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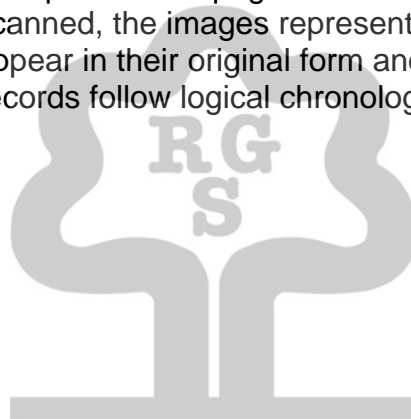
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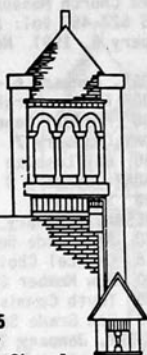
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FROM YOUR PASTOR

There are certain rituals which seem to be permanently attached to the changing of the year. Newspapers and television networks produce lists and summaries to remind us of all that has happened in the previous twelve months; everyone has a funny comment to make about how hard it is to remember to change the last digit when you write the date; and the wise and not-so-wise talk at great length about what the new year has in store.

On the whole I think that is a pretty positive routine for each of us to undertake for ourselves: a review of where we've been, a little humor about the change and some projections of what lies ahead. The questions I would ask is, "Do we really do any of those things -- or do we just stand by as others do them for us?"

I have seen at least a dozen lists of the "Most Significant (or Newsworthy or Important or Glamorous) Events of 1990." The items listed are fun or sobering to recall, but few of them had an effect on my life in more than a very general way. It's another matter to create a list of the ten or five or even three most important events in my life during 1990. I would probably include some national and international happenings on such a list (like the military build up and brinkmanship in the Persian Gulf) but the majority of my list would be items known only to me or my family and friends.

Your list would, I am sure, be similar -- if you made such a list. Why don't you do that?

And then let's all have some fun with ourselves. We need to laugh at the reminders of the passing of time. We are all another year older -- every one of us -- no exceptions! We have more or less hair, weight, memory and judgment, than we had a year ago. We have probably put some clothes in the "I'll never wear that again" part of our closet -- and maybe even reclaimed one or two long-held items that have come back into style. Along with furrowed brows of reflection there needs to be a solid dose of good humor.

And then we ought to look ahead. There are challenges to master, goals to set, mountains to climb, pleasures to discover, people to love. Set your sights; fix your vision. "Futuring" is important to us as individuals and to us as a congregation. (Watch for news of our Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow.) Don't let some pundit set out all the possibilities. Shape 1991 into your year. It will be worth the effort.

Faithfully,

John

January 6

Epiphany

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reminder: Nursery and Child Care are available through 2nd grade at 9:15. Nursery - Room 210; age 3 - grade 2 - Rooms 202/204.

January 6

No Room at the Inn

Johnston Hall at 9:15 am

Our Response: What Can Third Church Do?

We will reconvene for an action-oriented discussion about what we can do as individuals and as a congregation to address issues of homelessness and low-income housing. What must we do in response to the needs and opportunities?

MIDDLE EAST

Adult Education sessions on January 13, 20 and 27 will be aimed at developing a better understanding of the problems in the Middle East. The sessions will be addressed and led by Professor Joseph Kelly of the Religious Studies Department at Nazareth College. Professor Kelly will discuss the basis for appropriate Christian responses to the problems in the Persian Gulf. Do you know where Oman is on the map? Are all Arabs Muslims? What are the connections between Christianity and Islam? Is there such a thing as Muhammedanism? Come and find out January 13, 20 and 27! Suggested background reading: The Arabs (Peter Mansfield) and Missed Opportunities for Peace (Ronald Young).

THE TGIF SONG

(Tune: Green Acres)

Third Presby is the place to be
On February 1, come see
what all the hype is all about
food, fun and fellowship, yep you'll
want to shout!

I'd rather sit and watch the tube
don't think of me as being rude
it's just these things are all the
same
but I do have to admit it's a clever
name.

THIRD GATHERS IN FELLOWSHIP
Friday, February 1, 1991, 6 pm
Watch for Details!!!

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SUNDAY, January 6 - Epiphany

10:30 Family Worship
5:30 Musical Rehearsal

MONDAY, January 7

7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, January 8

7:30 Session

WEDNESDAY, January 9

7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 New Member Commission
7:30 Youth Commission
8:00 9th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, January 10

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 More Light Committee

FRIDAY, January 11

SATURDAY, January 12

10:00 Junior Choir
9:00 Joint Faculty/Children's Faith

CHURCH FAMILY BAPTIZED

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered by The Reverend John A. Cairns on December 23, 1990 to

Desiray Eliza, born August 10, 1990, daughter of Anthony John and Diane Fitzpatrick Apollone;

Benjamin Allen, born May 12, 1990, son of J. Allen and Lianne Kraushaar Heath;

Kelly Michelle, born November 1, 1990, daughter of Charles L. and Jill Henion;

James MacDonald, III, born August 14, 1990, son of James MacDonald and Lisabeth Stormont Jr.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

Some recent medical emergencies during Sunday services have prompted the Pastoral Care Commission to pull our physician members regarding equipment and procedures needed in both the sanctuary and chapel for this purpose. If any members could donate the following, please call the Church Office (271-6513):

- 2 small first aid kits
- 1 wheelchair
- 1 portable cot
- 1 blood pressure cuff
- 1 stethoscope

Please also let the Office know if you would be interested in a CPR Training Session to be given at Church.

Thanks for your help!

Betty Stevenson and Mary Caravatta
Pastoral Care Commission

THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS

Third Church Travelers announce A Peacemaking Seminar* at the United Nations in New York City, April 19-21, 1991. The seminar will be arranged by Jim Cairns, son of John, and the weekend will include one Broadway show. A Clipper Cruise up the New England coast will be offered June 29th through July 6, 1991, including stops at Newport, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Please call either Lila Ford (427-0920) or Alice Fishbeck (271-4164) for more information.

YOUTH MUSICAL REHEARSAL BEGIN JANUARY 6!

Rehearsals for REFLECTIONS: TWENTY YEARS FROM AT TO G, the 1991 Youth Musical, will begin on Sunday, January 6, from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. All 8th through 12th graders are welcome to participate in this exciting event! Any teenager who did not receive a mailing or who has questions may call Helen Moot at the church (244-3662) or at home (442-1917).

THURSDAY MORNING GROUP READS BROWNI

Saying Yes and Saying No - On Rendering To God and Caesar by Robert McAfee Brown is the book the Thursday Morning Breakfast Fellowship group is currently reading. In this book the author confronts the Christian's dilemma which exists when official government policies appear to clash with our concepts of God's kingdom of peace and justice. The fellowship group meets each Thursday morning at 7 am in the Church Parlor. A light breakfast is served. A discussion leader moves the group through the week's assignment. Each week the group reads approximately 10 to 15 pages of text. Meetings conclude promptly at 8 am. All members of the congregation are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Jim Moore (232-6500) or Keith Harrison (381-5229). Copies of the book are available at a cost of approximately \$7.50.

ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR CELEBRATION

Monday, January 21 the Community-wide Interfaith Worship Service of the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, beginning at 9 am. The event is co-sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Greater Rochester Commission and the Divinity School. The speaker for the day is Dr. Leardrew Johnson, Interim Dean of Black Church Studies at the Divinity School. The 1991 celebration theme is "Drumming for Justice."

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 20

Sunday, January 20 at 10:15 am is the start of the next New Member Class which will continue January 27 and February 10. A New Member Brunch will be held February 10 and the New Members will be received by the congregation during the 10:30 am Service February 17. If you are interested in joining Third Church, please contact the Reverend Laura Collins at 442-6557.

1990 PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 1991 pledge envelopes are ready for those who have requested them. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience on the table outside Johnston Hall.

REFUGEE FAMILY NEEDS

The following items are still needed for our refugee family:

- Newborn baby clothes
- Drapes
- Vacuum cleaners
- Lamps
- Kitchen table, chairs, Card table
- End- or lamp table
- High chair
- Stroller

Winter maternity clothes, size 9-10
Please call the Church Office (271-6513) if you have any of these items to donate.

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January 13

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10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
Commissioning Class Joins Congregation

Stephen T. Ford preaching

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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ANNOUNCING

A 3-PART SERIES ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Prof. Joseph Kelly

Professor of Religious Studies
Nazareth College

9:15 am on January 13, 20 and 27
in Johnston Hall

THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

How should Christians respond to the past history, the present problems and future solutions?

sponsored by Action for Peace Committee
through the Adult Education Commission

TGIF SONG TWO

(Tune: Beverly Hillsbillies)

Come and listen to a storyteller Friday night February 1, it will be all right as around a fireplace we gather to hear a tale about something, soon it will be clear the story that is, who's telling, which story.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991, 6 pm
POTLUCK, STORYTELLER, GREAT FUN!

John

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SUNDAY, January 13

10:30 Family Worship
5:30 Musical Tryouts

MONDAY, January 14

7:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, January 15

7:30 Trustees
7:30 Congregational Life
7:30 Children's Faith

WEDNESDAY, January 16

6:30 Calvin Guild
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Action for Peace
8:00 9th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, January 17

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 More Light Committee

FRIDAY, January 18

Enrichment Retreat

SATURDAY, January 19

10:00 Junior Choir

SUNDAY, January 20

10:30 Commissioning Class Joins
Congregation

MONDAY, January 21

Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed

CHURCH FAMILY

MARRIED

Cynthia E. Durand and Peter M. Knodel were married December 29, 1990 at the Missionary Alliance Church in Syracuse.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE to all who helped during the emergency at the 11 pm Christmas Eve service. Mr. Chase is doing well and sincerely appreciates the quick and able attention he was given.

CALVIN GUILD

"First Hand Impressions of Current Russia" is the topic Jane Shuffelton has chosen for her presentation to Calvin Guild on Wednesday, January 16 following the 6:30 pm dinner. Members of Calvin Guild are asked to call Regina Witherspoon (442-9432) if they have not been called.

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Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Activity Ideas _____

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... TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE AFFLICTED ... TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

On the third Sunday of every month there is an opportunity to send letters on behalf of three Prisoners of Conscience (POC). The three are identified in a monthly communication from Amnesty International, called "Freedom Writes." Please stop by the table in Johnston Hall and make your witness for human rights through these letters.

The following is what needs to be done:

1. Take a copy of the month's letters;
2. Sign each letter with your name;
3. Date the letter;
4. Put it in an envelope with a 45¢ stamp;
5. Address the envelope;
6. Mail the letter.

...and thank you!

If you wish to send a copy to the person mentioned at the bottom of the letter, you can either make a copy of your signed letter or you can take a second copy of the letter from the A.I. table, sign and date it in the same way as the first copy. The person "copied" is usually a representative of the country in question and as such may be more immediately influenced by the letter.

CMU WELCOMES NEWCOMERS

Church Women United's open board meeting will be held from 9:30 am to noon Friday, January 18 at Third Church. Sue Porter, director of the Judicial Process Commission and Dee Jones, from Literacy Volunteers, will be guest speakers. Besides the two organizations, the International Friendship Council, Medical Motor Services and the Monroe County Human Relations Committee all had their origins in CMU. The meeting will present detailed information on both the "spinoff" organizations, and on the many projects still under CMU, including Daily Hello and Task Force on Courts. The meeting is open to the public and babysitting will be provided with a reservation by January 10 (454-1813).

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN
January 20, 27
February 10
Brunch February 10
New Member Reception February 17

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

An Organizational Meeting will be held at 11:45 am in the Parlor on Sunday, January 13, for all people interested in formulating Third Church's response to the issue of homelessness.

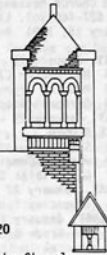
CHANCEL FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

Donors for Chancel flowers are needed during this quarter on the following Sundays: January 28, February 11 and 25 and March 25. If you would be willing to be a donor, please contact Louise Snyder (266-2449) or the Church Office (271-6513).

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What are the future solutions that Christians can endorse?

TGIF SONG THREE

(Tune: Gilligan's Island)

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale
the tale of a fun-filled winter
that started in the room downstairs
called the Celebration Center.

The coffee pots were all plugged in,
the fire burning bright
as several dozen folks gathered
that Friday night, that Friday night.

THIRD GATHERS IN FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991 EVERYONE IS WELCOME

(No reservations necessary!)
Bring a Main Dish and Salad or Dessert
and your own plates/silver, if you can
STORYTELLER, FIRE IN FIREPLACE

p.s. I'll complete the above "tale" that evening. ajr

FROM YOUR PASTOR

On Friday afternoon I tuned in my radio to the legislative debates over the U.S. role in the Persian Gulf. Later I read these words, "Jerusalem, that day, Jerusalem ...66 How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under wings and you were not willing." (Matt. 23:37). These words of Jesus come just before he tells the disciples that there will be "wars and rumors of wars." Some things never change.

No, some things never do. Ane one such thing is that God's compassion is as predictable as the "wars and rumors of wars." God "feels with" the creation every ache, every joy, every cry. I remember one night I spent at a women's homeless shelter in 1986. During the night I had to break up a fight. One of the women, Olga, was drunk. I took her to the kitchen for some coffee. Over the next several hours she unfolded for me bits of her excruciating life story.

Early the next morning I had a meeting to attend. My attention faded in and out as I tried to stay awake. Suddenly I noticed a poster on the wall behind the speaker. Entitled "Christa," it portrayed a crucified woman. She hung there on the cross, looking like so may crucifixion paintings ones sees. Only female.

At that moment I knew -- in my whole body, in the depths of my heart -- that God was feeling every ounce of Olga's pain. Where crucifixions are, there is God. This knowledge both comforts and disturbs me. Comforts, because I could not worship a God removed from creation's groaning reality. Disturbs, because ... the killing goes on.

How many times will God have to die in the Persian Gulf?

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee
whom we adore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Peace,

Laura

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SUNDAY, January 20

10:15 New Member Class
5:30 Musical Tryouts
7:30 European Trip Meeting

MONDAY, January 21 - Martin Luther King Day

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Worship Commission
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, January 22

7:30 Education Task Force

WEDNESDAY, January 23

7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Money Discussion Group
8:00 9th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, January 24

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 Bible Study with John Cairns

FRIDAY, January 25

SATURDAY, January 26

10:00 Junior Choir
10:00 Presbytery/Honeoye Falls

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A son, Patrick James, born to Daniel and Linda Pawlik Sullivan (PEG 36) on December 28, 1990 in Rochester.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Volunteer tutors are needed on an occasional basis for The Gift Center Tutoring Program at School #6. If you can help, please call Dorothy Madden, 586-3035.

CMU HEAR PROGRAM ON UNITED NATIONS

Jim Cairns will speak on the United Nations at the Friday, February 1 (9:30-12:30) meeting of Church Women United. The meeting will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Driving Park, and all women are welcome.

LOST AND FOUND

An extensive collection, including a sleeping bag, several nice jackets, bifocals, hats, umbrellas and other assorted items can be found in the Church Office. If you are missing something, please stop by, or call 271-6513, with your inquiry.

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"A FAITHFUL TOMORROW"

Come see the future of Third Church; come home to your past. On January 27, immediately following 10:30 worship, the Church School will host coffee hour in the Education Building. This year's Open House will provide ALL members and friends an opportunity to participate in 1990's Church School classes. Share personal histories of Church School days past as students and teachers; explore our current building facility as we prepare for the 1991 building campaign to update and improve current space. Campaign committee members will be on hand to answer questions. We'll look for all our worshippers in the halls and classrooms on January 27th!

HONORING DR. KING'S BIRTHDAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. condemned the war in Viet Nam as it drained resources from our own economy and put the poor in disproportionate numbers on the front line of fighting. Current U.S. resources pour into the Middle East while our own nation slides into a recession. To honor Dr. King's birthday, and at the same time express outrage at the possibility of an offensive use of U.S. forces in the Gulf, two national events are planned:

Saturday, January 19 is a march on the White House to bring the troops home. Rather than using King's birthday as a deadline for war, this march uses it as a rallying point to stop war. Buses are travelling from Rochester to Washington, D.C. Some Third members have already expressed interest in a bus going out from our church. If you are interested or have questions, please call Laura Collins, 271-6557.

January 15 was declared "Don't Drive Day." By not driving we were saying that our consumption of oil was not as important as the lives of our troops.

MARDI GRAS IS COMING FEBRUARY 12!

Bring your friends, bring the kids, bring Grandma and Grandpa -- everyone is invited to the Pancake Supper on February 12 from 6-7:30 pm in the Celebration Center. There will be clowns, jugglers, our super dixieland band, table fun for the children, a skit and group singing. All this for \$2.50 a person! Tickets are available on Sundays before and after the 10:30 service, or in the Office during the week.

STEP INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT

An 8-week overview of the New Testament focusing on the life of Christ and the joys and struggles of the early Christians will be repeated by John Cairns starting January 24 at 7:30 pm. No previous Bible study experience is necessary! Just come and join the group.

GIVE EUROPE A LOOK

John Cairns has scheduled a meeting for Sunday, January 20 at 7:30 pm in the Finney Room for anyone interested in hearing the details of the trip he will lead to Germany, France and The Netherlands in the fall of 1991. The 16-day trip will visit favorite tourist spots and significant points in church history. All are invited; bring your curiosity and your questions!

THIRD CHURCH MESSENGER Part Two of Two Parts January 15, 1991

The following names will be placed in nomination for the offices of Elder, Trustee and Deacon at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation following 10 am worship on February 3.

SESSION - Class of 1994

ELIZABETH EDGERTON (PEG 1) chaired the Advent Luncheon with her husband, Bob this past year. She has been active in Adult Education programs, Bible study and Calvin Guild.

RONALD HANSEN (PEG 31) is Associate Dean at the Simon School. He was previously elected an elder, but an out-of-town move prevented him from completing his term. He has served on the Congregational Life Commission. Ron and wife Elizabeth are the parents of two sons.

HOLLY HINCHMAN (PEG 5) is a junior at Penfield High School. She journeyed to Scotland last year with the Youth and has been active in the Clown and CHAT ministries and a member of Teen Chorus.

ELNICE JELMSA (PEG 18) is a retired teacher. She is a Senior Visitor and was an elder at her former church. She is a member of the Action for Peace Committee at Third and the Mutuality in Mission Committee of Presbytery.

DOROTHY MADDEN (PEG 32) chaired the PNC which brought Laura Collins to Third. She runs the tutoring program at School #6, is a member of the Women in Spiritual Community, Education Task Force and The Gift Center Board. She and husband Neal are parents of two daughters.

JAMES STEWART (PEG 13) is a retired physician and has served Third previously as an elder. He is member of the Outreach Commission and presently chairs the More Light Committee.

LINDA STREETER (PEG 31) is currently a member of the Pastoral Care Commission and served previously on Congregational Life. She served on the PNC which brought Tony Rauch to Third, has taught church school and is a former Deacon. Linda and Dick are parents of two children.

TRACY WALKER (PEG 18) is a teacher at School #6. He is a member of the Outreach Commission, the Education Task Force and served on the PNC for Outreach and Evangelism. Tracy and Karen are the parents of two children.

TRUSTEES - Class of 1994

MELISSA BELL (PEG 29), an architect, served for a year with Kentucky Mountain Housing. She is a member of the Thursday Morning Breakfast Fellowship, Clown Ministry, Family Carolers and the Women in Spiritual Community.

JAMES CHISHOLM (PEG 3) is an engineer at Kodak. Jim has taught church school, served on the Education and Stewardship Cabinets, and currently serves on the Children's Faith Commission. He and Jan are parents to Jason.

HARRIETTE GRAY (PEG 21), owner of Gray and Co. Jewelry store, has taught Jr. High, served on the Youth Commission and has been an active member of the Stewardship Cabinet. Harriette, husband Jim are parents to two daughters.

SUZY HENGERER (PEG 28) is employed by Inspiration Designs and is well known in the community as a volunteer. She has been active in Drama Workshop, has worked on musicals and most recently played a leading role in "Christmas from Mars" at the Advent Luncheon. Suzy is the mother of three young adults.

EDWARD MILLS (PEG 13) is an MCC retiree. He has served on the Worship Commission and the Christmas Luncheon. Ed and wife Joyce are members of Calvin Guild and Couples II.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Class of 1992

RALPH CARTER, an employee of Xerox, has been nominated to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Trustees. He has been an assistant to the Deacon in his home PEG 19, has served on the Youth and Congregational Life Commissions, the More Light Committee and has been a Coffee Hour Host.

BOARD OF DEACONS - Class of 1994

PEG 2 - ROBERT SHERWOOD is a Senior Visitor and was ordained as a deacon at a previous church. He is a member of the Retired Men.

PEG 3 - ELLEN VAN OCKER is a tutor for the Greece Schools, is a member of the Chancel Choir, Women in Spiritual Community, Couples Fellowship and has taught Sunday school. **JANET SALZER** is a member of Family Carolers, the summer choir, the Outreach Commission, Couples II and chairs Errands for Caring Ministries. She and husband, Jack, have worked on refugee resettlement.

PEG 8 - WILLIAM and KAY RAMSAY both sing in the Chancel Choir, are former deacons and are members of Couples Fellowship. Bill is a Human Resource Manager at Bausch & Lomb and Kay is a school nurse/teacher at Plank Road School in Webster.

PEG 17 - CHARLES MEINHOLD is an orthodontist and was previously ordained as an elder. He was a member of the PNC-Congregational Ministries, attends Calvin Guild and participates in the CHAT Ministry. **MONA THOMAS** is a member of the John White Circle and has been active on various church committees.

PEG 19 - KAY HONISS, retired, is a Senior Visitor, a member of Calvin Guild, works on transportation for Caring Ministry and is a regular volunteer stuffer/stapler for the Church Office.

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LENTEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
MARDI GRAS Sunday, February 12 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Celebration Center Pancake Supper: \$2.50 each Clowns, Dixieland Band ... and more	ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, February 13 12:15 pm and 5:30 pm Chapel The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Monday, February 13 First Sunday in Lent The Sacrament of Holy Communion John A. Cairns preaching	February 24 Second Sunday in Lent John A. Cairns preaching
March 3 Third Sunday in Lent Laura J. Collins preaching in Chapel Special Lenten Music in Sanctuary Requiem by John Rutter	March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent John A. Cairns preaching
March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent John A. Cairns preaching	March 24 Palm Sunday The Sacrament of Baptism John A. Cairns preaching
March 28 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Service of Tenebrae	March 29 Good Friday 12 Noon in the Sanctuary Combined Worship with Lutheran Church of Incarnate Word
March 31 EASTER SUNDAY Easter Celebrations at 9 am and 11 am in the Sanctuary	

COMMISSIONING CLASS MEMBERS JOIN THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 13 was the culmination of a year and a half of study for these thirteen members of the 1991 Commissioning Class when they were presented to the congregation for membership.

GREG BEDNAR, 192 Knickerbocker Road, Pittsford (PEG 35), a student at Pittsford Mendon High School, is active on the Lacrosse, Football and Ski Teams, a member of S.A.D.D., and is a Youth to Youth delegate. At Third he has been a member of the Junior Choir and the Youth Group.

AMY COLEMAN, 532 Parsells Avenue, Rochester 14609 (PEG 9) is a student at East High School where swimming, math league, ski club, softball and band fill her extracurricular time. She has been a member of Glorious Things, Junior and Bell Choirs and has participated in "Celebrate Life," "Godspell" and this year will participate in "A-G."

LISA COOPER, 885 Clover Street, Rochester 14610 (PEG 30) is a student at The Harley School. She has been active in the choirs and has participated in the musicals at Third.

ALLISON DAVIES, 43 Brentwood Drive, Penfield 14526 (PEG 5) is a student at Penfield High School. At school, while Glorious Things, Jr. and Bell Choirs, Church School and youth musicals have been high points of her activities at Third.

JONATHAN GABEL, 99 Whitewood Lane, Rochester 14618 (PEG 28) is a student at The Harley School where his primary extracurricular interests are soccer and tennis. At Third he has participated in the Jr. and Bell Choirs, as well as youth musicals.

BRYAN HEISE, 115 Cloverland Drive, Rochester 14610, is active in hockey, soccer and tennis at Penfield where he is also in the band and has participated in Project Challenge. Bryan has also been in the Junior and Bell Choirs and youth musicals.

SCOTT MAGEE, 203 Mulberry Drive, Macedon, 14502 (PEG 1) attends Victor High School where he lists soccer, ski club and track as his main interests. At Third he has been active in Church School, Glorious Things, Junior Choir and has participated in several musicals.

PETER MARRA, 571 Claybourne Road, Rochester 14618 (PEG 24) is a student at Brighton High School; his extracurricular attention is drawn to basketball and baseball, chemically free athletes and the Radio Club. He also has been a member of the Jr. and Bell Choirs, participated in Third's musicals and youth group.

DAN MCREEDY, 114 Sylvania Road, Rochester 14618 (PEG 31), a student at Pittsford-Mendon High School, played on the JV soccer team as a freshman, is a member of the Ski Club and is a guitar player. At Third Dan has been in Glorious Things, Jr. Choir and has participated in the youth musicals.

NATHAN PERRY, 132 Windemere Road, Rochester, NY 14610 (PEG 29), is a student at the School of the Arts and notes his interests as "musicals galore." At Third he has been a member of Jr. Choir and youth musicals.

DAVID PLEGER, 252 Berkeley Street, Rochester 14607 (PEG 19) is a student at East High; his interests there are many: concert band, jazz band, indoor track, math team, ski club and varsity boys soccer. David has been active at Third as a member of Glorious Things, Jr. and Bell Choirs, Teen Chorus and his youth groups.

ERIC SMITH, 189 Thornton Road, Rochester, NY 14617 (PEG 8), a student at Irondequoit High School, is a member of its ski and video clubs. At Third he has been active in Church School and is a member of the Bell Choir.

CHRIS VANOCKER, 71 Larkins Crossing, Rochester 14612 is a student at Arcadia High School where you will find him on the football team. At Third he has participated in Glorious Things, Jr. Choir and youth musicals.

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January 22, 1991
Part One of Two Parts

January 27

9:15 Worship in the Chapel
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
The Sacrament of Baptism at both Services

John A. Cairns preaching
"An Abiding Place"

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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reminder: Nursery and Child Care are available through 2nd grade at 9:15. Nursery - Room 210; age 3 - grade 2 - Rooms 202/204.

CONCLUDING A 3-PART SERIES ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Prof. Joseph Kelly
Professor of Religious Studies
Nazareth College

9:15 am on January 27
in Johnston Hall

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE SOLUTIONS THAT CHRISTIANS
CAN ENDORSE?

WHAT IS T.G.I.F.?

For the last three weeks, you may have seen some strange songs in the MESSENGER touting something called "Third Church Gatherings in Fellowship." Well, here is the official story about this group. A bunch of folks got together last fall because they saw the need at Third Church for some strictly fellowship events. In other words, they just wanted to have a good time and not work real hard at it. So, this group put three dates on the calendar, the first being FEBRUARY 1, 1991, which is coming up in a little less than two weeks. The format looks something like this:

Gather at 6 pm in Celebration Center
(no reservation necessary)
Bring a Main Dish and a Salad/Dessert
and your own Place Settings
Storyteller Enraptures You!

FROM YOUR PASTOR

There is a certain difficulty attached to writing a column that will not be read for 4 or 5 days. Last week Laura wrote about peace, and by the time it was delivered we were well into war. I would like to hope that this week I could write about war and have it arrive at a time of peace. If only it were that simple ...

There is something surrealistic about our being at war. I'm sure part of that is due to the fact that we are responding to an act of aggression which took place over 5 months ago with nothing happening since, except the passing of an arbitrary deadline. We are not accustomed to nor comfortable with being the initiators of military action.

In addition, our mentality has undergone a major shift in the last 20 years. As a faith community -- and as a society at large -- I believe we have changed our view of war from "a sometimes necessary evil" to "an inappropriate approach to conflict resolution." We are amazed that the horror and damage of modern warfare has not provided adequate motivation to avoid its use. We can no longer be reconciled to the idea that war is a solution.

But now war has come -- in part because of Saddam Hussein's blatant aggression and intransigence, and in part because a large group of allied nations were not experienced enough with the tools of a "new world order" to develop an adequate alternative. With deep sorrow I am left to conclude that the only thing this crisis has demonstrated is that we are creatures of habit.

At this time it is pointless to engage in wishful thinking about what might have been. Perhaps in the future we will demand different qualities -- faith, imagination, commitment to dialogue -- from our leaders. Perhaps we ourselves will dare to envision a new world order that is characterized by piousness, pruning hooks and peace -- and then work to make that vision a reality.

For the moment, however, let us offer our prayers for those in the midst of war, remembering there is no "them" -- we are all children of God -- everyone is "us".

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, January 27
10:15 New Member Class
11:30 Church School Open House
1:00 Youth Musical Rehearsals
MONDAY, January 28
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Personnel Committee
7:30 Women in Spiritual Community
7:30 Youth Leader Orientation
TUESDAY, January 29
7:30 Adult Education
WEDNESDAY, January 30
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Youth Commission
8:00 9th Grade Bells
THURSDAY, January 31
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 Bible Study with John Cairns
FRIDAY, February 1
6:00 T.G.I.F. Potluck
SATURDAY, February 2
10:00 Junior Choir

CHURCH FAMILY

Please keep the following known to us to be serving in Saudi Arabia: John Badger, First Class Petty Officer John Crawford, Kurt Cumming, Lt. Robert Harned, Duane L'Amoreaux, Derrick Larson, Rhonda Mortier and Major Lenhard Saner.

It wasn't "rain, nor sleet, nor..."
All MESSENGERS dated January 8, 1991 arrived late -- frustrating to those of us who prepare it, frustrating to those of you who rely on it for publicizing programs, and frustrating to you who look for it to see what's happening. As of this writing an employee of the Post Office is trying to determine "what happened." Each week the MESSENGER is copied on Monday, labeled, sorted, sacked and delivered to the Post Office on Tuesday. Excellent Wednesday delivery; Commendable Thursday delivery; Acceptable Friday or Saturday delivery. Anything later is unacceptable. If you regularly do not receive your MESSENGER in an acceptable category, it is suggested that you call your local Post Office branch and register a complaint. It is also helpful for us at the Office to know which are the "problem" ZIP codes; we appreciate your calls and apologize for any inconvenience.



BIBLE STUDY

NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW WITH JOHN CAIRNS
January 24 - March 14
7:30 pm

All are welcome!
No previous Bible study necessary!



MARDI GRAS IS COMING FEBRUARY 12!

Bring your friends, bring the kids, bring Grandma and Grandpa -- everyone is invited to the Pancake Supper on **February 12** from 6-7:30 pm in the Celebration Center. There will be clowns, jugglers, our super dixieland band, table fun for the children, a skit and group singing. All this for \$2.50 a person! Tickets are available on Sundays before and after the 10:30 service, or in the Office during the week.

OPEN HOUSE

Come see the future of Third Church; come home to your past. On **January 27**, immediately following 10:30 worship, the Church School will host coffee hour in the Education Building. This year's Open House will provide ALL members and friends an opportunity to participate in 1990's Church School classes. Share personal histories of Church School days past as students and teachers; explore our current building facility as we prepare for the 1991 building campaign to update and improve current space. Campaign committee members will be on hand to answer questions. We'll look for all our worshippers filling the halls and classrooms on January 27th!

YOUTH LEADERS SOUGHT

The Youth Commission is seeking to form new teams of adults who can and are willing to experience the challenge and hope of working with youth. It is the intention of the Commission to build two teams of 6-8 adults each; one to work with 7th and 8th grades and the other to work with grades 9-12.

An orientation and question/answer session will be held on **Monday evening, January 28th** from 7-8:30 pm in Johnston Hall. Childcare will be provided at the Church upon request. Attending this meeting does not mean you are making a commitment to be an advisor -- only that you are interested in learning more about the programs, responsibilities and possible commitment involved.

If you or someone you know would be interested in this exciting opportunity, please call Mike King, Youth Commission Chairperson, or Steve Ford at the Church (271-6537).

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January 22, 1991 Part Two of Two Parts

HELPING HUNGER and HOMELESSNESS

As Adult Education finished the series "No Room at the Inn" many Third Churchers felt the need to become more personally involved in helping the problems of hunger and homelessness in our city. Below is a list of some ways Third already addresses these issues and some new ways we will be trying to be more focused in future weeks:

Financially, Third Church supports:

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (NHS)

This organization provides assistance to low-income people who need to repair their homes in order to stay in them. NHS does this by helping "unbankable" clients with mortgage assistance and construction management. The people are thus kept out of homelessness and neighborhoods are stabilized through continued ownership and improved housing stock.

URBAN WORK CAMP

This program hires teenagers in low-income areas of the city for summer housing rehabilitation. The young people work with a supervisor gaining skills for employment and houses in need of repair to get fixed up.

SOUTHEAST ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES (SEM)

The SEM Food Cupboard gives out emergency food supplies, as well as supplemental food supplies to people who can't make ends meet on a regular basis.

There are individual members of Third who are deeply committed to these projects, as well.



Two projects to which Third gave birth and which continue to be vitally connected both financially and through volunteer work, work to help give poor people assistance which will enable them to maintain jobs, education and housing. These are:

THE GIFT CENTER

Located at 515 Joseph Avenue, on the city's Northeast side, The Gift Center is a drop-in storefront ministry. Folks can come in for a cup of coffee, or help with the social services. Third members, led by Ellie White, have served Friday lunches there since this past fall.

TAPSS

The TeenAge Parent Support System gives young mothers personal skills and resources to be better parents and providers, to stay in school and to make healthy, responsible decisions about their lives and their children.

NEW IDEAS

Committees have now begun work in the three following areas:

SOUP KITCHEN

Led by Kathryn Stimson and Henry Curme, this group will be planning for a hot lunch program in our own church building, staffed by Third Church volunteers.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Bill McQuilken will lead a group to sponsor the building of a home through Habitat. Third currently supports Habitat financially, but this group would involve us in working with a family to build a new home.

SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR HOMELESSNESS

Kay Wallace and Christina Oddleifson will lead a group that will explore what support services Third Church could provide for homeless people, especially women and children from Sojourner House, and how we might advocate for societal change to provide better housing options.



FINALLY ...

Mission News

The United States is not alone in experiencing homelessness and poverty.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a long, rich history of working for the empowerment and self-development of people around the world. Our work with local faith communities extends to every continent. A book of daily prayers for our mission efforts is available. This book is an excellent resource about different parts of the world, as well as describing some of the Presbyterian work there.

For information on any of the above, contact Laura Collins (271-6557).

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John McNeill to Visit the DUCP

Father John McNeill will be visiting the Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 North Fitzhugh Street, February 16 and 17. A former Jesuit, and regular lecturer at Kirkbridge Retreat Center, Father McNeill's writings on the church and homosexuality were groundbreaking. A talk by McNeill on Saturday evening the 16th at 7:30 will start the weekend. Afterward an informal discussion on spirituality and sexuality and a "no-host" pizza party will provide time for fellowship and community building.

In preparation for the visit the DUCP More Light Committee will sponsor a book study on McNeill's works. Focusing on *Taking a Chance on God*, McNeill's most recent book, the study will be led by Father Gary Lyman, chaplain at the U. of R. You are asked to save the three Mondays prior to McNeill's visit: January 28, February 4 and 11 to brown-bag dinner (5:30-7:30) for a lively discussion. The DUCP More Light Committee will provide hot beverages and vegetarian soup. *Taking a Chance on God* will be available through Parable Book Store on South Avenue. Copies of the book will also be available the nights of the book study. All events will take place at DUCP.

THANKS ...

"We 'decked the halls with boughs of holly' and had a wonderful time -- 194 persons strong -- at the TAPSS Christmas party. We had moms and children galore, as well as a number of dads, family members and past participants. Many thanks to all that made it happen--gift sponsors, Sunday School classes, dessert makers, contributors, drivers, volunteers and Third church staff. Every addition increased the sense of a community caring and sharing the love of the holidays and was truly appreciated."

Sandra Auriemma and the TAPSS staff

and MORE THANKS

from the unicef Committee to all Third Church people for their support of the unicef program this year. Excellent card sales will help promote the well-being of the world's children.



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TRAVEL DEADLINES NEAR

The deadline for the Third Church Travelers trip planned to attend "A Peacemaking Seminar" at the United Nations in New York City, April 19-21, 1991 is nearing. Please express your interest to either Lila Ford (427-0920) or Alice Fishbeck (271-4164) by February 1, 1991. It is also necessary to express your interest in the "Clipper Cruise" up the New England coast June 29 through July 6 as soon as possible.



Grace United Methodist Church
121 Driving Park, Rochester

THE UNITED NATIONS: TACKLING UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Learn more about:

- * the UN's advocacies for children
- * other items on the UN's human agenda
- * how we can help

Guest Speakers:

James Cairns, Seminar Program Coordinator
UN Office of the PC (USA)
Sybil Craig, Member, National Council
of UN Assns. USA and past
president of RAUN

Participation fee: \$2 at the door
Babysitting available with a reservation
(454-1813) by Thursday, January 24

Church Women United supports a staff member located at the United Nations, making CWU one of several non-governmental organizations at the UN. It seems particularly appropriate and very timely to feature the United Nations at the 1991 Legislative Institute on Friday, February 1. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. The UN's advocacies and programs on behalf of people, especially the world's children, will be covered and discussion will center around how we can help in furthering the human agenda. unicef note papers and greeting cards will be on sale. Displays will include material from the CWU UN office and RAUN.

STEWARDSHIP

For 1991, 837 pledging units have pledged
\$653,720.

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February 3

10:00 am

One Service of Worship in Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching

"Coming, Going and Just Watching"

I Corinthians 8:1-4; John 8:12-20

11:00 am

Annual Meeting in Sanctuary

12:00 noon

Congregational Luncheon in Celebration Center

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NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Congregational Life Commission is pleased to announce a new fellowship opportunity for ALL Third Church members, family and friends. And we want to especially invite YOU to participate in

T.G.I.F.

Third Gathers In Fellowship events are designed to be fun evenings at the Church consisting of a potluck supper followed by a program. The three events planned for this winter and spring will be on Friday evenings beginning at 6 pm. No reservation will be necessary and there will be no fee. (We will, however, ask for donations to cover the cost of some programs.) All you have to do is bring a main dish, salad, or dessert and table service. Extra place settings will be on hand for those who may find that more convenient. The programs are designed to appeal to all ages, and babysitting will be provided for children who are too young to enjoy any particular program.

Here are the details:

February 1: Storytelling Around the Fireplace!

After supper a storyteller from the Genesee Valley Storytellers Association will entertain us.

April 12: School of the Arts Choir!

June 14: Square Dancing in the Parking Lot!

See you Friday, February 1 at 6 pm in the Celebration Center!

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Annual meetings are contrived events that serve a very important purpose. The work of the church -- the life of a congregation -- is constantly moving, developing, changing. Faith development does not come in measured steps. Neither does discipleship or evangelism. Some would argue that the same thing could be said for history or mathematics, but we have gotten used to the fact that they have been subdivided into a series of courses and sequenced for easier mastery. But Christian growth has no natural break points -- no identifiable pauses. It is a continuum; a lifelong process.

So we must manufacture some pauses -- and that's where annual meetings come in. They provide us with a chance to look through our most recent set of snapshots, while still admitting that life is really a motion picture.

You are invited -- you are urged -- to join us for the look into our recent past. We will talk together about some things we did very well and some things that didn't happen like we had hoped. Then we will look ahead, lay out some plans, approve a budget (recommended at \$983,700) and elect the officers who will lead us in the months ahead. It will, in many ways, look like an ending and a beginning.

But we will know that is not the case. The movie camera continues to roll while we look at our snapshots. There are people in the process of committing to membership, folks trying to unravel the demands of discipleship, young and old working to support each other in times of personal struggle. None of those actions stop for this annual meeting. The church goes on being the church day after day after day after day.

Still we are glad for the artificial demarcation because it gives us a reason to come together, remember, and re-commit. It's the opportunity to affirm not only the church's direction and ministry, but our own as well.

So, plan to join us on Sunday, February 3rd for our single service of worship at 10:00 am, for the Annual Meeting of the congregation immediately following and for the Congregational Luncheon after the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, February 3

10:00 One Service of Worship
11:00 Annual Meeting in Sanctuary
12:00 Congregational Luncheon

MONDAY, February 4

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, February 5

7:00 Outreach

7:30 Adult Education

WEDNESDAY, February 6

7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Youth Commission
8:00 9th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, February 7

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 Bible Study with John Cairns

FRIDAY, February 8

SATURDAY, February 9

10:00 Junior Choir

CHURCH FAMILY

Please keep in your prayers the following people known to us to be serving in Saudi Arabia: John Badger, First Class Petty Officer John Crawford, Kurt Cumming, Lt. Robert Harned, Duane L'Amoreaux, Derrick Larson, Rhonda Mortier, Kerry O'Connor and Major Lenhart Sanner.

BORN

A daughter, Lauren Emily, to Robert D. and Leslie Fisher Reitman, on January 15, 1991. Grandparents are Joan and Phillip Fisher (PEG 34).

BAPTIZED

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered by The Reverend John A. Cairns on January 27, 1991 to:

Zachary MacKinnon, born February 20, 1991, son of Kevin and Beth Meyer Angus;
Garrett Joseph, born August 27, 1990, son of Robert G. and Chantal Bebing Hotchkiss;

Katherine Riley, born November 21, 1986, Anne Elizabeth, born April 10, 1989, and John Michael, born September 14, 1990, children of Michael S. and Barbara Roth Smith.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to William Powell (PEG 8) on the January 6, 1991 death of his mother, Edith W. Powell, in Rochester, to Pete Merrill (PEG 35) on the January 22, 1991 death of his step-mother, Elizabeth Merrill, in Germany and to the family of Helen Henry (PEG 19) on her death January 26, 1991, in Rochester.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

If you are attending an evening meeting, please help the Staff by making sure coffee urns and lights are turned off at the conclusion of your meeting. We ask that the person in charge of each meeting be responsible for checking on this.

