. Fourth Church is organizing a group to attend this conference. Sign up before November 1 to get the discounted group rate. The conference is for college students between the ages of 17 and 29.

Conference days are Monday, December 28 – Thursday, December 31; travel days are Sunday, December 27 & Friday, January 1. To learn more, go to www.urbana.org Contact Charlotte FitzGerald at cfitzgerald@4thpres.org if interested.

Urban Ministries

Do you have a heart for the city? As part of our focus on Urban Ministries, the Star of Bethlehem Choir will help lead us in worship at the evening service TONIGHT.

Faith in Action will have a cargo van in the Upper Parking Lot on Sunday, November 8, 9-11am. In addition to needing staple grocery items and paper products, we could use donations of school supplies, such as calculators, binders, paper, spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, etc. All items in good condition are appreciated.

Women's Ministry

Mark your calendar for December 9 for our Christmas 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.)

The women of Fourth pray! Consider joining them for one or both of these opportunities:

- **Commit to praying regularly for a list of women in our church.** You'll get to know other women and strengthen the bonds of those you already know. Contact Jamila at womensprayer@4thpres.org
- **Gather on Monday afternoons at 1pm in the prayer room** to intercede for our church family and their loved ones. Contact Jeri at womensprayer@4thpres.org

Church-wide

Help us prepare a book for Rob Norris to recognize his 32-years as our Senior Pastor. Please submit notes, letters, photos, and/or drawings on 8.5"x 11" paper, to be scanned and included in the book. The deadline is November 15. You may bring or mail items to the Church Office or email to book@4thpres.org.

The 2015 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 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 form 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.**