

SUNDAY, 12/6/09
 8:45 & 11:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 pm CHURCH SCHOOL
 12:15 pm AGAPE DINNER
 4:00 pm BELL CHOIR
 5:00-6:30 JR. HIGHS MEET IN GYM
 6:30-8:00- SR. HIGHS AT FOSTER'S- 29 STONO DR.

MONDAY, 12/7/09
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 10:15 am YOGA

TUESDAY, 12/8/09
 7:00 am BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 9:30, 10:30, 12:00, & 6:00 PW CIRCLES
 12:00 pm ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
 7:00 pm DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, 12/9/09
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 5:00 pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 5:45 pm WNF/CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
 6:30 pm 8:45 ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
 7:30 pm 11:15 ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

THURSDAY, 12/10/09
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH

FRIDAY, 12/11/09
 9:00 am LITTLE FOLKS OF FOURTH
 9:30 am DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY, 12/12/09

SUNDAY, 12/13/09
 8:45 & 11:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 9:30 am ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET
 10:00 pm CHURCH SCHOOL
 4:00 pm BELL CHOIR
 5:00 pm ALL YOUTH AT STERLING CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER PRE-SCHOOL HELPERS:

During the Worship Service our helpers will be:
 Nursery – **11:15 Amy & Ben Clauss**

4-5 yr. Olds – 8:45 – Heidi & Jimmy Wright
11:15- Kristen & Hector McLean
 Nursery Committee Floater for December– Teresa Cottingham

8:45 AM GREETERS:
 Gail Stapleton
 Lex Stapleton

8:45 AM USHERS:
 Craig Marchant
 Rob Cole

11:15 AM GREETERS:
 Candy Colquitt
 Shauna Havird.

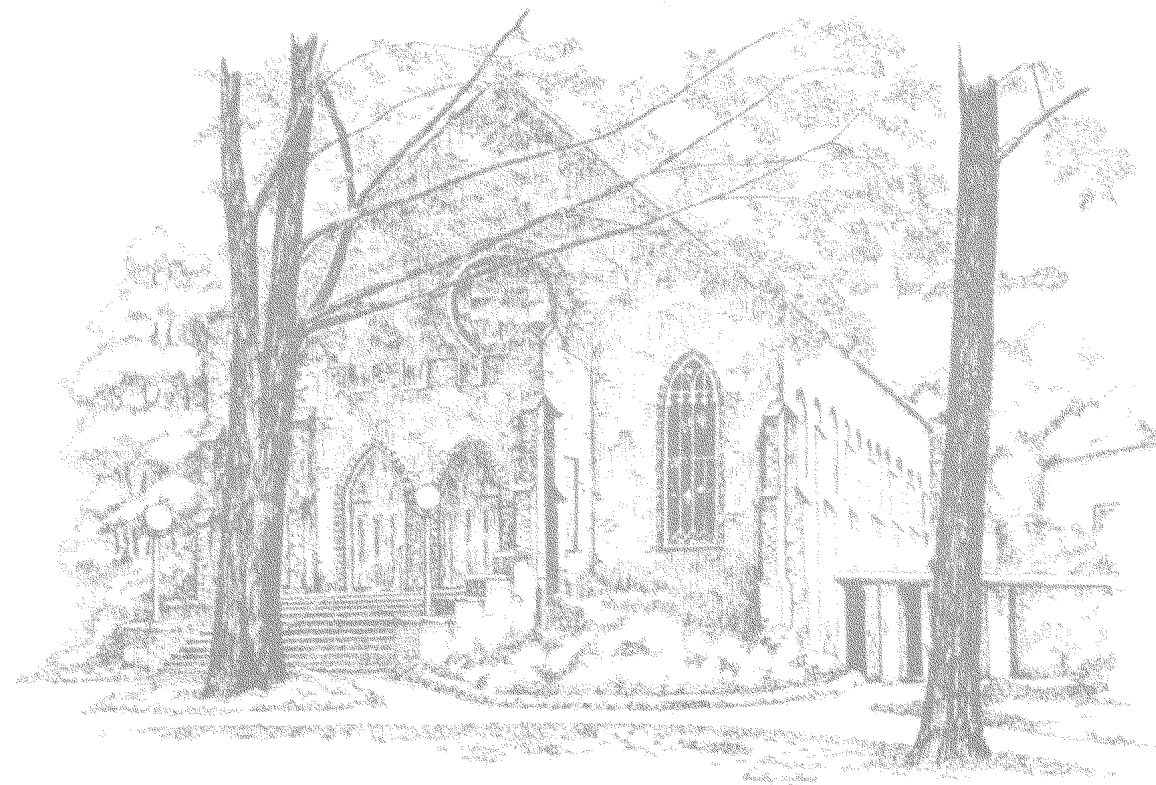
11:15 AN USHERS:
 Steve Seman
 Don Jackson
 Hall Bickman
 Tom Edwards

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YOUTH GROUPS- SEE THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATES
 www.4thpres-grvl.com Go to the Youth Ministry Section.