CHURCH SCHOOL NOTES

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MARDI GRAS IS COMING FEBRUARY 12!

6:00-7:30 pm in Celebration Center
Clowns, Jugglers, Dixieland Band!
\$2.50 a person!
Tickets are available on Sundays before and after the 10:30 service, or in the Office during the week.

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCHEON

The Retired Men will meet Tuesday, February 12 at noon in Johnston Hall. After the luncheon, Jonathan Biggers will present a program entitled "The Ins and Outs of the Organ." Please reserve your place by calling 271-6513.

13th CIRCLE MEETS Thursday, FEBRUARY 14

Mrs. J. Wallace Ely will host the 12:30 pm meeting of the 13th Circle on February 14. Mrs. Frank Sanford will co-host.

THIRD CHURCH FOOD SUPPLIES NEARLY DEPLETED

Please remember to bring in a few food items to help stock the pantry so that Staff members can give temporary help to the hungry.

URGENT NEED FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Supplies of usable household goods -- dishes, pots & pans, irons, clocks, toasters, lamps, bed linens, spreads, blankets -- have been depleted at the Asbury Storehouse. Contributions may be left at the rear of 1050 East Avenue in the DROP-OFF AREA.

TRAVEL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1st

Reservations for Third Church Travelers Peace Seminar in New York City, April 19-21 and the New England Clipper Cruise, June 29-July 6, must be made by February 1st. Call Lila Ford (427-0920) or Alice Fishbeck (271-4164) for details.

SEWING MACHINE WANTED

One of the most faithful TAPSS participants is a talented amateur seamstress. She sews clothing by hand for herself and her two children. She would really appreciate a sewing machine. If anyone has a used machine they are willing to donate (even in need of minor repair), please call the TAPSS Office (442-6966).

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THIRDS!

The "Women in Spiritual Community" are sponsoring a winter retreat at the U. of R. Interfaith Chapel Saturday, February 23, 9 am to 4 pm.

Theme: "Responding to Our Inner Voice"
All are welcome. For more information, call Laura Collins (271-6557).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATION

March 1st at 1 pm
Asbury First United Methodist Church
1040 East Avenue

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Campaign for A Faithful Tomorrow



Third Church's "Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow" has two objectives:

- Fund the renovation of our Christian Education wing
- Support the Bicentennial Fund to sustain and expand the ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

The funds we raise will be equally divided between these two undertakings. Our goal is \$600,000.

During the month of February you will be receiving details on each of these objectives in worship and through the mail. We ask you to give careful attention to these pieces of information so that you will be prepared to pledge your "share" during the first week of March.

We look forward with you to the successful realization of our goal and to a strong impact for Christ around the world and in the lives of our own children.

CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE
Robert Graham, Chair

February 10

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Laura J. Collins preaching
II Kings:2:1-12



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SUNDAY, February 10

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:15 New Member Class
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:45 New Member Brunch
4:00 Church Officer Training

MONDAY, February 11

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Children's Faith Commission
7:30 Music Search

TUESDAY, February 12

12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon
6:00 Mardi Gras
7:30 Session

WEDNESDAY, February 13 - Ash Wednesday

12:15 Communion in Chapel
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Communion in Chapel
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 New Member Commission
8:00 9th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, February 14

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
12:15 13th Circle at Mrs. Ely's
7:30 Bible Study with John Cairns

FRIDAY, February 15

SATURDAY, February 16

No Junior Choir
Office closed Mon. Feb. 18 - President's Day

CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the families of
Betty Curtice (Mrs. Edwin P.) on her death
in Connecticut on January 11, 1991; Mrs.
Curtice joined Third in 1949.
Virginia R. Davidson (Mrs. Otto) on her
death January 25, 1991 in Ames, Iowa.
Mrs. Davidson had been a member of Third
since 1935.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Special thanks go out to several people who
spent the day on Saturday, January 26th, on
Trust Street in the City of Rochester. Betsey,
Rick, Carl Wheeler and Karen Hutchins took
Third Church youth to a Habitat for Humanity
work project focusing on home renovation for
low income families. The youth who participated
were: Devon Pryor, Kirstin Pryor, Jaime
Cross, Sarah Kane, Peter Schenck, Katie Cowley
and Marcy HaciSavas. The next project is
scheduled for Saturday, February 9th, from
8:30 - 4:30 pm. Youth in grades 7-12 should
call the Wheelers at 248-2528 for more details
if there is interest in becoming involved.
Future projects will take place over February
break and two weekends in March.

CRITICAL FOOD NEEDS FOR THIRD'S KITCHEN:

Donations for Third's emergency food kitchen
of individual packets of dry milk, peanut
butter, individual packets of crackers, macaroni
and cheese dinners, tuna, chili, soup and
canned dinners would be greatly appreciated.

SIGN UP FOR GIFT CENTER LUNCHEONS

Look for sign-up tables following
Worship
Sunday morning
Help continue a community service

ADULT EDUCATION

(Childcare is available at 9:15)

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION

Sundays at 9:15 in Johnston Hall

Shedding More Light on Homosexuality

February 10: **Personal Reflections**--What
does it mean to be gay and lesbian
Christians in our church today? How
do straight Christians deal with their
own feelings of homophobia? A panel,
moderated by Jim Stewart and including
Jack Kraushaar, Dee Miller and Caryl
Qualich will share their experiences
as Christians seeking More Light in
our Presbyterian church.

February 17: **What the Bible Says and
Doesn't Say About Homosexuality**

February 24: **Diversity of Gifts: The
Same Spirit**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Sundays at 9:15 in the Parlor

Lenten Discipline

If Lent is a time of being thoughtful
about our Christian commitment, our
relationship with God through Christ,
then let it be a time of study, of
reflection, of prayer, or sharing, of
reaching out to others. Traditionally
it has been a time of discipline--of
being better disciples! We will come
together for seven Sunday mornings during
Lent to support and nourish each other
in our thoughts and prayers. Each Sunday
we will share our meditations on selected
passages of Scripture, and a portion
of Bishop Spong's book, *The Easter Moment*.
(Copies available in the Church Office
for \$3). February 10 John Cairns will
lead us in contemplation of the meaning
of Lent.

PASTORAL AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

Sundays at 9:15 in the Celebration Center

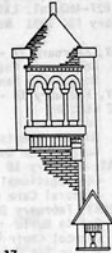
Who Dies?

WHO DIES? We all do. Seldom, however,
do we consciously investigate this part
of the journey. In fact, sometimes
we even forget to "live" consciously.
If you are interested in an investigation
of conscious living and conscious dying,
you are invited to attend the Adult
Education offering titled, "Who Dies."
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Stephen Levine. He is a teacher of
meditation and acts as a consultant
to hospitals and meditation groups.
His book shows us how to participate
fully in life as the perfect preparation
for whatever may come next, be it sorrow
or joy, loss or gain, death or a new
wonderment at life. The class will
be taught by Tony Rauch and Mary
Caravetta. Copies of the book will
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February 17

First Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary*

*Reception of New Members

John A. Cairns preaching

"Signs on the Table"

Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Campaign for A Faithful Tomorrow



Some Questions and Answers

- Q. Didn't we just have a capital campaign?
A. We had a capital campaign in 1986 to
handle immediate repair needs (\$250,000)
-- primarily roofing, drainage and
office space and to provide an endowment
(\$500,000) for future building
maintenance. That endowment is in
place and supplies about \$40,000 per
year toward the annual upkeep of our
buildings.
- Q. Doesn't Genesee Hospital Day Care
use our education building? Shouldn't
they pay a share of the renovation?
A. They currently use two floors during
the week, but Third Church program
needs will require the reduction to
one floor. A portion of their rent
is being applied to the costs, but
the renovation is designed to serve
our Christian education purposes.
- Q. Will something be done to improve
crib and toddler space?
A. The two top priorities are an up-to-date
and welcoming space for our youngest
children and adequate space designed
for and devoted to our growing youth
program, but all classrooms will be
brought up to current standards.

MORE NEXT WEEK ...

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Lent has begun.
"I'm glad it comes early this year,"
she said, "so that it doesn't spoil the nice
spring weather days."

The comment caught me very much off guard.
I had not thought of Lent as a time that
"spoiled" anything. But further conversation
revealed that Lent was a season with a negative
image. As someone else said, "It's a real
downer."

If that is -- or has become -- the image
of Lent for you, let me try to put another
face on it, for that is not the intent of
these forty days. Lent is first and foremost
a season of preparation; a time to ready
ourselves for the upcoming celebration of
Christ's resurrection. It is a season of
growing and expanding our awareness of God's
love and grace; not, as some would suggest,
a time of brow-beating ourselves into some
dark corner.

The term "lent" comes from an Old English
term referring to the "lengthening of days."
The intention was to match what was happening
in the natural world with what was happening
in our spiritual lives. Winter was moving
to spring; darkness was moving to light; the
cold was moving to warmth; sleeping things
were beginning to grow. That same emerging
and awakening should take place in each
of us as we become alive to what Christ is doing
for us through his passion, death and
resurrection.

Certainly self-denial has been an historic
part of Lent. It was not, however, intended
as punishment, but as a way to focus our
concentration; as a tool for our own growth.
It was never to be the sole means of marking
this season, but was to be coupled with prayer
and study and service to others.

Let's not twist or truncate Lent. As
we hang the purple paraments, let us enter
into a time of personal growth. Make a
commitment to find some new way to connect
yourself to Jesus Christ -- to allow Christ
to connect with you. Only as we find ways
to develop that relationship will we enhance
our readiness for Easter. Only as we grow
into Christ will we be able to fully celebrate
his resurrection triumph!

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, February 17 - Lent I
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

MONDAY, February 18 - President's Day
OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 Scouts

7:30 Worship Commission
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, February 19
7:30 Congregational Life Commission
7:30 Pastoral Care Commission

WEDNESDAY, February 20
6:30 Calvin Guild
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 Action for Peace
7:30 Money Discussion Group

THURSDAY, February 21
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners

7:30 Bible Study with John Cairns

FRIDAY, February 22
SATURDAY, February 23
9:00 Women in Spiritual Community Retreat
10:30 Junior Choir

CHURCH FAMILY
BORN
A daughter, Keri Elizabeth, on January 24, 1991, to Tom and Beth Ertsgaard, in Pennsylvania. Keri is the granddaughter of Paul and Marian Ertsgaard (PEG 21).

SYMPATHY
We express our sympathy to the Loren Ansley family (PEG 28) on the death of Jennifer's mother, Nancy Burns, on February 4, 1991, in Alabama.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR ML CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
Third Church is one of the hosts for the 1991 More Lent Conference, an annual event that brings together Presbyterians from all over the country. Would you be able to provide housing and transportation for out-of-town conference attendees the weekend of May 3 - 5? If you can help us, please call Dee Miller (271-1608) or leave your name in the Church Office.

"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"
By popular demand Third Church Travelers is offering an April 13 bus trip to Toronto to see "Phantom of the Opera." Space is limited and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 must be at Gallery of Travel by Monday, February 18. Call 427-0920 for details.

CALVIN GUILD
Dorthea Hunter will be the featured speaker at the Wednesday, February 20 (6:30 pm) meeting of Calvin Guild. Her program is entitled: "The World According to Russell Baker." Members of Calvin Guild are asked to call Regina Witherspoon (442-9432) if they have not been called.

WOMEN IN SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY RETREAT
"Responding to the Inner Voice" is the topic of the Women in Spiritual Community retreat Saturday, February 23 (9 am - 3:30 pm) at the U. of R. Interfaith Chapel. Beverages and snacks will be provided; each participant is asked to bring a brown bag lunch, \$8 to cover costs, and to reflect on the question "What are my needs?" Please call the Office (271-6513) by February 15.

ADULT EDUCATION

(Childcare is available at 9:15)
BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION
Sundays at 9:15 in Johnston Hall

What the Bible Says and Doesn't Say
About Homosexuality

What does the Bible say to us about issues of sexuality and homosexuality? Steve Ford will review current interpretations of Biblical references to human sexuality.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Sundays at 9:15 in the Parlor
Lenten Discipline

Remember when we used to give up something for Lent -- and joke about it? This year let's add something to our lives as we prepare for the Easter experience! We will come together and support each other in a disciplined approach to the Lenten experience. We can take seriously the meaning of Lent and our claiming the New Life in Christ. We will discuss Bishop Spong's book, *Easter Moment*, and will read Scripture selections each week, practicing reconciliation and forgiveness ... and sharing what this means to us in a supportive group.

PASTORAL AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

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Who Dies?

Anyone interested in an investigation of conscious living and conscious dying is invited to attend the Adult Education offering "Who Dies." The basis for this class is a book by Stephen Levine, a teacher of meditation and is a consultant to hospitals and meditation groups. His book shows us how to participate fully in life as the perfect preparation for whatever may come next. The class will be taught by Tony Rauch and Mary Caravetta and copies of the book are available for purchase.

CHURCH SCHOOL REMINDER!

There is Church School during school mid-winter break (February 17 and 24) and we look forward to seeing all of our in-town vacationing students in class as we begin to explore the season of Lent!

THEOLOGICAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

Beginning on the second Monday evening of March the Theological Book of the Month Club will meet at 7:30 in the Parlor. If you have wanted to delve a little deeper into the stuff of theological thought or if you are one to struggle with the substance of your faith or the persistence of your doubt, save every second Monday evening of the month.

Steve Ford will be the host of these gatherings which will include book discussion and dessert. The only criteria for participation is that you have read the book, or a major portion of it. Books will be on sale in the Church Office.

March 11: The Bible Makes Sense, Walter Bruggeman

April 8: The Reformed Imperative: "What the Church Has to Say that No One Else Can Say," John Leith

May 13: Jesus Christ and Mythology, Rudolf Bultmann

June 10: Models of God, Sallie McFague

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Lent II
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Sacrament of Baptism at both Services
John A. Cairns preaching
"By Way of Definition"
I Corinthians 1:20-28
Mark 8:31-38

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for A Faithful
Tomorrow

FROM YOUR PASTOR

How often do you stop and think about being Presbyterian? When you're in the midst of a round of introductions? When you disagree with something the church does? When you come across the word in a book or newspaper? When you walk into the building?

Being part of a denomination may not be a constant part of your thought process, but I would like to suggest that it is more than the chopped nuts on the top of your spiritual sundae! In other words, our denominational tie is not -- in my opinion -- a piece of window dressing we could just as well do without.

The denomination is a network -- an extended family. It is thousands of congregations; we learn from each other, share with each other, support each other. But that may be something that is more important to me than to you. I find colleagues who share my situations, speak my language. You may see nothing more than a string of other churches you did not choose to join.

We could lift up denominations for the way they resource the local church. The curriculum materials, the leadership people, the guidelines and procedures. Each local church does not have to reinvent the wheel. But it is certainly true that as a large congregation, we need and use less support services than a small struggling church does.

The most telling argument for me is the broadened view the denomination supplies. The Presbyterian Church is engaged in mission in 110 countries on six continents. That is what we as individual Christians are called to do, but can never accomplish. Through the Presbyterian Church we feed the hungry, cure the sick, preach the good news. Through our denominational ties we share the joy of a baptism in Bangladesh and the pain of persecution in El Salvador.

It is my hope that our participation in specific projects of the Presbyterian Church's Bicentennial Fund as part of our Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow will create for us on-going ties to congregations in Germany and Carolina.

As one local congregation among over 30,000 we have an opportunity to give as well as receive strength through our Presbyterian connection. It is good to be a Presbyterian.

Faithfully,

John

Dear Third Church Family,

From the experience of our families we know that our Christian Education wing is a very busy place -- home to a nursery school, a daycare center and our weeknight and Sunday activities. It is time to bring our 1950's building into the 90's -- to enhance its welcome and broaden its usefulness.

Bright and cheerful top the list with new ceiling, wall, and floor coverings. The electrical, heating/ventilation, and fire detection systems, as well as six restrooms, will all be brought up to code.

Anyone who has ever peeked into the second floor kitchen will appreciate the need for an expanded, upgraded version. No longer the size of a closet with no ventilation, the new kitchen promises to be a busy place. From daycare meal preparation, to Sunday school snack and cooking projects, to youth group activities and overnight use, all will find the kitchen a fun and safe place to be.

Handicap accessibility is a must for our times. Expanded first floor areas will make all welcome at our church. Replacing several fixed walls with movable panels will allow us more flexible space. An expanded lounge/center on the third floor will provide a special place for our various youth ministry activities.

As parents of children in their formative years we know it has always been a priority of Third Churchers to provide a quality Christian atmosphere for our children. The proposed renovations give us this opportunity to continue to do that in a bright, safe, exciting atmosphere. Help us make it happen. Please your share toward A Faithful Tomorrow.

Bruce and Sandy Gianniny
Tom and Peggy Hubbard

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SUNDAY, February 24 - Lent II
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
6:00 Deacon Potluck Supper at Hopkins

MONDAY, February 25
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Personnel
7:30 Women in Spiritual Community

TUESDAY, February 26
12:00 John White Circle
7:30 Trustees
7:30 More Light Network

WEDNESDAY, February 27
7:00 7th Grade Bells
7:00 Pastoral Care Commission
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 8th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, February 28
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 Bible Study

FRIDAY, March 1
SATURDAY, March 2

CHURCH FAMILY

MARRIED

Wayne Thompson and Barbara McGee were married February 16, 1991 in the Chapel with the Reverend Anthony J. Rauch officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Cal Garber (PEG 4) on the February 13, 1991 death of his mother, Mary Garber Cooper, in Lakeside, Pennsylvania and the family of

Dr. Harold Bowman (PEG 9) on his death February 13, 1991. A memorial service for Dr. Bowman will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, February 23 at 2 pm.

JOHN WHITE CIRCLE

The John White Circle will meet Tuesday, February 26 at noon at Third Church. Tony Rauch will present a program entitled: "And Here I am."

WANTED... a warm, caring member of Third to be the Director of the Third Church Nursery School. Special qualities needed are love of children, tact, and efficiency. If interested, please call Judy MacKnight at 244-0640.

COSTUME RECALL

Can you loan any of the following items: tuxedo jacket, top hat, walking canes, a wooden chalice, 2 long solid picnic benches? If you have any of these, please call Jean Sias (442-1983) before bringing them to the church.

MARDI GRAS THANK YOU

Special thanks go to the committee that planned and organized the feeding of more than 300 at last week's Mardi Gras Pancake Supper: Jackie Cross, Beth Aten, Ann Prince and Tina Jones and many other helpers that evening. And -- hurrah for Sandra Wildman who so beautifully decorated the Celebration Center!

ADULT EDUCATION

(Childcare is available at 9:15)

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION

Sunday at 9:15 in Johnston Hall
Diversity of Gifts: The Same Spirit
Today we will look at two ways the church can recognize the gifts of its gay and lesbian members. We will give a brief description of the Presbyterian churches' More Light movement and its 1991 ML Conference being held in Rochester, May 3-5. Second, we plan to discuss a model for an inclusive church that is based on mutual acceptance of different gifts. It is the model that is described in the book, *Household of Freedom* written by Prof. Letty Russell, a professor of theology at Yale Divinity School and the keynote speaker at the ML Conference.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Sundays at 9:15 in the Parlor
Lenten Discipline

This Sunday we continue our series in sharing our meditations on selected passages of Scripture and a portion of Bishop Spong's book, *The Easter Moment*. Ann McMan will lead us in a study of "The Effects of the Easter Moment."

PASTORAL AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

Sundays at 9:15 in the Celebration Center

Who Dies?

Tony Rauch and Mary Caravatta continue leading us in our investigation of conscious living and conscious dying. The study is based around Stephen Levine's book, *Who Dies*.

BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB UPDATE

Copies of *The Bible Makes Sense* (Walter Brueggemann) and *The Reformed Imperative* (John Leith) are now available in the Church Office. For more information about this series, please contact Steve Ford at 271-6537.

INTERFAITH JAIL MINISTRY

"I was in prison and you visited me..." Visiting prisoners is what the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry is all about. If you would like to become a prison visitor, there will be a Winter Volunteer Training Session on Saturday, February 23 at St. Mary's Church. For more information or to register for this training event, call 325-1942.

HELP NEEDED

A 14-year old TAPSS participant and her 6-month old daughter are in need of assistance. Donations of any of the following -- car seat, single bed linens, crib -- would be appreciated. Please call TAPSS at 442-6966.

THIRD CHURCH MESSENGER
February 19, 1991 Part Two of Two Parts

It is always a significant event in the life of the church when new members decide to join our family of faith. It is with joy and thanksgiving that we welcome these people who joined with our congregation February 17th. Note through the PEG (Parish Enrichment Group) numbers those who may be your neighbors and welcome them to your neighborhood. They share with you a little about themselves.

RICHARD BLOWERS (PEG 9) lives in the Third Church neighborhood at 31 Rundel Park and as a sales representative for Forbes Products covering the mid-east territory, spends a great deal of time traveling. Rick grew up in LeRoy and lists his special interests as sports (racquetball, volleyball, skiing) and refurbishing his house. Rick joined by Confession of Faith.

ROBERT CAMPBELL (PEG 22), works at Eastman Kodak supporting the marketing of computer software and systems products. His previous church was the Presbyterian Church in Ithaca, NY. Bob lists his special interests as world politics/economics, tennis and running music (guitar and piano), reading and writing poetry and stories. He is the father of Tricia Ann, Jessica and Mark. Bob joined Third by Reaffirmation of Faith.

LISA CARROLL (PEG 3), 250 Arborwood Lane, comes to Third by Letter of Transfer from Calvary Presbyterian Church in Enfield, Connecticut. At Calvary she was youth group moderator, a member of its Presbytery's youth group task force, a lay leader and was a member of Calvary's Brass Choir.

JULIE GASCOIGNE (PEG 9) notes that she is currently living in the city area on Sibley Place. She works at the Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau as the Manager of Convention Planning and Services. Julie grew up in Webster and lists her special interests as a variety of sports, including volleyball, racquetball and golf. She enjoys reading and in her "spare time" is in the process of remodeling her home.

JOHN and VIRGINIA HARRINGTON (PEG 15) live at 530 Oakridge Drive in Irondequoit. They joined by Letters of Transfer from Summerville Presbyterian and are the parents of three grown children and grandparents to 4 special grandchildren. Virginia was a member of the Women's Circle at Summerville and a Deaconess and Chapter member at Brick; John, a Kodak retiree, served as Chair of Christian Education and served two terms as an Elder at Brick.

DONNA and EDWIN HOEFER (PEG 36), 11 Horseshoe Lane, Henrietta, transferred their membership from John Calvin Presbyterian Church. Donna is an English teacher in the Penfield Central Schools and Ed is a teacher in the Mathematics

Department at R.I.T. Ed was previously a member of his church's choir and served as an Elder. Donna and Ed are the parents of two young adults.

DAVID M. HOLLIDAY (PEG 18) lives at 108AA Clintonwood Court, and is father to 4-year old Courtney. Originally from LaGrange, Georgia, David first joined the church at First Presbyterian in that city. He works as an editor with Lawyers Cooperative Publishing and lists his special interests as music and sports activities, especially running and basketball.

NANCY HURLEY (PEG 22), 639 French Road, is the Marketing and Sales Director at the Lodge at Woodcliff. Nancy notes that a lot of her time is spent with her children, Susan and Daniel, "wearing the many hats of motherhood." Her interests include skiing, reading and she is currently learning to play tennis. She notes a particular interest in issues of world peace and hunger and looks forward to working on these issues with Third. She joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

ROXANNE MCCLURE (PEG 9), 51 Morton Street, is presently a student. She is the mother of 14-month old Stephanie and joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. Roxanne was previously a member of the Henrietta United Church of Christ.

THOMAS S. MORSE (PEG 9), 26 Willmont Street, Rochester 14609 is retired. He joined by Letter of Transfer from Webster Presbyterian Church where he served on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons. Tom is retired from Xerox Corporation and until recently was employed by Scrantom's Book and Stationery Company.

JENNIFER PETRISON (PEG 13) notes that she "is excited to be joining Third Church." She is originally from San Francisco and has been living in Rochester for the past 4 years. Jennifer works as a sales representative at Unisys Corp. and lists her interests as tennis, running, skiing, ice skating, cooking and local/international politics; she lives at 729 Meigs Street.

ROBERT and DANA WIDMER-QUIEL (PEG 4) live at 74 Merryhill Drive. Dana is a chemical engineer at Kodak's Research Labs and Bob is an engineer at Kodak Park. Dana notes that they are "busily renovating their home" and that, in addition to working, "she enjoys teaching

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NEW MEMBERS, continued science lessons weekly at School #2 with first graders. Rob notes that he was born on the East coast, raised on the West coast and returned to the East after completing college. Dana has transferred her membership from Bethany Presbyterian Church and Rob joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

RANDI RHINEHART (PEG 2) lives in the 19th Ward at 284 Inglewood Drive with husband Bill and 15-month old daughter, Jaimie. Originally from Syracuse, Randi has lived in Rochester for almost six years and works as a Systems Analyst at Xerox. Her special interests include camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, sailing and travel. Randi joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

JUNE WRIGHT (PEG 3) lives near Lake Ontario at 109 Britton Road. She is a former member of Bethany Presbyterian Church and lists her special interests as family, two of whom are Third Church members Linda Streeter and Janet Chisholm, and sports. June joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 1, 1991

1:00 pm at Asbury First United Methodist Church
1050 East Avenue*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is an international worship event that bonds Christian people of all major denominations and faiths into a simultaneous day of prayer for peace and justice. This global chain of informed prayer and prayerful action began in the United States 104 years ago and has spread to 170 countries and regions of the world. Today its words of hope and challenge, translated into hundreds of languages and dialects, touches untold thousands of persons of faith worldwide.

This year's service was written by women of Kenya, West Africa. Its theme, "On the Journey Together," inspired the authors to travel extensively throughout their country talking and listening to their Kenyan sisters share the stories of their lives. The global service of worship they created has woven the joys, pain, concerns, and sorrows of these women into an experience that reflects what Kenyans call "Harambee," or a spirit of togetherness.

World Day of Prayer Services will take part in the Rochester area at 28 churches and three adult homes during various hours of the day. Third members participating in the 1:00 pm service at Asbury First United Methodist Church on Friday, March 1 are Eleanor White (storyteller), Emily Gazley (soloist) and Ruth Lauterbach (pianist).

*Other times and locations of services will take place throughout the day. Call Church Women United for those locations.

WOMEN, WORD and SONG
A woman created and directed
Christian Worship
in inclusive language, style and imagery
Sunday, March 3, 1991 at 7:30 pm
Downtown United Presbyterian Church
Participants are encouraged to read
Matthew 27:11-26

COMING TO ADULT EDUCATION

Following the January Adult Education series led by Professor Joseph Kelly of the Department of Religious Studies at Nazareth College, it is anticipated that Dr. Tamara Sonn of St. John Fisher College will be talking to an Adult Education session later in the year.

When asked about reading matter relevant to the situation in the Middle East, Dr. Sonn recommended a number of books. Two of these have been made available to the Peace Shelf of Third's Library through the Action for Peace Committee:

Between Qur'an and Crown (Tamara Sonn)
Blaming the Victims (ed. Edward Said and Christopher Hitchens).

In addition, a paper by Dr. Sonn is available, entitled "The Arab-Israeli Conflict". This paper is from the collection "Movements and Issues in World Religions."

The flyleaf of Dr. Sonn's book states "The struggle for political legitimacy in many Middle Eastern countries poses a dilemma for ruling elites. In order to maintain authority, leaders often must capitulate to Islamic universalist dogma, which may conflict with their own views of the state as well as threaten the legitimacy of other leaders in the region who are attempting to establish a secular, national basis for government." Tracing the roots of this dilemma in Middle East history and Islamic philosophy, Dr. Sonn compares the contemporary Middle Eastern period to Europe's 'Age of Religious Wars' that preceded the emergence of the Western secular state.

An opinion on the cover of *Blaming the Victims* states that the book's wide-ranging scope and demythologizing "makes it especially relevant at the present time when the actions of the state of Israel seem so to contradict received opinion as to its analyses it convincingly, and points the reader in the direction of further information."

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March 3, 1991
Third Sunday in Lent
9:15 Worship in Chapel
Laura J. Collins preaching

10:30 in Sanctuary:

REQUIEM

JOHN RUTTER
with Chancel Choir and Instrumentalists
Jonathan Biggers, Organist and Choirmaster

Many members of our congregation will recall the splendid presentation of the Rutter Requiem several years back, and the Chancel Choir is pleased to once again present it as the main worship element on the third Sunday in Lent. The Requiem, written in 1985, was first performed in England. Following the precedent established by Brahms and Faure, it is not strictly a setting of the Requiem Mass as laid down in Catholic liturgy, but is instead made up of a personal selection of texts. The version to be performed at Third Church is the setting for organ and six instruments. It is hoped that you will be able to attend this musical event in the life of our our church!

Campaign for A Faithful Tomorrow

This article will reach you about the same time a letter, information, and pledge cards for The Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow.

The reasons for this article are threefold:

1. To remind you that this personal request requires prompt attention on your part;
 2. To remind you that the outcome of this campaign is now in your care;
 3. To thank you in advance for your decision to share in Third Presbyterian Church's Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow.
- During the past few weeks you have been provided insights from the pulpit, information from the lectern, messages in the MESSENGER, and now a more personal delivery of a request to share.

The next step is up to you, the people who make up the voice and soul of Third Church. It is an act that will combine your own personal beliefs and faith with thousands of other Presbyterians here and across the land, so that others, many less fortunate, can join you in a more Faithful Tomorrow.

Thank you.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

In Jerusalem seven years ago I walked along the Via Dolorosa - the Way of Sorrows. It is a route through narrow streets supposed to be the way Jesus was led from Pilate's courtyard to the hill of Calvary. Our guide said, "It's just not Easter until you make this walk." I learned what he meant. Along that crowded cobblestone path Easter became a personal event.

Whether or not you ever travel to Jerusalem, the season of Lent offers us something of the same opportunity. If we walk through these 40 days with some intentionality, the season can help us connect to Easter on a personal level. To that end I would recommend to each of you the discipline of weekly worship during the time when we will recount the story of Jesus' journey to the cross.

The Rutter Requiem on Sunday provides the "setting of the stage" in beautiful and dramatic fashion. During the four weeks which follow I will continue our journey with a series of sermons entitled **MOVING TOWARD EASTER**. The particular dates, titles and texts are:

- March 10 "With Our Feet" (II Chronicles 36, Ephesians 2)
- March 17 "With Our Hearts" (Jeremiah 31, John 12)
- March 24 "With Our Hands" (Isaiah 50, Mark 11)
- March 31 (Easter) "With Our Voices" (Isaiah 58, Mark 16)

In addition I would put in a word for the services on Maundy Thursday (March 28 at 7:30 pm) and Good Friday (March 29 at 12:15 pm). They always provide me with that special focus and preparation that enables Easter to be a personal celebration.

On a different matter let me urge you to join Betsy and me in making a strong and prompt response to the Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow. So much of what the church is about -- strong Christian education and vital worldwide mission -- is dependent upon our stepping forward in this effort. I am pleased by the early response, but know it will take a positive commitment from each one of us if we are to properly respond to the needs of our children and the wider church. Let's do it -- together!

Faithfully,

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SUNDAY, March 3 - Lent III
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Requiem
4:00 Church Officer Training-Elders/Deacons

MONDAY, March 4
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, March 5
7:00 Outreach Commission
7:30 Adult Ed Commission

WEDNESDAY, March 6
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Money Discussion Group
7:30 Deacons' Meeting
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Youth Commission
8:00 9th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, March 7
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downouters
7:30 Bible Study
7:30 Peace Network

FRIDAY, March 8
SATURDAY, March 9
10:00 Junior Choir

CHURCH FAMILY BORN

A daughter, Elizabeth Ellen, to Sheri and Laurence Fried (PEG 13), on February 18, 1991, in Rochester.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered on February 17 by The Reverend Laura J. Collins to Richard E. Blowers and by The Reverend Stephen T. Ford to Amy Coleman; and on February 24th by The Reverend John A. Cairns to Garrett Daniel, born January 20, 1991, son of William A. and Lynne Hambleton Magee and to Lindsay Michelle, born November 18, 1990, daughter of Mark and Robin White Kukla.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Tae Whang (PEG 5) on the death of his sister, **Yong Ok Whang**, on February 20, 1991 in Korea.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Streeter family has thoroughly enjoyed all the goodies from Church friends. A great big thanks to all of you. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

EASTER MOMENT by Bishop Spong

Extra copies are available in the Church Office at \$3. A very moving book for Lenten reading, or as a gift to family or friend.

SPIRITUALITY FAIRE '91

"Bridging the gap between spirituality and work. A smorgasbord of spiritual, artistic, and prayer experiences." At St. Louis Church, 60 So. Main Street, Pittsford, Sunday, March 10 and Monday, March 11, 7-9:30 pm. (See brochures on the table in the Parlor or phone Wayne McKusick at 244-7466.

ADULT EDUCATION (Childcare is available at 9:15) BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION Sunday at 9:15 in Johnston Hall

Education Initiatives in Rochester and at Third

Over the next 2 Sundays, we will explore what Third Church members are already doing, and might do in the future, to help in educational reform efforts in Rochester.

March 3 - Recall to Action: In 1986, "A Call to Action" helped set the agenda for educational reform in Rochester. The task force which guided the process was chaired by Gene Bay, former senior pastor at Third. Much has happened since then, but much is yet to be done. To help stimulate further progress and rejuvenate community involvement, a **Recall to Action** has been initiated. To learn more about this effort, its potential value to the community, and how Third members can become involved, come hear Bill Johnson, President of the Urban League, and John Torella, Director of the Center for Educational Development.

March 10 - Third Church and Education: Tracy Walker of our congregation will focus on what Third Church members are already doing to help in our schools, and discuss an exciting new opportunity under consideration in Rochester.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Sundays at 9:15 in the Parlor Lenten Discipline

This Sunday we continue our series in sharing our meditations on selected passages of Scripture and a portion of Bishop Spong's book, **The Easter Moment**. Jackie McNish will conclude Part II of "The Effects of the Easter Moment."

PASTORAL AND BIBLICAL STUDIES Sundays at 9:15 in the Celebration Center Who Dies?

Tony Rauch and Mary Caravatta continue leading us in our investigation of conscious living and conscious dying. The study is based around Stephen Levine's book, **Who Dies**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 1, 1991 at 1 pm
Asbury First United Methodist Church
1050 East Avenue

(Other times and locations of services will take place throughout the day. Call Church Women United for those locations.)

PRAYER CORDON TO BEGIN

A prayer cordon is being organized by members of the Pastoral Care Commission. Informational meetings will be held in mid-March. Watch for more details about this exciting new program in upcoming issues of the MESSENGER.

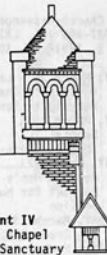
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN PEACE

Symposium sponsored by Genesee Valley Christians for Israeli/Palestinian Peace
Wednesday, March 13, 1991
8:45 am - 12:30 pm

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March 10 - Lent IV
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching
"With Our Feet"
11 Chronicles 36:14-23
Ephesians 2:4-10

ADULT EDUCATION (Childcare is available at 9:15) BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION Education Initiatives in Rochester and at Third Sunday at 9:15 in Johnston Hall

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Part III, "Exploring the Easter Moment," will be led this Sunday by Robb Adams as we continue our series in sharing our meditations on selected passages of Scripture.

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SUNDAY, March 10 - Lent IV
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
MONDAY, March 11
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Theology Book-of-the-Month Club
TUESDAY, March 12
12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon
5:30 Habitat for Humanity
7:30 Session
WEDNESDAY, March 13
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 New Member Commission
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 9th Grade Bells
THURSDAY, March 14
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 Bible Study
FRIDAY, March 15
SATURDAY, March 16
10:00 Junior Choir

RETIREMENT

Tony Rauch will speak on "Male Bonding: The New Glue," following the Retired Men's Luncheon on **Tuesday, March 12** at noon. Please call the Church Office, 271-6513, with your reservation by Monday, March 11.

MARY PARIS STRAYER

Mary Paris Strayer will meet at noon, **Monday, March 19** in Johnson Hall. Lura Masters, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women of Genesee Valley, will perform early American music on the dulcimer and autoharp.

PEG 32 GATHERS

Members of P.E.G. 32 will gather **Friday, March 22** at the home of Don and Skippy Raines. Please call Rose Pethick (385-1565) before March 20th with your reservation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER and SEDER CELEBRATION

Prior to the evening Communion and Service of Tenebrae on **March 28 Maundy Thursday**, there will be a church family dinner followed by experiencing a Seder, the feast commemorating the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Mark your calendars and look for details in next week's MESSENGER.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION - MARCH 10 & 17

All parents of children who will be age 3 - grade 8 in the fall of '91 must register children for Church School for the coming school year, even if they are currently registered. Early registration is required so that we can begin planning for teacher recruitment and ordering curriculum supplies. The registration table will be located on the 2nd floor landing of the Education Building. Children's Faith Commissioners will be there to assist. Please help us save follow-up phoning by registering your children!

PLEASE SAVE TOPS REGISTER RECEIPTS

If you shop at Tops, please save your receipts and bring them to the Church Office. New Life Presbyterian Church can use them to buy food and supplies for their exciting program "New Life Before School." Thank you!



"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2

Each year during the weeks just before Easter, we invite the members of Third Church to learn more about the One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering. This year three programs will benefit ----- Church World Service (CWS), the Hunger Program, and the program for Self-Development of People.

One of the ministries of CWS is refugee resettlement. With the networking, expertise, training and resources of CWS Third Church has sponsored several refugee families in Rochester. Our gifts to the Easter Offering enable us to help refugees in Rochester and all around the world to begin a new life. Give generously. Fill the world with love.

WILL TOWLER SPEAKS ON CHINA

Will Towler recently spent some time studying in China and the Action for Peace Committee has asked him to tell us something of his experiences while in China and of his understandings about the recent uprisings and their aftermath. He will make himself available after 10:30 Worship on **March 10** in the Parlor, prepared to make a short presentation at 11:45 and to answer questions. The meeting will be informal.

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

On Saturday, April 13, a day-long workshop (9-4) will be held at Third Presbyterian Church for members of the congregation and their friends. The title of the workshop is "Despair and Personal Power in the Nuclear Age."

If dropping bombs on Kuwait and Iraq strikes you as an odd way for Christians (or Jews or Muslims) to behave even in the face of aggression, this workshop may help you to come to terms with recent events. If it seems to you that the human race never learns to abandon its trust in war and weaponry even though they are clearly not a Christian response to problems, this will be a day that you may want to remember.

At the workshop, conducted by Rev. Virginia Mackey and others, participants may share their feelings of alienation from the events that are unfolding and of inability to have any impact on these events. Details will be announced in future issues of the MESSENGER. Please contact the Main Office (271-6513) to make a reservation.

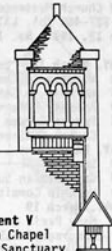
"FROM A to G:" HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help on the production staff (costumes, props, staging, make-up, etc.), you may pick up a form from an usher on Sunday mornings, beginning March 10, or call Sally Dieterich (248-3033).

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March 17 - Lent V
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching
"With Our Heart"
Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Throughout the history of the church there have been a great many leaders and laity who have commented on the importance of prayer in the life of the individual Christian and in the life of the Christian community. Yet many of these same commentators also speak about the great mysteries associated with prayer.

I would like to invite you to enter into the importance and the mystery of prayer on a regular and committed basis. I would like you to think about becoming part of the Third Church Prayer Cordon -- and I have two reasons for this request.

First, prayer is our way of connecting with others in need. We demonstrate the "priesthood of all believers" when we lift up one another to God through prayer. We become "a channel of access" not only for the person who is the object of our prayers, but also for the larger community of which we are all a part. We make a difference in lives and situations because of our prayerful interventions.

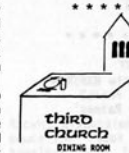
Second, prayer is something we learn only by doing. People can -- and do -- write a lot of books about the hows and whys of praying, but the bottom line is that it must be experiential. Only as we pray do we appreciate the bond prayer creates between us and the Almighty.

So, I invite you to commit yourself to pray. The Prayer Cordon will be organized as a dozen or more groups of 5 or 6 people pledge themselves to pray daily for a list of people and concerns that will be passed on to them from the pastors through several telephone captains. It is a regular commitment that promises to be helpful to members of this congregation and community -- and also to those who do the praying.

A separate announcement on the other side of this MESSENGER gives the details of orientation meetings. All Third Churchers are welcome -- youth and adults, working men and women, homemakers and retirees. If you can find 5-10 minutes a day to put your faith to work, you will have the thanks of a grateful congregation -- and its pastors.

Faithfully,

John



LUNCH for the HUNGRY at THIRD CHURCH

April 13 Third Church is beginning an exciting new ministry.

Plans are to serve a good, hot lunch right here in our church home to families and others for whom getting enough good food is a problem. We want to make our Dining Room a place of warmth and friendship, as well as nourishment, that will serve as a place of hope and stability for people who may not have much of either.

Once a week, on Saturday, teams of six volunteers will cook for our guests and serve them in the Youth Lounge, following preset menus and procedures. Time commitment for volunteers will be roughly 10 am to 1 pm, perhaps once every six weeks, depending on the number of teams recruited.

A training session for volunteers will be held at the Church March 27.

Don't you want to join us? After all, serving good food in a warm atmosphere is one of the things for which Third Church is noted. In addition to team member jobs, we have some special jobs to fill, such as greeters and volunteer coordinator. Perhaps you'd like to form your own team. For more information, or to sign up, call the Church Office (271-6513), Henry Curme (872-6282) or Kathryn Stinson (473-2378).

Campaign
A Faithful Tomorrow

Early returns have put us close to the halfway point of our \$600,000 goal. Your "share" is necessary and important for the future of Third and of the mission of Christ around the world. Please return your pledge card today. (If you have not received your mailing, please call the Church Office -- some were apparently lost.)

