Notes

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This Week

Sunday, December 13

12:30pm	Nominating Committee	Room 130
6:00pm	A Festival of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary

Monday, December 14

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
1:00pm	Women's Prayer Gathering	Parlor
6:30pm	Mehring Community Group	Offsite
6:30pm	Abigail Circle (Bethesda/Rockville)	Offsite
7:15pm	Martha Circle (Potomac—Bev Langston: 301-983-1898)	Offsite

Tuesday, December 15

6:30am	Men of Fourth Fellowship Breakfast	Upper Room
9:30am	Community Bible Study (CBS)	Various Rooms
7:00pm	Church and Family Life Meeting	Room 132

Wednesday, December16

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room

Thursday, December 17

9:00am	Classical Conversations Homeschool Group	Various Rooms
9:45am	Moms in Prayer Bible Study	Room 142 & 145
12:30pm	Body and Soul	Upper Room
6:30pm	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	Room 102
7:00pm	YCF Christmas Party	Offsite
7:30pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting	Room 131
7:45pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, December 18

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room

Saturday, December 19

Family Prayer Page

For the Week of December 13- December 19

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

Paul Berghaus
Sybil Kitts
Seth Kreider
Lee Sauer
Von Vaughn

Long Term Health Needs

Harry Balukjian
Gene Beaumont
Paisley Billigmeier
Ed Davis
Joan Friberg
AJ Monte

Church Triumphant
Mrs. Lillian W. Acker, December 7, 2015

Fourth's Family Roster

David & Yvonne Kester
Shalom Kester
Soolim Ketehouli
Ara & Anne Khachaturian
Eugenie Khosrofian
Alex Kiess
Catherine Kiess
Tom & Leslie Kiess

Unable to Attend Regularly

Joan Brubaker

Missionary Prayer Requests

The Youngs, EPC World Outreach, Asia

Pray for the many festivals that are going on that are "spiritually oppressive". Pray that God would open the eyes of people so that they would see their need for Jesus and the freedom he brings. Pray too for their teammates whose newborn son hasn't been able to get a visa yet and therefore the family cannot return to their ministry in Asia.

Announcements for Dec 13 - Dec 19

Libraries

The Media Center is a calendar clearinghouse! Bring us your unneeded 2016 calendars, and we'll make them available to anyone who wants one for the new year.

Share the excitement of Advent with your child. The Children's Library has Advent and Christmas books and movies available for checkout.

Adult Discipleship

Sunday school concludes today and resumes January 10. Fourth Night resumes January 6. Information on class offerings will be available later this month.**s**

Men's Ministry

Men of Fourth Breakfast—Tuesday December 15, 6:30-7:30am. Enjoy a hot breakfast, brotherly fellowship, share prayer needs and praises, and hear from Dr. Todd Smedley with a timely lesson from the Scriptures.

Women's Ministry

Bosom Buddies will meet for lunch next Sunday, December 20, in Room 132, following the 11am worship service. If you've been recently diagnosed, are under treatment, or are a survivor of breast cancer, please join us. This is a wonderful hour of sharing with and encouraging one another as we journey together. Contact Janet at bosombuddies@4thpres.org to let us know you're coming or for more information.

The Rockville Pregnancy Clinic needs mentor volunteers for the Effective Parenting Program. Come get involved in this great program which helps and supports new parents. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Mestas at patricia.mestas@rcpc.org or 301-770-4444 x16. Mentoring will begin in 2016, but hope to set a schedule before the holidays.

Generation to Generation (G2G), which meets on Wednesday mornings, begins a new study January 6 using the book *The God Who Is There* by D.A. Carson. Ladies of all ages and stages are welcomed! We have a nursery for little ones, a Bible study for preschoolers and a supervised room for homeschoolers. For more information contact Jean at jbronson@4thpres.org or 301-320-3600 x275.

The Women's Reformed Reading Group will not meet in December, but will resume January 15 to discuss Martin Luther's commentary on Galatians. Contact Esther Steele at RTReading@4thpres.org

Outreach Ministry

Add a little fat pig to your shopping list this Christmas. Or a baby lamb. Or school supplies for Sunshine School. Stop by Halverson Hall to learn how you can give a gift this year that honors the Lord, encourages your friend or family member, and helps Make Mercy Happen in Romania for the 'least of these'. Romanian Christian Enterprises is a partnership ministry of Fourth Church. To learn more or order on line go to: www.rcenterprises.org

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Course will be offered Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm, January 7 through May 5. Fourth Church will offer a class about God's calling to live a Christian life, His heart for the nations, and our purpose to further His kingdom. Perspectives is a 15-week course designed around four vantage points or "perspectives" —Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. The Perspectives class may be taken for Key Reading, Certificate, and/or College Credit. Prices start at $285. Scholarships are available through our Missions Office at cfitzgerald@4thpres.org or mistrati@4thpres.org. Contact Jaclyn Rosenberg at Perspectives@4thpres.org for more information or to register.

Advent at Fourth

2015

Advent Evening Services

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 13, 6pm in the Sanctuary
With choirs and full orchestra, Scripture readings and Christmas carols

Advent Communion Service

Sunday December 20, 6pm in the Sanctuary
Share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion during this season of waiting. This service is led by Rev. Rob Yancey.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service

December 24, 6pm in the Upper Room
Gather with the whole family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, expressed by readings from Fourth families, a living nativity, joyous praise, and a meditation by Rev. Rob Yancey. Enjoy this time of family worship.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

December 24, 8pm in the Sanctuary
Gather by candlelight to pray, worship with musical instrumental music, and hear the Word of God opened in a quiet Holy Communion service. Dr. Todd Smedley will preach

Candlelight Service

December 24, 11pm in the Sanctuary
Join us in welcoming our Savior as we are led by Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists, and organ. By candlelight, with special music, familiar carols, and a message by Dr. Todd Smedley, we will celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.