MODERATORS OF COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session: Dan Hunt
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 Christian Education: Gwen Randolph
 Congregational Life: Biff Quattlebaum
 Worship Committee: Bonnie Wallin
 Coordinating and Planning: David Quattlebaum
 Finance Committee: Robert Thomas
 Personnel: Bill Pitman
 Buildings and Grounds: Brent Grove
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 Youth Committee Chair: Gene Krcelic
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 Secretary: Kristie Tennent
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 Congregational Care: Heather Gatchell
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 Moderator of PW Women: Amie Owens



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 Rev. Dr. Steve Vance –Interim Assoc. Pastor
 Rev. Hank Hinnant -Minister of Music
 Rev. Robert Lawrence –Pastor Emeritus

2009 Church Budget	\$1,000,000
Budget to Date	\$ 923,088
Commitment to Date	\$ 832,568
Over/Under Budget to Date	\$ (90,520)

Meditation

“For every triumph of the spirit, we give thee thanks, O God. For all the joys which beauty creates, and for the joy we know in the creation of beauty; for all the joys of truth, and for that joy we know in the struggle with mystery and the unknown; for the joy of the hands at work or at prayer or at play; for the joy of the seeing eye, and the understanding heart, and the creative spirit; for the joy of struggle and the joy of rest; for the joy of deeds and the joy of dreams out of which they come; for all these joys and others such as any of us may know, we give thee thanks, through Jesus Christ, the bringer of glad news. Amen.”

Samuel H. Miller, *Prayers for Daily Use*, 1957

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP—DECEMBER 9 AT 5:45 PM
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP ON DECEMBER 16, 23, & 30**

“Christmas Pageant”

Menu : Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and all the fixings, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Chips and Cookies

Remember we always have vegetarian dishes available, as well as grilled chicken breast. Speak with Tony for any special requests.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SET UP/CLEAN-UP HELPERS

DECEMBER 9 set up **Annamarie & Dick Burts** Clean up **Joyce & Brent Grove**

WED. NIGHT PROGRAM LEADERS:

NURSERY

12/9/09 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (Paid Worker)

3-5 YRS.

12/9/09 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

GRADES 1-3

12/9/09 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

GRADES 4 & 5

12/9/09 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

JANUARY 6 A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Church, Part II with Debbie Kyser and Hank Hinnant—*Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and Ice Cream*

JANUARY 13 “Called Fourth: Proclaiming the Gospel”

Hamburger Steak, Grilled Onions, Baked Potato Casserole, Salad and Assorted Cakes

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be THIS Wednesday, December 9 after Wednesday night supper. We invite all children to participate in this annual tradition at Fourth. The pre-school children will be barnyard animals and the elementary children will be angels and shepherds. Our **rehearsal** for the pageant will be this morning **at 10:00** during the church school hour. If for some reason your child misses the practice, please don't let that keep you from participating. We will make sure everyone knows what to do and where to go. We are singing traditional Christmas songs. If you need a list of the songs, contact Donna in the church office. A letter has also been sent to all parents detailing more specific information. Our director is Liz Seman, Becky Boyd will be helping with the pre-school children, and Pam McCauley will be assisting with costumes. Of course the pageant wouldn't be the same without the wonderful talents of Hank Hinnant, Sally Pellet and Debbie Kyser leading our children's and Youth choirs. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Liz Seman at 421-0837, liz@mowgvl.org or Donna Foster at 232-8123, donnafooster@4thpres-grvl.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Our church seeks to offer pastoral care to people during special needs and crises of their lives. When you know of someone who needs our attention, please contact the office (232-8123) or email robincline@4thpres-grvl.com. We depend on our members for this.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: At both entrances of the sanctuary you will find a current copy of the “Prayers of the People” of our congregation. Please join in praying for members, friends and families of the church through the use of this resource through the week and at Friday Prayers in the Sanctuary.

As an expression of their Christian love and concern for all of the members of the Fourth family, Prayer Partners have taken upon themselves the ministry of prayer for every member of Fourth Church. They invite any other members of the congregation who may wish to do so to join them in this mission. This week we are praying for:

<u>Monday</u> – Dale Heflin Family	<u>Friday</u> - Jack Hinsdale Family
<u>Tuesday</u> – Jim Heller Family	<u>Saturday</u> Jack Hipp Family
<u>Wednesday</u> – Sarah Helwig	<u>Sunday</u> Hayne Hipp Family
<u>Thursday</u> – Nancy Herron	Tom Hogan Family

This morning during the receiving of the offering we will offer our **Commitment Cards for 2010**. Additional cards are available in the pew racks and from the ushers. Please place your card in the offering plate when it is passed or mail it to the church office this week.

WORSHIP PACKS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-5! Be sure your child in these grades picks up a pack each morning as he or she enters the Sanctuary. The worship packs have been prepared by **Josiah and Kristie Tennent** this week.

On **Christmas Eve** we will have two **candlelight services of lessons and carols** at **4:30 and 6:30 pm**. A nursery will be offered at both services for those who wish to use it. We will receive a special offering for the Deacon's Assistance Fund which is used throughout the year to assist members and others in need. **There will be one service only on Sunday, December 27th. at 10:00 am.**

PICK UP A NEW DIRECTORY AT THE AGAPE DINNER FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES!