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SUNDAY, March 17 - Lent V
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 Amnesty International Letter Writing
11:45 Prayer Cordon Meeting
Church Officer Training 4:00 Deacons
7:00 Elders
MONDAY, March 18
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group
7:30 Worship Commission
TUESDAY, March 19
12:00 Mary Paris Strayer
7:30 Congregational Life Commission
7:30 Children's Faith Commission
7:30 Action for Peace Committee
7:30 Trustees
WEDNESDAY, March 20
7:00 8th Grade Bells
6:30 Calvin Guild
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 9th Grade Bells
THURSDAY, March 21
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downcasters
6:30 Peace Network
FRIDAY, March 22
6:30 PEG 32 at Don and Skippy Raines'
SATURDAY, March 23
10:00 Junior Choir

CHURCH FAMILY SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to
Jon Schumacher (PEG 28) on the death of his brother, **Howard S. Schumacher**, on March 2, 1991 in Rochester;
the family of **The Reverend Dr. Harold J. Drown**, Associate Pastor at Third during the early 1960's, who died March 2, 1991, in San Leandro, California, and
Mary Jane Peck (P5), on the death of her father, **M. Stanley Macklem**, on March 5, 1991 in Rochester.
We have also learned of the death of **Imbie Spiehler**, on February 6, 1991, in Canandaigua and express our sympathy to her family.

COMPANIONSHIP SOUGHT

Companions are sought for Marguerite Morris, a resident of the Woodside Manor Nursing Home, former kindergarten teacher and long-time member of Third Church. If you would be interested in helping, please call the Church Office (271-6513).

RUTTER REQUIEM

Many thanks to the Chancel Choir, Jonathan Biggers and instrumentalists for the wonderful presentation of the **Rutter Requiem** on March 3. Professional tapes of the service, including the **Requiem** are available (\$5-\$10, depending on quantity ordered) by calling the Church.

HIGH CHAIRS
(Donated or Loaned)
NEEDED FOR DINING ROOM MINISTRY
Please call the Church Office (271-6513)

TAPSS BAKE SALE MARCH 24
following 10:30 worship
in Johnston Hall

PLEASE NOTE: FINAL TEEN SUPPERS - March 24, April 14, 28

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ADULT EDUCATION

(Childcare is available at 9:15)
BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION
Helping the Hungry & Homeless

Sunday at 9:15 in Johnston Hall
Share the excitement as Third Church embarks on a new emphasis in local mission. This session will offer a feast of new opportunities to be faithful servants in our city. Come explore!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Sunday at 9:15 in the Parlor

Lenten Discipline

Part III, "Exploring the Easter Moment," will be led this Sunday by Deanna Tiefenthal.

PASTORAL AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

Sunday at 9:15 in the Celebration Center

Who Dies?

Tony Rauch and Mary Caravetta continue leading us in our investigation of conscious living and conscious dying.



Then he showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal...

Revelations 22:1

The One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, March 31st at both services of worship. Did you ever ask, "Where does my money go?"

One of the places it goes is to the Fund for the Self Development of People of our Presbyterian Church. And one of the ways they use it is to reconstruct water systems in low-income communities. Two small towns in Idaho faced the prospect of abandoning their homes for lack of acceptable water and sewage systems. The cost of new equipment to bring these systems up to government standards was staggering. With a gift from the Fund for the Self Development of People, they were able to qualify for matching grants. Now, clean water can be brought from the earth and returned safely to the environment for the benefit of all of God's creatures. Water is one of the many ways God fills the world with love.

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MOVING TOWARD EASTER
#5. "With Our Hands"
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Mark 11:1-11

THIRD CHURCH -
PARTNER with HABITAT for HUMANITY
- Edison Tech also involved -

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Easter is such a happy day! The memories associated with it are bright and uplifting; the mood is captured in flowers and bright colors and warmth. At certain moments I would be perfectly content to jump to Easter right now, leaving the reminder of Lent behind. But I know that is not a possibility -- and it is not even a good idea. The sequence is essential; shaping our thoughts, our participation, and our responses and commitments.

I remember a visual sequence that was the tradition for a church in Indiana. It began in Advent when the evergreen tree was set in the church narthex and decorated with symbols of the season (chrismsons). After Christmas the tree was undecorated but remained in place -- a symbol of life in the midst of winter. Then when Lent arrived, its branches were cut off leaving only the trunk. The top portion was cut off and lashed to what remained to form a cross. When Holy Week began a nail was driven into the cross and a "crown of thorns" was hung there. But when worshippers arrived on Easter morning the bare wooden cross was covered with lilies and spring flowers.

The symbol was simple, but the message was profound. It is one story; one story which we remember and celebrate and live into each year. Certainly it is familiar; it is also real. Our life is tied to Christ's life and in his story is our salvation. Connect with the whole story. Walk through the week. Easter is not an isolated event.

Faithfully,

John

With the Persian Gulf and the ice storm behind us, people are again thinking about travel. Betsy and I are still planning a 16-day trip to Europe in late September, with an emphasis on church history. We need indications of interest by mid-April in order to firm up arrangements. Talk to us or call my office for itinerary, details or to put your name on the list.
J.A.C.

Recent discussions growing out of the adult education focus on the problems of the homeless have led to an exciting "action item." A small group of Third Church members has been studying the possibility of sponsoring a new house project with Flower City Habitat for Humanity, Inc., to be completed this summer. Chairperson Bill McQuilkin concluded the agreement recently with Max Jenkins, development and community relations executive director for Habitat.

The project will consist of construction of a new, single-family house in the Marketview Heights area, the initial framing of which will be the work of carpentry students at Edison Technical High School. "Seed" financing for the project has been allocated by the Church's Outreach Commission. Third Church members will have a "hands-on" chance to participate in the construction and finishing of the house, once it has been moved to the final site (probably on First Street), as well as in the selection of the family to buy and occupy it.

This project, a part of a larger local Habitat for Humanity program that includes both new construction and rehabilitation projects, will provide our church community with a very real opportunity to put time and talents to work in an area of critical need. Future articles in the MESSENGER will provide more details, as the plans unfold. Meanwhile, sharpen your skills -- any and all will be needed!

If you are interested in joining the committee working on this, contact Bill McQuilkin at 475-2981 (work) or 271-6388 (home), or call Laura Collins at the Church (271-6557).

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"Children are
heritage from God..."
Psalm 127:3

SUNDAY, March 24 - Palm Sunday
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:45 Prayer Cordon Meeting
MONDAY, March 25
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Personnel Committee
7:30 Women in Spiritual Community
TUESDAY, March 26
5:00 Presbytery Meeting at Third
WEDNESDAY, March 27
7:00 Pastoral Care Commission
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 9th Grade Bells
THURSDAY, March 28 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
6:00 Family Supper/Seder
7:30 Communion/Tenebrae
FRIDAY, March 29 - Good Friday
12:15 Ecumenical Worship in Sanctuary
SATURDAY, March 30
10:00 Junior Choir
SUNDAY, March 31 - Easter Sunday
9:00 Worship in Sanctuary
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary

CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Madeline Scott (PEG 28) on her death March 11, 1991. A memorial service for Mrs. Scott, a member of Third since 1946, will be held at 2 pm in the Chapel on Saturday, March 23.

DINING ROOM MINISTRY

The response to the Dining Room Ministry has been excellent, but there is still room for you! If you have not yet signed up and wish to do so, please call either Henry Curme (872-6282), Kathryn Stimson (473-2378) or Laura Collins (271-6557).

TAPES OF RUTTER SERVICE AVAILABLE

Professional cassette tapes copies of the March 3 service, including the Rutter Requiem are available for purchase. The cost is between \$5 and \$10, depending upon the number of orders placed. If you would like to order a copy, please contact the Church Office by March 22.

HIGH CHAIRS

(Donated or Loaned)

NEEDED FOR DINING ROOM MINISTRY

Please call the Church Office (271-6513)

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 1991-92 school year will conclude this Sunday, March 24. ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 and 8TH GRADE MUST RE-REGISTER EACH YEAR. If you haven't yet done so, please stop over in the Education Building following 10:30 worship to register. Your cooperation will help facilitate teacher recruitment and curriculum ordering, necessarily done in April and May!

Did you know that there are 28 million street children in Brazil? Christian Action Pro People (CAPP) has developed a program to work with these children to help them learn to identify and meet their own needs. Conversation sessions provide ideas for non-criminal ways of earning money; growing and selling vegetables, baking and selling bread. CAPP also offers a basic program of recreational and creative activities. When we give to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are helping to support worthwhile programs like CAPP. Give generously. Fill the world with love.

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FAMILY SEDER CELEBRATION

The first Passover in Egypt, about the year 1250 B.C., marked the end of 400 years of slavery for Israel. Jesus used the occasion of the Passover celebration to eat his Last Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room.

The Jewish Passover celebration centers around a symbolic "meal" known as the Seder. It is not a full meal -- rather the eating of symbolic foods while the story of the deliverance from Egypt is told. Our Seder will be a family occasion (in the true Jewish fashion) with Steve Ford presiding over the "meal," so people of all ages are invited.

Since so much of our Christian faith is rooted to our Jewish heritage, it seems appropriate for us to come together and celebrate the Seder on the night that we will also celebrate the Last Supper.

On Thursday, March 28, we will gather together in Johnston Hall for a traditional Passover celebration. The celebration will be preceded by homemade soup and dessert (\$3 per person) at 6:00 pm. The celebration will begin at 6:30 and end at 7:15, in time for participants to attend the 7:30 Maundy Thursday worship service.

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WORKSHOP April 13

On Saturday, April 13, a day-long workshop (9-4) is offered to members of the congregation and their friends. The title of the workshop is "Peace is a Way of Dealing with Conflicts." This title (originally "Despair and Personal Power in the Nuclear Age") reflects an understanding that the reach of the workshop should include not only how to view one's personal role in the development of world events, but also how to comprehend peace as impinging actively on those events.

The outline for the workshop promises plenty of time for sharing views and values. Lunch will be provided (at a nominal charge). Please phone the Church Office (271-6513) and leave your name if you are interested in participating in this workshop. It will be conducted by Virginia Mackey and associates and is sponsored by the Action for Peace Committee. If you need further information, please phone Jim Hamerton at 385-1542.

HOMEBOUND MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals On Wheels, a program of the Visiting Nurse Service, provides a healthy solution to those who need temporary or long-term help with meals. If you or a member of your family know of a member of the congregation or an individual in the community who is frail and in need of this type of service, please contact the Admissions Department of the Visiting Nurse Service at 482-0120, ext. 450.

Do You Have Two Hours to Spare?

The nephew (Florida resident) of Marguerite Morris, long-time member of Third and former kindergarten teacher now residing at the Woodside Nursing Home, seeks companionship for his aunt. Optimally, each of two or three visitors would call on Mrs. Morris once a week for two hours. He is willing to pay for the time visited; for more information, please call the Church Office at 271-6513.

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YOUTH MUSICAL NEEDS: tuxedo jacket, top hat, walking canes without handles, a wooden chalice, 2 long, solid picnic benches and strings of battery powered lights. If you would be willing to loan any of these items, please call Jean Sias, 442-1983, before bringing them to Church.

YOUTH MUSICAL 1991: CELEBRATION! TWENTY YEARS FROM A TO G

Ever since January 6, the church has been filled with young people every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 6:45, rehearsing for the 1991 youth musical. More than 130 young people, ages 8 to 18, have been singing, acting, speaking and dancing, in preparation for the show, CELEBRATION! TWENTY YEARS FROM A TO G, to be presented both morning and evening on May 12 and again in the evening on May 19.

This year's show is a celebration of more than twenty years of youth musicals at Third Church, and as such, will consist of selected scenes from each one of those shows over the years. Thus the title: The A stands for the first show done, *Away He Run!* (1968 and 1975), the story of the prodigal son. This is followed by a scene from *The Violence Tree* (1973), a show based on the story of the Good Samaritan.

For those who have been with us during this period, it will be a trip down memory lane. For those who are newer, you will be seeing some of the best from each show. The presentation begins with scenes from *Away He Run!* (1968 and 1975), the story of the prodigal son. This is followed by a scene from *The Violence Tree* (1973), a show based on the story of the Good Samaritan.

Then come pieces of *Pilgrim* (1977), a show based on John Bunyan's *A Pilgrim's Progress*, plus a selection from *Bible Folk* (1979), which was a collection of scenes portraying characters in the Bible.

Next will come *Zacchaeus* (1981), a show based on a contemporary style Zacchaeus, and then a scene from the 1983 show, *Lightshine*, which was based on the Beatitudes. Following that will be excerpts from the popular *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1972 and 1985) telling the colorful story of that Old Testament figure.

Celebrate Life (1987) is next with a beautiful selection from a show which portrays the life and ministry of Jesus. And rounding out the performance will be *Godspell* (1989), which presents the life and ministry of Jesus in an entirely different style.

More information about the show to come later, but save the dates and plan to bring your friends: **May 12** at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm, and **May 19** at 7:30 pm.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Katie Coddington has completed cataloging recent additions to the Church Library and notes that the Library Committee is always pleased to receive donations (cash or suitable books) given in honor or in memory of a friend or relative or a Church Circle. A listing of the current additions is available in the Library. Please note that all are welcome to borrow from the Library's collection.

Church School Library News

Located in Room 305 of the Education Building, the Church School Library is open each Sunday from 9:00 am - noon (other times by appointment), for children, preschool through Jr. High, and for adults who enjoy children's literature. The collection includes topics on the Bible, biographies, holidays, the environment, people of other cultures, peacemaking AIDS, death, divorce, families and more -- including many great works of fiction for youth and picture books for preschoolers. Can't seem to find your way over to Room 305? Stop by the 2nd floor seating area outside the pastor's offices in the Parish House. Each month, a new display on the bookcase awaits browsers and borrowers alike. If you have any questions regarding your Church School's library, call Hope Wegman, weekday mornings, 271-6513.



EASTER FLOWERS

Palm Sunday, March 24, is the deadline for receiving contributions for the lovely flowers to be used during the worship services on Easter Sunday and then taken to our members who are unable to attend the services.

I would like to contribute to the Easter Flower Fund

In Memory of _____

 In Honor of _____

The names of those memorialized or honored will be printed in the bulletin on Easter. Please make your check payable to "Third Presbyterian Church" and be sure to note that it is a "Flower Fund" contribution.

ADULT EDUCATION (Childcare is available at 9:15)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Lenten Discipline

Sunday at 9:15 in the Parlor
 "Exploring the Easter Moment," Part IV, will be led this week by Wayne McKusick.

PASTORAL AND BIBLICAL STUDIES Who Dies?

Sundays at 9:15 In the Celebration Center
 Tony Rauch and Mary Caravetta conclude leading us in our investigation of conscious living and conscious dying.

THEOLOGICAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

Monday, April 15 (7:30 pm) is the next meeting date for the Theological Book of the Month Club. The only criteria for participation is that you have read the book or a major portion of it. Copies of The Reformed Imperative: "What the Church Has to Say that No One Else Can Say," by John Leith, are available in the Church Office.

MORE LIGHT CHURCH CONFERENCE

Each Sunday's order of worship includes a statement affirming our church's welcome of all persons in our community of faith. The statement is taken, in part, from our More Light Statement that was adopted by Session in January, 1987. With John Calvin, Calvary-St. Andrews, and Downtown United Presbyterian churches, we are now in the final planning stages of the annual national More Light Church conference to be held May 3-5. We will be asking members of our congregation to welcome conference participants by providing overnight accommodations, transportation, and assistance with meals and programs. A sign-up sheet and registration information will be available outside Johnston Hall this Sunday after the 10:30 worship service.

THIRD CHURCH FOOD SUPPLIES AGAIN LOW

Please remember to bring in a few food items to help stock the pantry so that Staff members can give temporary help to the hungry. Individual packets of dry milk and crackers, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese dinners, tuna, chili, soup and canned dinners would be greatly appreciated.

HOLY WEEK

at Third Presbyterian

Palm Sunday, March 24
 9:15 am Worship in Chapel
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, March 28
 6:00 pm Church Supper and Seder
 7:30 pm Communion/Tenebrae Service in Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 29
 12:15 pm Ecumenical Service in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, March 31
 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary
 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary

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March 31 - EASTER
 (One Great Hour Offering Received)

9:00 am and 11:00 am
 Festive Worship in the Sanctuary
 Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Junior Choir at 9:00 am
 Bell Choir at 11:00 am

John A. Cairns preaching
 MOVING TOWARD EASTER
 #4. "With Our Voices"
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 Mark 16

He is risen!
 He is risen, indeed!

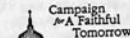
EASTER IS A FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY!
 In addition to nursery care, there will be childcare at both services for ages 3 - grade 1 only, on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. All other children and youth should remain in worship with their parents.

TGIF EVENT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12

The next TGIF -- sharing a potluck meal and listening to a choir from the School of the Arts -- will take place in Johnston Hall on Friday, April 12. 6:00 pm is the gathering time, dinner at 6:30 pm and the choir will perform at 7:45 pm. Childcare will be provided. No reservations are necessary; call 271-6513 if you have questions.

1991 HEDNUT PREACHER CHOSEN

The Reverend Peter J. Gomes, currently the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University, has been chosen as the Hednut Preacher for 1991. Elders will want to save the date of Saturday, April 20 for the All Elder Dinner at which Mr. Gomes will speak; he will preach Sunday, April 21.



Our Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow is now past the two-thirds point with slightly over \$400,000 pledged. There are many of you still not heard from. Your support is essential if we are to be able to renovate our education building and reach out in mission in this city and around the world. Please complete your pledge card today.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

When the gospel writers set the stage for the Easter event, they gave us some pieces of information to which we don't pay very much attention. The several accounts are, for example, consistent on the matter of timing -- it happened early in the morning -- and we seem to realize that without dwelling on it.

The earliness of the resurrection provides, I suppose, the motivation for Easter sunrise services; but the texts make it clear that while the women went to the tomb with their spices shortly after daylight, it was already empty when they arrived. Sunrise is not nearly enough!

Easter is about the activity of God -- and the activity of God does not stop or wait upon our convenience. The resurrection was not scheduled in "prime time;" not arranged to match our schedule. That means we are always trying to catch up with it -- to understand what really happened while we were asleep.

God's funny that way. God does not wait until we are ready; does not line out for us an explanation in advance. "God's ways are not our ways," the Bible says, and that means we have to get used to living with a lot we don't understand -- and Christ's Easter morning resurrection certainly falls into that category.

So we are always trying to catch up with Easter. As familiar as we are with the details of the narrative, we are far from comfortable with what happened and what it means. How does one explain resurrection? What does it mean to be victorious over the grave? And how does it all work?

We can dig for answers. We can run to get apace of the happenings. But our efforts will succeed only in making Easter a source of frustration. God works in mysterious ways.

Better to acknowledge the mystery and to trust God's faithfulness. What God wills for us is more than we can allow ourselves to imagine. In the pattern of that joy and triumph of Easter may just be "the best thing we could never explain." The God who gets going early in the morning has done great things for us.

Hallelujah!

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, March 31 - Easter
Family Worship Sunday
9:00 Worship in Sanctuary
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary
MONDAY, April 1
7:00 Scouts
7:30 More Light Network
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group
TUESDAY, April 2
7:00 Outreach Commission
7:30 Adult Education Commission
WEDNESDAY, April 3
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Youth Commission
7:30 Deacon's Meeting
8:00 9th Grade Bells
THURSDAY, April 4
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
FRIDAY, April 5
6:00 Session Retreat at Brockport
SATURDAY, April 6
10:00 Junior Choir



Time Change
Daylight Savings Time -
Set clocks ahead one hour
before retiring!

SENIOR VISITORS:

After the 11:00 am Easter Service, Senior Visitors may assemble a small bouquet from the Chancel flowers to take to their special friend(s).

"Peace is a Way of Dealing with Conflict"

A 9 am-3pm Workshop on **Saturday, April 13** will provide time and opportunity to discuss ideas about the fundamental issue that war is a way of dealing with conflict. The author of one recent letter to the paper expressed amazement that a country which could get excited about the damage to marine life caused by oil spills, did not get equally excited about the damage done to people by air bombardment. It is time to get in touch with each other -- the costs of the war have only just begun. Arms peddlers are returning to the Middle East; advocates of larger defense budgets are honing their pitches. We need to clarify the meaning of the term 'just war.' Actually, does it have any meaning any more? Are we actually a warrior nation? Do we really believe that war is an answer to conflicts? Is it not by now an archaic response? What do the religions of the world have to say about these questions. What can they contribute from their history to the solution of today's problems? Where do we stand as responsible Christians? Come to the workshop and give your point of view.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TO GATHER

The Presbyterian Women will hold their Spring Gathering on **Saturday, April 13** at the Victor Presbyterian Church. Highlights of the 9:30 am - 2 pm meeting include worship, election and installation of officers, news from Synod, Bread for the World -- Offering of letters, workshops, ... and Bible study preview.

"The world was not left to us by our parents;
it was lent to us by our children."



African proverb

African land is rapidly being lost to overcrowding, erosion and mismanagement. The Tibani Woodlot program in Ghana promotes agro-forestry, planting trees and food crops together. The trees shelter the crops from the sun and wind and also hold moisture in the soil. Their leaves can be used for cattle feed and the twigs and bark can be used for fuel. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing support the Tibani Woodlot project. Give generously. Fill the world with love!

NEWS FROM THE GIFT CENTER!

The Gift Center now has the use of the apartment above them. The space will be used for clothing distribution, office, breakfast and continuing Friday lunches. Needed are some dining room chairs, a gas stove, refrigerator and kitchen utensils. Please call the Church (271-6513) if you can help set up this new part of their home.

BUILD HOUSES AT HOME!

Habitat for Humanity is looking for a volunteer to work out of his/her own home. The work involves transferring names from a list to a file card. Habitat is a non-profit agency which provides low-income housing for eligible families through volunteer efforts. Third Church has recently agreed to sponsor a new home. If you can't get out to swing a hammer, but would like to help this project, please contact Bill Gavett or Laura Collins, 271-6557.

DEADLINE NEARS FOR THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS

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"ATTENTION, JUGGLERS..."

The 14th Annual RIT SPRING JUGGLE-IN
Saturday, April 20/Sunday, April 21
For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Greg Moss, 479 Manse Lane, Rochester, NY 14625.

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APRIL 7
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Ordination/Installation
of Elders and Deacons
John A. Cairns preaching

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Childcare available at 9:15

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

9:15 in the Parlor

Bridging from the personal experience of Lent and Easter towards a sense of community.

April 7th and 14th

Iona - The presentations will include opportunities for worship, Iona style, focusing on the Gospel stories of what happened "After Easter," teaching and singing songs of the Iona Community, sharing of unique spiritual experiences by the adult advisors (and perhaps some youth), exploring some of the symbols of Iona and a video/pictorial introduction to the Iona Community -- living, working and worshipping in community. Facilitated by Ann McManis.

HEART TO HEART PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Another exciting ministry for homeless people is about to begin as Third Church volunteers and Sojourner House residents become Heart to Heart Partners. Sojourner House provides temporary housing and services for up to six months for women, with or without children, who are in transition from crises and who want to become more independent.

Partnerships will be forged between women from Sojourner and Third Church members who will meet twice each month for activities both enjoy such as talking, games, and errands. Individual women and/or families are encouraged to volunteer.

Third Church members who may be interested in becoming Heart to Heart Partners are invited to Sojourner House for dinner, with residents and former residents, and a tour of the renovated stone convent "house" in the 19th Ward on **Thursday, April 18** at 5:30 pm. Those of us who decide to become Partners will be provided with training by Sojourner House staff and with ongoing support by Sojourner staff, and by the Third Church Heart to Heart coordinator and clergy staff person. Please consider joining us in this special ministry of love and connection! If you would like more information about the Partnership Program, please contact Kay Wallace at 461-9622 or look for the insert in this week's bulletin.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

April will be an exciting month for outreach at Third. On the 13th the Dining Room Ministry begins when we open our doors to feed our neighborhood's hungry. On April 18th we can join another kind of meal -- with homeless women at Sojourner House.

Meals are important. On Maundy Thursday Steve Ford led 84 of us through a traditional seder, the Passover meal celebrated in Jewish families. On Good Friday, Ellie White organized an Easter meal for residents of the Joseph Avenue area at The Gift Center. As you read through this MESSENGER, notice how many events center around fellowship at the table.

Whether we share food at church with each other or share it with folks in need, here or elsewhere, meals are important. Maybe one of the reasons they are so significant is that they have a way of leveling us. All of us, rich or poor, young or old, male or female -- must eat. When we gather at a table, we acknowledge our basic human need.

I think it is also significant that we Presbyterians don't have altars. Instead, the central piece of furniture in our sanctuary is a table. The Lord's Table. Our basic need -- our hunger for God -- connects us. In a congregation as large and diverse as Third, we all come for some variation on this theme: we need to be fed.

We should not be surprised that Biblical imagery of eating and being fed abounds. From the manna in the wilderness in Exodus to the heavenly banquet, we speak of God as the one who feeds us.

In his earthy paraphrase of the gospel of Matthew, puts a familiar passage from the Sermon on the Mount this way: "They who have an unsatisfied appetite for the right are God's people, for they will be given plenty to chew on." (Matthew 5:4, Cotton Patch Version).

So in this Easter season, I invite you to come to church -- whether for worship or work, study or fellowship -- with a good appetite.

"Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more."

Laure

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SUNDAY, April 7 - Daylight Savings Time!

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Ordination/Installation
of Elders and Deacons
11:30 Communion Workshop
11:45 Congregational Luncheon

MONDAY, April 8

7:00 Outreach Commission
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Stewardship Cabinet
7:30 Theological Book of the Month Club

TUESDAY, April 9

12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon
7:30 Session

WEDNESDAY, April 10

7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 New Member Commission
8:00 9th Grade Bells

THURSDAY, April 11

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
12:30 13th Circle

FRIDAY, April 12

6:00 TGIF Potluck Supper/Program

SATURDAY, April 13

9:00 Peace Workshop (until 3 pm)
Nursery School Fun Fair
10:00 Junior Choir
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the families of
Frank Bennett (PEG 30) on his death March 26, 1991. A memorial service was held for Mr. Bennett on March 29 in the Chapel; to
Linda Streeter (PEG 31) on her death March 27, 1991. A memorial service is scheduled for April 2 in the Sanctuary and
Gertrude Stehler (PEG 21) on her death April 1, 1991. A memorial service for Mrs. Stehler was held April 3 in the Chapel.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON

PEGs 5 and 34 will be your hosts for the April 7 Congregational Luncheon. Join other members of the Third Church family for a menu of casserole, salad and dessert for \$3 (for children) and an enjoyable time.

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCHEON

"Swiss Untour" -- enjoy the Switzerland experience -- as presented by Arnold Mackintosh on Tuesday, April 9th at the Retired Men's Luncheon. Reserve your place by calling the Church Office (271-6513) by April 8.

13th CIRCLE CONVENES

The 13th Circle, hosted by Edythe Ely and Grada Gelsler, will meet **Thursday, April 11** at 12:30 pm in the Parlor.

DINING ROOM MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

If you were unable to attend the March 27 training session, please be sure to come to the Celebration Center on Tuesday, April 30 for the second training session.

TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER

"The earnest prayer of the righteous person has great power and wonderful results."

James 5:16

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A prayer cordon has been formed by 40 members of Third Church to pray for your joys, concerns, and sorrows. These 40 people have made a commitment to be "on call" to receive your prayer request(s) and "take it to the Lord in prayer." One phone call from you will activate this network of pray-ers.

When you have a request for prayer, please call one of the three "starters" -- Tony Rauch at 271-6910 (Church) or 442-6122 (home); Betsy Cairns (271-7953); or Jan Johnson (461-6122).

Please state your prayer request as you would like to have it passed along to others in the prayer cordon. Be assured that prayer cordon members will keep your prayer request confidential. Know that your concern will be prayed for daily for at least one week (or longer, if you'd like). Our God does answer prayer!

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

The Book of Order (Presbyterian Church) states that "The invitation (to communion) shall include baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed to participate with an understanding of the significance of the invitation to the Lord's Table and of their response in faith." As required, our church school classes have studied the sacrament of communion at various times throughout the year.

This Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 service, Steve Ford will meet with parents and other interested church members in Johnston Hall to discuss children's participation in communion, how we as adults can facilitate their understanding, and will answer questions or concerns.

T.G.I.F. - APRIL 12

The talented choir from the School of the Arts will provide the entertainment following the potluck meal **Friday, April 12** in Johnston Hall. We will gather at 6 pm, share the meal at 6:30 pm and the choir will sing at 7:45 pm; no reservations are necessary and childcare will be provided. Call 271-6513 if you have questions.

MORE LIGHT CHURCH CONFERENCE

Registration information about the More Light Church Conference will be available outside Johnston Hall **Sunday, April 7** following 10:30 worship. The theme of the 1991 More Light Church conference is "Different Gifts, but the Same Spirit." Dr. Letty M. Russell, Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School, author of *Household of Freedom*, is the keynote speaker. Members of our congregation are welcome to register for the entire conference, or for various parts of the 2-day May 3-5 event.

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APRIL 14

9:15 Worship/Communion in Chapel
10:30 Worship/Communion in Sanctuary
Family Worship Day
(Childcare for 3's to First Grade)
Bibles Presented to Third Graders
Bell Choir Recognition
Stephen T. Ford preaching

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Childcare available at 9:15

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

9:15 in Johnston Hall

Bridging from the personal experience of Lent and Easter towards a sense of community.

April 14th

Today's presentation will conclude our *Iona* series focusing on the Gospel stories of what happened "After Easter" through the sharing of unique spiritual experiences, exploring symbols and living, working and worshipping in the Iona community. Ann McMicran is the facilitator.

THE CHANGING FACE OF RACISM

The Adult Ed. Commission regrets that last minute schedule problems among two key community leaders of this series originally planned for April have forced us to postpone the series until the leaders are available (tentatively scheduled for the Fall). Watch for further announcements.

ADVOCACY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP FORMS

At the same time as Third Church is establishing several new initiatives to deal directly with building new affordable housing (with Habitat) and ministering to the hungry and homeless in our midst (The Dining Room and Heart to Heart), it is also important to address the systemic and political realities that influence the supply of affordable housing in Rochester.

Advocacy for Affordable Housing is a newly-forming group of Third Church volunteers which will look at ways that the religious community can help encourage expansion of the supply of affordable housing throughout our local community, as well as influencing legislation at the state and federal levels. With Third's leadership, it is our intent to develop a broad ecumenical partnership to maximize influence on this important public issue.

The group's first meeting will be at Third Church at 4:30 pm on **Thursday, April 25**. If you would like to attend, or if you are interested but cannot attend the first meeting, please contact Don Pryor at 235-7251 or Kay Wallace at 461-9822, or leave a message in the Church Office.

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, April 14

9:15 Worship/Communion in Chapel
10:30 Worship/Communion in Sanctuary
Bibles to 3rd Graders
Bell Recognition

MONDAY, April 15

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Worship Communion
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, April 16

12:00 Mary Paris Strayer

7:30 Congregational Life Commission
7:00 Children's Faith Commission
7:30 Trustees

WEDNESDAY, April 17

6:30 Calvin Guild
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 18

9:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners

FRIDAY, April 19

SATURDAY, April 20
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Catherine Faber on her death at the age of 97 on April 1, 1991. Catherine was a former parish caller for Third Church. A committal service will be held on April 13 in the Grove Place Cemetery, Chilli.

AN EXCERPT FROM NELDA TALMAN'S RECENT LETTER:

"... I'm having a new experience here. I have been in a rest home for six months since coming down with an attack of pneumonia, being in the Fond du Lac Hospital one week, Americana Home one week and then transferred to Grancare. But I am exercising physically and learning to walk again behind a wheel chair. I hope to do better in time. I'm going to see the eye doctor at the end of this month to see if the cataract on my left eye is ready to be removed. My right eye appears to be sightless.

My sister six years younger than I am from the home place nearby is here recuperating too from a setback, so we can get acquainted again from earlier years ...

We thank the Lord for all his goodness. I'm wishing the church many successful years as time passes on. I miss attending the services at Third Church, but I have fond memories. May the Lord bless each one of you and I wish you a blessed future."

Nelda

(Nelda was for many years a secretary at Third.)

MARY PARIS STRAYER

Mrs. Ruth Corcoran will speak on "Native American Women in the Modern World" at the April 16th noon meeting of Mary Paris Strayer.

CALVIN GUILD

Dr. Robert Johnston, Special Assistant to the President of RIT, will present a program: "A Tale of Two Cities" on Wednesday, April 17. Guild members will meet at 6:30 for dinner and those who have not been called are asked to please contact Regina Witherspoon at 442-9432.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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SHARE YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME RIGHT HERE AT THIRD

If you like to be with children and young people, enjoy studying the Bible and/or would like to increase your knowledge of the Bible and the church, and are willing to share your faith, we may have the job for you! The Church School is currently seeking team teachers and/or teacher aids in the following grades: 3-year olds, 4-year olds, kindergarten and 5th grade to work with current teachers during the 1991-92 school year. Pre-commitment workshops will be provided in early June for interested persons. Please call Nancy Magee, Chair of Children's Faith, 986-3782, if you are interested in participating or would like to know more.

DINING ROOM MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

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WE NEED YOU!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9 - NOON

ENERGY BUILDING SUSTENANCE SUPPLIED

HEART TO HEART REMINDER

Those who may be interested in volunteering in the Third Church/Soljourner House Partnership - Heart to Heart Partners - are reminded of the dinner and tour of the renovated stone convent "house" in the 19th Ward Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 pm. Please call Kay Wallace (461-9822) for further information.

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APRIL 21
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

HUDNUT PREACHER
Dr. Peter J. Gomes
"Spiritual Security"
I John 3:18-24

FROM YOUR PASTOR

"It's just the tip of the iceberg," she said by way of warning. And we understand when we hear that phrase that there is a lot more of something waiting just out of sight. My question is, "Does the tip of the iceberg always have to signal a negative presence lying in wait? Can't tips of icebergs hide positive possibilities?" Oh, I know it doesn't fit the image; but around Third Church I see a lot of little things pop up that turn into very positive factors in the life of the congregation.

Consider that last year at this time our youth were in Scotland, visiting Edinburgh and Inverness. This year there are trips that combine work and traveling -- to Washington, D.C. next week and to the mountain region of Kentucky during the summer. We may just be seeing the tip of the iceberg!

We have begun a Prayer Cordon with 41 people who are committed to pray daily for congregational concerns. The list of people on whose behalf we have requested prayers has immediately confirmed both the need and the importance. There is an increasing interest in energy around prayer. We may just be seeing the tip of the iceberg!

The Octa-Group program has been successful in its purpose of helping people meet folks they did not previously know. Most of the groups have found a bit of common ground and just plain enjoyment in their times together. There is a rumor going around that there are a lot of fun people in this congregation and small groups are the best way to get to know them. We may just be seeing the tip of the iceberg!

Throughout the Lenten season we were confronted with Christ's challenges to his church as we shape ourselves into an Easter people. During that same season we were organizing Third Church initiatives toward the hungry and the homeless. We acknowledge our struggle to both understand and give expression to our developing faith. And we believe we are seeing some progress. In fact, we hope what we are seeing is only the tip of the iceberg!

Faithfully,

John



This Sunday, April 21, Third Church is pleased to welcome The Reverend Dr. Peter J. Gomes as the 1991 Hudnut Preacher. Dr. Gomes, currently the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University, is known to many Third Churchers. He preached from Third's pulpit in 1983, and prior to that was a participant in The Finney Festival which took place in 1981.



Dr. Gomes, listed in the current Who's Who in America, serves as trustee to numerous educational institutions and was elected fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London. He has an impressive list of publications and papers and has preached widely in this country and in the United Kingdom. We are, indeed, fortunate to be able to welcome Dr. Gomes again to Third. Members and friends alike can look forward to hearing Dr. Gomes preach.

The Hudnut Preacher, established following the death of Dr. William H. Hudnut, brings annually a "preacher of note" to the Third Church pulpit. Dr. Hudnut was Senior Pastor of Third from 1946-1964.

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SUNDAY, April 15
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 Coffee Hour
11:30 Amnesty International Letter Writing
MONDAY, April 16
7:00 Scouts
TUESDAY, April 17
12:00 John White Circle
WEDNESDAY, April 18
7:00 Pastoral Care Commission
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY, April 19
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
FRIDAY, April 20
SATURDAY, April 21
9:00 Spring Clean-Up Day
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY MARRIED

Juliet Kennard and Karl Illig were married on April 13, 1991 in the Sanctuary with The Reverend Stephen T. Ford officiating.

JOHN WHITE CIRCLE

Members of the John White Circle will gather Tuesday, April 23 at noon -- with a sandwich -- for their meeting. "And Here I Am" is the title of the program Tony Rauch will present. Carolyn Kerr is the hostess.

MORE LIGHT CHURCH CONFERENCE

The More Light Committee is looking for volunteers from our congregation to serve as hosts for delegates to the national More Light conference to be held in cooperation with John Calvin, Calvary-St. Andrew's and Downtown United Presbyterian churches May 3-5. Specifically, people are needed to serve as hosts/hostesses by welcoming, greeting and directing traffic (call Laura Collins, 271-6557); by providing housing and/or transportation (call Robb Adams, 889-4055 or Betty Iwan, 442-3655).

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THEOLOGICAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

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HAVE YOU MARKED APRIL 27TH ON YOUR CALENDAR?
Join in the fun of putting the winter season away! Come to the all-Church polishing day on Saturday, April 27th from 9 until noon.

ADULT EDUCATION

(Childcare is available at 9:15 am)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Checking our Roots and Branches

This Sunday we will be evaluating where we are in relation to our roots in Christ; sharing our prayer life as communication with God; seeing connections to the branching out of our Christian life. Catherine Coates and Jackie McNish will lead us.

ADVOCACY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP FORMS

At the same time as Third Church is establishing several new initiatives to deal directly with building new affordable housing (with Habitat) and ministering to the hungry and homeless in our midst (The Dining Room and Heart to Heart), it is also important to address the systemic and political realities that influence the supply of affordable housing in Rochester.

Advocacy for Affordable Housing is a newly forming group of Third Church volunteers which will look at ways that the religious community can help encourage expansion of the supply of affordable housing throughout our local community, as well as influencing legislation at the state and federal levels. With Third's leadership, it is our intent to develop a broad ecumenical partnership to maximize influence on this important public issue.

The group's first meeting will be at Third Church at 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 25. If you would like to attend, or if you are interested but cannot attend the first meeting, please fill out the form below and leave it in the Church Office by April 21. Or, for more information, you may contact Don Pryor at 235-7251 or Kay Wallace at 461-9822, or leave a message at the Church Office.

Please consider becoming a part of this important effort to improve affordable housing in our community.

ADVOCACY for AFFORDABLE HOUSING

☐ I can attend the meeting April 25.

☐ I cannot attend the meeting, but am interested and would like more information.

Name

Address

Phone: day evening

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What's CROP? It is the hunger branch of Church World Service, a worldwide, ecumenical relief and development agency. Each year CROP raises the bulk of its budget through a volunteer walk. You can join the walk on May 5, starting at 2 pm. The 7-mile route begins and ends at Frederick Douglass school, with stops for refreshments at churches along the way. Twenty-five percent of the money raised by Third Church walkers will stay in our neighborhood, helping the Southeast Cupboard. Watch the bulletin for more details and sign up to walk or sponsor a walker after worship the next two Sundays.

ALL ELDER DINNER SLATED

An evening for All Elders - those currently serving and those who served in the past - has been planned in conjunction with Dr. Gomes' visit. All elders should have received a mailing for the Saturday, April 20 dinner and evening with Dr. Gomes. If your mailing did not reach you and you would like to attend, please call the Church Office at 271-6513. Refreshments will be served at 6, dinner at 6:30 pm.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

An update to the all-Church Pictorial Directory, prepared in 1988, has been scheduled for Monday, May 13 and Thursday, May 23. All Third Church members who joined since 1988 -- and those who missed being included in the 1988 Directory -- are asked to call Pat Rumbold (244-2190) by April 25th to advise her the date and time you would like to have your portrait made. There is no obligation to purchase pictures. Each person participating will be provided a FREE 8" by 10" color portrait of the pose selected for use in the Directory. A price list will be available at the time portraits are selected, should additional portraits be desired. Information regarding the date(s) of viewing will be sent after the photography is complete. Do take advantage of this opportunity to become more a part of your Church!

LOOKING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME?

If you are looking for a new church home, why not investigate Third Church by attending the New Member Classes. The classes will be held at 7:30 pm, Thursday evenings May 16, 23 and 30. Prospective new members will have a brunch with the members of Session and Deacons on Sunday, June 2. New members will be received by the congregation during the 10:30 worship service on June 9. If you should have any questions, please call Laura Collins at 271-6557.

APRIL 27 ON YOUR CALENDAR YET?



Plan to be here at 9am Saturday morning, April 27th for our annual spring clean-up. Jobs, both inside and out, will be available for all who come!

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LOOKING AHEAD:

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

May Fellowship Day is one of the major events to mark the celebration of Church Women United's Jubilee Year. The worship service was written by Sharon Rezac Andersen, Grand Forks, North Dakota, with the assistance of an ecumenical group of women from the Houston, Texas Church Women United unit. The author drew on her own experience as well as the rich legacy of the many women who journeyed for half a century with Church Women United.

The meeting (10 am), worship service (11 am), lunch (noon - \$4.50 paid reservations must be made by April 25), and CWU Choir Annual Spring Concert (1 pm) will take place Friday, May 3 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 131 West Main Street, Webster. Babysitting is available with a reservation by April 25. Mail your reservation to Church Women United, 17 S. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester 14614.

ACTION FOR PEACE DINNER

On Friday evening, May 17 the Action for Peace Committee will host a supper for members of the congregation and their friends. The evening will start at 6:00 pm. A simple meal will be followed by short presentations by Paul Hammer and Isabel Morrison who recently visited Cuba. They will share their experiences with us. Please leave your name in the Main Office (271-6513), indicating that you will attend.



APRIL 27

There's a job for everyone!

DID YOU KNOW ...

Patriot's Day in Massachusetts once again finds Bill Hearn running in the Boston Marathon!

Crawford Palmer, grandson of Betty Crawford, is a member of the winning Duke University NCAA Basketball team!

UNITED WAY PLEDGES MAY BE DESIGNATED
Members wishing to allocate part of their United Way contribution to organizations supported by Third may do so by designating the organizations as follows:
The Gift Center - #1592
TAPSS - #282
The Presbyterian Home - #1094

SPRING CLEANING DONE?

Now that your home spring cleaning is done, why not donate some of those items for which you no longer have any use! Church Women United has an extensive listing of items (no clothing) needed by the Refugee Resettlement program. Call Gail Kowalski at 546-1570 for details. The Gift Center is always looking for items for its clients. Call Sue Dermond at 232-5148 (mornings) with your suggestions. The Asbury Storehouse (drop-off spot in the back of 1050 East Avenue) will accept your seasonal clothing and household furnishings. If you wish a receipt for tax purposes, please leave your list in a self-addressed envelope when making your donation.

THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS

Third Church Travelers invite you to join a one-day trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, July 27, 1991. The complete package will cost \$79.00 and includes an orchestra ticket for the musical, "Connecticut Yankee," lunch at the Oban Inn and bus transportation. Please reserve with Lila Ford at 427-0920.

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John A. Cairns
271-2526

Laura J. Collins
271-6557

Stephen T. Ford
271-6537

Anthony J. Rauch
271-6910

Campaign for A Faithful Tomorrow



DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER

When our Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow was launched in mid-February, no one foresaw the Great Ice Storm of '91 and the two week limbo it would impose on our lives. Things which we all meant to do got set aside. We lost track of time and our agendas. The weather will always be an unpredictable distraction.

Yet in spite of the weather, God calls each of us to lives of faithfulness. And that faithfulness is needed now.

Our campaign has moved steadily towards its \$600,000 goal. Bids have been received on our Education Building renovation. The contract will be awarded very soon, with work to begin May 20. Our Bicentennial Fund mission projects in Rochester, Carolina, Germany and Central America have let us know how grateful they are for our support -- and how much it is needed.

Now we need to finish the job. We have pledges and gifts totaling just over 80% of our goal, with many of you yet to be heard from. Please do your part. Complete your pledge card (or use the form below) today. Claim your share in our Faithful Tomorrow.

Third
Presbyterian
Church
4 Merge Street
Rochester, New York 14607
716-271-4613

Name _____
LAST FIRST
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

In support of the Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow

I/We pledge for a three year period

- ___ One Share - \$1,500 (\$500/year)
- ___ Two Shares - \$3,000 (\$1,000/year)
- ___ Three Shares - \$4,500 (\$1,500/year)
- ___ Half Share - \$750 (\$250/year)
- ___ Other (Specify total amount) _____

Paid herewith _____ Reminders of the balance
will be sent semi-annually.

Signed _____

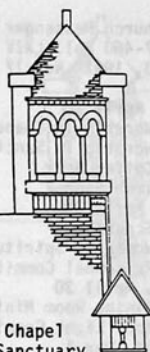
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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I was only sixteen years old. I had never known what it felt like to have a pastor leave a church where I was a member. Since my family had moved to Glens Falls, Mr. Wright was in the pulpit every Sunday. I remember him talking to the children's choir members before services. He taught my commissioning class and had a friendly smile and an easy going manner. Then, he left to go to another church.

I was not ready for anybody to replace him, but an Interim Senior Pastor was hired -- his name was Dr. William Hudnut, Jr. I made a concerted effort to show my pain at Mr. Wright's leaving by openly resisting Dr. Hudnut's presence in our church. I even left in the middle of worship one Sunday in protest. At Dr. Hudnut's insistence, three days later the two of us had lunch.

"Young man," Dr. Hudnut said after we had ordered, "what do you intend to do with your life?" I remember my palms being wet and my stomach tightening. I gave several answers: school teacher, musician, lawyer. He asked if I had ever thought about being a minister. His gaze was steady; his tone serious. I stifled a laugh.

For the next year and a half he helped me answer that question. My icy resistance to his presence at First Church melted away to a deep love and respect for a man I came to know as Dr. Bill. He allowed me to "shadow" him to learn about what it meant to be a minister. He asked me challenging questions about faith and life, never letting me off with an easy reply. He helped me discern talents and gifts I was reticent to acknowledge in myself. I am a pastor today, due in large part to his influence in my young life.

I share this with you because we have just completed another outstanding Hudnut memorial preacher weekend at Third. Dr. Peter Gome's gifts as a preacher not only helped us to worship God, but brought honor to the memory of the 18 years Bill Hudnut served this church.

When I look at his picture on the wall in Johnston Hall, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to serve as a pastor of the church he loved so dearly.

And so, this week I commend to your thoughts and prayers, the lives of many people who have shaped our individual and corporate ministries. Bill Hudnut was one of those people -- for me personally and certainly for Third Church.

Faithfully,

Steve Ford

APRIL 28

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Sacrament of Baptism

John A. Cairns preaching

ADULT EDUCATION

(Childcare available at 9:15)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

9:15 in the Parlor

Feedback on Life in the Spirit

This Sunday we will have a chance to share what's been helpful about this new series and learn what you would suggest for next year. Then we will discuss and share prayer about that part of our spiritual journeys related to our call and a sense of community. Robb Adams and Wayne McKusick will lead us.

Update on Eritrea

9:15 in the Celebration Center

Today Tesfamichael Yohannes will make a presentation on the Eritrean Relief Fund. A short video will be shown for those of us unaware of the situation in Eritrea.



TWENTY YEARS FROM 'X TO 'G'

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10:30 am and 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 pm

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SUNDAY, April 28

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 Coffee Hour
6:45 Teen Supper

MONDAY, April 29

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Women in Spiritual Community
7:30 Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, April 30

7:30 Dining Room Ministry Training
7:30 More Light Committee

WEDNESDAY, May 1

7:30 Youth Commission
7:30 Deacon's Meeting
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PNC - Outreach & Evangelism

THURSDAY, May 2

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
9:30 Peace Network

FRIDAY, May 3

More Light Conference

SATURDAY, May 4

More Light Conference
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A daughter, **Kathryn Time**, to Newton and Pamela Green (PEG 34), born April 9, in Rochester. Proud grandparents are Newt and Sally Green (PEG 34).

A son, **Cullen George**, to Hope and George Wegman (PEG 29), born April 17, in Rochester.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Margaret McCreedy and family (PEG 31) on the death of her father, **Ray Haning**, on April 7, 1991, in Springs, Pennsylvania; Bob Swayze (PEG 29) and family on the death of his mother, **Mary Swayze**, on April 9 and to Esther Trebert (PEG 19) on the death of her husband, **Henry L. Trebert, Jr.**, on his death April 18, 1991. Mr. Trebert had been a member of Third since 1958.

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PLAN TO JOIN IN FOR THE IMPORTANT SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 27 - 9 am - 12 noon
Bring a rake and gloves for outside work.
Bring enthusiasm and pride for either inside or outside work!



MORE LIGHT CHURCH CONFERENCE

The national More Light Church conference opens on Friday evening, May 3 at The Downtown United Presbyterian Church with a keynote address by Dr. Letty M. Russell, Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School. Members and friends of Third are invited to attend. A concert presented by the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and the Rochester Women's Community chorus will be held Saturday, May 4, 1991 at 8 pm at Calvary St. Andrew's Parish, Averill Avenue at Ashland St. in the Southledge. RGM will be featuring the premiere of the "Psalm of Brotherhood" by Paul Stuart, based on texts of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The concert will be interpreted for the hearing impaired and childcare is available. Tickets (\$6 in advance - \$8 at the door) are available at Village Green, Silkwood, Wildseeds, Parkleigh, or Paul's Grocery.

PEACEMAKING CONFERENCE SYNOPSIS

The announced purpose of the April 13 Peacemaking Workshop was (a) to provide an opportunity to reflect on what peace means, (b) to connect with our vision and our values, (c) to strengthen the commitment of the congregation to peacemaking and (d) to improve the climate and broaden the base for talking about peace in Third Presbyterian Church. The exchange of feelings and perceptions was free and fruitful. One insight shared by a participant was that the existing network of groups in any organization provides an established basis for progress which provides some confirmation of our directions at Third. The Action For Peace Committee is encouraging the PEG groups to discuss peace issues; the Church School is being urged to adopt a Peace Month as part of its curriculum, using some theme as "Parenting for Peace and Justice." Session has been asked to write letters to the nation's leaders expressing concern about the readiness with which we as a nation turn to violence to solve our problems.

HEARING THE WORD

Are you missing words or phrases during worship services? Our Chapel and Sanctuary are equipped with the induction loop amplification system. If you wear one or two hearing aids with T-switches, turn on this tiny T-switch when you attend worship services. This should bring you into the magic circle of sound! The words and phrases you've been missing should come in loud and clear without extraneous noise. You should hear all of the scripture readings, prayers and sermon.

THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS

May 15 is the reservation deadline for the TCT trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake Saturday, July 27. The complete package (\$79) includes a ticket for the musical, "Connecticut Yankee," lunch at the Oban Inn and bus transportation. Reserve with Lila Ford at 427-0920.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Times Union carried an article on the report of our denomination's Task Force on Human Sexuality. This report is on its way to our annual General Assembly in June. It is a 200-page document to which a forty page minority report has been added. Your pastors and key elders have had copies of the report for about a month and additional copies have been ordered (a 2nd printing is underway) so that we might make them more widely available.

As is so often the case, the newspaper article highlighted the controversy generated by the report without pretending to give a fair or thorough overview of the full document. We have come to understand that as the nature of newspaper reporting, and thus must be sure to move beyond their "brief quote" coverage.

To be sure, the report is controversial and in my mind very uneven. It deals with a wide range of issues and topics assigned to it by a Church which was looking for guidance in a confusing and fast-changing area of life. The report deals with such topics as sexual violence, sex and the elderly, homosexual issues and reproductive technologies.

As you might expect, most of the material in the report is solid and helpful. The minority report is consistent in its affirmation of much of the majority document. Only a few pages among the 200 will draw the attention and the heat -- and well they should, because they ask the church to consider moving onto new ground. We should make such moves only with care and faithfulness.

One of these controversial sections contains a recommendation some of us at Third have worked for and are pleased to see -- the right of a congregation or governing body to decide who it will ordain without prejudicial reference to sexual orientation.

The report comes to the General Assembly for two years. There is considerable opposition to that idea. I believe it is opposition generated by fear. Study will not weaken us nor our moral sensitivities. It will enable us to clarify what we believe and why. To refuse to study something that contains disturbing ideas is to lead an unexamined life; a life held captive by the status quo.

I invite you to affirm the study process, trusting that God will grant us wisdom, understanding, and the confirming presence of the Holy Spirit as we try to find our way to new clarity about one of God's most challenging blessings -- our human sexuality.

Faithfully,

Beth



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HAVE YOU DONE YOUR SHARE?



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SUNDAY, May 5

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 Coffee Hour

MONDAY, May 6

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Worship Commission
7:30 Education Issues
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, May 7

7:00 Outreach Commission
7:30 Adult Ed Commission

WEDNESDAY, May 8

7:30 New Member Commission
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 9

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
12:30 13th Circle - Parlor
7:30 Youth Planning Board

FRIDAY, May 10

SATURDAY, May 11

Musical Dress Rehearsal
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTIZED

Elizabeth Ellen, daughter of Laurence and Sheri Southworth Fried (PEG 13), born February 18, 1991, was baptized on April 28, 1991, with the Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

MARRIED

Linda Fox and James Gallery were married on April 2, 1991 in the Chapel with The Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Marion L'Amoreaux (PEG 9) on the April 21, 1991 death of her brother, William L'Amoreaux, in Candor, New York and to Kenneth Payment (PEG 36) and family on the April 24, 1991 death of his mother, Eleanor J. Payment.

MOVING DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Saturday, May 18th, the Church School will move out of the Education Building in readiness for the building renovation. Your help is needed! If you can supply the labor, we'll supply the packing boxes, coffee and refreshment. To volunteer, please call the Church Office (271-6513).

ROOMS AVAILABLE AT PRESBYTERIAN HOME

The Rochester Presbyterian Home currently has beds available for both male and female residents. Individuals would need to be able to ambulate with or without a walker or a cane and to and from the dining room for meals, and in an emergency situation, may need to be able to use the stairs. The Home also offers a unique Vacation Day Program for respite care. This program offers a good opportunity for senior adults to sample life at the Home on a temporary basis. It may also be used for those times when family members are out of town, for recuperation following a hospitalization or as a temporary need for short term care. If you or someone you know is interested in either the Vacation Day Program or permanent residency, please contact either Mary Fortuanto or Edna Hamlin at 235-9100.

MORE LIGHT CHURCH CONFERENCE

In cooperation with John Calvin, Calvary-St. Andrew's, and Downtown United Presbyterian churches, Third welcomes delegates from More Light churches throughout the country for the annual More Light Church conference. We celebrate Different Gifts but the Same Spirit. If you are interested in attending the conference or in helping out in some way, please call Robb Adams (889-4055 evenings, or 475-6597 days).

In conjunction with the conference, the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and the Rochester Women's Community chorus will present a concert at Calvary-St. Andrews on Saturday, May 4 at 8 pm. The featured work of the RGMCM will be the premiere of the "Psalm of Brotherhood" by Paul Stuart. The concert will be interpreted for the hearing impaired and childcare is available. Presale tickets are available in the Church Office, at Village Green, Silkwood, Wildseeds, Parkleigh or Paul's Grocery.



Sunday, May 5

Sign Up To Walk -- or Sponsor a Walker
Help Eradicate World Hunger

UPDATE ON CUBA

Following worship on May 19, Paul Hammer will share some of his experiences from his recent visit to Cuba and give an update on the conference which he attended. This gathering is sponsored by the Action for Peace Committee, which contributed to defraying Paul's expenses.

CLOWN WORKSHOP COMING!

Set aside Saturday, June 1 for a fun-filled day of mime, juggling, balloon-sculpture and make-up. Elliot Fintushel of the MIME Workshop will lead the group in mime experiences! The workshop is open to all adults, as well as to any young people who will be 8th grade or older next fall. Questions? Call Helen Mott at 244-3662.



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS FOOD

Donations of canned meals, crackers in individual packets, tuna, peanut butter and sauces would be greatly appreciated and will enable the Staff to help our hungry neighbors. Thanks!

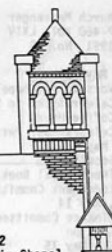
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Come discover a place for your talents from a variety of volunteer positions in the following areas: Gift Shop, Art Gallery, Adult Day Care, Personal Care Service, Food Service, Accounting, Club 24, Office, Pool and Exercise Room. Valley Manor, a not-for-profit retirement residence, serves Rochester seniors in the community. For further information, contact Carla Lydon Brown at 256-4312.

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MAY 12

9:15 Worship in Chapel

Childcare Provided in Education Building

Laura J. Collins preaching

10:30 am in the Sanctuary
CELEBRATION!
Twenty Years from 'A to G'



TWENTY YEARS FROM 'A TO G'

IT'S HERE! SUNDAY, MAY 12
10:30 am and 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 pm

OPEN TO ALL - NO ADMISSION CHARGE

Presented by the Young People
of Third Church

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ADULT ED RETREAT POSTPONED

The Spirituality Retreat listed in the Adult Education Brochure for May 17-18 has been postponed until Fall.

MOVING DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Church School will vacate the Education Building on Saturday, May 18 - 9 am - in readiness for the building renovation. Your help is needed! If you can supply the labor, we'll supply the packing boxes, coffee and refreshments. To volunteer, please call the Church Office (271-6513).

"God of our life, through all the circling years
We trust in thee..."
"... all other ground is sinking sand."

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, May 12
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Celebration! in Sanctuary
11:30 Coffee Hour
7:30 Celebration! Performance

MONDAY, May 13
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Theological Book/Month Club
7:30 Endowment Committee

TUESDAY, May 14
12:00 Finance Committee
7:30 Session

WEDNESDAY, May 15
6:30 Calvin Guild Picnic
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Dining Room Ministry
7:30 Action for Peace

THURSDAY, May 16
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downowners
7:30 New Member Class

FRIDAY, May 17
6:00 Parent(s) of Young Children
7:30 PEG 22 at Spencer's

SATURDAY, May 18
9:00 Education Building Moving Day
10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Celebration! Rehearsal

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN
A son, Geoffrey David, born April 25, 1991 to David and Sharon Nersinger (PEG 4).

MARRIED
Stephanie Oddleifson and Robert Joseph Dunlavey were married April 27, 1991 in Brookline, Massachusetts.

SYMPATHY
We express our sympathy to the families of Florence Dickson (PEG 31) on her death April 25, 1991. Mrs. Dickson had been a member of Third since 1932 and Becky Dewitt (PEG 11) on the death of her father, Kenneth Smith, on May 2, 1991.

CAN YOU TEACH C.P.R.?
The Pastoral Care Commission is looking for someone who can teach a course in C.P.R. If you can do this, please call us at 271-6910. Thanks!

CALVIN GUILD PICNIC
Calvin Guild's annual picnic will take place Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm at the Brighton Town Park on Westfall Road. Entertainment will be provided by Bud Fisher, Ann McMillan and Jack Mould. If you have not received a call, please call Regina Witherspoon at 442-9432.

ATTENTION: PARENT(S) OF YOUNG CHILDREN
A support group will be getting together Friday, May 17 at 6 pm in the Celebration Center for a potluck supper, a sundae-building dessert, and a presentation by Dr. Ry Foye on "Discipline and Morals for Young Children." If you are interested in coming, please R.S.V.P. by calling the Church at 271-6910, or Robin Kukla at 671-2318. Childcare -- and the dessert -- will be provided. All you need to bring is a main dish or salad!

LOOK FOR IT! IT'S COMING!
Congregational Life has prepared a Skills and Interest Bank Form that will be sent to you next week and needs your participation. Third Church needs to build a data base of information -- areas of our members' expertise and interest -- to draw upon if the need arises. If expertise in a particular area is needed and you have that expertise, you would first be called and then given the opportunity to decide whether you have the time to make a commitment. So -- look for the form, fill it out and return it as soon as possible!

THANKS TO SPRING CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS
A special thanks to each and every one of you who took part in the annual Spring Clean Up!

CHURCH SCHOOL REMINDER
Next Sunday, May 12, is a Family Worship Sunday; this will enable all to attend and enjoy the Youth Musical. Childcare for 3's - 1st graders will be provided on the third floor of the Education Building.

OCT-A-GROUPS TAKE OFF
Oct-A-Group activity has been intense and diversified these past few months. Groups have gone to the theatre, watched videos together, and heard members speak on various topics. One group even plans to work with the Dining Room Ministry as an activity. If you forgot to sign up for this round of Oct-A-Groups, be sure to sign up in the Fall. It has already proven to be a way for Third Church members to share common interests, including their faith.

THE GLORIOUS THINGS! REGISTRATION
Registrations are now being accepted from children presently in kindergarten and first grade for The Glorious Things! -- a musical, rhythm, drama activity group. If there are any children who did not receive the registration form in the mail, please contact Helen Moot at 244-3662.

PEG 22 TO MEET
Members of PEG 22 will meet at the home of Shirley Spencer, 6 Hastings Circle, on Friday evening, May 17th, at 7:30 pm. Laura Collins will be the speaker.

"PEACE PENTECOST"
Our Presbytery will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 19, with a Presbytery Peace Pentecost Choir Festival at the First Presbyterian Church of Batavia, 300 East Main Street, at 7 pm. Choirs from 16 churches will be participating in the festival. Please come as we celebrate "Peace Pentecost."

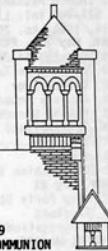
THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS
Reservations for "Third Church Travelers" trip to Niagara-on-the Lake, Saturday, July 27th, must be made by May 15th. Call Lila Ford at 427-0920.

PEG 32 GATHERS
Members of PEG 32 will gather at the home of Don and Skippy Raines on Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 pm for brunch.

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**MAY 19
PENTECOST/COMUNION**

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
(Childcare Provided in Celebration Center)
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching



LAST CHANCE! SUNDAY, MAY 19
7:30 pm

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**A Concert
of
ORGAN MUSIC**

In Celebration of the
Refurbishing of the
Austin Organ

JONATHAN BIGGERS
Organist

WORKS BY
HANDEL, MOZART, ALBIN
BACH and REUBEN

**THURSDAY, May 23, 1991
7:30 PM**

**THIRD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Sunday is Pentecost--"the birthday of the church."

In some ways it seems like we've already had our birthday party at Third with last Sunday's CELEBRATION: TWENTY YEARS FROM A TO G. Like a birthday, the youth musical provided the opportunity for individuals and families to look back and remember. I heard a lot of conversations that went something like this: "They did that show for the first time when Sharon (or Robert) was in 7th grade. I remember because she (he) -- choose one -- (a) had her/his arm in a cast; (b) wore that crazy green costume; or (c) decided to try out for a solo next time around." Oh the memories!

The best thing about the youth musical experience at Third is that it is vitally "universal." If you've spent any of your growing up years here, you've certainly been in one, two or four shows. And telling the stories provides a channel for sharing the never-to-be forgotten experiences garnered along the way with other similarly blessed individuals.

I am delighted that we were able to mark with some fanfare the ministry of Helen Moot with our youth. Beginning in the fall Helen's work will be focused on children's music (up through Junior Choir), dramatics, and special events (like Mardi Gras). Our new organist/director will take over youth music as well as the adult choir. So this is a fitting triumph to a string of twelve musicals with the distinctive Moot signature. What a tradition! What a heritage!

But now we shift to a different kind of celebration (although you have a final shot at the youth musical Sunday night at 7:30 pm). Pentecost may seem pretty staid after last Sunday, but its message of God's powerful intervention into our lives and our world is no less exciting. As we remember that Biblical account of "the rush of a mighty wind and tongues as of fire..." I urge you to reflect that spirit in your attire. WEAR SOMETHING RED. It will match the color of the paraments and engender in each of us some anticipation for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We Third Church members are getting good at celebrations. Perhaps its because we have so much worth celebrating!

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, May 19 - PENTECOST
9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 Coffee Hour
11:30 Amnesty International Letter Writing
12:30 PEG 32 Brunch at Raines'
7:30 Celebration! Performance

MONDAY, May 20
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, May 21
12:00 Mary Paris Strayer
7:30 Trustees
7:30 Congregational Life

WEDNESDAY, May 22
12:00 Volunteer Luncheon
7:00 Pastoral Care
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 New Member Class

THURSDAY, May 23
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downowners
7:30 Organ Concert

FRIDAY, May 24
SATURDAY, May 25
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY
MARRIED
Carolyn Green and David Backus were married in the Chapel on May 11, 1991, with the Reverend Stephen T. Ford officiating.

SYMPATHY
We express our sympathy to Jack Kraushaar and family (PEG 35) on the death of his stepmother, **Leta Kraushaar**, on May 3, 1991, in Palm Springs, California.

CHURCH SCHOOL REMINDER
Beginning next Sunday, May 19th, the Education Building will be closed for renovation. **HOWEVER, Church School and Childcare will go on!** All nursery care will take place at 34 Meigs Street (next door to the Parish House). Extended Care at 9:15 and Church School at 10:50 will meet in the Celebration Center. On the 19th, students will celebrate Pentecost in a student-led Jr. Worship and Communion Service. Students of all ages will also begin creating a banner as a gift for the renovated Education Building next fall.

CLOWN WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, JUNE 1!
The Third Church clowns are a group of youth and adults who use the medium of clowning and its skills to reach out to others, to offer a message of love and laughter, of hope and caring. The June 1 all-day workshop will bring new members on board and re-charge the batteries of those already in the program. Instruction will be offered in make-up, costumeing, juggling, balloon sculpture, pantomime, etc. Eliot Fintushel (MIME Workshop) will lead the group in mime. The day will culminate with a visit to Upton Court and its residents. During the summer, members of the group visit Monroe Community Hospital, bringing cheer to those within. During the annual Mardi Gras pancake supper celebration, clowns entertain the crowd and present a clown skit. The activity is open to all adults and to any young people who will be 8th grade or older next fall. Come and join the fun! Call Helen Moot at 244-3662.

RECORDINGS OF YOUTH MUSICAL AVAILABLE

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UPDATE ON CUBA

Following worship on May 19, Paul Hammer will share some of his experiences from his recent visit to Cuba and give an update on the conference which he attended.

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MARY PARIS STRAYER

The Reverend Tony Rauch will speak on "The Minister as Diagnostician" at the Tuesday noon, May 21 meeting of Mary Paris Strayer in Johnston Hall.

TAPSS SEEKS VAN

TAPSS needs a Van for use weekday afternoons so that everyone can get to groups meetings. If you know of any possibilities--borrow, rent or donate--please call Sandy at 442-6966.

A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

On Saturday, June 1, the Eritrean Relief Committee is hosting a fundraising dinner to benefit the Eritrean Relief Fund. It will be held at 6 pm St. John the Evangelist Church, 549 Humboldt Street and tickets for the dinner--Eritrean food and recipes--(\$10) are available in the Third Church Office and will be available at the door.

ADULT EDUCATION IN JUNE

The first three Adult Education sessions in June will be devoted to an appraisal, in the wake of the Gulf War, of whether a new climate exists for addressing the historical difficulties of the Middle East. Is there now any evidence that the ingrained enmities of the area must be leavened by an understanding that our planet is truly a "global village?", that we belong to one human family charged to care for each other? What contribution, what leadership, can be provided by the religions of the Middle East to the solution of the area's problems? The central messages of Christianity, Judaism, and Mohammedanism are all similar. Can they be allowed to inform the political discussions without encountering accusations of idealism? Or, are we to understand that religions have contributed enough grief to the Middle East and should stay out of the area's politics? The Adult Education ministry and the Action for Peace Committee invite you to participate in these summer sessions on June 2, 9 and 16.

REMINDER:

Second New Member Class
will be held Wednesday, May 22

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MAY 26

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
(Nursery Care: 34 Meigs Street)
(9:15 Extended Care: Celebration Center)
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching

You are hereby notified that there will be a Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 26 immediately following 10:30 am worship for the purpose of electing a member to Session.

Church School:
Celebration Center
for
Memorial Day Celebration and Banner Project

ADULT EDUCATION

MIDDLE EAST: CAN THERE BE PEACE WITH JUSTICE?
If asked, how would you characterize the peoples of the Middle East? Intransigent? Locked in place by history? Born and reared in hatred? Peoples without a political voice, victimized by their rulers, subject to repression supported by the world's arms merchants? As peacekeepers, we can applaud the efforts of our country's leaders to seek some formula for agreement among the nations of the Middle East. Then again, we can be cynical about the tying of every incremental step forward to promises of arms shipments.

Is there a way to cut the Gordian knot?
On the first three Sundays in June we have invited two speakers to share their views of the Middle East with us. The sessions will be in Johnston Hall at 9:15-10:15.

Rabbi Alan Katz of Temple Sinai who has visited Israel since the conclusion of the Gulf War, will lead discussions on the first two Sundays. Dr. Malik of SUNY Brockport, a Muslim, will lead the session on June 16.

Both of these men, in our opinion, believe in and espouse a multi-cultural view of our world and its problems. We have asked them to join us on this basis. We are not anticipating hearing the Israeli perspective on the one hand nor the Arab perspective on the other. We have asked them to speak to us about how in their opinion a breakthrough can be accomplished in the Middle East--a breakthrough to a situation where all people in the region can begin the process of healing and building without fears for their own safety or for that of their children.

I was comforted by the reality that the holy one seems to focus on what is inside. I was struck by the fact that we sometimes never realize who a person is until their last breath goes out. Most of all, I was reminded of the need to remember that the holy one has called all of us "children." A part of the responsibility we have as children is to "pay attention" to what is inside the other person. Since certain names seem to set us off, we may want to look at the way children approach each other--with arms open, not fists clinched, as people who are relatively unfurnished by preconceptions. Speaking of preconceptions, I don't know what I'll do if the technician misread the ultra sound.

Peace and Grace,

Joey

PANIC & CHAOS Family Picnic

WHEN: Sunday, June 2, 1991 - 1:00PM

WHERE: Kew-Forest Park (Exit 400 at Bushwell's)
Bath, turn right on Rt. 96, first traffic light in Kew-Forest, turn right and the path is about 1/2 mile away on the left.

BRING: A - 1 - Dessert
M - 2 - Salad
and your own meat and plate setting.

PROVIDED: Beverages and Charcoal

GAMES II
• Social: bring your own glove
• Tennis
• Baseball
• Volleyball
• Picnic equipment is available for younger children

COME JOIN THE FUN II

RSVP: Carolyn Mosher
244-6828 by Thursday, May 30th

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SUNDAY, May 26

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Baptism
11:30 Congregational Meeting
11:45 Coffee Hour

MONDAY, May 27 - Memorial Day

OFFICE CLOSED

9:15 Congregate for Parade

TUESDAY, May 28

12:00 John White Circle
5:00 Presbytery - Albion
7:00 Children's Faith
7:30 More Light Committee

WEDNESDAY, May 29

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 30

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downowners
7:30 New Member Class
7:30 Stewardship

FRIDAY, May 31

11:30 Senior Visitor Luncheon

SATURDAY, June 1

9:00 Clock Workshop
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of **Helen Naramore** (PEG 19) on her death May 13, 1991. Mrs. Naramore would have celebrated her 96th birthday May 21st and was the Senior Member of Third, having joined April 7, 1912. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Wednesday, May 22 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.

The office has learned of the death of **John Ernest** (PEG 31) on October 26, 1990, and express our sympathy to his wife Margaret and family.

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Red Gramlich** and **Keith Harrison** who were recognized on May 15 for their outstanding service to Neighborhood Housing Services. Red received the "Leila Edwards Award" in honor of Third Church Lee Edwards who was an active volunteer for NHS until her death. NHS works to revitalize city neighborhoods by improving the housing stock through rehabilitation--enabling people to stay in their homes and thereby reducing homelessness. Third Church has been a long time supporter of NHS; and

to **Mindy Cooper** for being named Miss New York Teen U.S.A. earlier this month. Mindy defeated 64 other girls and will represent New York state in the Miss Teen U.S.A. pageant in August.

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SKILLS AND INTEREST BANK FORMS

Have you filled yours out?
Do it today!
We're counting on you.

HABITAT HOUSE UPDATE

Several Third Church members were on site at 7:30 am May 7 for a groundbreaking ceremony. While Christina Oddleifson and Bill McQuilkin took turns with shovels and Otto Muller-Girard captured the moment with his camera, Laura Collins handed a Church check for \$10,000 to Max Jenkins and Pat Partridge of Flower City Habitat for Humanity. The original plan to move a partially-built Edison Tech house to the site was changed, for scheduling reasons, to building a complete house on site. The planned construction schedule at 165 First Street can be found on the bulletin board outside Johnston Hall. Third Church members are encouraged to volunteer weekdays or weekends, as your schedule allows. No experience is necessary! Our contact person at Habitat is Pat Partridge. She will have up-to-date information on progress at the site and can be reached at 473-8149. Volunteers should check in at the site with Rick Kuempel, the construction supervisor.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Models of God by Sallie McFague will be the featured book for June's Theological Book of the Month discussion. Steve Ford will facilitate a discussion that will focus on chapters 4, 5 and 6, exploring the images of God as Mother, God as Lover, and God as Friend. Books are on sale in the Church Office. The discussion will be held from 7:30 - 9:00 pm on **Monday, June 10**.

HUMAN SEXUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

\$5 per copy
Several available to borrow
for limited time

CLOWN WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 1

Miming, Juggling, Balloon-sculpture
Questions? Call Helen Moot, 244-3662

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - May 27, 1991

The Action for Peace Committee invites you to participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade **Monday, May 27**. The group will meet in the Celebration Center at 9:30 am (light breakfast). We will move to the assembly point (Prince Street and University) at 10:15 am, march behind the Veterans of Foreign Wars, past the reviewing stands on Exchange Street and will disperse at the Crossroads Park. Participants will need to make their own arrangements for returning to the Church.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Center for Youth Services seeks families interested in temporarily hosting homeless and runaway youths. Families in the city of Rochester are especially needed and will be connected with youths age 12-17 in need of shelter through The Center's counseling operations. All youths are evaluated and placed either in a temporary shelter or at a home, depending on the individual teen's needs. The "Host Home" program typically places teens in such arrangements for three to ten days, while efforts are made to find long-term housing. Interested families or individuals can call Leah Warnick at 473-2464 or write The Center for Youth Services, 258 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY 14607.

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JUNE 2

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
(Nursery Care: 34 Meigs Street)
(9:15 Extended Care: Celebration Center)

10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching
"How Shall I Love Thee?"

Teacher Recognition Sunday

Church School:
Celebration Center

ADULT EDUCATION

MIDDLE EAST: PEACE AND JUSTICE POSSIBLE?

9:15 am

Johnston Hall
One June 2, Rabbi Katz of Temple Sinai will initiate a discussion on the prospects of peace and justice for all peoples in the Middle East following the Gulf War.

Campaign
for A Faithful
Tomorrow

CAMPAIGN NEARS COMPLETION EDUCATION BUILDING WORK TO BEGIN

At this writing we are less than 20 shares short of our \$600,000 goal in our Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow. Those who have not yet pledged are asked to do so as soon as possible.

The Trustees at their May 21 meeting agreed to contract with low bidder Garrett Construction Company to do the work on the Education Building. Work will begin on June 10, with completion set for before Labor Day.

It is with great excitement that we look forward to the renovation of this important space. Thanks to all of our contributors.

ATTENTION CONGREGATION

TGIF presents an all congregation **Square Dance** in the Third Church parking lot on **Friday, June 14, 1991**. A Potluck dinner will precede this event. Starting time is 6 pm. Call 271-6910 to make a reservation. Look for more information in the upcoming MESSENGER issues.

John

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SUNDAY, June 2

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 Book Signing for School #6
11:45 New Member Brunch
11:45 Coffee Hour
1:00 PANIC/CHAOS Picnic

MONDAY, June 3

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Stewardship
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, June 4

7:00 Outreach
7:30 Adult Education
7:30 Deacon's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 5

7:30 Youth Commission
7:30 Education Task Force
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, June 6

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downowners
7:30 Peace Network
12:30 13th Circle at Sawyer's

FRIDAY, June 7

CHAOS Overnight
SATURDAY, June 8
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY BAPTIZED

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered by the Reverend John A. Cairns on May 26, 1991 to

David Stuart Pilkington, born December 9, 1990, to Wayne C. Pilkington and Karen A. Smith-Pilkington.

THIRTEENTH CIRCLE TO MEET

Members of the 13th Circle will gather at the home of Mrs. William Sawyer, 20 Merryhill Lane, Pittsford, on Thursday, June 6 at 12:30 pm for their meeting. Please note that the date is one week earlier than normally scheduled.

FLOWERS

Flowers are an important part of our worship services—for the donor, they provide a visible memorial; for members of the congregation, they are an element evidencing the Lord's creation; and for the shut-ins who receive them following worship, they provide a real link with a caring congregation. The average cost for Chancel flowers runs between \$40 and \$45. Donors are needed for several summer Sundays. If you would be willing to donate Chancel flowers, please contact Louise Snyder at 266-2449.

BOOK SIGNING ON JUNE 2

Members of the congregation will have the opportunity on Sunday, June 2 to personalize books to be donated through the Outreach Commission on behalf of Third Church to the children at School #6.

GREATER ROCHESTER COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

On Sunday, June 2, from 3-5:30 pm at the Bethel Full Gospel Church, 321 East Avenue, there will be a worship service dedicating the first assembly of the Greater Rochester Community of Churches. Don't miss this special event, as the Rochester area's new ecumenical body becomes a reality!

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At its May 14 meeting, Session

- discussed ways of involving the young people into the mainstream of the church;
- approved the nomination of 5 people (Catherine Coates, Natacha Dykman, Bernie Todd Smith, David Stimson and Kay Wallace) to serve on the Lillian Alexander Committee;
- heard a favorable report on the May 1-3 More Light Conference in Rochester;
- Moved to join the Greater Rochester community of Churches. This is the new ecumenical agency that will replace Genesee Ecumenical Ministries.
- approved the 1992 communion schedule
- added Martin Luther King Day to the list of holidays for church staff.

TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On June 2nd, those who have served our children on Sunday mornings this past year will be recognized. As former teachers know, hours of "behind the scenes" preparation at home and church take place each week, to provide our young people with a rich foundation in Christian faith. We are very proud of these dedicated people who, with their love and care, are helping to shape the future of our church. We will recognize them at the 10:30 am worship service; and you will have a chance to personally thank them during Coffee Hour following. The children will be celebrating with teachers at a special breakfast during the Church School hour. Our thanks to:

Mary Lou Fitch - Nursery
Cheryl Kleisley Best - Nursery
Gene Best - Nursery
Beth Laidlaw Johnson - Extended Care
Judy MacKnight - 3-year olds
Diana Lewis - 4-year olds
Pam Nichols - Kindergarten
Suzanne Sanders - First Grade
Carol Meigs - First Grade
Sally Dieterich - Second Grade
George Gray - Second Grade
Dale Van Ocker - Third Grade
Lea Theuer - Fifth Grade
Kathy Kemp - Fifth Grade
Richard Bodin - Fifth Grade
Janet Chisholm - Sixth Grade
Ellie White - Junior High
Darby O'Connor Thompson - Junior High
Anne Clifton - Sr. High

PRESBYTERIANS SUPPORT

KURDISH REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORTS

Presbyterians have given \$115,000 to Kurdish refugee relief efforts in cooperation with Church World Service and the Middle East Council of Churches. Donations to account No. 20083 ("Gulf War Refugees") may be made through local churches.

BOOK DISCUSSION

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JUNE 9

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
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10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
Stephen T. Ford preaching

REFLECTIONS ON CELEBRATION!

20 YEARS FROM A TO G

The Celebration! is over but the echoes are all around - costumes, props and banners still being "put to bed," pictures on the bulletin board, 2 albums of wonderful letters from young people in this performance, and young people and parents from long ago, and the memory of 3 exciting performances.

The recognition, presentation and the generous gift all came as a complete surprise to me, which only reaffirms the fact that when I get involved in a project, I seem to be oblivious of all that goes on around me! Sunday, May 12 was a wonderful day and a day to remember how fortunate I am to be part of this congregation. But that day's events were only the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, because for many months leading up to them, there were countless expressions of caring from so many of you.

There were many, many times during the winter and spring when I had reason to wonder whether I could see my way through to the end of the musical. Some days even the simplest tasks were beyond me. But the optimism, encouragement and support from you helped me to keep a positive outlook. Thank you for the many rides to and from the hospital, work and home. Thank you for all the wonderful meals brought in. Thank you for all the cards and notes and messages. Thank you for providing an atmosphere in which a production staff will function smoothly, whether or not I am here.

It is with both satisfaction and relief that I say good-bye to the youth musical part of my responsibilities here. Those years have been fun and exciting and rewarding, but it is time to turn that over to someone else. As I enter into my 39th year on the staff, I look forward to continuing my work with the younger children, with dramas and with special events. The memory of this challenging year and all it included will serve as an inspiration as I look ahead to further serving this vibrant church family.

Helen Moot

FROM YOUR PASTOR

As the calendar turns to June we prepare ourselves for that annual rite known as "the end of the school year." Before we reach the magic day there will be an almost never-ending string of final occasions and closing parties, mixed with a full measure of appreciation events and awards ceremonies. June can be an exhausting time!

But before we yield to calendar burn-out, I want to suggest we stop for a moment of reflection upon the process of learning. Clearly we are a congregation of people who know the importance of education. We have been grateful for our own educational opportunities and are eager for others to be similarly benefited.

Within the church we have relied on education to transmit our faith and language to each new generation which enters the Third Church family—and we have done that job very well. Even now they will again reflect the knowledge that our facilities will again reflect the importance we give to the educational enterprise. But we are quick to add that it takes more than renovated classrooms to inspire learning.

So I want to take this opportunity to celebrate teachers—public school teachers and church school teachers, university professors and corporate trainers, tutors and mentors, supervisors and wise friends. In a world that is over-staffed with information, they have helped us to grasp some kernels of truth and thereby to make at least a small contribution toward the betterment of life for ourselves and others.

My greatest praise and gratitude is reserved, however, for those persons who did more than transmit information. I want to offer particular praise for those who taught us to think. Perhaps you have memories, as I do, of one or two individuals along your path who were not content with repetition—they wanted reasoning. They asked "Why?" and waited until you came up with an answer. They challenged our conclusions even when they agreed with them.

Today in politics as well as science, in faith as well as commerce, it is not enough to possess information or an opinion. We must be able to weigh that information and test that opinion with others who do not share our assumptions. It is a demanding world—and for that reason I particularly celebrate those who taught me how to think.

Faithfully,

John

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SUNDAY, June 9

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary/New Members Received
11:45 Coffee Hour

MONDAY, June 10

7:00 Scouts
7:00 Senior Visitor Training
7:30 Personnel
7:30 Theological Book of the Month Club

TUESDAY, June 11

12:00 Finance Committee
6:15 Session/Trustee Dinner/Meetings

WEDNESDAY, June 12

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Action for Peace

THURSDAY, June 13

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners

FRIDAY, June 14

6:00 TGIF Potluck/Square Dancing

SATURDAY, June 15

10:00 Dining Room Ministry

CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Eunice Jelsma (PEG 18) on the May 23, 1991 death of her sister, Henriette Peterson.

MARRIED

Deborah Gibbs and John Dubuc were married on June 1, 1991 at Sonnenberg Gardens with The Reverend Laura J. Collins officiating.

ARE YOU LOST OR ARE YOU MISSING?

We understand that several people did not receive the mailing containing the Skills Bank and Interest Form. If it has not yet reached you, please call the Church Office (271-6513) to have the form sent to you. If you have received the form and have not yet returned it, why not fill it out and return it today! We're waiting for your valuable input!