Upcoming GOFOURTHERS Activities

“PICNIC & PLANNING” – Thursday, Jan 21 at Noon.

Henry's Barbeque will help take the chill off January as we meet to eat and to settle on plans for 2010! In the Crymes Room. Cost of meal is \$10

Registration deadline is Monday, January 18

GOFOURTHERS is a monthly fellowship & outing opportunity for senior adults & friends of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Join us!

GRADES 1 – 5! These grades participate in the “The Crossway, for the month of December we will study “**The Wise Men**” and will use the ‘**Thou Art**’, ‘**Acts**’, ‘**Temple**’ and ‘**4th.com**’ Rooms. The memory verse is from Matthew 2:11b...*They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and presented them to him.* “ Our teachers for December are: Merritt Ray, Michelle Caudell, Jared Davis, Katie Jones and Jimmy Wright. **Parents, please note that the children will gather in the Acts room at 9:55. There will not be an adult in that room until then, so we ask that you keep your children with you until that time. Thank you for helping us to make this transition time go more smoothly.** To find out which room your 1st – 5th grader goes to each Sunday morning, please check the sign in the hallway across from the Resource room

BASKETBALL NEWS—All games will begin this Saturday, December 5th. Have fun, learn lots, and play well! There is a **\$35 fee** for all basketball players. Please give a check to either your coach or Jan, made out to 4th Pres. Mark your calendar! The BB Banquet will be Sunday, March 14, 2010. Please call Jan to help decorate, serve dinner or clean-up afterwards (232-8123).

CROSSWAY is in need of clear glass jars to make vases for an art project in December. There will be a box in the office foyer for you to drop them off. If you can remove the labels beforehand, that would be very helpful! Thank you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP is in need of people to help take money and count attendance at WNF for the months of January and March. If you can help anytime during these months, please contact Amy Dishner at 354-2717, amy.dishner@fluor.com. Thanks

STERLING COMMUNITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, Sunday, December 13, 2009. Join us for a joyous time of fellowship, food and music with our friends in the Sterling Community. The Grand Opening of the new addition will be at 4:00, and dinner will be served at 5:40. Please bring a covered dish or dessert. If your last name begins with the letters a-k, bring a dessert, letters l-z, bring a covered dish. Volunteers needed for set-up, Food service and clean-up. For more information contact: Rob Cole 608-6633, Joe Pulliam 239-2153 , or Kevin Greene 246-5764



YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, Dec. 6th

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES/GOOFY GIFT EXCHANGE

Let's ring in the holidays with our

Youth Christmas Party and Goofy Gift Exchange.

Bring a \$5 funny, goofy, crazy gift to exchange with someone.

Jr. Highs: Meet in the gym from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Sr. Highs: Meet at The Foster's house (29 Stono Drive) from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult Christian Education Fall Offerings

Advent 2009

Nov. 29-Dec. 20 (Four Weeks)

BIBLE & THEOLOGY

Room 23

“**The Letters of John**” One commentator refers to the *Three Letters of John* as the “capstone of the development of theological and ethical thought with the New Testament.” This four-session study will whet your appetite to plumb even more deeply into these important letters to the early Church **Leaders: Gwen Randolph & Connie Carson**

CHRISTIAN TOPICS & INTERACTIONS Mildred Crymes Room

“Is There Room at the Inn? A discussion of hospitality in an age of globalization” This combined class will consider how, in the light of the biblical story of a wandering people of faith, we might consider issues of Hospitality, Diversity, & Globalization.

In the fall of 2008 Buz Wilcoxon, Lucy Strong, Beth Meyer, John Kisner, Jan Welch and Gene Krcelic attended a conference at Presbyterian College funded by the Lilly Endowment focusing on issues of globalization and diversity, and the role of the church in a pluralistic world. As a way of sharing and reflecting on their experiences with the congregation, the teaching team will invite the class to wrestle with the biblical concept of hospitality and its meaning in today's world. **Leaders: Lilly Endowment Team**

CONTRIBUTIONS AND TAX DEDUCTIONS

In order for your gift to count as a 2009 tax deduction, it must **be received on or prior to December 31, 2009.** According to IRS rules, the legal date of the gift is:

- The postmark of the envelope for checks
- The processing date for credit cards
- The date the gift is transferred into the church's account for stock gifts

Set aside time during Advent to attend **WEEKLY PRAYER TIME** on Fridays from 11:30 - 12:30. The sanctuary is open to all for quiet prayer, personal reflection and meditation on scripture. You may come and go at any time during the hour. Weekly Prayer will **not** be held on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET--Sunday, December 13, 9:30 – 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. No more worries about things not fitting or being re-gifted or returned! You will know that the gift you are giving brings glory to God, honors your loved ones in the best possible way, and brings hope and love to those less fortunate. Make plans to shop at Fourth's Alternative Christmas Market! Look in the December newsletter for order forms.