JUNIOR CHOIR

All boys and girls presently in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 interested in joining our Junior Choir should plan to register in the Youth Choir room on one of these dates - June 8 or June 15 at 9:00 am. Please allow a half hour for registration/orientation. For more information, call Helen Moot at 244-3662.

SENIOR VISITORS

Necessary Losses by Judith Viorst will serve as the focus for the Senior Visitors Spring Training discussion (helpful even if you have not read the book) led by Tony Rauch on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 pm in Johnston Hall. Please call the Church Office (271-6513) to let us know you'll be there!

CROP COORDINATORS NEED YOUR HELP!

All of the CROP sign-up sheets were inadvertently discarded. If you walked or pledged for walkers, would you kindly call the Office (271-6513) to convey the details of your hike/pledge. Thank you so much!

ADULT EDUCATION MIDDLE EAST: PEACE AND JUSTICE POSSIBLE?

9:15 am

Johnston Hall

Sunday, June 9, Rabbi Katz of Temple Sinai will continue the discussion of the prospects for peace and justice in the Middle East by exploring the past and future impact of the region's religions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Church School:
Celebration Center
LIVE ANIMAL FAIR!

Children in the Third Church Sunday School have been collecting their offering in order to purchase animals for farmers in the Third World. On Sunday, June 9, we will celebrate our participation in the Heifer Project with a live animal fair at Sibley Park. There will be animals to pet, face painting, volleyball and more during the regular Sunday School time. Come and enjoy! Children should first report to their teachers in the Celebration Center at the usual time. The rain date is scheduled for June 16th.

TGIF PRESENTS DINNER AND SQUARE DANCING

The highlight of the Friday, June 14 T.G.I.F. Gathering is a SQUARE DANCE with caller Chip Kellogg. Rest assured that dancing will be fun and comfortable for all abilities--especially beginners! For those too young to dance, there will be supervised activities. The evening will begin with a 6 pm gathering, followed by a Potluck Supper at 6:30 pm (please bring one dish to pass and your table service); the Square Dancing will begin at 7:30 pm. Come as your schedule permits--come just for dinner or dancing, but please let the Church Office (271-6513) know you will be there!

THEOLOGICAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

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\$5 per copy
Several available to borrow
for limited time

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WILL YOU BE AWAY FOR THE SUMMER?

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10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching

Church School:
Celebration Center

Today is the last day of Church School for the 1990-91 year. Students will meet with their teachers in the Celebration Center for a Summer Send-Off. Childcare for birth - 1st grade will continue throughout the summer at 34 Meigs Street.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE: San Antonio Plan

While numerous national, state and local commissions call on schools to improve student achievement, they continue to address the symptoms of student failure without tackling underlying motivation problems. A few years ago, business and academic interests in San Antonio, Texas put together an Education Partnership anti-dropout program which offers to students with a B average/95% attendance rate either financial assistance for college or job placement assistance. While Rochester has programs in place to assist college bound students, there is no comprehensive approach in our community to assist the larger, non-college bound population. Meanwhile, the emerging crisis in the American labor market of a shortage of workers with sound basic skills is predicted to increase throughout the 1990's.

The Education Task Force is therefore focusing its energies on establishing a greater Rochester coalition of academic and business interests to channel our non-college bound graduates into the local job market. Using the San Antonio Plan as a successful model (for example, 1990 figures show that 47% of eligible students were hired by local companies upon referral during the first 2 years of the program.) We are now in the process of contacting the appropriate leaders and agencies in Rochester to design our own model.

If you are interested in helping or know community leaders who might be of assistance, please contact Joyce Perry, Coordinator: Education Task Force, 482-6478.

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SUNDAY, June 16

9:15 Worship in Chapel
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
11:45 Amnesty International Letter Writing
11:45 Coffee Hour

MONDAY, June 17

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Joint Budget Committee
7:30 Worship Commission
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, June 18

12:00 Mary Paris Strayer
5:00 Sexuality Ad Hoc Committee

WEDNESDAY, June 19

7:00 Pastoral Care Commission/Caravetta's
7:30 Action for Peace

THURSDAY, June 20

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners

FRIDAY, June 21

PANIC Overnight

SATURDAY, June 22

10:00 Dining Room Ministry

SUNDAY, June 23

10:00 One Service of Worship/Baptism

CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents of Don Scrivens (PEG 2) who in July 1991 will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary!

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Roland and Lois Stevens on the death of Lois' son, James Wendell, on June 5, 1991.

JUNIOR CHOIR

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MARY PARIS STRAYER

"How a Library is Preserved" is the topic Evelyn Walker of the U. of R. has chosen for the Tuesday, June 18 noon meeting of Mary Paris Strayer.

CHOIR PARENTS HELPERS - THE UNSUNG HEROES!

Did you really think that all the Junior and Bell Choir members hung up their robes neatly and put on their collars, right side forward each week - without any help? If only it were so! There is a wonderful, dedicated group of choir parents who arrive early each time and help with the putting-on and see to the taking-off and putting-away. And this past year, those people were Mollie Kane, Jackie Cross, Debi Allyn, Linda Adams, Pat Sykes, Kim Weick, Randy and Kathy Kemp and Lynne Landgraff with the Junior Choir. Assisting the bellringers this year were Roger and Joyce Coleman, Carol Marra, Mike and Jo Anne King and Bill and Tina Jones. Their contribution is greatly appreciated and we hope you will take the opportunity to tell them so when you see them!

THANKS TO CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS

We express our thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir for their participation during the 1990/91 season. The people who participated are:

Sopranos:

Susie Alexander
Evelyn Baker
Lyn Buddenhagen
Mary Cowden
Elizabeth Hansen
Joie Harrington
Devon Hearne
Sandi Lindahl
Kay Ramsay
Betty Saunders
Carol Weed

Altos:

Beth Alletto
Joanne Anderson
Rikki Connaughton
Carol Ellison
Lynda Fleming
Mary Garber
Betsy Marvin
Debra Oaks
Ellen Van Ocker
Jeannette Olson
Helen Snipes
Judy Stonehill

Tenors:

Tom Bracken
John Denison
Jay Holmes
William Ramsay
Mark Schmidt
John Sheppard
David Starr

Basses:

Scott Alexander
Ralph Carter
Phillips Clark
Robert Ellison
Wilson Fitch
Bill Hearne
Alex Jeschke
John Moir
Wayne Norton
James Tastor

The faithful dedication of these talented people has added a meaningful dimension to our worship services. Many, many thanks to you all!

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS:

Please add June 22 to your list of Saturdays for working at our Habitat House at 165 First Street.

PART-TIME JOB OPENING AT SEM

The Food Cupboard Manager position at Southeast Ecumenical Ministry, 25 Westminster Road, will be available June 10, 1991. The position is 25 hours per week, at the rate of \$6.25 per hour. Anyone interested in this position, please contact Laura Julien, 271-5350.

THIRD CHURCH MESSENGER

June 11, 1991

Part Two of Two Parts

It is always a significant event in the life of the church when new members decide to join our family of faith. Welcome these new members who joined with our congregation June 9. Note through the PEG (Parish Enrichment Group) numbers those who may be your neighbors and welcome them to your neighborhood as well.

PATRICIA BALL (PEG 29), 52 Marion Street, Rochester 14610, teaches first grade at School #19. Patl grew up at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester and is joining Third by Letter of Transfer from the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland. She lists her interests as biking and needlepoint.

GEORGE FRAME, a research biologist and toxicologist currently working with TAD Temporaries, and **MARY DIANE FRAME**, a Post Doctoral Fellow in the Biophysics Department at the U. of R. live at 29 Rampart Street, Rochester 14623. They are joining by Letter of Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri where Molly taught church school. Molly and George are the parents of three children ranging in age from 8-11.

MAX LEE JENKINS (PEG 9), 10-1 Selden Street, Rochester 14605, is joining by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Pittsford. Max is Chairman of the Auto Studio Corporation in Rochester and with wife Barbara, are parents to two young adults and grandparents to a granddaughter. He has served the Presbyterian Church in many capacities, including Session, Trustees, Finance Committee and a Commissioner to Presbytery and President of the Presbyterian Foundation of Genesee Valley. Many members know Max through his work with Habitat.

RUTH MACKINDER KUENZLI (PEG 9), 200 Seth Green Drive, Rochester 14621, is a retired teacher. Ruth, a widow, was most recently married to a retired Presbyterian pastor, and joins Third by Letter of Transfer from St. Petersburg, Florida. She has travelled extensively--a must when you are grandmother to 12!

MARY MACINTYRE (PEG 22), 499 French Road, Rochester 14618 is joining Third by Reaffirmation of Faith. Mary is a registered nurse working with the Medical Personnel Pool and also as a substitute School Nurse-Teacher. She is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and lists her interests as skiing, knitting, travelling and golf.

MICHAEL GREGORY POLESHUK (PEG 29), 88 Illinois Street, Rochester, 14609, is joining Third by Reaffirmation of Faith. Michael is an electrical technician with Rochester Instrument Systems; he notes that he loves to travel and work on electronic gadget fabrication. He and new member Teri Ray are engaged and plan to be married next Spring.

THERESA RAY (PEG 28), 99 Whitestone Lane, Rochester 14618, is an internal auditor with Curtice Burns Foods, Inc. Teri, formerly a member of the United Methodist Church in New Providence, New Jersey, is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. Her interests revolve around travel, sports, theater and young people.

DARLENE and JOSEPH SCHULER (PEG 29), 171 Middlesex Road, Rochester 14610, are parents to Michael Joseph and list family camping as an interest and note that they are interested in the Dining Room Ministry. Darlene is an executive secretary at Eastman Kodak and is transferring her membership from First Congregational Church in Fairport where she was active with the youth fellowship, choir and taught Sunday school for 3- and 4-year olds. Joe, joining by Reaffirmation of Faith, is employed at Xerox.

LAUREN D. SOMERS (PEG 29), 260 Carling Road, Rochester 14610 is self-employed by General Ledger. Lauren grew up in Third Church and is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith and is the mother of 5-year old Nicole. She lists her interests as biking, cooking and horses.

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WHAT WE ARE DOING...

WHERE CAN I HELP?



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO LUNCH?

Every Saturday at Third Church something wonderful happens. For the last two months, church members have been making a hot lunch for hungry guests at the Dining Room Ministry. Our guests come from the immediate church neighborhood and from as far away as Lake Avenue. They walk or take the bus, and many have become regular diners. We continue to be amazed at how far people walk to join us and the wonderful spirit they bring.

In the last four weeks, the numbers have ranged from 16 to 30. We see couples, singles, and the elderly. Volunteers enjoy the fellowship of preparing the meal and the opportunity of sitting and chatting with the guests. Each Saturday is an adventure as we discover how many guests we will have, and how our food supply will hold out.

Some of our first guests were children. They drew pictures for us which we proudly kept. Then our kindergarten and fourth grade Sunday School classes surprised us with a gift of handmade placemats for the tables. Another week, two of our guests came early to watch the dress rehearsal for the youth musical before lunch!

We have attempted to reach potential guests by distributing flyers, but the word is best spread by satisfied guests themselves. This process takes time, and it is too early to guess who and how many our guests will be six months from now. But we can say that our guests are enthusiastic about our food, and that the Dining Room experience has been rewarding for guests and Third Church members alike.

We'll keep you posted.

Henry Curme and Kathryn Stimson
for the Dining Room Ministry

HEART to HEART UPDATE

The Heart to Heart Partnership is an exciting ministry for homeless people linking Third Church volunteers and Sojourner House residents. Sojourner House provides temporary housing and services for women with or without children, who are in transition from crises and who want to become more independent. Eight members of the Third Church congregation will meet for training in the morning of **Saturday, June 15** and the evening of **Monday, June 17**. This training will help forge partnerships that will meet semi-monthly for activities both enjoy, such as talking, games and errands.

Individual women and/or families are encouraged to attend. If you would be interested in joining the group or have questions, please call Laura Collins (271-6557) or Kay Wallace (461-9822).



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 165 First Street

Just one month after the early May groundbreaking of the home at 165 First Street finds the volunteers finishing the interior partitions. Once that is done, work will move outdoors to erect scaffolding and complete the siding on the structure. Installation of the dry wall is scheduled to begin on June 15th; taping and plastering will precede the work of trim and painting. Preliminary interviews for the selection of a family for the 3-bedroom home are currently underway. All is moving along well -- and will continue to do so with your help! No expertise is needed -- on-the-job training cheerfully given -- so if you have some time, stop by join in the creative fun! Check in with Rick Kuempel, the construction supervisor, upon your arrival. If you should have any questions, please call Pat Partridge at 473-8149.

AAH

Advocacy for Affordable Housing

Advocacy for Affordable Housing (AAH) recently convened its second meeting. The group has begun to explore ways the city and county are addressing the need for accessible, decent low-income housing. We will look for ways to advocate on behalf of public policy which encourages the development of such housing stock. Community-wide cooperation is needed to insure adequate housing for all Monroe County residents. If you would like to explore these issues with us, please contact the Church Office (271-6513) or call Laura Collins (271-6557) or Don Pryor (235-7251) for more information.

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June 23 One Service of Worship at 10 am

Anthony J. Rauch preaching

Childcare for birth - 1st grade continues throughout the Summer in the Youth Lounge.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At its June 11 meeting, Session

- Met jointly with the Trustees to share common concerns and information
- Heard that the Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow stands at \$554,000 and that work has begun on the education building;
- Were informed that the Rochester Korean Presbyterian Church which uses our Chapel for worship has called a new minister, the Rev. Yoon Gi Jang;
- Learned that the review of membership with a focus on reactivating non-participating members is underway;
- Brainstormed ideas for increasing opportunities for member involvement and urged all members to return their Skills Bank Forms;
- Approved allocations from our Outreach discretionary funds as follows: *

\$1,000 to the Cameron Community for continuation of its outreach ministries;

\$800 to Rochester Landscape for scholarship funds and

\$500 to the Family Place for help in sustaining its programs.

(*Note information on page 2)

FROM YOUR PASTOR

This is the time of the year when we make "summer adjustments." Schedules change, the pace of life changes, the kids are out of school and the sprinklers are on the lawn. Everywhere you turn, folks are giving you new information tailored to the new season. We can easily get caught up in all the changes in attitudes and activities.

But there are a lot of things that do not change in the summer. Many of you have volunteer commitments that are every bit as essential in July as they are in November. Hospital volunteers and Meals-on-Wheels drivers know that their services are needed all year round. The services of the church fall in that same category.

Even while half of our building is torn apart for renovation we continue to meet and plan and serve. Third Church's life of worship and prayer is essential to us as individuals and as a congregation in these months of vacation comings and goings. We need to share our praises and our concerns with our church family -- and praises and concerns don't take a holiday.

I urge you to stay plugged into Third during these summer months. Join us for worship as often as you can. Send back a church bulletin from the church where you worshipped on your vacation. Pay particular attention to those of our number who have needs or limitations, illness or loneliness. Often the summer months are hard for such people because the folks they normally depend on are taking their vacations. If your schedule is a little lighter, look for an opportunity to share a bit of your leisure with someone else. A call to the Church Office will supply you with suggestions.

Summer is also a time for planning ahead. Many of you will do that in your families and businesses--and we will be working to accomplish the same result for the church as well. Calendaring and budget work is already underway, and many committees are pointing toward new ventures in the fall.

I begin some planning time of my own now--with a week of work on next fall's preaching--and a few days of vacation thrown in.

Faithfully,

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SUNDAY, June 23
10:00 Worship in Sanctuary
MONDAY, June 24
TUESDAY, June 25
12:00 John White Circle/Hart's
WEDNESDAY, June 26
THURSDAY, June 27
7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
FRIDAY, June 28
SATURDAY, June 29
10:00 Dining Room Ministry
12:00 Parents/Young Children/Ellison Park
SUNDAY, June 30
10:00 One Service of Worship

SUMMER MESSENGER SCHEDULE

The last of the weekly MESSENGERS will be mailed June 25. During the summer, MESSENGERS will be mailed July 16, August 6 and August 27 with the weekly schedule resuming September 3. If you have information you would like included in any of these issues, please forward it to the Church at least a week prior to the mailing date. Thanks!

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Madeline Raines Starr, granddaughter of Don and Skippy Raines, was born April 26, 1991, and joined the family on April 29, 1991.

BORN

A daughter, Chelsea Diane, to Alex and Dana Chamberlain, on June 5, 1991, in New Zealand. Chelsea is the granddaughter of Herb and Barb.

MARRIED

Sarah Mercier and Robert Hurlbut were married on June 15, 1991 in the Sanctuary with The Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Mildred Stalker (PEG 8) on the June 13, 1991 death of her brother, Clyde Randall, formerly of Churchville.

PRAYER CORDON CONTINUES TO RESPOND

The Prayer Cordon will not vacation as the rest of us ease up on our daily responsibilities during the summer! If you have a request for prayer, please continue to make it known to Tony Rauch (271-6910 at Church; 442-6122 at home), Betsy Cairns (271-7953) or Jan Johnson (461-9554).

JOHN WHITE CIRCLE

Members of the John White Circle will gather Tuesday, June 25th at noon at the home of Jean Hart, 8 Green Ridge Road, Pittsford for its Annual Picnic.

PARENTS and YOUNG CHILDREN

Creekside Lodge in Ellison Park has been reserved for "Parents and Young Children" on Saturday, June 29th, starting at noon, for an early 4th of July picnic. Direct questions to Robin Kukla (671-2318) or Beth Wiegand (654-7855).

WOMEN IN SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY RETREAT

A half-day retreat is planned by the Women in Spiritual Community on Saturday, June 22 to be held at the Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Avenue. Commencing at 9 am, the group will reflect on "worldview", worship and will have an opportunity to relax together. Please call the Church Office (271-6513) if you can attend.

SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 30
Stephen T. Ford

July 7
Laura J. Collins

July 14
John A. Cairns

July 21
John A. Cairns

July 28
Anthony J. Rauch

August 4
John A. Cairns

August 11
Anthony J. Rauch

August 18
Laura J. Collins

August 25
Stephen T. Ford

September 1
Anthony J. Rauch

*DISCRETIONARY FUND RECIPIENTS

THE CAMERON COMMUNITY, located off Lyell Avenue near Child Street on Cameron Street, is a ministry serving a neighborhood of about 10,000 people. The hot lunch program serves one meal a day, six days a week; in 1990, an average of 64 people were served each day, representing a 21% increase over 1989. Other ministries serving to strengthen the community include a tutoring program, women's weekly meetings, Hispanic outreach, crisis intervention, Junior high girls' group, and children's summer programs. Additionally, there is a linkage with a clothing cupboard, Neighborhood HOPE - a conflict resolution program for neighborhood residents - as well as the Living Word Church of God in Christ and Lifespan, a teen pregnancy prevention program, which are all housed in the Ministries' center.

ROCHESTER LANDSCAPE, in conjunction with the Lewis Street Settlement, is an employment training program to equip young adults in learning landscaping skills and to assist in finding employment. Its first class graduated this Spring.

THE FAMILY PLACE, located at Grace Methodist Church on Driving Park Avenue, provides a Parenting Program and child care and activities while the parents are involved in the program. Family Program including total family activities and Respite Child Care.

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ACTS

Acts. It's a book in the New Testament that describes the activity of the first Christian churches. It's what the cast members did during the recent youth musical. It's also the name of a new idea at Third. Many folks in our congregation maintain an active commitment to the community outreach of our church. To maintain leadership in our commitment to social action also demands a great deal of spiritual discipline and mutual support. (Was it Martin Luther who said, "I'm too busy not to pray 3 hours a day!")

Drawing on the example of Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C., and Christian base-communities in Latin America, we would like to form a group that will be supportive of our action-orientation while deepening our spiritual discipline. Our time together will include Bible study, prayer and supportive reflection on our various ministries as we struggle together to live out our faith in the world.

In order for this to be a fulfilling experience, we believe a commitment to meeting together on a regular basis over a 10-month period is needed. If this is the kind of commitment you are seeking to make in the coming year, please contact: Laura Collins, 271-6557.

HUMAN SEXUALITY REPORT

General Assembly this month voted to "request the Theology and Worship Ministry Unit to assist the church in exploring the significant biblical, theological, and ethical issues raised in the church around human sexuality during the past year. Their work may be informed by the majority and minority reports" and other resources. A committee is planning to implement this recommendation to study these issues through Adult Classes and study groups this fall and through the coming year. You are urged to secure your copy of the report from the Church Office at a cost of \$5 and to read the report this summer. This will prepare you for the fall study, where your comments will be welcome.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Do you remember the inevitable "What I did on My Summer Vacation" essays? That teacher's subtle trick to remind you that vacation was over and for 183 days you were theirs, always demanded an interesting answer. It almost made summer vacation seem like a 2 1/2-month-long research project.

This summer, some of our senior high youth will be participating in an experience that will not only be interesting, but character building as well.

At 5:00 am on July 28th, a group led by Robb Adams, Melissa Bell, Steve Ford and Mike Magee, will travel to Manchester, Kentucky in the Appalachian Mountains. For one week, this group will work with the Kentucky Mountain Housing Development Corporation to build homes for low income families and make major repairs on others. Some families live in homes with no running water or in one-room dwellings with coal heat. This opportunity to "Do unto others" will be a transforming experience for everyone involved.

This project stems from our young people's concern for housing issues; a concern that led dozens of Third Church youth to work Saturdays and school vacations on Habitat for Humanity projects in the city of Rochester this past year. Youth participants in the Kentucky trip are: Tom Adams, Chrissy Belles, Holly Hinchman, Steve Popernik, Kim Mosher, Marcy MacSavas, Kristin Nelson, Scott Magee, Anne Magee, Chris Van Ocker, and Elizabeth Mathai. This experience will help them to wonder about life in a new way; to ask questions about what it means to be a Christian; to help us realize that our standard of living in Monroe County is not the way the world lives. A sale of baked goods will be held during the Coffee Hour this Sunday to help with the purchase of tools and materials.

If you would like additional information about this work project or would like to support the work of the youth, please contact one of the adults mentioned above.

Faithfully,

Steve

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SUNDAY, June 30
10:00 Worship in Sanctuary
MONDAY, July 1
TUESDAY, July 2
WEDNESDAY, July 3
THURSDAY, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY, July 5
OFFICE CLOSED*
SATURDAY, July 6
10:00 Dining Room Ministry

Please Note: Next MESSENGER will be mailed July 16. Any information for that issue should reach the Office no later than July 9th. *Please note that the Office will be closed Friday, July 5 so that our Staff members may enjoy the long weekend. Those Staff members who normally work on Friday, will be taking a vacation day.

ADVOCACY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Brown Bag Lunch
July 16, at noon, in the Parlor. Maggie Bringewatt will discuss the Rochester Housing Partnership. All are welcome.

CHURCH FAMILY MARRIED

Robert C. Illig and Laura A. Krebs were married June 8, 1991 at Coleville Presbyterian Church in Silver Springs, MD. Laura's parents were married by John Cairns 25 years ago, and John baptized Laura!

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Janet Cho and family on the death of her father, Suk Bong (Caleb) Cho, on June 11, 1991. A memorial service was held on June 13 in the Chapel;

Betty Roth (PEG 5) on the June 13, 1991 death of her mother, Mildred McClellan, in Oneonta, NY;

Lori and David Coons on the death of their infant daughter, April Marie. A memorial service was held June 25, 1991 in the Chapel; and

Eunice Jelsma (PEG 18) on the June 23, 1991 death of her husband, The Rev. Oscar Jelsma. A memorial service for The Rev. Jelsma will be held at 11 am Saturday, June 29, 1991 in the Chapel. Memorials may be directed to Third, designated for the Action for Peace Committee or Kirkhaven.

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS JULY 14

The Summer Choir will be leading the music for our worship services from July 14 through August 4. Rehearsals begin at 9 am in the Senior Choir Room prior to the 10 am service. All are invited to join in and sing -- all you have to have is a singing voice, be able to read music and match pitch. You may sing every Sunday, or just a few, depending on your summer schedule. For further information, please contact Jonathan Biggers, 454-5177.

THANK YOU!

A thanks to the contributors to the CROP walk, and especially the walkers - Thelma and Jim Hammetton, Chuck Meinhold, Bob Edgerton and Alison Schmiesing - for enabling an \$850 contribution to CROP.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

It is, indeed, a pleasure to send along congratulations to our recent high school graduates and to wish them Godspeed on their future endeavors. The 1991 graduates are:

Molly Agey - Rush Henrietta; Carnegie Mellon
Danielle Albers - Eastridge; Russell Sage
Meridith Bednar - Pittsford Mendon; U. of Miami (Coral Gables)
James Bleeg - Brighton; Cornell Engineering
Christy Cairns - School of the Arts; Rotary Fellowship to Brazil
David Carlisle - East; Earlham College
Michelle Consentino - Pittsford Sutherland; Boston University
Randall Davies - Penfield; Kenyon College
Candice Dustman - Pittsford Sutherland; Syracuse University
Brett Frishmann - Brighton; Columbia University
Carolyn Gray - East; University of Michigan
Rebecca Kern - East; part-time course in Philadelphia before architecture school
Daniel Link - Pittsford Mendon; Colorado College
Jeff Little - East; Community College of Finger Lakes
Anne Magee - Victor; SUNY Plattsburgh
Sarah O'Brien - Wilson Magnet - SUNY Purchase
Eleanor Oi - Brighton; Franklin and Marshall
Sandra Orem - W. Irondequoit; Hartwick College
Kirstin Pryor - Wilson Magnet; Georgetown
Ryan Stas - Brighton; Ringling School of Art and Design (Sarasota, Florida)
Mark Williams - Livonia; R.I.T.

HELPING CITY CHILDREN

Parsells Avenue Community Church is one of the city churches in our Presbytery. Every Saturday they hold a Christian Saturday School with music lessons, tutoring, Bible study and a good breakfast. This summer the kids will be taking several field trips and adult chaperones are needed. Can you assist on one of the following days?

July 10 - Eastman House
July 24 - Heberle Stables
August 7 - Canal Trip
August 20 - Camp Whitman

For more information, call the Rev. Bob Morgan, 482-4413.

WANTED: VAN

Know someone who is trying to sell a van? The Teenage Parent Support System (TAPSS) is in immediate need of transportation for its summer programming. Can you help? Call Sandy Auriemma, 442-6966.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS

Meals on Wheels is in urgent need of summer volunteers. Give the gift of time and compassion--an hour or two, once a week or every other week--to the community's homebound. For more information contact: Carol Zoltner at 482-0120 (ext. 415 or 425).

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HERBERT D. VALENTINE

MODERATOR, 203RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY



June 11, 1991

Dear Members and Friends:

We, the commissioners and advisory delegates to the 203rd General Assembly, write you out of pastoral care for our church.

We have acted on a number of important matters. None, however, has drawn more attention than human sexuality. We write to communicate our actions and to offer a pastoral word for our church.

We have not adopted the special committee's Majority Report and recommendations, nor have we adopted its Minority Report. We have dismissed the special committee with thanks for their work, and with regret for the cruelties its members have suffered.

We have reaffirmed in no uncertain terms the authority of the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. We have strongly reaffirmed the sanctity of the marriage covenant between one man and one woman to be a God-given relationship to be honored by marital fidelity. We continue to abide by the 1978 and 1979 positions of the Presbyterian church on homosexuality.

We are also convinced that the issues raised again by this report will not go away. Though human sexuality is a good gift of God, we and our families are in pain. We are being torn apart by issues of the sexuality and practice of adults: single, married, and divorced; teenage sexuality and practice, sexual violence, clergy sexual misconduct, new reproductive technologies, AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and the sexual needs of singles, gay and lesbian persons, the disabled, and older adults.

That pain was felt by us here in Baltimore, expressed by people of very different perspectives. Some of these are issues on which there is considerable theological and ethical disagreement within the church.

We also believe that at the heart of the recent debate lies a painful distrust of the General Assembly by many of our members. Often the General Assembly has been perceived as telling individual members what to think. Let it be said that in Baltimore the 203rd General Assembly (1991) heard the cry of the church for an Assembly that listens to the grass roots. In that spirit, we have instructed the Theology and Worship Ministry Unit of the General Assembly Council to prepare a plan to encourage us as Presbyterians in our theological and ethical decision-making. We reaffirm that the church is healthiest when it honors what we Presbyterians have always believed, as expressed in the "Historic Principles" of 1788: That God alone is Lord of the conscience, and has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men and women which are in anything contrary to God's Word, or beside it, in matters of faith and worship; and also that there are truths and forms with respect to which people of deep faith may differ (G1.0300). This is an opportunity to learn again what it means to be Presbyterian.

In conclusion, we wish to reaffirm that we are all one as Christ's body and while we are diverse, we are one family of faith because of the unconditional love of God for all persons. We welcome your response to our action as we rejoice you this next Sunday. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us and bless us in the Spirit of divine grace and love.

Yours in Christ,

Herbert D. Valentine
Herbert D. Valentine
Moderator,
203rd General Assembly

James E. Andrews
James E. Andrews
Stated Clerk

Gordon C. Stewart
Gordon C. Stewart
Moderator, General
Assembly Committee
on Human Sexuality

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THIRD CHURCH MESSENGER

June 25, 1991 - Part Two of Two Parts

To: The Members of Third Presbyterian Church
From: John A. Cairns, Laura J. Collins
Re: The Actions of the General Assembly Regarding the
Report of the Human Sexuality Task Force

As you are aware, we each observed a portion of the work of our recent General Assembly in Baltimore. Both the national media attention and our own involvement was focused on the "Human Sexuality Report." Since the media reports were not always clear or accurate, we wanted to share our direct comments.

The actual question before the assembly was: "Should the report be studied?" (It was not the consideration of a policy statement.) From the beginning it was clear that the Assembly and much of the church felt that the report was flawed -- in form and method, and at some points in content. It was also clear that media reports had angered and excited many who had neither read the report nor understood its intention (i.e., study).

In brief, the Assembly acted not to adopt the report or any of its recommendations. They did, however, act to put in place a church-wide study process of the issues raised by the report. A letter to the church (see reverse side of this page) details that action.

We were moved and impressed by the work of the separate Assembly committee which revised the report and shaped the motions which were (in the main) adopted. We were also moved and impressed by the pain that exists throughout the church as we struggle with these difficult issues. A quote from the preface of the committee's work says it well: "We come to you wounded by the pain within our group, within our beloved church, and within those who feel isolated from the good news we proclaim but do not always live out... We come to you aware that whatever is finally adopted by the 203rd General Assembly does not, itself, have the power to bring healing to the church or reconciliation between individuals; only God working through the Holy Spirit and Christ's redeeming love can do that."

We believe it is urgently important for the whole church -- and for Third Church -- to study these issues, and we are preparing to begin such study in September. Our culture and our own families wait (and need) for the church to say a faithful word. Yet, even as we strive to do that, there will undoubtedly be points at which people of good faith disagree -- and we will need to acknowledge and accept that fact.

We urge you to plan now to be a participant in the biblical, ethical, and practical study of God's great gift -- our human sexuality.

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July 16, 1991
Part One of Two Parts



FROM YOUR PASTOR

With the comings and goings of these summer months there is a tendency to assume that nothing happened while you were away. It is, however, an assumption that hardly ever stands.

After just 10 days away at the end of June and beginning of July I returned to find a lot going on around 4 Meigs Street. Most visible is the work on the Education Building, but since it is all interior, it is not noticeable to the casual passer-by. The folks from Garrett Construction are proceeding on schedule and expect to be done by late August.

That work -- and a snag in getting into their new facility -- has prolonged the tenancy of the Genesee Day Care Center, and forced them to scramble for space. They have been housed in the Celebration Center, Youth Lounge, and Johnston Hall since mid-June. Their last day will be July 19. That will clear Johnston Hall of cribs and playpens, but Third Church child care and Nursery School equipment will continue to fill the downstairs rooms until the renovation work is completed.

Each summer there is a long list of projects scheduled under the heading of building maintenance. (Many of these are funded from the Building Maintenance Endowment raised in the 1986 campaign.) Of special note this summer are the cleaning of the stone in the various entrances (just completed) and the repaving of our parking lots (still to come). In addition, our sextons Dave Taro and Dwayne Carter have gotten our grounds into excellent condition.

Certainly of major importance is the coming of our full-time organist-director, Peter DuBois, who is profiled on the second page of this MESSENGER. We have enjoyed excellent music leadership from Jonathan Biggers and we look forward to more of the same under Peter.

Pastoral schedules will vary during these July and August times as we enjoy some vacation time. Please know that there are always at least two pastors in town and ready to serve you. And, as you find time for rest and relaxation, we remind you to join us for worship when you are in town.

Faithfully,

John

SUMMER WORSHIP AT THIRD 10 am in the Sanctuary

July 21
John A. Cairns preaching
July 28
Anthony J. Rauch preaching
August 4
John A. Cairns preaching

*Childcare for birth - 1st grade
continues throughout the Summer
in the Youth Lounge.*

GRIEF and LOSS DISCUSSIONS

On the Tuesday nights in August, the Pastoral Care Commission is offering opportunities for folks to come together and talk about issues of grief and loss. This time of year was chosen because -- even with the beautiful weather -- grief and loss continue. The group will meet at 7:30 pm, with the following themes and Biblical texts for the discussion:

August 6: Psalm 145 - "Loss:
It's Okay to Be Angry"

August 13: Mark 10:1-16 - "The
Other Losses in Life"

August 20: Mark 12:1-12 -
"Multiple Losses"

August 27: Mark 13:28-37 - "How
Do We Prepare for
Losses"

Participants are invited to read the texts in advance and begin thinking about the topics. All are invited -- no matter what kind of grief or loss you may have experienced.

THANK YOU, JONATHAN

We have been extremely fortunate to have had Jonathan Biggers as our organist for three years and our interim Chancel Choir director for the last year and a half. Jonathan will conclude his service to Third on August 4. We invite all to be present as we honor him on that day. A special reception will follow the service.

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CHURCH FAMILY BORN

A daughter, Katherine Lynn, to Louise and Randy Beale (PEG 15) on June 16, 1991, in Rochester. Grandparents are Bill and Joy Beale (PEG 21).

A daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Beth and Michael Wiegand (PEG 9), on June 25, 1991, in Rochester.

A daughter, Michelle Catherine, to Beth and Glenn Laidlaw-Johnson (PEG 4), on July 9, 1991, in Rochester.

BAPTIZED

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered on July 14, 1991 in the Sanctuary by The Reverend John A. Cairns to Luan Amine Teclab, daughter of Amine and Freweini Haile, born September 6, 1988.

MARRIED

Anita Hershey (PEG 4) and Harry Williams (PEG 4) were married at the White House in Webster Park on June 29, 1991, with The Reverend Stephen T. Ford officiating.

Susan Mees and Charles Longfield were married on July 6, 1991 in the Sanctuary with The Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

Stanley Zimmerman and Helen Zimmerman were married at Eagle Vale on July 13, 1991, with The Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to:

Bill Shayder (PEG 9) on the June 20, 1991 death of his sister, Julie Shayder, in Scranton, Pennsylvania;

the family of Ethel Bearss on her death June 28, 1991. Miss Bearss joined Third Church in 1935;

the family of Ida Warner on her death July 10, 1991. A memorial service for Mrs. Warner, a member of Third since 1933, was held in the Chapel on July 14, 1991;

the family of Carolyn Weston on her death July 12, 1991. A memorial service for Miss Weston, a member of Third since 1973, will be held at 2 pm Saturday, July 20 in the Chapel.

Lori and David Coons on the death of their infant daughter, Kimberly Ann, on July 14, 1991.

EMERGENCY RELIEF ALERT Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*"...let us love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action."*
1 John 3:18

For the last six months, disasters have stricken the world with terrible frequency. From the aftermath of the Persian Gulf war to earthquakes in Costa Rica, tornadoes and severe storms in the U.S., drought and famine in the Horn of Africa, cholera in South America, continued crises in Liberia, and the dreadful series of storms in Bangladesh, the morning news seems to be a litany of despair. Yet amid this chaos and anguish, the steadfast presence of compassionate Christian witness keeps lit the glimmers of hope. Throughout the world, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is working with Christian partners in the affected regions to bring relief.

In Bangladesh, millions of people live precariously along the coast and low islands, vulnerable to the recurring storms which lash this poor country. The PC (USA)'s primary partner there is the Presbyterian Fellowship in Bangladesh, which carries out ministries of development, relief, and pastoral and medical care. Among the many ministries is a program for disaster preparedness, including warehousing clothing, food, cooking utensils, blankets, and water purification tablets. The damage in Bangladesh will take years to repair. The Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Global Mission Unit's Health Ministries Office will work in cooperation with Presbyterian World Service in assistance for long-term redevelopment and reconstruction.

Political instability, combined with cycles of drought, has brought a prolonged crisis to the Horn of Africa. In spite of the crises, this area has seen an explosive growth in Christianity. Through our relationship with Christians in Ethiopia and Sudan, the PC (USA) can deliver and monitor distribution of relief supplies including food, medicine, and seed.

Thanks to the generous support of Presbyterians and their congregations, over \$200,000 has been made available for relief efforts in the Persian Gulf. Special attention has been given to assisting the Kurdish refugees in Turkey and Iran, refugees in Jordan, persons affected by the bombings in Israel and Kuwait, and to enabling Iraqi Christians to provide food and medical assistance to those persons for whom relief is not otherwise available.

FOOD DONATIONS GRATEFULLY SOUGHT

Please remember the ongoing need for non-perishable food staples by bringing donations and placing them in the food barrel. Especially needed are dried milk (individual packets), canned dinners and fish, cereals, peanut butter, and crackers (individual packets).

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July 16, 1991 Part Two of Two Parts

PETER DU BOIS NAMED ORGANIST-DIRECTOR

We are pleased to be able to announce to you the selection of Peter DuBois to be our new organist-director. We enthusiastically chose Peter and we are delighted that he has accepted our invitation to join the staff of Third Church and take this means to provide a picture of the man we believe to be superbly suited to serve in the music leadership of Third Church.

Peter began his organ study in junior high school, earned his bachelor's degree in organ performance under David Craighead at Eastman, and his master's under Robert Glasgow at the University of Michigan in 1982. Since that time he has served as full-time Director of Music/Organist at Christ Church United Methodist in Charleston, W.V. In his nine years of experience there he has achieved great success in a position very similar to ours (a 40-voice adult choir, 4 younger choirs and two handbell groups). In addition he has directed a number of music-dramas with all of the associated organizational and production details.

On another front, Peter is a prize-winning organist, having placed First in an American Guild of Organists regional competition in 1987 and Second in their national competition in 1988. He has a long list of solo recital performances, including the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C. and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. This summer he will be the recitalist and organ clinician at a national church music conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin. His A.G.O. peers are highly enthusiastic in their praise of his work.

We found Peter to be easy to talk to. He has a congenial manner and a collegial style appreciated by the staff as well as our committee. References from his current situation indicate that under his leadership the choir has been a major "port of entry" for new people into the congregation.

On a more personal note, Peter is the son of a Methodist pastor. He and his wife, Mary, met as advisors for a high school fellowship group. They have two small children -- Alice, age 3, and David, 4 months. They have begun their Rochester house hunting and look forward to being moved prior to the start of the fall schedule.

We know you will look forward with us to welcoming Peter and working with him to continue the tradition of music excellence at Third.

Mary Cowden Betsy Marvin
Bill Hearne Kathy Schumacher
Chuck Lewis Ginny Wensel
John Cairns, Staff

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

AN INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT (for folks of all ages)

DATES: October 4, 5 and 6 (Friday evening to Sunday lunch)

PLACE: Watson Homestead (in Painted Post, New York)

COST: \$30.00 per person (infants free, scholarships available)

REGISTER BY PHONE: 271-6513; Deadline, September 1 (\$30.00 deposit; all money due September 1)

WHAT ARE WE DOING? Getting to know the Church family better by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

ANY QUESTIONS: Call 271-6513.



WASHER NEEDED

The refugee family recently settled in the Rochester area is in need of a washing machine. If you would have one, please call Jack Salzer at 225-1335.

SUMMER CHOIR

The Summer Choir will be leading the music for our worship services through August 4. Rehearsals begin at 9 am in the Senior Choir Room prior to the 10 am service. All are invited to join in and sing -- all you have to have is a singing voice, be able to read music and match pitch. You may sing every Sunday, or just a few, depending on your summer schedule. For further information, please contact Jonathan Biggers, 454-5177.

SUMMER SCHOOL TUTORS NEEDED

Tutors are needed for Rochester School District students attending summer school from July 1 - August 9. As a tutor you would be assigned a student and would work out the mutually agreeable times and place to do the tutoring during the time of the summer session. The full range of subjects is available; help is needed in subject material and study techniques. Please call Bill Kaiser (342-0630) immediately if you can help.

What goes bah,

moos,
oink,
cluck &
buzz?

Why, a barnyard full of animals, of course! And thanks to our Church School children's generous offerings, \$2,000 "raised" over the last several years was recently sent to Heifer Project International. The money will be used to purchase a variety of all the mooers and cluckers listed above for Third World farmers. Students and faculty alike had great fun promoting this cause in their classrooms. A celebration for their efforts ended with a LIVE ANIMAL FAIR, held at Sibley Park on June 9th, along with -- you guessed it! -- real live mooers and cluckers and bahers!



COMING SEPTEMBER 22nd
Bring A Friend/Family
Share Third Church!

The Teenage Parent Support System (TAPSS), in conjunction with the Girl Scouts of the Genesee Valley, are gearing up for Project ICEPAK, the camping experience for teen moms, their children and area scouts. Camp dates have been set for the weekend of August 16-18 at Girl Scout Camp Beechwood on Lake Ontario, north of Sodus. The beautiful setting provides the opportunity for urban children to experience healthy outdoor fun and for scouts and teen parents to learn from each other. While this is a joint activity for TAPSS and the Girl Scouts, many community agencies, individuals, and churches are also lending enthusiastic involvement.

Do you have a special talent you'd like to share? Join the group for a couple of hours or a day at camp. Offer to help with transportation, lead an activity, help in camp day care, or just volunteer to come and the staff will find a way to involve you!

Donations or borrowing privileges of many items are sought to keep expenses down:

- * used sleeping bags
- * flashlights, batteries
- * children's wagons
- * bathing suits
- * suitcases/duffel bags
- * rain wear
- * high chairs
- * bandanas
- * booster seats
- * sneakers
- * infant backpacks
- * porta cribs
- * cash to buy food or for camp T-shirts which the girls will design.

Please call the TAPSS Office (442-6966) if you can offer help, would like to join the group, or if you have questions.



One World Goods

One World Goods
MID-SUMMER SHOP

Beautiful Third World Handcrafts
155 S. Main Street
Pittsford
(across from St. Louis Church)
Ample parking available
Friday & Saturday
August 9 & 10
10 am - 3 pm

Bread for the World

Did you know?
One B-2 bomber costs \$860 million; the U.S. is planning to build 15 this year, while providing \$800 million in development aid to sub-Saharan Africa.

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August 18
Laura J. Collins preaching
August 25
Stephen T. Ford preaching
(Childcare for birth - 1st grade
continues throughout the Summer
in the Youth Lounge.)

GRIEF AND LOSS DISCUSSIONS

Opportunities to talk about issues of grief and loss continue through the month on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The themes and Biblical texts for discussion are:

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August 27: Mark 13:28-37 - "How Do We Prepare for Losses"

Participants are invited to read the texts in advance and begin thinking about the topics. All are invited -- no matter what kind of grief or loss you may have experienced.

SEPTEMBER IS SECOND ANNUAL SHARE THIRD CHURCH MONTH

We are now just one month away from celebrating one of Third Church's newest "traditions" -- Share Third Church Month.

Beginning September 8 (the Sunday after Labor Day), we are planning a number of activities designed to "show off" Third Church -- and we invite you to share your church with friends, neighbors and business associates.

Highlights of the month will be "Bring A Friend Sunday" on September 22 and the "All Church Picnic" on Sunday, September 29.

"Bring A Friend Sunday" will feature special music and a sermon John is preparing just for the occasion. The "All Church Picnic" will be held on the church grounds, weather permitting, after the 10:30 church service. In case of rain, we'll simply move our picnicking indoors.

Last year's Share Third Church Month, our inaugural event, was a big success. Take advantage of this special opportunity to share the wonderful things our church has to offer with someone you know!

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Saturday night Third Church lost a piece of its heart and soul. After a long struggle with cancer--after what was in large part a personal battle fought with all the faith and will she could muster--Helen Moot passed away. Her health situation had worsened dramatically about two weeks ago, and at the end she slipped into death.

As a congregational family we will need some time to take in this news. Some of us have not been around much this summer and still hold in our minds the picture of Helen directing the youth choirs through their paces in the music for "Celebration." It's a picture I have myself--and I will treasure it, as I'm sure many of you will.

Some of us were aware of Helen's increasing symptoms and knew that she had been hospitalized. Still we are never prepared for the finality of death. Our minds are a swirl of feelings and questions that may produce answers, but which don't produce resolution. I know there is a lot that I must simply hand over to God, attempting to trust and not control. It's difficult.

We begin to think ahead. How will anyone replace Helen? What will happen to the choirs--the programs--to which she gave leadership? The answers are important to us as individuals and as a congregation. Some of those pieces are part of our trademark. What can we expect?

Well, no one will be "the next Helen Moot." The programs or at least most of them will go on with new leadership, and therefore probably with some changes. What Helen gave us in her 38 years on the staff was not so much a way to do music as it was a way to meaningfully involve people in the work and worship of the church. We will not let go of that Moot tradition. There will continue to be a place for every child in the choirs and a job for everyone who wants to "get in on the action" in a supporting role. Both Junior Choir and Glorious Things will resume in September. Families of registered children should watch their mail for details. We will go on.

But for now, we grieve. The church has lost a dedicated servant and we have lost a beloved friend. "Grace and peace to you, Helen Moot. We miss you."

Faithfully,

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CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, to Karen and Bill Dexter (PEG 1), on July 13, 1991, in Rochester.

Twins, Tyler and Emily, were born July 19, 1991, to Susan and Robert Barker (PEG 30).

MARRIED

Sylvia Sanguedolce and Chris Stewart were married July 19, 1991 in the Chapel with The Reverend Anthony J. Rauch officiating.

Anne Ferguson and Peter Wilder were married on July 27, 1991 in the Sanctuary with The Reverend Anthony J. Rauch officiating.

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Lauren Rapell and Aria Vakili were married in the Sanctuary on July 27, 1991, with the Reverend Anthony J. Rauch officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to
Sally Green (PEG 34) on the July 19, 1991 death of her mother Caroline Liggett Reineman;
Dorothy Kirkham (PEG 24) on the July 20, 1991 death of her husband, Floyd G. Kirkham. A memorial service for Mr. Kirkham, who joined Third in 1939 and served as an Elder and Trustee, was held July 22, 1991 in the Sanctuary; and
Dee Miller and family (PEG 18) on the recent death of her mother, Adele Miller, in Florida.

THIRD CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL
now accepting registrations
for Fall 1991

Nursery School
3-4 year olds
2, 3 or 5 days
9-12 noon

Playgroup for 2-Year Olds
Monday-Friday
1, 2 or 3 days
9:30-11:30 am

For information,
call Liz Jenny-Rossi, Director
889-8765 or 244-0640

FOOD DONATIONS GRATEFULLY SOUGHT

Please remember the ongoing need for non-perishable food staples by bringing donations and placing them in the food barrel. Especially needed are dried milk (individual packets), canned dinners and fish, cereals, peanut butter, and crackers (individual packets).

DID YOU KNOW?

Adult Education sessions in early June provided an opportunity to increase our understanding of the Judaic and Islamic traditions. They--with Christianity--share a common origin going back to Abraham.

If you are interested in pursuing the similarities and differences between these three religions, the following books are available in the Third Church Library:

Hinnells:
The Penguin Dictionary of Religions

A Handbook of Living Religions

Abul A'la Mawdudi:

Towards Understanding Islam

The Meaning of the Quran

Heschel:

The Prophets

Prabhupada:

Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead

Sayyid:

Is the Shade of the Quran Quib

Durrani:

Muhammad

Yamara Sonn:

From Qur'an to Crown

The Holy Qur'an (translation and commentary)

These books have been presented by various members of our community. Read and enjoy.
Katie Coddington, Librarian
Jim Hammerton, Action For Peace

PRAYER CORDON

The Pastoral Care Commission invites you to participate in the Third Church Prayer Cordon for 1991-92. There will be two brief informational meetings in August: on Sunday the 18th at 11:00 am immediately following worship and on Tuesday, August 20 at 10 am. You need only attend one. If you cannot attend but are still interested, please call 271-6910 and we will sign you up.

HIROSHIMA REMEMBERED

"May Hiroshima's prayer be understood all over the world!"

The atomic bomb which was dropped in Hiroshima on August 6, 1956 was considerably less powerful than the modern nuclear weapons. But still I remember vividly the trauma, the terror of seeing the whole city turned into a sea of fire in a moment, burned, hurt, and dead people all over, and the smell of dead bodies enveloping the whole city. I saw hell. It seems just like yesterday to me, and the trauma has never left me.

Over 40 years has passed, but we, survivors have not recovered physically and psychologically yet. Each survivor's tragedy was much beyond the ordinary.

Through those experiences, I have a strong hope that no one shall ever have the same suffering and sorrow. May all nuclear weapons, as well as all wars be abolished. May Hiroshima's prayer be understood all over the world!"

Chiyo Takeuchi
World Friendship Center

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SUMMER WORSHIP AT THIRD

10 am in the Sanctuary

September 1

Anthony J. Rauch preaching

(Childcare for birth - 1st grade continues in the Youth Lounge)

Two Services Resume September 8

9:15 am in the Chapel

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching

"Where Life Goes CRUNCH"

Sept. 8 - #1. Distorted Messages

Sept. 15 - #2. Difficult Expectations

Sept. 22 - #3. Unfamiliar Roles

A WEEKEND OF FUN and FELLOWSHIP

for

FOLKS of ALL AGES

October 4-6 will find a group of Third Churchers at Watson Homestead (just outside Corning, in Painted Post, NY). The group will meet at the Homestead at 8 pm Friday evening and return to Rochester Sunday afternoon. \$30 per person will cover 2 nights lodging in community cabins, 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday, snacks, program and recreation costs. Intergenerational group activities, games and fellowship will focus on getting to know the church family better by doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God. There will also be free time for hiking, indoor swimming, exploring, visiting Corning or playing at the recreation center. Worship and communion will highlight Sunday; lunch will be provided before departing for home.

There is no charge for infants, provided they are not eating table food and that you bring your own port-a-crib. Mary Lou and Wilson Fitch will provide infant and toddler care during group activity. (Parents will be asked to take turns assisting, depending on the number of children needing care). Scholarships are available, and we can assist with finding transportation if you don't drive.

You will want to be there for this special fellowship weekend! Space is limited, so please make your reservation as soon as possible. A \$30 deposit fee will hold your spot. All reservations and money are due no later than September 15th. For more information, contact Steve Ford (271-6537), Tony Rauch (271-6910) or Hope Wegman (271-6513).

FROM YOUR PASTOR

What a week this has been: a coup in the Soviet Union; the return of Gorbachev; the rise of Yeltsin! Meanwhile, I've come home many nights recently to find, via my mailbox, the beginning of fall campaigns for the county legislators and the school board, not to mention the '92 presidential campaign.

What has this to do with church? Nothing? Everything? Something. On a video which describes the Presbyterian heritage a professor from one of our theological schools says that Presbyterians disagree so passionately about world issues because we care so passionately about them. And that is how it should be, because God cares so passionately about the world.

God cares passionately about the world. That, in a nutshell, is the Good News; the gospel which we are to proclaim and live out. God cares passionately about the world, which includes an attempted coup in the Soviet Union and the fight you just had with a loved one. God cares about us and our world and empowers us to care, as well. This is a calling for each Christian: To care about the world which God created and loves.

I hope you don't hear that as a burden. Or as another task to add to a busy schedule. Instead, hear it as a joy--an attitude to take with you into your world and your decisions this week. An attitude which empowers you: to find meaning in all your interactions with family and colleagues and strangers; to overcome feelings of cynicism and doubt; to use the gifts you have, whatever they may be.

The fall schedule at church will soon begin to fill your calendars again. I hope, however, that your life at Third mostly fills your heart. Fill it with the knowledge that you are loved by God and, gratefully, able to passionately love a world that sometimes appears unlovable.

Wishing you a passionate autumn--

Laura

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Please Note: Weekly MESSENGER mailings will resume September 3. Please have material you wish to have included reach the Office no later than Wednesday afternoons. The Office will be closed Labor Day, September 2.

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CHURCH FAMILY
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A son, **Peter Albert**, born July 20, 1991, to Jane Liesveld and Deepak Sahasrabudhe (PEG 13), in Rochester.

A daughter, **Julie Katherine**, to Donna and Donald Fella (PEG 4), on August 14, 1991, in Rochester.

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A son, **Christopher**, born August 23, 1991 to Ann McMican and Jack Mould (PEG 36).

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Chase Robert, born December 1, 1988, son of Richard T. and Nancy Hutzel Raines, and **Madeline Raines**, born April 26, 1991, adopted daughter of Richard M. and Heather Raines Starr were baptized by the Reverend Anthony J. Rauch on August 11, 1991. Chase and Madeline are the grandchildren of Don and Skippy Raines.

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SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to

Beth Angus (PEG 11) on the August 3, 1991 death of her brother, **Bruce Meyer**, in Buffalo; to

Ann Cobb and family (PEG 15) on the August 8, 1991 death of her husband, **Tyler P. Cobb**. Mr. Cobb originally joined Third in 1929, rejoined in 1978; he served as an Elder and Trustee, and chaired the PNC which brought Dr. Bay to Third. A Memorial Service for Mr. Cobb was held Monday, August 19 in the Sanctuary;

to **Marcia Neely** (PEG 28) on the August 16, 1991 death of her sister, **Cora P. Beebe**;

to **Louise Miller** and family on the death of her husband, **Paul Miller**, on August 21, 1991. Mr. Miller joined Third in 1956 and served as a Trustee. A Memorial Service for Mr. Miller is to be held August 28 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.

and to the family of **Helen VandeVate** on her death August 24, 1991. A Memorial Service for Mrs. VandeVate was held August 27th in the Sanctuary.

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BRING A FRIEND TO OUR HOUSE ...



INTERIM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
DIRECTOR NAMED

Jolie Harrington has been named Interim Director for the Junior Choir and the Glorious Things. Rehearsals for Junior Choir will commence as planned on September 7th at 10 am; the Glorious Things will begin one week later, on September 14 at 11:15 am. In assuming this responsibility, Jolie acknowledges the grief we all share in losing Helen and is deeply touched and honored to serve as interim director.

OCT-A-GROUP

During the past six months Oct-A-Group get-togethers were a big success! 13 Groups of eight or more members met and enjoyed becoming better acquainted. New Oct-A-Group will be forming in October. If you did not participate in our first groups, think about getting involved this fall. More details will follow.

CHAT WITH US

Third is a friendly church. So friendly that at coffee hour we spend so much time talking to our friends that we don't have a chance to talk with friends we haven't yet met. Visitors. People who might be thinking of making Third their permanent place of worship.

To remedy this anomaly, **Coffee Hour** **Amit** **Team** members wear small name tags and introduce themselves to such newcomers. Oh sure, they still talk with their friends. But simultaneously, they keep an eye out for those who appear left out.

If you are sociable, or would like to be sociable, join us for what should be a brief meeting the second Sunday after Labor Day weekend, i.e., September 15, in the Whitene Room, following the second service. We'll make up a schedule and take turns CHATING. For more information, call Jack Mould at 533-1222, or anyone on the Congregational Life Commission.

NEWS from

THE THIRD CHURCH INTRA-MURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

On August 4, the first Third Church Intra-Mural Softball game between the Third Church **Alta** **Egos** and the Third Church **Manger** **Leaguer** ended in a thrilling 15-inning tie when the game was stopped for the Sunday afternoon curfew. About thirty Third Church members from ages 6 to 60 played in a see-saw contest in which the lead changed hands more often than the offering plate on Easter Sunday. An enthusiastic crowd was on hand at Cobb Hill Stadium (field next to The Tay House) to cheer the teams on. The game will be resumed September 8 at 1 pm. Come out to the ballpark to play and cheer!

THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS FALL DATES

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"MAKING THE BODY COMPLETE"

"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.

God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, then prophesy whenever you can--as often as your faith is strong enough to receive a message from God.

If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching.

If God has given you money, be generous in helping others with it.

If God has given you administrative ability and put you in charge of the work of others, take the responsibility seriously."

Romans 12:4-8

In his letter to the Romans, Paul wrote of Christians being part of Christ's body. The church, and we as individual members, need each other, he wrote; need each other's strengths, abilities and love.

We benefit from each other's strengths, as does the church. We are made more whole by our fellow church members and their individual ministries; our lives made more rich and fulfilling.

New members of a church bring a special vitality and freshness to Christ's body. Their abilities and creative spirits add a robust healthiness that refreshes us and strengthens our church.

September is Share Third Church Month at Third Presbyterian. Do you know someone who could help "make Christ's body more complete?" Share Third Church with someone you know this month. Perhaps they will want to share themselves with us.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

How can a summer that contained so many events have passed so quickly? Children and adults alike seem to spend their week shaking their heads and wondering how it has come to be September already. It is an annual mystery!

The past two and a half months have, however, been filled with much activity and change. At Third Church and in the lives of each of us we have encountered new people and new possibilities. There are new people to welcome to our staff: Peter DuBois, our new organist and choir director, and Jolie Harrington (already familiar as our soprano soloist) who will serve as interim director of the Junior Choir and Glorious Things.

There are also new people to welcome to our worship. Throughout the summer we have had a steady stream of visitors as new folks arrive in the community. We anticipate even more of that activity during September as we consciously "Share Third Church." It's up to each of us to make not only good first impressions, but lasting friendships. Let's keep our "friendly church" reputation growing.

Work is nearing completion in the Education Building. We will be "in" on Sunday, but will need to tolerate some unfinished details. The construction process has been smooth, but there are inevitable "fixtures that were delayed in shipping" that have frustrated Garrett Construction and us. That, I'm sure, will not dampen the excitement of our children as they flood back into familiar, but brand new space.

In talking about the new and the familiar, I want to direct your attention to the center pages of this issue. There you will find a listing of congregational ministries which offer the possibility of adding a new dimension to your life. Some of these are, no doubt, involvements you've thought about before. Why not call the person listed and get the details. (The listing of outreach ministries will appear next week.)

Finally, let me encourage you to join me in worship as we examine the seemingly new and more difficult playing field on which we live our lives, searching for faith-driven responses to our daily challenges. The 3-week sermon series is entitled "Where Life Goes CRUNCH!"

Faithfully,



With this issue, the MESSENGER moves to a new format. This has been done to increase the space available to tell the story of our active congregation's life. It is important that we not only announce what is happening, but also give some sense of why and how it is being done. So, we invite you to examine the new layout; and urge you to be charitable in your mutterings about the staple, which is required on multi-page mailings! The Staff

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

READY, SET, GO!

A new year in Third's Christian Education program is about to begin. A newly renovated building and new furnishings are two of this year's biggest highlights, and we will be celebrating this accomplishment later in October. Equally exciting is having a fully staffed, creative and highly motivated faculty and youth advisors, a newly organized nursery care program, and three education commissions whose dedication to their mission has resulted in new and expanded programs for all generations.

The starting date for all programs is Sunday, September 8th. Sr. High's and adults will meet at the 9:15 hour. Nursery care and Extended Care (for ages 3 - grade 2) are available at that time. Children ages 3 - Jr. High will meet following the Children's Message at 10:30 worship. Watch your mail boxes for more information about these programs and their meeting places.

Adult Education

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Sunday, September 8 at 9:15-10:15

On the first Sunday of each month we plan to come together for worship and celebration. Laura Collins will be helping us plan and share these times together.

TAIZÉ FESTIVAL

September 15 - 7:30 pm

Third Church Chapel

An Exciting Event for your Calendar!

The story of Taizé, an ecumenical community in France, will be revealed through a slide story. Inspiring community singing of music from Taizé will be led by Dr. Carol Doran, CRDS, assisted by Betsy Marvin, contralto; Erin Tobin, flute and a cellist to be announced.

BIBLE STUDY of EXODUS and EASTER

9 Thursday mornings at 9:30, beginning September 26

We will in this Bible Study make our way through the Exodus narrative with continuing reference to parallel activity in the Easter story. You may expect to gain clarity in your understanding of the Bible in general and these two major themes in particular. No previous Bible study experience is required -- this class is for everyone!

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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the Body of Christ."

Ephesians 4:12

Accessibility Task Force for Hearing Impaired People

Meets as required for making our facilities accessible to hard of hearing and deaf people.

Ralph Carter: 271-7649

Adult Education

Learn and/or teach in adult faith development. Volunteer to be on the Adult Education Commission or participate in ongoing Adult Education at times during the week and Sunday mornings.

Don Pryor: 235-7251

Breakfast Fellowship

A meeting of men and women for continental breakfast to talk about faith and life. Meets Thursdays, 7 am to 7:50 am in the Church Parlor.

Jay Holmes: 338-6010; Keith Harrison: 381-5229

Calvin Guild

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm for tureen supper and program. Open to all.

Janet Edwards: 271-3726; Mary Jean MacEwen: 244-2006

Caring Ministries

Phoning, visiting, bringing food, providing transportation or child care, for the recently hospitalized or infirmed.

Mary Caravatta: 377-4297

Chancel Choir

Adult Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and participates in worship each Sunday.

Peter DuBois: 271-6513.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Hosts or Hostesses for monthly oversight of each week's Coffee Hour after 10:30 worship service.

Joyce Perry: 482-6478

C.H.A.T.

Coffee Hour Amity Team extends friendship during the Coffee Hour. September meeting for training. January meeting for ideas, experiences and concerns.

Joyce Perry, 482-6478

Children's Music

Bell Choirs - One choir for 8th graders and one choir for 9th graders, boys and girls together. Rehearsals and meeting times are to be determined. Each choir participates in worship once a month.

Peter DuBois: 271-6513

Junior Choir - Open to boys and girls in grades 3-7. Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00 am and participates in worship each Sunday.

Jolie Harrington - 244-3662

The Glorious Things - a multi-activity music program for 1st and 2nd graders. Meets Saturdays from 11:15 to 12:00 noon.

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Church School

Teach or assist in classrooms on Sunday mornings for children, age 3 through grade 8. Perhaps you might want to teach a specific skill that you have, or volunteer to be on the Children's Faith Commission.

Steve Ford (271-6537) or Hope Wegman: 271-6513 or 482-9968

Couples Fellowship

Younger couples met every six weeks for meal and fellowship.

Suzanne and Brad Holcomb: 385-4857; Karen and Tra-y Walker: 442-0216

Couples Too

Meets irregularly for meal and fellowship.

Betsey and Rich Wheeler: 248-2528

Drama Workshop

An adult group which prepares seasonal skits and a Readers' Theatre series each fall. Rehearsal schedule to be determined.

Contact: Church Office: 271-6513

Gay and Lesbian Support Group

Discussion and support group for people of all sexual orientations who want to explore the issues of homosexuality, including being Christian and gay. First and Third Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Caryl Qualich: 482-3832

Grief Support

Meets to provide support for those experiencing loss.

Tony Rauch: 271-6910

More Light Committee

Third Church seeks to be a congregation in which gay and lesbian people are welcomed into full membership and participation. Meets bi-monthly.

Jim Stewart: 271-1189

Oct-A-Groups

New social groups of eight or more - Oct-a-Groups - form annually to interact in social get-togethers. Groups will be forming in October.

Van Van Zanten: 271-7649

Office Volunteers

People are needed to assist with office work. Help is wanted on an as-needed basis.

Sue Suter: 244-5122

Parents of Young Children

This is a new group of parents with young children which meets periodically for fellowship and special events.

Robin and Mark Kukla: 671-2318; Beth and Mike Wiegand: 654-7855

PEGS

Parish Enrichment Groups

Neighborhood groups organized by Deacons. Meet periodically for meal and fellowship.

Carol Meyers, Deacon Moderator: 381-5835

Prayer Cordon

This group, similar to a telephone prayer chain, will respond to requests for prayer made by Third Church members and friends.

Tony Rauch (271-6910), Betsy Cairns (271-7953), or Jan Johnson (461-9554)

Senior Visiting Program

Third Church members call on assigned older members of the congregation on a regular basis.

Susan Locke: 482-5657

Third Church Travelers

Offers several trips a year local, regional and abroad.

Lila Ford: 427-0920; Alice Fishbeck: 271-4164

Tuesday Morning "Over the Hill Gang"

People are needed to do simple maintenance tasks on Tuesday mornings. The sextons select the projects and provide the supplies and materials.

Bob Burnett: 381-6349

Ushers

Ushers are needed to help with both the Chapel and Sanctuary services on Sunday mornings.

Bill Fleming: 442-1137

Women's Circles

Various circle meetings during the month - service projects, programs throughout the year.

Contact: Church Office: 271-6513

Women in Spiritual Community

A discussion and support group for women interested in women's issues.

Laura Collins: 271-6557

Young Adult Fellowship

New group for young adults, single or married, ages 21-35. Fellowship times to be determined.

Laura Collins: 271-6557; Tony Rauch: 271-6910

Youth Ministry

Serve as an advisor to Junior High, Senior High, Commissioning Class or as a member of the Youth Commission.

Steve Ford: 271-6537

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AN INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT

October 4, 5, and 6
Watson Homestead
Painted Post, New York

Call immediately to reserve your place for the Intergenerational Retreat! September 15th is the deadline!

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CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A son, Christopher Jordan, to Ann McMican and Jack Mould on August 23, 1991.

MARRIED

Angie Hernandez and Jeffrey Parker, August 10, in California
Edward Plenge and Tammy Tyler, August 31

SYMPATHY

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SEM SENDS URGENT REQUEST

Demand at the SEM food cupboard this summer has left the cupboard practically bare! Can you help by bringing non-perishables to Church next week? Especially needed is dry or evaporated milk. Also needed: canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups; rice, pasta, cereal, and sauces; tuna, peanut butter and jelly. THANKS!

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

AVAILABLE SOON

Updated membership directories - 3-hole punched to replace the current pages in your Pictorial Directory - will be available beginning September 8.



THIRD CHURCH
INTRA-MURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE
Sunday, September 8, 1 pm
Cobbs Hill Stadium
(near The Toy House)
All Welcome!

Third Church Altar Egos
vs.
Third Church Manger Leaguers

RETIRED MEN RECONVENE

Tuesday, September 10, the Retired Men will meet at noon in Johnston Hall for lunch. Following lunch, John Cairns will speak on "What's Been Done in '91 - A State of the Church Update." Please call the Church Office (271-6513) by September 9 with your reservations.

DO YOU HAVE A SURPLUS?

Dress up clothes, puzzles and toys (all in "sparkling condition" with no pieces missing) have been requested for children to use in the Education Building. Items may be left in the Church Office during the week or in the Education Building on Sunday.

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WELCOME, PETER!

We welcome Peter DuBois to the staff as our new Director of Music/Organist. He and his family, which includes his wife Mary and children Alice, 3, and David, 6 months, have completed the move from Charleston, W.V., and are now settling in to their Rochester home. He began work on the day after Labor Day and has been running full speed ever since!

Peter's responsibilities include directing the Chancel choir and the youth bell choirs as well as serving as our organist. He will work with the pastors in worship planning and will serve as staff to the Worship Commission (along with John Cairns). In addition, there is space in Peter's job description for the development of new musical programs and groups in the months and years ahead.

In coming to Third Peter returns to the locale of his undergraduate work (at Eastman). His Master of Music degree is from the University of Michigan. We welcome his nine years of experience in the large church-multiple choirs setting and look forward to his sharing of his gifts, talents, and ideas with us.

The congregation is invited to greet Peter and Mary following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 15.

Our thanks go to the Search Committee for their energy and diligence in the process. The members are: Mary Cowden, Bill Hearne, Chuck Lewis, Betsy Marvin, Kathy Schumacher, Ginny Wensel, and John Cairns (staff).

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

There is a special joy and exhilaration reserved for the re-gathering of the church community each September. While I have never been enthusiastic about the level of summer departures, I must say that the "return of the faithful" is a real treat. Sunday marked that return, and the start of a new program year.

It was a day filled with newness--newness that brought smiles to our faces, and in some cases, tears to our eyes. The 50+ Junior Choir members had about a dozen first-timers in their midst. They were nervous and scared and proud all at the same time--and so were their parents! I was grateful for Jolie Harrington's leadership, but we all (including Jolie) missed the familiar presence of Helen Moot.

As you noted from the picture and article on the cover of this issue, Peter DuBois has begun his music ministry at Third. It is exciting to have such an experienced and competent professional as part of our staff team.

The building has also undergone some changes during the summer months. Most dramatic is the complete renovation accomplished in our Education Building. A flurry of work during the last week brought it to a state of readiness--if not completion--in time for use by the Church School on Sunday and the Third Church Nursery School on Monday.

There has also been work done on the second floor of the Parish House. The former Whitney Room has been converted into offices for my secretary, Beth Williams, and for Peter DuBois. The Whitney Room designation--and the

furniture--have been moved across the hall to what was previously known as the Finney Room. A new meeting room which is handicap accessible has been created on the first floor of the Ed. Building and will be used by many of our commissions and committees, particularly those related to education. In addition, Pat Rumbold and Hope Wegman will have their offices moved to new locations in the next 2-3 weeks.

Changes--they always take a little while to get used to, but they are part of each new season in the ministry of this community of people called Third Presbyterian Church.

Faithfully,



CHANCEL CHOIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Chancel Choir has begun its fall schedule of rehearsals, but it is not too late to join! Membership is open to all persons college-age and up. A love of singing, some ability to read music, and a commitment to being an active member of the group are the only requirements. Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. A smaller group sings at the 9:15 services on Sundays, and the whole choir sings each week at the 10:30 service. For more information, or to indicate your interest in singing, please contact Peter DuBois, Music Director/Organist, at 244-3662/office, or 256-1515/home.

Education

The Adult Education Commission is again offering several opportunities for study, reflection, action and fellowship this fall through a three-track program:

Sunday, September 15, 1991, 9:15 - 10:15 am

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - Parlor

Cosmic Spirituality

For three weeks Wayne McKusick will lead us in an orientation in the universe, the Cosmic Story as our roots, celebration of our oneness with all Creation and with our Creator, God in all things, the importance and sacredness of our unique gifts of creativity.

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"Keeping Body and Soul Together:

Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice"

A study program of the Majority and Minority Report, recommended for study by the 203rd General Assembly.

Seeking the "Word" of God in the Words of the Bible

Our Presbyterian Book of Order states, "The Holy Scriptures are the only rule of faith and manners." How does the Bible inform our sexual ethics in the 1990's? The Majority and Minority Reports differ in their interpretation of the Bible. Why? Laura Collins will help us explore these questions.

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

Second Isaiah: "I HAVE REDEEMED YOU!"

Bible scholars call this second part of Isaiah "The Consolation of Israel." Written nearly two hundred years after First Isaiah in Babylon rather than Jerusalem, it deals with the captive Hebrews liberation from exile by Cyrus the Great of Persia. Hopeful and exalting, it celebrates their new-found freedom to return to their ancestral home, looking upon their liberator as an agent of Yehweh, Himself. A series of passages called Servant Songs introduces the reader to a special advocate of God. Is this the writer Isaiah, Israel, or the Jesus yet to come? Come and help us decide!

Second Isaiah, Part II. "Servants of Yehweh" Read Isaiah 43:3-7 incl. "I will carry and save;" 42:1-4 incl. 49:1-6 incl. 50:4-9 incl and 52:13-53:12 incl. "Servants of Yehweh;" 44:9-20 incl., "Shall I Fall Down?"

COMMUNION & CHILDREN in the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A workshop on communion and children for parents and other interested adults will be held this Sunday, September 15th immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Steve Ford will lead the discussion: what children at different ages understand; what our denomination says about communion with children; and how we are called to instruct them. If you haven't attended this discussion in past years, plan to attend on Sunday. Children will attend worship with their families on October 6th when communion will be served. The meeting will take place in Room 301 of the Education Building (first door on your left at the top of the stairs), and will dismiss in time to pick up your children from Church School.

TAIZÉ FESTIVAL - September 15, 7:30 pm

Third Church Chapel

BIBLE STUDY of EXODUS and EASTER

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OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

Action for Peace Committee

Encourages letter writing campaigns, support of and participation in the local Memorial Day Parade, and education directed toward furthering peaceful international relations.
Jim Hamerton: 385-1542

Advocacy for Affordable Housing

Group looks at ways that the religious community can help encourage expansion of affordable housing throughout our local community as well as influencing legislation.
Don Pryor: 235-7251

Amnesty International

Encourages written appeals to further the respect of the rights and humane treatment of individuals.
Jim Hamerton: 385-1542

Clown Ministry

Comforts and cheers the hospitalized/institutionalized, as well as performing at Third Church functions. Instruction in the art of clowning is part of the program.
Contact: Church Office: 271-6513

Dining Room Ministry

A response to our city's hungry, the volunteers of the Dining Room Ministry prepare a hot meal and serve up to 40 persons in the Youth Lounge each Saturday.
Henry Curme: 872-6282; Kathryn Stinson: 473-2378

Education Task Force

Enhances the program of the City School District by working with elementary and high school students, chiefly in tutoring situations.
Dorothy Madden: 586-3035; Tracy Walker: 442-0126

Food Cupboard Committee

Collects food for people in need as part of the SEM distributions services. May also involve working at Food Cupboard or delivering food to needy families.
Betsy Essley: 271-4395

The Gift Center

Offers practical assistance and caring support from a religious perspective to residents of its Joseph Avenue neighborhood, including a Friday lunch provided by Third Church members. Opportunities to participate in the Center's programs with youth and adults, provide transportation, teach crafts, etc.
Sue Demond: 232-5148 from 9 am - 12 noon.

Habitat for Humanity

A group formed to build a Habitat for Humanity house and sponsor the family who will live there.
Bill McQuilkin: 244-6120

Heart to Heart Partnership Program

Third Church volunteers and Sojourner House (transitional housing for women and children, victims of domestic violence) residents become Heart to Heart Partners for friendship and emotional support.
Kay Wallace: 461-9822

Jamaica Task Force

Fosters international understanding and possible opportunities for mission with congregation in the Montego Bay area of Jamaica.
Wayne McKusick: 244-7466

Mission Interpretation

A committee of the Outreach Commission which keeps the congregation informed about local and global mission.
Laura Collins: 271-6557

Neighborhood Housing Services

NHS is dedicated to revitalization of all Rochester neighborhoods through housing improvement. Utilizes office/clerical help, grant writing, personnel skills.
Keith Harrison: 381-5229; Marilyn Baxter: 288-0600

Refugee Resettlement

Provides help in relocating individuals and families (transportation, child care, help with Social Service agencies, housing, etc.)
Jack and Jan Salzer: 225-1335

Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry

Promotes weekly visits in the Monroe County Jail to offer friendship and practical help (phoning, identifying service agencies). Training is provided.
Randolph Fields: 325-1942

SEM/SEA FISH

Provides transportation for medical appointments of elderly. Also maintains a store of food for emergency use. (Food Cupboard)
Martin Edic: 271-5350

Surplus Food Distribution

Distributes government surplus food when available (presently quarterly).
Betsy Essley: 271-4395

S.O.B.E.R.

(Students of Brighton Encourage Recovery)

Provides friendship and support to teens recovering from chemical dependencies.
Bob Melech: 244-8349

TAPSS

(TeenAge Parent Support System)

Offers support to young mothers as well as their children. Volunteers assist staff in programs of crafts, personal care, parenting skills, child care, etc.
Sandy Auriemma: 442-6966

Third Church Nursery School

Weekday community nursery school for young children.
Liz Jenny-Rossi: 244-0640; 889-8765

Urban Work Camp

Provides summer experience for teenagers rehabilitating homes in the South Wedge.
Judy Lee Hay: 271-8554

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THIRD CHURCH TUTORING MINISTRY

Whether or not we have an "Education President" remains to be seen, but we certainly are committed to being an Education Church. For example, three of our members spent the entire summer tutoring in math skills to Limited English-Speaking students at Franklin High School. Jack Salzer went every day, all day for six weeks; Betty Chase, Bill Kaiser and Mary Jean MacEwen also spent hours of their summer in this program.

Now that fall is here, our two tutoring programs, High School Math, and the Gift Center Tutoring Program, are all set and ready to go.

The High School Math program began in 1986 when Bill CRAIN and Bill Kaiser saw a need to help students pass their Regents Competency Tests in Math, enabling them to graduate from High School. A program was started at East High School and has expanded to both Franklin and Marshall High Schools. In addition, some tutors teach other levels of math, and some teach some science. A few tutors are now working with their students outside of school hours, in an effort to give them extra support. **Can you help?** **You bet!** Tutoring starts on September 16: the tutors give one day a week from 8 am to 2 pm. There is a particular need for a "FRIDAY PERSON" at East High right now. Orientation will be provided. Just call Bill Kaiser at 342-0630.

The Gift Center Tutoring program is located at Elementary School #6 at Upper Falls and Hudson Avenue. Twenty-five tutors regularly meet one-on-one with students in the school library. They provide academic help, along with the social and emotional support that comes from a close relationship with a caring adult. Coordinator Dorothy Madden, (586-3035) has a need for at least four people who will be on call as substitute tutors. Teachers provide activities: the subs do not have to have any particular experience. This is a perfect spot for someone who loves children, but who is not available on a regular basis. Call Dorothy for more information.

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YOUTH BELL CHOIRS TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17th

The 8th Grade Bell Choir and 9th Grade Bell Choir will meet on **TUESDAY** evenings this year beginning next Tuesday, September 17th. For ninth graders, this will be coordinated with participation in Commissioning Class. The schedule is as follows:

7:00 - 7:50 Eighth Grade Bell Choir
8:00 - 9:00 Ninth Grade Bell Choir

We will continue to meet in the Youth Choir Room on the second floor. Youth who have not rung previously, but would like to be in a bell choir, are welcome to join! Peter DuBois will be in touch with you, or you may call him at 244-3663/office, or 256-1515/home.

CHURCH FAMILY BORN

A daughter, Taylor Hennessey, born September 5, 1991, to Stacy and John Moot, in Washington, D.C. Proud grandfather is Stewart!

A Very Warm Welcome....

We welcome the new Director of Third Church Nursery School, Liz Jenny-Rosst. Liz has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Genesee where she also received her undergraduate degree. She has considerable teaching experience, has served on a child care commission and on the board of a cooperative nursery school. Liz and her husband Steve are parents of three children--the youngest of whom will be attending the playgroup at Third Church Nursery School--and live in Chili. Liz looks forward to a great year at Third!

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

The Thursday Morning Breakfast Group will be studying and discussing the Report on Human Sexuality which was debated at last summer's General Assembly. Please join the group if you are interested. Meetings begin at 7 am and conclude by 8 am. A light breakfast is served. Call Jim Moore if you have questions (288-0888).

NEW OCT-A-GROUPS FORMING

New Oct-A-Groups will be forming this Fall using the familiar format of eight members to a group. It's a great way to make new friends in social get togethers at members homes for fun and conversation! Each group selects its own activities. More information will be forthcoming.

HABITAT HOUSE

The Habitat House we're building is nearing completion. We still have some finishing work inside, including painting. Come volunteer on **Saturday, September 21 or Saturday, 28**. No experience necessary; all ages welcome. Call the Office (271-6513) for more information.

SCOREBOARD:

Third Church Altar Egos - 21
Third Church Manger Leaguers - 22

MARY PARIS STRAYER RECONVESES

Members of the Mary Paris Strayer Circle will meet at noon **Tuesday, September 17** in Johnston Hall for its first meeting of the Fall. Members have been asked to bring and be prepared to read their favorite scriptures.

CALVIN GUILD

William Colman will present a synchronized slide program entitled "Campout at Churchill" at the **Wednesday, September 18 6:30 pm** meeting in the Celebration Center. Members are asked to call Regina Witherspoon at 442-9432 if they have not received a phone call.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A \$750 scholarship award is offered to a Presbyterian in Genesee Valley who will be engaged in some form of peace study during the academic year 1991-92. Please call Third Presbyterian Church Office, 271-6513, for details. November 1st is the deadline.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

If you would be interested in helping in the Church Office from time to time, please call Sue Suter at 381-5927 (note corrected phone number).



COMING SEPTEMBER 22nd
Bring A Friend/Family
Share Third Church!
\$3 per person
(skates included)

FALL TRAVEL EVENTS

A "Foliage Train Trip" on the Lake Erie Railroad on **Tuesday, October 15** and a "Cruise Night" to be held in Johnston Hall on **October 22** at 7:30 pm have been scheduled by the Third Church Travelers. Alice Fishbeck (271-4164) or Lila Ford (427-0920) would be happy to provide further details.

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SEPTEMBER 15

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching
"Where Life Goes CRUNCH"
#2. "Difficult Expectations"
James 2:8-17
Mark 8:27-38

SUNDAY, September 15

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Adult Education
7-8 Grade, Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Church School
11:30 Coffee Hour
Chatters
Communion Workshop
Taize Festival

MONDAY, September 16

7:30 Worship Commission
Dining Room Team Leaders
Action for Peace

TUESDAY, September 17

12:00 Mary Paris Strayer
6:15 Commissioning Class
7:30 Trustees
Congregational Life
7:00 8th Grade Bell Choir
8:00 9th Grade Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, September 18

6:30 Calvin Guild
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 19

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
7:30 Stewardship Captains

FRIDAY, September 20

Senior High Retreat

SATURDAY, September 14

10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir
11:15 Glorious Things

BRING A FRIEND TO OUR HOUSE ...



SEPTEMBER IS SHARE THIRD CHURCH MONTH!

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4 Weigs Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14607
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 is
BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

"Studies of new members indicate that the overwhelming majority of people who attend a congregation for the first time come because a friend or a relative invited them. Try inviting someone new to church and sharing with them what your faith means to you!"

from Presbyterian Survey

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

It doesn't take a poet to inform us that the only thing in a name is what we put into that name. Advertising agencies spend all their waking hours trying to make product names mean something to us.

Prospective parents spend months selecting the most appropriate name for their yet-to-be-born child to grow into. And creative writing teachers are still giving out the assignment to "invent an animal, name it, and describe it."

What is in a name? How about a name like "Share Third Church Month?"

Well, first there's a little "P.R." in the name. September is the time when we crank things up at Third Church; the time when folks come back from wherever they've been. So, a little bit of hype seems to be called for to energize the troops for the annual season of new beginnings. Therefore, we've given September a name--a designation. It's "Share Third Church Month."

There's also a little logic in the name. This is the time of the year when people are establishing their patterns and acting on their intentions. As a rule we make for more resolutions prior to Labor Day than we ever make prior to New Year's Eve. So, this is the perfect time to offer a little nudge, because a lot of people are already on the verge of beginning a new church habit. Our nudge may be all they need. The time is right.

And then there's a little guilt in the name because we all realize that it shouldn't take some special campaign to get us to invite a neighbor or co-worker to come to church with us--and even on "Bring

a Friend Sunday" we could find a dozen reasons why we just can't manage it. (It seems that most of us have a reasonably high guilt tolerance!)

But, mostly what is in the name is a celebration--a celebration of a unique family with a special ministry that we have found here at Third. That ministry will be displayed for all to see this Sunday, September 22.

If you bring a friend on Sunday, the name will also describe a very successful congregational effort to make Third Church "more than just a name!"

Faithfully,



SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At its September 10, 1991 meeting, Session

°Mourned the death of Helen Moot;

°Rejoiced in the ability and willingness of Jolie Harrington to lead the Junior Choir;

°Approved the 1991-92 Church School faculty and recognized their dedication and effort;

°Authorized the formation of a task force to investigate the possibilities and problems of using the rejuvenated Education Building in additional ways to benefit the church and community;

°Authorized the sale of UNICEF cards at Christmastime and the hosting of AIDS Rochester's Christmas dinner;

°Voted to endorse the expansion of Southeast Ecumenical Ministries to include non-Christian congregations.

EDUCATION

The Adult Education Commission is again offering several opportunities for study, reflection, action and fellowship this fall through a three-track program:

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BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"Keeping Body and Soul Together:

Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice"

The Love-Justice Ethic: What is All the Fuss About?

At many meetings around the country, the General Assembly Committee listened to the suffering of people dealing with their sexuality. In response they wrote a Love-Justice Ethic, which critics say does not follow the authority of the scripture. What is your opinion? Tony Rauch will guide our discussion.

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

Second Isaiah - Part III: "I HAVE REDEEMED YOU!"

"Cyrus the Great and the Jews"

Read Isaiah 51:1-8 incl. "Look to the Rock;" 42:1-2 incl. 41:25, 44:21-45:7 incl. "Cyrus the Great Liberator," 52:7-10 incl. "...The salvation of our God..."

Other Events



BIBLE STUDY OF EXODUS AND EASTER

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1991 Peacemaking Offering



Every year on World Communion Sunday (October 6, 1991), we collect a special offering for peace. The purpose of the Peacemaking Offering is to raise money to support various peacemaking efforts, not only between nations, but also among members of a community or even members of a family. The money raised is used both for local and world-wide efforts. Each year, 25% of the offering collected remains with the Third Church Action for Peace Committee. The Action for Peace Committee uses its portion in various ways, such as: aiding a college student taking courses that relate to encouraging peace efforts or sponsoring seminars on issues of peace and justice. Watch and listen for more about this unique offering in coming weeks.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

As the fall begins, so does the continuation of the Prayer Cordon at Third Presbyterian Church. We are interested in having you as a part of this ministry. There will be an informational meeting in the Whitney Room on Sunday, September 22 immediately following worship.

Also, a Prayer Retreat has been planned for Friday night, October 11 and Saturday morning, October 12. It will be held at the Church. In preparation for this event, please read PRAYING OUR GOODBYES. Copies are available (\$5) in the Church Office.

If you agree to be a part of this ministry, you will serve from October to August. We continue to see daily the positive effect prayer has had on members of our own congregation. Join us as we pray for one another.

ALL PEG WEEK COMING

Watch the mail for information about your PEG's ALL PEG WEEK event. ALL PEG WEEK this year will be October 20 - 26.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Dear Friends in Christ:

In 1990, the members of the eleven thousand congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) gave more than \$62,167,000 for the work of the church through the General Assembly Council and its Ministry Units. This support enabled each Presbyterian to participate in mission work in 80 countries, to provide Christian Education resources and workshops, to help millions of hungry people learn how to provide food for themselves and their families, to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to previously unreached individuals, to plant new churches, to educate our future ministers and lay leaders, to work toward achieving justice for all, and to strengthen many congregations for ministry in their own communities.

We are grateful for the unified support for General Assembly mission that has been recorded as received from your congregation during 1990. We realize that there are many demands on the dollars which congregations receive from their members and want you to know that your participation in mission throughout this country and the world is appreciated by all who know Jesus Christ and the Presbyterian Church by the work accomplished through your financial commitments. Working together, we can create committed Christians, vital congregations, and a strong denomination in the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Peace,

S. David Stoner, Executive Director
General Assembly Council
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



COME HELP PUT ON THE FINISHING TOUCHES...

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SUNDAY IS THE DAY!

ALL CHURCH ROLLER SKATING PARTY
Horizon Skateway
675 Ling Road

(104 west to Dewey Avenue North;
past Latta Road near Ontario Parkway
turn right on Ling Road off Dewey Avenue)

Admission \$3 per person
includes FREE SKATE RENTAL

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Sunday, September 22

HELP!

The 2nd grades at School #6 need a few people to gather materials and assemble simple NO SEW costumes for their production of "Goin' Buggy." Patterns and ideas are provided--most costumes are paper, but need to be cut out, glued, decorated and assembled September 26th - October 11th. Contact Tracy Walker. (442-0216).

IR GROCERY RECEIPTS ARE VALUABLE!

Links to those of you who have in saving your TOPS grocery receipts to benefit New Life Presbyterian Church's "New Life Before School" program. Please continue to do so! WEGMANS shoppers are asked to save the gold tapes through November 30; they will benefit School #6!

CHURCH FAMILY

MARRIED

Dr. Brett M. Harrison and Donna Lee Weed were married September 7, 1991 in Morrisville, Pennsylvania; Dr. Bay co-officiated. Brett is the son of Keith and Marilyn Harrison (PEG 21).

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Bob Sterrett (PEG 8) on the August 30, 1991 death of his father, J. Roland Sterrett, in Pennsylvania.

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Updated membership directories - 3-hole punched to replace the directory pages in your Pictorial Directory - are available in the Church Office.

BULLETIN BOARD SPACE HAS INCREASED!

Additional bulletin board space has been made available for publicizing church- and community-related events. Your submissions are welcome, but we ask that you leave your information in the Main Office to ensure its timely posting!

SILVER COFFEE SERVICE SOUGHT

Do you have a silver coffee service you would be willing to donate to Third for use during receptions? We are seeking one to replace the one which has been retired from service. Please call 271-6513.

THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS

September 25 is the deadline for the fall "Foliage Train Trip" on the Lake Erie Railroad in Gowanda on Tuesday, October 15. Bus transportation, luncheon and the train ride are included in the package. Please call Lila Ford (427-0920) or Alice Fishbeck (271-4164) for further information.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Day of Reflection

Friday, October 4, 9:30-3:30 pm

"Questions of Faith:

Who is God? What is Prayer?"

CWU's annual "Day of Reflection" will take place at the Genesee Valley United Methodist Church, 70 Bailey Road, Henrietta. Lunch reservations (\$5 each, due September 30 to CWU, 17 South Fitzhugh Street, 14614-1488, or call 454-1813). Please bring your Bible, paper, pen, a mug for beverages and groceries to contribute to the Food Cupboard.

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10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching
"Where Life Goes CRUNCH"
#3. Unfamiliar Roles
James 3:13-18
Mark 9:30-37

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Adult Education
7-8 Grade, Senior Highs
Prayer Cordon Meeting
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10:50 Church School
11:30 Coffee Hour
4:00 Roller Skating Party

MONDAY, September 23

7:30 Personnel Committee
Stewardship
Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, September 24

5:00 Presbytery/Oakfield
6:15 Commissioning Class
7:00 8th Grade Bell Choir
8:00 9th Grade Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, September 25

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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9:30 Cairns' Bible Study

FRIDAY, September 27

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SATURDAY, September 28

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ALL-CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Dress down and eat up!

Stay around after our 10:30 worship on **Sunday, September 29** and enjoy a picnic on the church grounds (Celebration Center, in case of rain). In addition to good food and even better fellowship, we'll be entertained by Third Church talent. All this for a mere \$2.00 per person, \$1.00 for kids under five and visitors free!

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

We have had a very positive beginning to the fall season. The first three Sundays have been strong numerically, and in enthusiasm, as well. Many of you brought friends with you to worship last Sunday, and we trust they will return in less dressy attire on Sunday to join us as we picnic.

The number of visitors has been quite high this month, and I have heard a lot of positive comments from them about the warmth and friendliness of this congregation. That is a nice compliment, but we cannot rest on our laurels or expect that there will always be "someone else" who will extend a word of welcome. Each of us must continue to be watchful and to greet every newcomer as we would like to be greeted. It is fun to be friendly!

I am also increasingly aware of how easy it is for us to assume that everything about Third Church is self-evident to those who come through our doors. The staff has been going over the bulletin to try to improve its helpfulness. (Perhaps we'll even help some of our regular members discover things they never knew!) Your comments in this regard would be appreciated. We want to be accessible to everyone.

Returning to the matter of strong numbers, let me report on our church school, now enjoying its newly renovated space. We have begun the fall with attendance of over 160 (age 3 through grade 8) with an additional 25-30 in the nursery and extended care program. The opening night of youth fellowship had 50 enthusiastic teens launching their new year. I am told those are the best numbers we've seen in at least five years.

One change in our education schedule this year is the moving of Commissioning Class to Tuesday nights, prior to the handbell rehearsal. So, Tuesday night is "Church Night" for our 9th graders. The new time slot will increase the amount of discussion and small group time the class has, and will mean easier pastoral availability at a period of life when critical faith questions are being aired.

So, we have enjoyed a wonderful beginning, but the year is still young. Let's continue the attitude and the attendance that make Third Church the very special place it is.

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

Adult Education

The Adult Education Commission is again offering several opportunities for study, reflection, action and fellowship this fall through a three-track program:

Sunday, September 29, 1991, 9:15 - 10:15 am

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - Parlor Cosmic Spirituality

Wayne McKusick continues to lead us in an orientation in the universe, the Cosmic Story as our roots, celebration of our oneness with all Creation and with our Creator, God in all things, the importance and sacredness of our unique gifts of creativity.

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"Keeping Body and Soul Together:
Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice"
A Theology of Ordination in General, and
Its Relevance to Ordaining Gays and Lesbians

What is the meaning of ordination? General Assembly voted to confirm its 1979 decision to prohibit ordination of gays and lesbians. Is this justice/love? Steve Ford will lead the discussion.

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center Second Isaiah - Part IV: "I HAVE REDEEMED YOU!"

"Epilogue. The Grace of Yehweh"
Read Isaiah 49:8-10 incl. "In the Hour of My Favor;" 55:1-13 incl. "The Liberty of God," 53:3-9 incl. "Someone We Know?"

CHURCH SCHOOL REMINDER

Church School will be dismissed at the conclusion of the 10:30 worship service September 29 so that families can gather for the All-Church Picnic.

BIBLE STUDY of EXODUS and EASTER

Thursday mornings at 9:30 through November 21
John Cairns will in this Bible Study help us make our way through the Exodus narrative with continuing reference to parallel activity in the Easter story. You may expect to gain clarity in your understanding of the Bible in general and these two major themes in particular. No previous Bible study experience is required -- this class is for everyone!

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Peacemaking Offering



"Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody."

(Romans 12:18)

Do everything possible. That's a big order. Especially when living in peace can be so complicated. Living in peace with your children can be complicated if you are plagued by poverty, lack of adequate housing or child care. Living in peace in your city can be complicated by racism, drugs or a shortage of jobs. Living in peace with the world can be complicated by ethnic strife, economic disparity or over-use of natural resources. But as children of God we are called to "do everything possible" to live peaceably.

By giving to the Peacemaking Offering on October 6 (World Communion Sunday) we provide funds for our congregation and our denomination to deepen our efforts as peacemakers. Doing everything possible sounds tough--but working together for peace we can accomplish a great deal.

ROBERT MCAFEE BROWN TO SPEAK AT SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 5, 7:30 pm at Third Church

The Rochester Sanctuary Committee takes special pleasure in presenting **Robert McAfee Brown** who will speak on the subject, "Salvador, Sanctuary, Solidarity and Serendipity," on **Saturday, October 5**, at Third Church. There will be a substantial hors d'oeuvres reception at six o'clock preceding the event at 7:30 pm.

The Rev. Brown is a well-known theologian and author, often helping middle class Americans view their religious belief through the eyes of the poor. Come hear him and support refugees returning to their home villages in El Salvador after years of forced exile.

Dr. Brown has taught at Macalester College, Union Theological Seminary, Stanford University and the Pacific School of Religion, in the areas of Systematic Theology, Religious Studies, Ecumenics, and Ethics. He is a member of several editorial boards. His books include: The Bible Speaks to You, Vietnam: Crisis of Conscience (with Abraham Heschel and Michael Novak); Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes, and Saying Yes and Saying No: On Rendering to God and Caesar, among many other books, articles and essays.

---OFFICES ON THE MOVE---

If you've been in the Parish House recently, you may have had an opportunity to observe first hand the movement of office furniture from one spot to another, telephones being relocated and Staff settling into new locations. Music Director/Organist Peter DuBois's office is at the east end of the former Whitney Room; Beth Williams is now situated in the west end of that room, next to John Cairn's office. Hope Wegman and Barbara Simonelli can be found at the top of the stairs on the second floor of the Parish House. As soon as computer cables can be moved, Pat Rumbold will move to the second floor office formerly occupied by Beth. The Staff's telephone numbers are listed below for your convenience.

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John A. Cairns, Pastor/Head of Staff	271-2526
Laura J. Collins, Associate Pastor, Outreach/Evangelism	271-6557
Stephen T. Ford, Associate Pastor, Christian Nurture	271-6537
Anthony J. Rauch, Associate Pastor, Congregational Ministries	271-6910
Peter A. DuBois, Music Director/Organist	244-3662
Jolie Harrington, Interim Director/Children's Choirs	244-3662
Hope Wegman, Assistant, Educational Ministries	271-6513
Beth Williams, Secretary to Pastor/Head of Staff, MESS. Editor	271-2526
Susan Locke, Administrative Secretary	271-6513
Pat Rumbold, Membership, Secretary to Congregational Ministries	244-2190
Barbara Moore-Simonelli, Financial Secretary	271-8020
Bill Chase, Operations Manager	244-2190
Dave Taro, Sexton	244-2190

GENEROUS SUPPORT THANKED

"Thanks to the generous support of Presbyterians and their congregations, over \$200,000 has been made available for Gulf War relief efforts. These funds have been combined with efforts of other Christians to effect a response that has seen distribution of over \$20 million of relief supplies...Special attention has been given to assisting the Kurdish refugees in Turkey and Iran, refugees in Jordan, persons affected by the bombings in Israel and Kuwait, and to enabling Iraqi Christians to provide food and medical assistance to those persons for whom relief is not otherwise available."

Emergency Relief Alert, June 1991

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NEW MEMBER CLASSES

If you are seeking a new church home and would like to investigate membership at Third, you are cordially welcome to come to New Member Orientation Classes which start **Wednesday, October 16** at 7:30 pm. They will continue on the two succeeding Wednesdays. Please speak to Laura Collins (271-6557) or Pat Rumbold (244-2190) to let us know of your interest and to receive more information.

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY...

is yours! Dottie Dunlap, our Reception Coordinator, would like several people who could help her with receptions and serve as substitutes in the event that she is away. Please call Dottie, 271-5004, to let her know if you'd be available for daytime or evening receptions. Thank you!

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Early Bird Sale
October 10, 1991
2 pm - 7 pm

NURSERY SCHOOL SEEKS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Third Church Nursery School is seeking scholarship money for a student. If you are interested in this worthy project, please contact Liz Jenny-Rossi, Director, at 244-0640.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Updated membership directories--3-hole punched to replace the directory pages in your Pictorial Directory--are available in the Church Office.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A \$750 scholarship award is offered to a Presbyterian in Genesee Valley who will be engaged in some form of peace study during the academic year 1991-92. Please call Third Presbyterian Church Office, 271-6513, for details. November 1st is the deadline.

REMEMBER YOUR GROCERY RECEIPTS

TOPS receipts benefit
"New Life Before School"
at New Life Presbyterian Church

WEGMANS receipts will help
School #6
purchase equipment

Receipts available in
Main Office

A GENTLE REMINDER...

Book circulation in the adult library seems to have missed the return trip. Please remember to return overdue books to the shelf marked, "Return books here."

SOFTBALL FANS!

Don't miss the pictures
(bulletin board outside Johnston Hall)
of the most recent contest
between the
Manger Leaguers
& Altar Egos
Watch for date of next contest!

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A daughter, **Julie Anne**, born September 15, 1991, to Kathleen and Peter Embury (PEG 2);

A son, **Austen Clifton Rauch**, born September 18, 1991, to Anne Clifton and Tony Rauch (PEG 9).

MARRIED

Kenneth Cupery (PEG 24) and **Marcia Reichardt** on August 23, 1991

A BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Charles and Blanche Gibbs on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary on August 25th!

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to

David Reed (PEG 2) on the death of his mother, **Mrs. Carl N. Reed**, on September 17, 1991, in Buffalo; and to

Lewis Carpenter (PEG 9) on the death of his wife, **Charlotte**, on September 19, 1991. A memorial service for Mrs. Carpenter, who joined Third in 1968, was held in the Chapel on September 23, 1991.

PRAYER CORDON RETREAT

The Pastoral Care Commission invites you to participate in a retreat on **Friday, October 11** (7:00-9:30 pm) and **Saturday, October 12** (9:30-12:30 pm). We will discuss what is prayer and how to pray. Please call the Church Office (271-6513) if you will be able to attend.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOME COMMUNION AVAILABLE

Third Church strives to be an open, accessible and inclusive congregation united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. Transportation to and from worship is always available through our **Caring Ministry Program**. Call the Church Office (271-6513) by Thursday and arrangements will be made to pick you up. On communion Sundays, the sacrament is taken to home-bound members. Again, you may call the Church Office to check dates and make arrangements.

REMINDER:

Each Sunday following 10:30 Worship services you may obtain a tape of the morning's service. They are made to order during the Coffee Hour in Johnston Hall for a nominal fee. Printed copies of sermons can be found in the racks of the Chapel and Sanctuary; they are available the Thursday following the Sunday service.

ALL PEG WEEK COMING
October 20 - 26
Details arriving soon!

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SEPTEMBER 29

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

Laura J. Collins preaching
Psalm 27:7-14
Mark 9:38-50

SUNDAY, September 29

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Adult Education
7-8 Grade, Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
10:50 Church School
11:30 All-Church Picnic

MONDAY, September 30

7:00 Boy Scouts
7:30 Personnel Committee
Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, October 1

6:15 Commissioning Class
7:00 8th Grade Bell Choir
7:00 Outreach Commission
7:30 Adult Education
8:00 9th Grade Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, October 2

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Deacons
7:30 Action for Peace
7:30 Education Task Force

THURSDAY, October 3

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
9:30 Cairns' Bible Study
6:30 Peace Network
7:30 Children's Faith Commission
7:30 Youth Commission

FRIDAY, October 4

Family Retreat at Watson Homestead

SATURDAY, October 5

10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir
11:15 Glorious Things
6:00 Robert McAfee Brown Reception
7:30 Reobert McAfee Brown Presentation

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PEACEMAKING and the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Peace in the Bible has many aspects. It is:

- *inward and personal*: "God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7)
- *a quality of daily relationships*: "Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody" (Rom. 12:18)
- *a mark of the Church*: "Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together" (Eph. 4:3)
- *God's vision for the nations* to "hammer their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives" (Mic. 4:3)
- *overcoming hostility between groups in society*: "For Christ himself has brought us peace, by making Jews and Gentiles one people" (Eph. 2:14)

The purpose of the Peacemaking Offering is to support peacemaking efforts throughout the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please give generously to the offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Many of you know the love I have for hot air ballooning. It has been an adventure that has brought our family closer together over the years and has helped us form new and lasting friendships.

Last weekend marked the last major balloon festival that we will attend before the snows fly. And so, as I think ahead to next year's festivals, allow me to share some theological reflections on ballooning, as spoken by my father (the pilot) in a sermon he preached on laity Sunday in our home church several years ago.

..."Hot air ballooning is adventure in real life: every flight is different. It is a unique blending of knowledge and ability and technology and nature. As you float across the sky you become aware that you are one with your surrounding. The wind propels you as it does itself. Occasionally, even as I am enjoying the nautral high of being aloft, I will also feel the need to reach out. I realize that this euphoric state cannot last forever and somewhere below me is a chase crew upon whom I depend and in whom I have developed confidence. I reach for my radio microphone and ask, 'Chase One,

are you there?' 'God, are you listening?,' 'God will you help?' How often when we are asking these and other questions of God that our reply comes through another person, another member of our community. The reason? God works through people." ...

May you be towed by this reality in the coming weeks and months.

Faithfully,

Steve

EDUCATION

Adult Education

Sunday, October 6, 1991, 9:15 - 10:15 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"Keeping Body and Soul Together:

Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice"

Patriarchy - Is It All Bad?

Darrell Lance will lead us through a look at patriarchy and marriage in the Bible and since. The Report blames many of the problems of the world on the patriarchal system. Why?

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

"The Gospels: An Historical Perspective

Dr. Elizabeth Waller, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, will present a 3-part series on how the Gospels came to be in their present form.

The Gospels as Literature

Placing the Gospels within the New Testament Time Frame

Sources

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WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings at 9:30 am

(Resumes October 10)

"Exodus and Easter"

Robert McAfee Brown, Speaker

SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 5

6 pm

Hearty Hors d'oeuvres Reception

Johnston Hall

(\$15 with ticket purchased through

Rochester Sanctuary Committee:

call 325-4000 or 442-5294)

Presentation at 7:30 pm

(\$5 in advance, \$8 at the door)

Third Church Sanctuary

membership class



SHOULD I JOIN THIRD CHURCH?

- If you receive strength and vision from our worship services...
- If your children are involved in the life of the Church...
- If you want to be a part of the Christian outreach in the community and the world...
- If you seek a vital church home in the community...
- If you want to be a part of a company of seekers...

THEN YOU SHOULD JOIN THIRD CHURCH!!!

New Member orientation will begin on **Wednesday, October 16** at 7:30 pm and will continue on the 23rd and 30th. A New Member Brunch will take place Sunday, November 3rd following worship and New Members will be received Sunday, November 10th during the 10:30 am worship. **You** are cordially invited to become a part of Third Church! Speak to Laura Collins (271-6557) or leave a message with Pat Rumbold (271-6910). They will send you pertinent information.

THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS CRUISE EVENING Tuesday, October 22 7:30 pm

Reservations:
Lila Ford - 427-0920
Alice Fishbeck - 271-4164



SKILL BANK FORMS

Have you filled one out?
Forms are available in
Johnston Hall and
The Education Building Foyer.

Please fill one out and
return to the Church Office.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE...

The Nominating is beginning the process of selecting candidates for Session (8), Trustees (5), Deacons (10) and members for the 1992 Nominating Committee for its 1991 Slate of Officers. You can help by suggesting names of people suitable for these positions to Carolyn Hotchkiss, either by calling at 248-5926 or leaving a note in her Session mailbox.

PEGs 22 and 24

Members of PEGs 22 and 24 are cordially invited to **Cruise Night, October 22**, at 7:30 pm. Kindly reserve with Priscilla Boller (244-5964).

ALL NEW OCT-A-GROUPS FORMING

Yes! I'd like to join an Oct-A-Group and make new friends! Even if I was part of an Oct-A-Group before, I realize that I need to sign up again. Please give me a call about meeting and joining with 7 other Third Church members for periodic social get-togethers during October through March 1992:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Interests: _____

[] I may be interested in hosting
the first meeting of the group

Please send this form to the Church
Office (c/o Pat Rumbold) by October
20.

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RETIRED MEN'S LUNCHEON

All retired men are invited to attend the **Tuesday, October 8** noon luncheon meeting. Following luncheon, Bill Young will present a fascinating program entitled "Stories in Glass" in which he will take the group into the sanctuary and highlight the beautiful stained glass windows. Please call in your reservation (271-6513) by Monday, October 7 (earlier, if possible).

A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

PRAYER CORDON RETREAT

Friday, October 11 (7-9:30 pm)
Saturday, October 12 (9:30-12:30 pm)
"What is Prayer?"
"How to Pray"

INTRODUCING...

The Presbytery of Blackhawk in the Synod of Lincoln Trails, Illinois -- 92 congregations and a membership of 25,000 -- is the "Sister Presbytery" of our Presbytery for the next three years.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled for the fourth Sunday each month. If you would like to have your child baptized, please call the Church Office (271-6513) to make the necessary arrangements. It is the pastors' practice to spend approximately 45 minutes discussing the significance of the sacrament. Therefore, it is necessary to call enough in advance so that this time can be scheduled.

SPONSORS NEEDED

The children in The Joseph Avenue Gift Center area are surrounded by powerful negative action. It is crucial to offer positive self esteem building challenges for these kids. In cooperation with Bristol Ski Resort and School #6's Tutoring Program, it is possible to dovetail academic and personal challenge by sending a group of children age 10-12 to Bristol. The cost per child for 4 evenings of lessons, rentals and 4-hour lift tickets is \$84. Won't you or perhaps a group (Deacons, Circle, etc.) sponsor a child? Contact Sue Dermond, mornings at 232-5148.

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A son, **Brian Michael**, on September 20, 1991, to Brian and Jacqueline Hotchkiss. Brian is the grandson of Bob and Carolyn Hotchkiss (PEG 1).

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to

*Joan, Peter and David Belden and Betty Iwan (PEG 28) on the death of their husband, father and brother, **G.C. "Rod" Belden Jr.**, on September 24, 1991 in Palo Alto, California. A memorial service for Mr. Belden will be held in the Third Church Sanctuary on October 5, 1991 at 11 am.

HEARING A PROBLEM?

Third Church strives to be an open, accessible and inclusive congregation united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. **Large print bulletins** are available from any usher. Our sanctuary and chapel are equipped with an **induction loop system** for the hearing impaired. If you wear a hearing aid with a "T-switch," turn on this switch when you attend worship. It should enable you to hear and participate more fully. If you need further assistance, speak to an usher.

WELLNESS CENTER

Older adults are invited to participate in the Wellness Center each Friday from 10 am to 1 pm at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church, East Avenue at Goodman Street. The program includes light exercise, blood pressure screening, a light lunch and an informative presentation:

October 4 Back Pain Class
October 11 Spirituality and Aging
October 18 Diminishing Sight and Helpful Community Services
October 25 Medicare, Medigap Insurance and Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance

You may also make an appointment to see a Nurse Practitioner to discuss any health issues. Please call Sandy Schultz at 423-0881 if you would like to see the Nurse Practitioner while you're at the Wellness Center. No appointment is necessary for the regular Wellness Center program. You are encouraged and welcome to drop by any Friday. Bring a friend!!

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OCTOBER 6
World Communion Sunday
 9:15 am Worship in Chapel
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
 Combined Worship with Korean Church

Stephen T. Ford and
 Yoon Gi Jang preaching
 Psalm 24
 Mark 5:24b-34

SUNDAY, October 6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:15 Worship in Chapel
 Adult Education
 7-8 Grade, Senior Highs
 10:30 Family Worship in Sanctuary
 10:50 Church School
 6:30 Senior Highs

MONDAY, October 7

7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Stewardship
 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, October 8

12:00 Finance Committee
 Retired Men's Luncheon
 6:15 Commissioning Class
 7:00 8th Grade Bell Choir
 8:00 9th Grade Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, October 9

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 New Member Commission

THURSDAY, October 10

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
 9:00 Downtowners
 9:30 Cairns' Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 11

7:00 Prayer Cordon Retreat

SATURDAY, October 12

9:30 Prayer Cordon Retreat
 10:00 Dining Room Ministry
 No Children's Choirs

SUNDAY, October 13

9:15 Worship in Chapel
 Adult Education
 7-8 Grade, Senior Highs
 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
 10:50 Church School

MONDAY, October 14 - Columbus Day

OFFICE CLOSED
 No Scouts
 7:30 Endowment Committee

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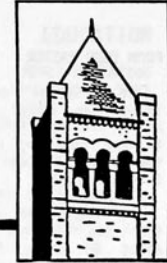
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CHURCH SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE
 October 13 - November 24

(Details inside)

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

It's Sunday evening. A cold front has blown into the city. As I sit on the couch and listen to the rustling of the leaves in the trees, Austen is falling asleep in his snuggly.

It has been quite a weekend for the Rauch/Clifton clan and about 60 other folks from Third Presbyterian Church. Just a few hours ago, we participated in closing the intergenerational retreat held this weekend at Watson Homestead. Our discussion centered around Micah 6:8, which is about doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. I'm not sure any of the participants came away with any specific answers as to how to do those three things. However, I did witness a willingness to struggle with what it means to explore the requirements of justice, kindness, and humility. That's the way Micah puts it: "What does God require of you?"

It's a question I posed to the retreat participants. Now, I'd like to pose it to the rest of Third Church. What does God require of us? How do we do justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with God? It is not my intention to provide any answers in this column. Rather, I want to challenge you as I did myself and those who attended the weekend at Watson. I challenged them to use memory and hope as ways of understanding what God requires of us. It is

important to remember your own story, and to encourage others to share their own stories with you. It is important to hope, especially in the midst of hopelessness. And most of all, as one of the retreat participants put it, "It is important to remember that doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God often happen in spite of us."

Austen is asleep now. He adjusted rather well this weekend, although we did have to take a car ride late Saturday evening to help him fall asleep. I drive while Jack Mould sang. It worked rather well. Austen does have a set of lungs. He can't help that. He has two ministers for parents. Poor child. Imagine being a double P.K. (By the way, there were 6 other P.K.'s besides Austen in attendance this weekend.) We're scheduled to start planning next year's retreat in about a month. Maybe you would like to join other Presbyterians from Third for this event. Watson Homestead is a beautiful place. The food is not bad. And the people -- well, they are the reason I love Third Church so much.

Peace,



BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"Keeping Body and Soul Together:
Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice"

Men's Sexual Issues

The Report says "We believe the model of masculinity and male sexuality that men have been socialized to adopt is a violation of the Biblical calling to live in justice-love and right relatedness." How do men need to change? Women are also welcome at this session!

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

"The Gospels: An Historical Perspective"

Dr. Elizabeth Waller, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, will present a 3-part series on how the Gospels came to be in their present form.

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Literary Development

(Please note: This information was inadvertently put in last week's MESSENGER.
Sorry for any inconvenience.)

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings at 9:30 am
(Resumes October 10)

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"The Drama of Deliverance"

Exodus 5, 7-11

John 1

SPECIAL EVENTS

Retreat/Workshop with Brothers of Taizé from NYC

October 17 (evening) and 18 (all day)

Otto Schultz Center - Nazareth College

Registration forms available in Church Office



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WORLD FOOD DAY

Wednesday, October 16, 1991

WORLD FOOD DAY is intended to create public will and support in each country for private and governmental efforts to combat hunger, and to build a world food security system through local, national, and international programs and policies.

Locally, World Food Day is co-sponsored by the **FOOD FOR PEOPLE NETWORK**, an organization of representatives from direct service agencies, religious congregations, and community groups which seeks to promote understanding of the systemic causes of hunger and to take action with regard to hunger issues.

International Teleconference
with special emphasis on Latin America
12 - 3 pm, October 16, 1991
Ingle Auditorium, College-Alumni Union
Rochester Institute of Technology

"Ending Hunger in Our Midst: New Thoughts on an Old Issue"

7:30 pm, October 16, 1991

Mercy High School Auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road

For further information, call: Jerry Bennett, 325-3570

PRAYER CORDON RETREAT

Friday, October 11 (7-9:30 pm)

Saturday, October 12 (9:30-12:30 pm)

"What is Prayer?" and "How to Pray?" are the topics to be discussed at this weekend's **Prayer Cordon Retreat**. Please call the Church Office (271-6513) to make a reservation.

NEWER MEMBERS:

John Cairns has invited all those who have joined Third Church since 1986 to meet with him on one of three evenings this month. The purpose is to exchange ideas and information -- and to get acquainted in a face-to-face setting. If you joined Third during the last five years and have not received an invitation, please call Beth Williams (271-2526).

DID YOU KNOW?

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"They were hungry and thirsty, and had given up all hope."

Psalms 107:5

Filling an empty stomach doesn't wipe away poverty, but having eaten, the human soul is restored with new hope. Food is so basic a human need that those of us with plenty hardly think twice about it -- except that when we are hungry, we open the cupboard and make a selection. When the cupboard is bare, we drive off to the nearest superstore, grocery lists, double coupon values and check cashing cards stuffed into our pockets. Once there, we gripe about the parking and the long lines. Wouldn't it be great not to have the hassles!

In Rochester alone, hundreds of families don't have the hassles! Instead of fretting over parking and long lines, they worry about how they will get anything at all to eat. It is a problem we hear about all too often these days -- and it only seems to grow worse.

The feeling of being hungry is one to which all children can relate -- even well-fed children who from birth must rely on adults in their world to fill that need. That is why it is so appropriate for our church school children to sponsor the Annual Fall Food Drive. Once again this year, we will kick off our food drive on **WORLD FOOD SUNDAY** (October 13) and conclude on **Thanksgiving Sunday** (November 24). Our goal is to collect 2,000 items during this period and -- with a little help from all of us at Third -- we will! A second goal of the **Food Drive** is to establish in us all a new habit: that after the food drive is officially over, we will continue to bring in food to benefit S.E.M. and our own pantry at Third.

Bring in an item each week -- or a bag -- or whatever you can. The children will help remind us with their delightful bulletin inserts and will keep us posted with our progress on the charts in Johnston Hall and the Education Building. Each week students will also count and box food items that you place into collection boxes outside Johnston Hall, the Education Building and the Chapel narthex. Together, we can restore hope to a few of our own Rochester neighbors.

Hope Wegman
Assistant for Education Ministries

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PARISH ENRICHMENT GROUP

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PLEASE REMEMBER
SKILL BANK FORMS!

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membership class



Wednesday Evenings
October 16, 23, 30
New Member Brunch:
November 3

New Member Reception:
November 10

Contact Laura Collins at 271-6557



CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to

"Elizabeth Knudsen (PEG 2) on the death of her mother, **Barbara Gale**, on October 1, 1991, in Rochester.

NEED A LIFT?

Third Church strives to be an open, accessible and inclusive congregation united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. Our sanctuary is wheelchair accessible by using the elevator entrance from the Arnold Park parking lot. Adjacent parking spaces are reserved for handicapped parking. The elevator also serves Johnston Hall for Adult Ed and Coffee Hour. Ushers are always available to offer further assistance.

CALVIN GUILD

Wednesday, October 16 members of Calvin Guild will be treated to a talk by Dr. Carl Atkins, President of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Members are asked to call Regina Witherspoon at 442-9432 if they have not received a phone call.

MARY PARIS STRAYER

Shirley Wagner will present a talk entitled "In Other Words...Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil" at the **Tuesday, October 15 noon** meeting of Mary Paris Strayer.

OCT-A-GROUPS

I would like to get involved this Fall and Winter in an Oct-A-Group.
Here is my information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Interests:

[] I may be interested in hosting the first meeting of the group.

(Please return this form to the Church Office (c/o Pat Rumbold) by October 20).

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OCTOBER 13

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching
"Pestering Jesus"

Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:17-30

SUNDAY, October 13

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Adult Education
7-8 Grade, Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
10:50 Church School

MONDAY, October 14 - Columbus Day

OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 Endowment Committee

TUESDAY, October 15

12:00 Mary Paris Strayer
7:00 Joint Session/Trustee Meeting
8th Grade Bell Choir
8:00 9th Grade Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, October 16

6:30 Calvin Guild
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
New Member Class

THURSDAY, October 17

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
9:30 Cairns' Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 18

SATURDAY, October 19

10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir
11:15 Glorious Things

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"A Pilgrimage Toward Trust"

A Weekend with the Ecumenical Community of Taizé
October 18-19, 1991
Otto Schultz Center - Nazareth College

You are invited to share in a spiritual pilgrimage, an opportunity for prayer, Bible study, exploration of mission, and fellowship with Christians from a broad variety of traditions. The event will be led by several **Brothers of the Ecumenical Community of Taizé** who live among the poor in New York City, as well as local community missionaries.

The weekend will begin with an Evening Prayer Service at 7:30 pm on Friday in the style of Taizé. Saturday's activities will include Morning Prayer, Bible study in small groups and reflection on the church in mission. More than a dozen workshops will be offered Saturday afternoon; people working in creative local ministries with the poor, the oppressed and people with special needs will share insights. The weekend will end with an Evening Prayer Service and closing celebration. For information call WELLSRING, 271-7017.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

The question has been asked regularly over the last year--"Why don't we sing the 'Amen' at the end of hymns?" And I have answered each inquirer as fully as possible. But, questions like that need more than one-by-one attention. They are everyone's questions and there are many of them.

On Sunday, October 20 we will alter our standard sermon format in order to talk about worship. Several members of the staff will join me in a series of short comments and explanations dealing with various elements of our worship service.

I realize that for most of us worship is like a shoe. When it is first new to us (or we are new to it) the service may seem to call attention to itself. But as time passes, the whole enterprise becomes more and more familiar--and more comfortable. Sometimes, we would all admit, it becomes too familiar. It becomes like the daily drive to work--we hardly notice it as it goes by. At other times a particular piece catches our attention, and we become very focused on it--and we're not sure why.

The Staff can't promise to deal with every issue or element of worship on Sunday, but we do plan to address the areas of the service which we believe are the most mystifying or which raise the most questions. In addition to explaining why we do what we do, we anticipate sharing some possible variations--ideas that would help the service make more sense or increase your experience of participation as a worshipper.

To do all this in the context of our Sunday morning schedule means that our time is extremely limited. (If this venture is well received, we will undertake another round some time in the future). My hope is that your comments and feelings--not just about this Sunday's service, but also about worship and its meaning for you--will be shared with me and others on the Staff both after the 10:30 service and in the days and weeks ahead. We want to know what makes sense to you.

We do not plan worship to satisfy some theorist. We plan it to enable you to hear the Word of God and to make your response to it. We plan it to gather and to celebrate our community in Christ. With your help, we will do that better and better. I look forward to an enriching Sunday morning.

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday, October 20, 1991

9:15 - 10:15 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"Keeping Body and Soul Together:

Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice"

**"God the Father, Patriarchy, Means of Production and Sexual Expression:
A Look at the Structural Underpinnings of Current Sexual Dilemmas"**

Beth Jelsma, PhD, psychotherapist in private practice and former professor of the Psychology of Women at the U. of R. and Brockport, will lead us for the next two weeks in a discussion of women's sexual issues. Gentlemen, of course, welcome!

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

"The Gospels: An Historical Perspective"

Dr. Elizabeth Waller, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, continues a 3-part series on how the Gospels came to be in their present form.

"Who were the Evangelists?"

Dates

Authors - The Synoptics and John

Communities and Audiences

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 24

9:30 am in Johnston Hall

"Exodus and Easter"

"The Marks of Memory"

Exodus 12-15

Mark 14

HOSPICE - a place of hospitality where people with terminal illness can die with dignity. Several hospices exist in Rochester to provide this important ministry of caring. If you would like to know more or to volunteer for hospice work, here are three possibilities:

Sunset House - on St. Paul Street near Cooper Road; Jim and Gail Neilen; 467-3524

Advent House - 249 Moseley Road; Glenda Hastings; 223-6112

Isaiah House - 71 Prince Street; Kathy Quinlan; 232-3221

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SCHOLARSHIP HELP STILL NEEDED

by Third Church Nursery School

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ALL PEG WEEK 1991

The following PEGs have scheduled activities around All PEG Week:

PEG 28

For: Dessert/Meet Peter and Mary DuBois
Place: Kathryn & David Stimson's, 88 Pickwick Drive
Date/Time: Thursday, October 17, 7-8 pm
Deacons: Kathryn and David Stimson

PEG 1

For: Coffee before Church
Place: Old Youth Lounge
Date/Time: October 20, 9-10:30 am
Deacon: Elmer and Joyce Dustman

PEG 4

For: Covered Dish Brunch
Place: New Conference Room, lower level of Ed Building
Date/Time: Sunday, October 20, 9:30 am
Deacons: Robin and Mark Kukla

PEGs 34 and 35

For: Covered Dish Supper, Peter and Mary DuBois as guests
Place: Barbara and Jack Kraushaar's, 148 Park Road
Date/Time: Sunday, October 20, 6:30 pm
Deacons: Marian and David Hartney, Thelma Hammerton

PEGs 22 and 24

For: "Cruise Night"
Place: Johnston Hall at Church
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 22, 7:30 pm
Deacons: Alice Fishbeck, Priscilla and Bill Boller

PEG 13 and 36

For: Dessert
Place: Sharon and Roger Ramsay's, 524 Linden Street
Date/Time: Thursday, October 24, 7 pm
Deacons: Sharon and Roger Ramsay, Jenifer Kazacos

PEG 5

For: Pot Luck Dinner with John and Betsy Cairns
Place: Janet Davies', 43 Brentwood Drive
Date/Time: Friday, October 25, 6:30 pm
Deacon: Janet Davies

PEG 36

For: Pot Luck Dinner
Place: David and Carol Meyers', 40 Blossom Lane
Date/Time: Friday, October 25, 6:30 pm
Deacon: Carol Meyers

PEG 29

For: Light Breakfast
Place: Tom and Jane Hopkins', 215 Dorchester Road
Date/Time: Sunday, October 27, 9 am
Deacons: Tom and Jane Hopkins, Catherine Coates

PEG 18

For: Coffee and Donuts
Place: Third Church Parlor
Date/Time: Sunday, October 27, 11:30 pm
Deacon: Marilyn Wadsworth

PEG 19

For: Brunch
Place: Valley Manor Auditorium
Date/Time: Sunday, October 27, 12:30 pm
Deacons: Karen Holmes and Ralph Carter

PEGs 9 & 11

For: "Presbyterian Happy Hour"
Place: Rod and Dot Taylor's, 164 Dartmouth Street
Date/Time: Sunday, October 27, 4-6 pm
Deacons: Dot Taylor, Melanie Cookenham and Otto Muller-Girard, Jr.

PEG 30

For: Pot Luck Dinner and Mary Caravetta speaking about Caring Ministry
Place: Eileen Ross', 222 Weymouth Drive
Date/Time: Sunday, October 27, 9:30 pm
Deacon: Lucile Rice

PEG 32

For: Dinner with Peter and Mary DuBois
Place: Bill and Rose Pethick's, 26 Shadow Pines Drive
Date/Time: Friday, November 1, 7 pm
Deacon: Rose Pethick

PEG 21

For: Luncheon and Outreach speaker
Place: Lawrie and Lucia Root's, 2114 Highland Avenue
Date/Time: Sunday, November 3, following 10:30 am worship
Deacons: Joy Beale and Lucia Root

PEG 3

For: Pot Luck
Place: Brad and Kyle Kruchten's, 64 Heather Ridge
Date/Time: Sunday, November 3, 4 pm
Deacons: Brad and Kyle Kruchten

PEG 15

For: Dessert and "An Evening with Peter and Mary DuBois"
Place: Kay Neill's, 29 Chadwell Road
Date/Time: Monday, November 4, 7:30 pm
Deacon: Kay Neill

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MUSIC NOTES

We welcome **PETER LEWIS** as our new Assistant Organist, who will be beginning his work with us this week. Peter is originally from Waynesboro, Virginia, and is completing his Bachelor of Music degree in organ at Eastman, studying with David Craighead. He is also pursuing a double major in voice in the studio of Marcia Baldwin. Peter's duties will include accompanying the Chancel Choir in rehearsals and services, and service playing, particularly in the Chapel services. He loves to ski, and comes to us from serving for the past two years as Organist/Choir Director at Lakeside Presbyterian Church.

We also welcome a new baritone soloist to our music ministry. **MARK MORGAN** is a Master's student at the Eastman School of Music in the studio of Marcia Baldwin. Mark is a native of Wisconsin, and graduated this past spring from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He will be appearing in the Eastman Opera Theatre's production of Menotti's "The Consul" later this month at Strong Auditorium at the University of Rochester. It is good to welcome him to Third Church.

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CHURCH FAMILY MARRIED

Shelly Thornberg and Robert Camp were married in the Sanctuary on October 12, 1991, with the Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Kay Fisher (PEG 31) on the death of her husband, **Robert G. Fisher**, on October 11, 1991. A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, October 16, 1991 at 2 pm.

Third Church strives to be an open, accessible and inclusive congregation united by a common faith in Jesus Christ and by meaningful worship and service. We have joined with other like-minded Presbyterian congregations in declaring ourselves to be a "More Light" church, welcoming persons without regard for sexual orientation and are actively working to eliminate the barriers and fears that separate us from one another. You and your journey are important to us.

JOHN WHITE CIRCLE

Virginia Miller, 400 Clover Hills Drive, will be the hostess for the **Tuesday, October 22** noon meeting of the John White Circle. Mr. Roger Cross will speak about "Habitat".

STEWARDSHIP CALLER TRAINING

Sunday, October 20 at Noon

or

Monday, October 21 at 7:30 pm
Johnston Hall

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Third Church Fall Cleanup
Saturday, November 2nd (9 am-1 pm)
Rain or Shine

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OCTOBER 20

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

A Teaching Sermon on Worship

SUNDAY, October 20

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Adult Education
Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Commissioning Class
10:50 Church School
12:00 Stewardship Caller Training

MONDAY, October 21

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Worship Commission
Stewardship Caller Training
Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, October 22

12:00 John White Circle/Virginia Miller's
5:00 Presbytery/Victor
7:00 8th Grade Bell Choir
7:30 Congregational Life Commission
Third Church Travelers Cruise
8:00 9th Grade Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, October 23

7:00 Pastoral Care Commission
7:30 New Members Class
Pastoral Care Commission
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Newer Members Meet with John Cairns

THURSDAY, October 24

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
9:30 Cairns' Bible Study
7:30 Nominating
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FRIDAY, October 25

SATURDAY, October 26
10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir

11:15 Glorious Things
Daylight Savings Ends - Turn Clocks Back



FAMILY CARDERS

Sign-Up Reminder:
Call Julie Harrington
by October 17 (244-3662)

CHURCH SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

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Thanks!



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100th YEAR IN OUR SANCTUARY

CHERISH THE PAST /
CELEBRATE THE FUTURE

This year your Stewardship Cabinet has chosen to focus on our sanctuary as the center and the symbol of Third Church. As we approach the sanctuary's centennial year, you are invited to reflect on the importance of Third Church in your life, the lives of those who came before you, and the life of the Rochester community. We are part of a great heritage. God has richly blessed us.

You will receive a special envelope in the next few days. It will contain some pictures, some reflections about the sanctuary--and your 1992 pledge card. Read it thoughtfully. Act generously. Say "thanks." Say "Yes!"

PLEDGE SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3rd

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

On Saturday night we adjust our clocks ("fall back") and bring an end to Daylight Savings Time for another year. It is a fall event that has been moved a few weeks later by our legislators, but which we handle in a routine fashion.

So many of our routines are tied to the shifting of the seasons. The leaves turn, there's a chill in the air, pumpkins appear on doorsteps, and the days get shorter -- it's fall! And fall means there are things to be done. There are leaves to rake and bulbs to plant. The lawn mower must be drained and the storm windows put in place. The heavy sweaters come out of storage and the pastels are tucked away. Oh, these are not necessarily our favorite jobs. We may not whistle and grin our way through them. We may even put it off a couple of days or a week. But, they do get done. They get done in a fairly limited time frame--and they get done carefully and well. Such is the nature of routines.

For many of us the end of October--beginning of November is routinely the time to make our pledge to the church for the year ahead. No one has to wave flags or throw confetti. Making that commitment is something we want to do--expect to do. It is something we do routinely. And while the act of completing the pledge card is routine, the pledge is not. It is the subject of some reflection--reflection on what it means to be a child of God--loved, forgiven, empowered; on what it

means to be part of a nurturing and challenging congregation like Third Church; on what it means to be a steward of so much of God's bounty.

It is my hope and expectation that the making of an annual church pledge will be a regular piece of fall business for each of our over 1800 members during the next two weeks. There should be no need for follow-up phone calls or arm twisting. Third is our church--we must support it.

Outreach opportunities, youth programs, new music efforts are among the items that will need additional funding for 1992. That's above and beyond the escalating costs of insurance, maintenance and utilities. Can you raise your pledge by \$100 a year? Can you raise it by 10%? When I think of all the ways I use money for things of little or no importance, I know why an earnest decision about my annual pledge is a part of my fall routine. It is my opportunity to say "YES" to God.

Join with me--and let's make it a resounding YES!

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION
Sunday, October 27, 1991
9:15 - 10:15 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"Keeping Body and Soul Together:
Sexuality, Spirituality and Social Justice"
The Goddess, The Erotic, Mutuality and Women's Empowerment:
A Discussion of Avenues for Enhancing Human Wholeness
and Women's Sexual Empowerment

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"Canonization and Transmission of the Gospels"

The Four-Fold Gospel
Alternative Literature (non-Canonical)
Language
Vulgate

WOMEN in SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

What's your world view? Is it ironic or romantic? Comic or tragic? And how does this affect the way you understand your faith? Laura will lead the group through a "world-view" inventory; the Parlor, Monday, October 28 at 7:30 pm. ALL WELCOME.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 31
9:30 am in Johnston Hall

"Exodus and Easter"
"A New Framework"
Exodus 19-21
Matthew 22

IF YOU WILL BE MAILING IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD:

Please cross off East Avenue and add a 4 in front of Meigs Street.
The Post Office is getting very fussy! Thank you!

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MUSIC NOTES

MARK MORGAN will play the role of Assan, the Glasscutter, in the Eastman School of Music production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Consul," to be performed at Strong Auditorium on the University of Rochester Campus on October 25, 26, and 27. Performances will be at 8:00 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with an additional performance on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Mark will be in the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon casts. For ticket information, call the Eastman ticket office at 274-1111.

RIKI CONNAUGHTON will appear as a guest soloist on Monday, October 28, in Mozart's Requiem at 8:00 pm in the Eastman Theatre. The concert will feature the Eastman Chorale and Eastman-Rochester Chorus with the Eastman Philharmonia, conducted by Shinik Ham. Tickets are \$5 and available through the Eastman School and at the door.

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THE GIFT CENTER

The **Gift Center** is a Presbyterian outreach mission with central Rochester kids and their parents. **Gift Center** programs provide:

- * Nurture, support and counseling at times of crisis when there seems no way out
- * Help in finding temporary housing
- * Distribution of clothing through a well-stocked and organized program, available by appointment
- * Distribution of food from the church food cupboard
- * Visits with families of center visitors
- * Demonstration of conflict resolution
- * Holiday celebrations for neighborhood adults and children and provision of a safe, happy place for folks broken in spirit to gather
- * Transportation to important appointments with doctors, hospitals, social agencies and to visit isolated family members in prisons
- * Tutoring by twenty-five Gift Center volunteers help make a difference for seventy pupils at School #6. The program works with administrators, teachers and parents to provide the extra something for these pupils
- * Encouragement to find real hope through its drug outreach program held each Wednesday evening

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the **Gift Center** will be held at Third Presbyterian Church on **Tuesday, November 12** from 5 pm - 7 pm. Your donation of \$6 per dinner ticket is most welcome. Come and enjoy the multiple church fellowship -- or make a donation if you cannot attend. Tickets are available in the Church Office.

(Donations may be mailed to The Gift Center, 530 Joseph Avenue, Rochester, New York 14605.)

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One World Goods

ONE WORLD GOODS TO OPEN A STORE

ONE WORLD GOODS will open a store in Fairport Village Landing Mall on November 1. OWG would like the following: desk, cash register, shelving, small refrigerator, vacuum cleaner, desk chair, file cabinets, 2 telephones. If you can donate any of these, please contact Shirley Wager (436-9102) or Pat Guevara (671-4363).

SEEKING HELP?

From time to time people willing to house sit while the owners go south for the winter or who would be available for elder care, call the Church Office. The Office keeps a file of these names, and would be happy to pass them on, if you are interested. Please call 271-6513 to let us know!

NEEDED:

Men's winter clothing, small to medium sizes, for Amerasian refugees. Please bring to the Church Office labeled "Amerasians."

POSITION OPEN:

DRIVER/CHILDCARE WORKER

TAPSS - TeenAge Parent Support System
8 - 12 Hours per week
Valid driver's license
Please call Sandy Auriemma
442-6966

CMU OFFERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Church Women United office is seeking volunteers. The office provides coffee or tea and an intimate look at the way the CMU office functions. Come with a friend and visit while you work. Call the office at 454-1813. Also, the Church Women United Choir is seeking singers. Its ministry of song is two concerts a year for CMU and approximately 10 concerts a year at area nursing homes. Babysitting is available. Please call Beth Floro, Choir Director (359-4486) or Lura Masters, Choir Representative (586-9449).

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WISH LIST:

Paper or bulletin folder, clock radio and/or wall clock, floor pad to go under chair with wheels, copier with service contract, capable of enlarging, reducing and collating. If you have any of these items in good used condition, please consider making a donation to CMU. Please call 454-1813.

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A son, Benjamin Patrick, born October 10, 1991, to Darby and Steven Thompson (PEG 9).

MARRIED

Diane Worrell and Richard Salisbury were married on October 18, 1991 in the Sanctuary with the Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

SYMPATHY

The Office has been notified of the death of Myra Belle Crossett on June 6, 1991, in Rochester and we express sympathy to her family and friends. She had been a member of Third since 1940. The Office has also learned of the death of Sabine Snavely's mother (PEG 1) in September, in Germany, and convey sympathy to her and her family.

We express our sympathy to Nancy Potts (PEG 5) and family on the death of her mother, Virginia C. Weston (PEG 1), on October 17, 1991. A service for Mrs. Weston, who joined Third in 1973, was held Saturday, October 19, 1991 in the Chapel.

APOLOGIES to Jan Salzer and Ellen van Ocker (PEG 3) and Kay Honiss (PEG 19) for omitting their names from the ALL PEG WEEK information last week - and to Chuck Meinhold and Mona Thomas (PEG 17) for not having listed their October 20th Brunch.

REMEMBER YOUR GROCERY RECEIPTS

TOPS receipts benefit
"New Life Before School"
WEGMANS receipts will help
School #6

A REMINDER FROM NOMINATING

You can help the Nominating Committee in preparing its slate (8 members of Session, 5 Trustees, 10 Deacons and elected Nominating Committee members) for the coming year. Please suggest the names of people suitable for these positions to Carolyn Hotchkiss, either by calling at 248-5926 or filling out the forms available in the Church Office, Library or Narthex.

DEACONS!

Please check your boxes for some new material!

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OCTOBER 27

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching
"I Think I Can"
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Mark 10:35-45

(Eastern Standard Time Resumed)

SUNDAY, October 27

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Adult Education
Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary/Baptism
10:50 Church School
11:30 PEG 18 Brunch
6:30 Senior Highs
7:30 Gathering of Newer Members

MONDAY, October 28

7:00 Scouts
7:30 More Light Committee
Women in Spiritual Community

TUESDAY, October 29

6:15 Commissioning Class
7:30 Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, October 30

5:00 Human Sexuality Task Force
7:30 New Member Class
Education Task Force
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 31

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
9:30 Cairns' Bible Study

FRIDAY, November 1

SATURDAY, November 2

9:00 Fall Cleanup
10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir
11:15 Glorious Things



Third Church Fall Cleanup
Saturday, November 2nd (9 am-1 pm)
Rain or Shine

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 IS PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge cards have been distributed to each of us during this week by stewardship callers and through the mail. We have been reminded of how much we count on the church and how much the church counts on us. Not it is time for us to respond.

Please bring your completed card to worship on Sunday. If you will not be in worship, please mail your card by November 9th.

Your increased pledge is needed to make the 100th year in our sanctuary our very best ever.

Jay T. Holmes, Chair
1991 Stewardship Cabinet

100th YEAR
IN OUR
SANCTUARY
CHERISH THE PAST/
CELEBRATE THE FUTURE

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Considering our pledge to the church for the year ahead always provokes some thoughts about commitments--the ones I've made, the ones I've intended, the ones I've broken. There are so many different commitments in my life--and every year seems to bring others to my door. I join a neighborhood group and they expect me to serve on a committee. I give to a charity and they want me to collect from my neighbors. Politicians offer yard signs and bumper stickers so I can show my commitment. Schools urge us to come to PTA meetings to show our commitment to our children. Our children urge us to stay home for the same reasons! And then there is the church...

What kind of commitment did you intend when you joined the church? I don't mean what you believe the church is promoting; I mean what are you carrying in your own mind? Is it a commitment to learn more about the Bible? or to get involved in community service? Is it a commitment to help your kids know Jesus? or to become a better steward of God's gifts? Is it a commitment to try to pray? or to celebrate who you are? And how committed have you been?

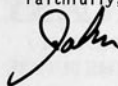
Third Church offers a lot of programs and a lot of possibilities, but many of our "commitments" lie forgotten around the edges of the busy church calendar. We had good intentions, but we never quite got to them. Somehow the timing was always bad or our energy was needed elsewhere.

One of my favorite Biblical ideas is the concept of "first fruits." Our Old Testament ancestors understood that the way to make something important was to put it first; to address it before you ever got started on anything else. Whatever they committed to God got done first, given first, remembered first. It stayed out in front of all of its competition.

I urge you to regard your commitments seriously enough to take time for God when you are fresh rather than when you are exhausted; to plan your giving based on what you are paid, rather than what you have left at the end of the month; to be alert to God's grace and blessings rather than having to be reminded of them.

The concept of "first fruits" enabled our predecessors to offer their best to the Lord. By our commitments let us do nothing less.

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION
Sunday, November 3, 1991
9:15 - 10:15 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

During the month of November, we will explore various aspects of racism locally:

- Is this no longer an issue locally, or is it a pervasive problem? What progress has our community made in dealing with racism since the riots of the '60s? What still needs to be done?
- How do issues of race affect relations between police and community? How are they interrelated with issues of family, economic justice, educational reform, community values, community leadership, etc.? What are myths, what are realities?
- Is the Church playing a role in addressing such issues? Should it play more of a role in the future? If so, how?

This Sunday, November 3, please join us in Johnston Hall as Bill Johnson, President of the Urban League of Rochester, keynotes this provocative series and helps frame the issues that will be developed further on subsequent Sundays.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - Parlor Worship and Celebration

Designed and Shared by Robb Adams

An invitation to be quiet and listen, to share in words, movement and song, to nourish our life in the spirit.

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

Third Isaiah: "Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come!"
Third Isaiah, Part I. "Against Corruption." Read Isaiah 56:1-8 incl. "A House of Prayer for All Nations," 56:9-57:13 incl. "Against Corruption;" 59:1-4 incl., 9-10 incl., 15-17 incl. and 21. "A Liturgy of Repentance."

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, November 7
9:30 am in Johnston Hall

"Exodus and Easter"
"A Divided Loyalty"
Exodus 32-33
Matthew 5, 10

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MUSIC NOTES

NEW HYMNAL DRIVE TO BEGIN SOON

The drive to provide copies of the new Presbyterian Hymnal for use in the Chapel, Sanctuary, and for use by the choirs, will begin on Sunday, November 24. We eagerly anticipate the addition of this wonderful new worship resource, and will be planning a number of ways to introduce it to the congregation and help you feel at home with it quickly.

The anticipated time line is to have the hymnals in the pews for use in mid- to late January. We need to purchase around 1,000 copies to adequately serve our various worship spaces and musical groups. You will be given an opportunity later in November to donate any number of hymnals in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Watch the MESSENGER and bulletins for more information as we approach the New Hymnal Drive.

WORDS FROM WORSHIP

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Worship Commission would like to invite interested individuals or families to light the Advent candles in the Chapel or Sanctuary services during the month of December. This can be a meaningful way to prepare for the Christmas event. If you, or your family, would like to participate in this way, please leave your name with the Church Office (271-6513), and you will be contacted by a member of the Commission with more information.

VISN

VOTE "1" for VISN: Greater Rochester Cablevision is surveying its subscribers regarding possible new programming channels. Several of the options are religious. We encourage you to support VISN The Interfaith Cable TV Network. VISN is owned and operated by our denomination together with a coalition of more than 50 other faith groups -- Protestant, Jewish, Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. VISN uses excellent programming to bring faith in God and religious values into homes without any on-air fundraising. VISN allows no maligning of other faiths. VISN can provide a refreshing 24-hour-a-day religious resource for Rochester. VOTE "1" FOR VISN when Greater Rochester Cablevision asks your opinion.

A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE "THIRD CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT"

I'm writing about a disturbing experience I recently had on a Third church outing. Oh, don't get me wrong - I had a wonderful time. It's just that it wasn't quite what I thought it would be. I mean, if you decided to go on something called the "Third Church Family Retreat," what would you expect?

THIRD? Actually, this was the first get-together like this that the Church has had since anyone can remember. You wouldn't have known it though. Everything went so smoothly - the living and eating together, the group discussions on the Book of Micah, the sing-alongs, making Friendship Bracelets - that you would think they do this every year. Come to think of it, that's not such a bad idea.

CHURCH? How can it be "church" when you're living in cabins out in the middle of beautiful red and yellow fall trees in the Southern Tier? What kind of church has a softball game or turtles and crayfish for the kids to catch or a glass-walled indoor pool that makes you feel as if you're swimming out in the middle of the woods? Even our worship service on Sunday morning had us all around the Communion table singing and holding hands. Is that "church?"

FAMILY? Oh sure, there were some families and we all slept in cabins with bunk beds and ate family-style in the dining hall. But we had couples, singles, weeks-old babies, retirees, church members for forty years and for six months, and non-members.

RETREAT? I always thought "retreat" meant going backwards, away from the goal. But we spent the weekend talking about the meaning of "justice," both in the Bible and in our lives and by Sunday I felt a lot closer to understanding. And I moved forward in meeting new friends, getting to know people that I never would have in the huge Sunday services at Third and learned new things about friends that I thought I knew well. Some "retreat!"

I just heard that there will be another get-together next fall. Will I go again, even though I was misled so badly this year? You bet - but they won't fool me again.

Signed,
Older But Wiser

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JOINT BOARDS and SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- At its joint October 15 meeting, the Trustees and Session
- * Considered the initial budget as presented by the Joint Budget Committee
 - * Heard a request from the Nominating Committee for candidates Session members
 - * Discussed acting on Christ's requirements: lifestyle, consumption of natural resources, stewardship of creation, investments
 - * Heard the Annual Report from the More Light Committee
 - * Passed on the More Light Committee's recommendations to search for the strongest leadership possible for our Church and to develop programs to educate the congregation as to the current Presbyterian policy regarding ordination
 - * Heard a report from the Presbytery meeting
 - * Passed a motion to put before the congregation information about VISN, a new religious network that may appear on cable

NOMINATING

Time is of the essence! Members of the Nominating Committee request that you submit names for 8 Session members, 5 Trustees and 10 Deacons as soon as possible! Forms are available in the Office, Library and Narthex, or you may call Carolyn Hotchkiss at 248-5926.

RETIRED MEN WILL MEET NOVEMBER 12

Call the Church Office (271-6513) with your reservation by November 11th for the November 12th noon meeting. Tom Hargrave will be our speaker.



One World Goods

One World Goods announces the grand opening of a store at the Fairport Village Landing, Suite 118, inside the Atrium, on Saturday, November 9. Store hours will be Monday-Friday, 10-5, Thursday until 8 pm and Saturday, 10-4. Sponsored by the Greater Rochester Community of Churches, OWG is an alternative non-profit retail source to support artisans who are striving for dignity and self-sufficiency.

SPAGHETTI DINNER in CELEBRATION CENTER

Tuesday, November 12

5 - 7 pm

Proceeds will benefit The Gift Center
\$6 tickets available in Church Office

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A daughter, **Leialoha Mitsuko Ann**, born October, 18, 1991, to Alan and Virginia Sill (PEG 13).

BAPTISM

Nicole Lee, born February 3, 1986, daughter of Lauren D. Somers and Leon Chastain, Jr. and **Geoffrey David**, born April 25, 1991, son of Sharon S. and David J. Mersinger were baptized in the Sanctuary on October 27, 1991, with The Reverend John A. Cairns officiating.

MARRIED

Julie Gascoigne and **Richard Blowers** were married in the Sanctuary on October 26, 1991, with The Reverend Stephen T. Ford officiating.

Gregory Walker and **Marcia Lythe** were married in the Sanctuary on October 26, 1991, with The Reverend Stephen T. Ford officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to:

Cathy, Sarah Ruth and Rachel Norton (PEG 2) and Sarah Curry (PEG 29) on the death of their father and grandfather, **Byron Curry** on October 20, 1991, in Akron, Ohio; and to Elmer Dustman (PEG 1) and family on the death of his father, **Elmer Dustman, Sr.**, on October 22, 1991, in Warsaw, New York.



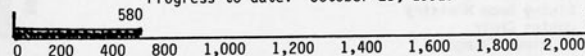
We have the knowledge and low-cost technologies to save children, but we need your help. Through your continued support for UNICEF greeting cards, the children of today will not succumb to measles, whooping cough, pneumonia or other respiratory diseases. These all can be treated by low-cost antibiotics. The cost is \$10 for one child's life, and we cannot offer any greater gift to the people of the 21st century.

UNICEF Greeting Cards and year-round Note Paper will be available from 10 am to 12:30 pm in the Church Parlor on the following Sundays: **November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15**. Your support here at Third has grown each year and we look forward to that growth again this year. Stop by and visit the display.

Carolla & Tay Keller
Peg & Chuck Gowen

CHURCH SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

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October 13

November 17

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**NOVEMBER 3
PLEDGE SUNDAY**
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching
"Not Far"
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Mark 12:28-34

SUNDAY, November 3 - PLEDGE SUNDAY

- 9:15 Worship in Chapel
- Adult Education
- Senior Highs
- 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:50 Church School
- 12:00 New Member Brunch
- 6:30 Senior Highs

MONDAY, November 4

- 7:00 Scouts
- 7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, November 5

- 6:15 Commissioning Class
- 7:00 8th Grade Bells
- 7:00 Outreach Commission
- 7:30 Adult Education Commission
- 8:00 9th Grade Bells

WEDNESDAY, November 6

- 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Nominating

THURSDAY, November 7

- 7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
- 9:00 Downtowners
- 9:30 Cairns' Bible Study
- 7:30 Youth Commission
- Children's Faith Commission

FRIDAY, November 8

SATURDAY, November 9

- 10:00 Dining Room Ministry
- Junior Choir
- 11:15 Glorious Things

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DR. JAMES EVANS TO PREACH

Colgate-Rochester Divinity School president, James H. Evans Jr., will preach at both services of worship on Sunday, November 10.

Dr. Evans joined the CRDS faculty in 1980 following the completion of his doctorate at Union Seminary (N.Y.) In 1984 he was appointed the M.L. King Jr. Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies. He was elected president in 1990. Prior to his academic career he served the Chambers Memorial Baptist Church in N.Y.C.

Dr. Evans is known to many Third Churchers and has taught on several occasions in our adult education program. His third book: We Have Been Believers: Faith, Freedom and Black Theology is to be published soon. We are privileged to have him in our pulpit and look forward to his message.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I am a member of the board of Planned Parenthood, and as such I have been deeply involved in their struggle to insure that poor women--and in particular those on Medicaid--have access to the full range of reproductive health services. That includes abortion. Like most of my colleagues on that board, I see the high number of abortions in Monroe County as a sad commentary on the failure of our network of educational and social services. It is clear to me that issues like this are not solved by "pocketed" (or targeted) programs. They need to be addressed systemically.

That is why the response of the United Way is particularly disappointing--and tragic. For several years Planned Parenthood has tried to broker some community-wide approach to providing adequate services to women on Medicaid, but with little result. No hospital, agency, or physician wants to undertake additional work that offers no prospect of breaking even--unless they can be convinced to become part of a community-wide strategy in which the burdens (financial and otherwise) are shared. The United Way is the one agency in town that had the clout to orchestrate such an effort. They have the power of the purse strings. They have done nothing.

Only when Planned Parenthood considered addressing the problem itself did the United Way act--and then negatively. My sadness is only compounded by the recent United Way funding decision. My primary disappointment relates to their unwillingness to try to address an identified community program in a pro-active, systemic way in the first place.

On the other hand, I have been pleased to see our Third Church Outreach Commission working hard to be part of the wider network rather than acting as a Lone Ranger. Let me cite three examples very briefly:

1. Our Dining Room ministry was established on Saturdays because that was the day very few meal providers operated. We make an effort to serve children because they cannot get their nutrition from school lunch programs over the weekend.
2. Our housing/homeless initiative has worked with existing programs. (Habitat for Humanity, Sojourner House) to help them expand their programs, rather than creating one of our own. At the same time we have a group looking at the system to see how we can assist in increasing the supply of low income housing.
3. Our Education Task Force is serving as a catalyst to bring together the education, business, and human service leaders of the city to develop a plan that will provide initiatives to city school students to stay in school and select courses that will provide them with marketable skills. They are also working on a tutorial support system to enable these students to succeed.

I urge you to find a place, not just in a program, but in a venture that contributes to a community-wide solution to the struggles of all those who are our neighbors. The long term health of our city requires our active, thoughtful involvement.

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION
Sunday, November 10, 1991
9:15 - 10:15 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

The Changing Face of Racism in Rochester

We will continue with our exploration of the various aspects of racism locally and this week will focus on the issues of race and how they affect relations between police and community. Dr. Gaynelle Wethers, Director of Minority Affairs at Nazareth College, and currently Chair of the County/Policy Relations Committee will share her insights with us.

"LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - Parlor **"Issues of Faith and Feelings"**

November 10, 17 and 24 will be opportunities for men and women to explore issues around what it means to be male in the 90's. We will talk about male bonding, bashing, and what role belief plays in our development. We will examine the myth associated with being male and being able to feel. Resources for the class will include Robert Bly's video and books as well as Sam Keen's new bestseller Fire in the Belly. Discussion will be led by Tony Rauch.

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

Third Isaiah: "Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come!"

Third Isaiah, Part II. "Good News to the Exiles." Read Isaiah 60:1-3 incl., 8-10 incl. and 19-22 incl. "Promise of a New Jerusalem;" 63:7-14 incl. "Praise and Petition." Frank Fowler will lead Bible Study.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, November 14
9:30 am in Johnston Hall

"Exodus and Easter"
"A Vision of Tomorrow"
Deuteronomy 31-32
John 10

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MUSIC NOTES

NEW HYMNAL UPDATE

As we approach the new hymnal fund drive later this month, you may be interested in a few facts about the book and the process that brought it about.

The hymnal was mandated by the General Assemblies of 1980 and 1983, and a committee of eighteen persons, reflective of the broad diversity of the Presbyterian Church, was formed to set about the immense task. Included in the process were numerous mechanisms for receiving suggestions and ideas from a large cross-section of the denomination.

The result is an exciting book which contains more than 600 hymns and psalms which praise God in language that is familiar, yet inclusive, and which is sensitive to our diverse nature. A good number of hymns come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and many also appear in more than one language. The selection of hymns also reflects the rich tradition of the past, but includes some wonderful examples from the explosion of excellent hymn writing in recent years. The type face of both words and music also make it very easy to use.

Our drive to provide this new hymnal for use at Third Church will begin in two weeks. More information will be in next week's MESSENGER, and we look forward to your help in providing this great new resource for our worship.

'TIS THE SEASON

Forget the showy tinsel in the Woolworth window; walk past the Christmas "SALE" signs that beckon from every page in the newspaper; tune out the easy-listenin' version of Rudolph being piped into every store across America . . . and begin the holiday season with fellowship and anticipation for the holy child (instead of Santa). On **Sunday, December 1st**, at 4:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the third annual **ADVENT WORKSHOP!** This year's program will not only include our tradition of making advent wreaths, but will include a selection of other holiday projects and a "pot-luck hors d'oeuvres table." Mark your calendar now and watch for details in upcoming MESSENGERS!

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for the dark blue covers for the Sanctuary Handbell Tables. We have searched virtually every cabinet and closet, and have not yet located them! Anyone with information about them is asked to contact Peter DuBois (244-3662) as soon as possible.

GRIEF and LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

All are welcome to attend the Grief and Loss Support Group's meeting on **Thursday, November 14** at 7:30 pm. The emphasis will be on loss associated with divorce, being unemployed and underemployed. M. Scott Peck's book, The Road Less Traveled will serve as the basis for discussion.



YOUTH MINISTRY HOTLINE

A new phone line has been installed to promote regular updates on forthcoming activities for Junior and Senior High Youth. A recorded message will outline upcoming PANIC and CHAOS activities, Commissioning Class plans, Sunday morning classes, music rehearsals, clowning functions and special events. The line is in operation now! The number is **271-6790**. Call and find out what's happening today!

Third Church Staff Telephone Numbers

John A. Cairns, Pastor/Head of Staff	271-2526
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ANNUAL ADVENT LUNCHEON TICKETS GO ON SALE

Tickets for the very popular Advent Luncheon, to be held **Sunday, December 8** following 10:30 am worship, will go on sale November 10th and will be available in the Parlor each Sunday. Ticket prices for a delicious, elegant luncheon are \$2.50 (ages 4 and under), \$4.50 (ages 5-10) and \$6.50 (for 11 and over for upstairs and downstairs seating and may be purchased in the Church Office during the week. As in the past, all entertainment will "happen" in all of the rooms, so no matter where you sit, you won't miss a thing: BRASS CHOIR, FAMILY CAROLERS, and a seasonal skit. Members of Congregational Life will be available one hour before the 10:30 service and immediately preceding the luncheon to assist people in finding seats. Whether one wants to sit with family, friends or share a table with not-so-familiar Church members, this system provides for a relaxed beginning to an eagerly anticipated Christmas season tradition!

CELEBRATE!

Join us, **Sunday, November 17th**, immediately following the 10:30 service as we re-dedicate our Education Building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. Details will be announced in next week's MESSENGER.



WOMEN IN SPIRITUALITY

Retreat - November 23

Watch MESSENGER for further details

Family Carolers will rehearse Sundays after 10:30 am Worship on November 10, 17 and 21.

Call the Church Office (271-6151) if you'd like to sing! (These rehearsals replace the Thursday evening rehearsals.)

ATTENTION BOOK READERS

Eleven copies of *The Sacred Journey* by Frederick Buechner are available through the Church Office. This \$14.95 value can be yours for \$9.95. "The Sacred Journey" discloses that, along the course of our lives, in moments of intense joy, severe depression, and even time devoid of immediate emotion or reaction, God's words are unfolded. The Sacred Journey is a moving, wise, delightfully readable book that helps us achieve fuller self-knowledge and an understanding of the divine mystery and grace that permeate and transform our lives every day.

CHURCH FAMILY MARRIED

The following couples were married on November 11, 1991, with The Reverend Laura J. Collins officiating:

Kathleen Noonan and Peter Morton
Nancy Gates and James Gould

and to set the record straight:

Greg Walker and Marcy Lytle were married October 26, 1991, with The Reverend Stephen T. Ford officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Jack Salzer (PEG 3) on the death of his brother, **Robert Salzer**, on November 2, 1991, in Florida.

RETIRED MEN WILL MEET NOVEMBER 12

Call the Church Office (271-6513) with your reservation by November 11th for the **Tuesday, November 12th** noon meeting. Tom Hargrave will share his insights on Fishing on Lake Ontario.

13th CIRCLE MEETING SCHEDULED

Members of The 13th Circle will meet **Thursday, November 14** at 12:30 pm at the home of Jeannette Bratt, 303 Allens Creek Road. Betty Platt will be the co-hostess.

THIRD CHURCH TRAVELERS

A special thank you is issued to those who have traveled with "Third Church Travelers" during 1991. Plans for 1992 include Chautauqua, if forty people are interested, and a fall excursion to Quaker Square in Akron, Ohio. Please contact Lila Ford (427-0920) or Alice Fishbeck (271-4164).



UNICEF CARDS

Available Sundays beginning November 10
Visit the display in the former Main Office.

SPAGHETTI DINNER in CELEBRATION CENTER

Tuesday, November 12

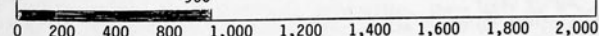
5 - 7 pm

Proceeds will benefit The Gift Center
\$6 tickets available in Church Office

CHURCH SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

Progress to date: November 4, 1991:

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Only 2 weeks to go.
Drive ends November 17th

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9:15 Worship in Chapel
Child Care
Adult Education
Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary/New Member Reception
10:50 Church School
11:45 Brass Choir
6:30 Senior Highs

TUESDAY, November 12
12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon
Finance Committee

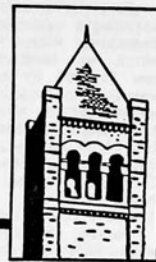
6:15 Commissioning Class
6:30 Session/Diacons Dinner Meeting
7:00 8th Grade Bells
8:00 9th Grade Bells

12:00 Women's Concerns
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
New Member Commission
Centennial Celebration Committee

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
9:30 Cairns' Bible Study
12:30 13th Circle/Jeanette Bratt's
7:30 Grief and Loss Support Group
More Light Network

SATURDAY, November 16
10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir
11:15 Glorious Things

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"Dear Third Church,
We started saving in 1951. We saved 1¢, 5¢ and 10¢ and we
saved up 265¢. We want this to help to build the church.
Love, W. and B."

And so it was that in 1951, the love for Third Church by all its members enabled us to raise enough funds to build the Chapel and Education Building for children like W. and B.

Forty years later, that love continues as we enter a new decade and a new century in the ministry and education of our children and young people. Perhaps you were here on September 19, 1952 when together with Dr. Paul Payne, Dr. William Hudnut and Miss Ione Sikes, you helped to dedicate the new buildings in a special service that day.

Once again, we invite you and all members and friends "new" since that day in 1952, to join us as we re-dedicate our Education Building. Following Sunday's 10:30 am worship celebration, there will be a brief service of dedication and ribbon cutting in the Garth of the Education Building. Join in the celebration!

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THIRD CHURCH MESSENGER
November 5, 1991

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

The world agonized last week as Magic Johnson announced his infection with HIV. A body in which we have so delighted, is now invaded by a virus for which we've yet to find a cure. But we witnessed in that moment the best Magic Johnson yet--a man of honesty, courage, compassion and integrity. A man who said, within 24 hours of receiving this heart-wrenching news, that he intended to continue to "have fun."

During the same week I, along with half of Rochester, got my first flu of the season. Fortunately I had a marvelous opportunity to celebrate the recovery of my body-self at the end of the week at a workshop which explored "the contents of our lives through the body." The leaders reminded us of our ability "to play that profound process of using one's inner resources to interact with and enjoy the world."

As a child I was perfectly convinced that I had the world's clumsiest body, not to be relied upon for anything other than carrying around my mind and spirit. It is only in recent years that I've begun to dance and participate in sports and generally enjoy this amazing body with which God gifted me. We have a tendency to admire people who achieve greatness while "overcoming" some physical handicap. The Helen Kellers and Stephen Hawkings of our world seem to perform in spite of their bodies. But I would argue that it is because of their bodies that they are so uniquely gifted.

"Do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit within you?" (1 Cor. 6:19) We tend to view this as a passage berating our bodies, as if we need to be purified from our bodies. But the idea is actually to glorify God in our bodies, "so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." (2 Cor. 4:10)

Bodies, in fact, are central to the gospel. Ours is a faith based on incarnation. "This is my body" Jesus said while we seek to receive the mind of Christ and the spirit of Christ, we are the Body of Christ.

So, what's the point? Take care of your body. Honor and respect your body. Enjoy your body. "Glorify God in your bodies" (1 Cor. 6:20) for it is God who "formed my inward parts; ... I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" (Ps. 139:13-14). Praise God for bodies!

Laure

STEMWARDSHIP UPDATE

"The 100th Year in Our Sanctuary--
Cherish the Past/Celebrate the Future"

One week after pledge Sunday (November 3), I am pleased to report that we have received 569 pledges, compared to roughly 400 this same time last year. We have approximately 300 pledging units yet to be heard from and so we are approximately 2/3 of the way home.

The not-so-good news is that even though we've seen increases, we've also seen decreases with the result that we are flat with last year, i.e., not the 5% overall increase we've been hoping for, at least so far.

I would urge all of you who have not returned your card to get them in. This will save all of us follow-up efforts as well as help us come closer to our goal.

Thank you,
Jay T. Holmes, Chair

EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday, November 17, 1991
9:15 - 10:15 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall

"The Changing Face of Racism in Rochester"

We will continue with our exploration of the various aspects of racism locally and this week will focus on the issues of race and how they affect what happens in our schools and how the community deals--or fails to deal--with minority youth. Discussion will be led by Rita Augustine, Executive Director of New Futures Initiative and a long-time advocate for educational reform and policies that help address problems facing at-risk youth and families.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - Parlor

"Issues of Faith and Feelings"

On November 17 and 24, Tony Rauch will continue to explore the issues around what it means to be male in the 90's. We will talk about male bonding, bashing, and what role belief plays in our development. We will examine the myth associated with being male and being able to feel. Resources for the class will include Robert Bly's video and books as well as Sam Keen's new bestseller Fire in the Belly.

BIBLE STUDY - Celebration Center

Third Isaiah: "Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come!"

Third Isaiah, Part III. "Peace as Reward." Read Isaiah 66:1-6 incl. "Where Will You Build My House?" 66:10-14 incl. "Peace as Reward" and 66:20-23 incl. "...All Flesh Shall Come to Worship..." Frank Fowler is the leader.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, November 21
9:30 am in Johnston Hall

"Exodus and Easter"

"The One Story"

Deuteronomy 30, 34; Matthew 25; Mark 16

1991 PEACEMAKING OFFERING

\$3,007 has been contributed by Third Church members and friends to further the cause of peace. Many thanks to each of our contributors.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Jim Chisholm, chair, the Trustees and all those who helped with the semi-annual clean-up day. Your efforts are appreciated by all!

NEW HYMNALS

Look in next week's MESSENGER for information on how to purchase new hymnals for Third Church. Our hymnal drive begins Sunday, November 24!

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WELCOME THIRDS NEWEST MEMBERS

It is always a significant event in the life of the church when new members decide to join our family of faith. Welcome these new members who joined with our congregation in November 20, 1991. The number in parentheses after the name is the Parish Enrichment Group.

HEIDI COSGROVE (PEG 9), 438 Grand Avenue, 14609, is the Operations Manager for Thomas Jones, Associates and joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. Heidi, the single parent of two children: 6½-year old Dermott, and 3-year old Brianna, has expressed an interest in poster making and listed Housing/Homeless and Women's Issues as focus areas. Heidi noted an interest in the Congregational Life Commission and would be willing to visit the homebound and those in nursing homes.

FRANCIS EFINGER (PEG 11), 40 Vassar Street, 14607, joined Third by Letter of Transfer from the Neshanic Methodist Church in Neshanic Station, NJ. She is the mother of two grown children and notes that she has felt at home at Third. Her daughter is Church member Barbara Brown (PEG 19).

MICHELLE FAGGIANO (PEG 9), 32 Richland Street, 14609, is a secretary at Strong Memorial Hospital. She joined by Reaffirmation of Faith and would be willing to help in the office, add her expertise to special projects, children's crafts and is willing to help with child care. Michelle has also expressed an interest in working with floral arrangements, visiting and the drama ministry.

HILARY GARRETT (PEG 11), 319 Park Avenue is an editorial assistant for Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing. She joined by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Sodus, NY, where she served as president of its youth group. Hilary would be willing to help with special young adult events, writing for the drama ministry and expressed an interest in the Outreach Commission.

JEANNE HARPER (PEG 24), 296 Troy Road, 14618, is a teacher in the Honeoye Falls-Lima School district. She and husband Dean are the parents of four adult daughters and joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. Jeanne served her former church as a Sunday School teacher.

DOROTHEA HUNTER (PEG 8), 4218 St. Paul Boulevard, 14617, joined by Letter of Transfer from Summerville Presbyterian Church where she served as a Deacon and was active in its Circles and has served on Presbytery committees. Dorothea is married to The Reverend Converse Hunter, Parish Associate at Third; they are the parents of four grown children. Dorothea is working with the Dining Room Ministry, is active with Church Women United and One World Goods.

VIRGINIA MAC QUEEN (PEG 9), 2 Portsmouth Terrace, 14607, has been in the real estate business for 54 years and is an honorary member of The Real Estate Board; she owns her own realty business. A widow, she is the mother of a grown daughter, grandmother to two and is a great grandmother to one. Virginia joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She has been involved with the Dining Room Ministry at Third.

ELIZABETH MC FARLANE (PEG 19), 701 Harvard Street, 14610, a contingency planning specialist at Chase Lincoln First Bank, joined by Letter of Transfer from North Presbyterian Church in Williamsville, NY. She has expressed an interest in the Choir, Congregational Life and the Pastoral Care Commissions. She would be willing to work on adult retreat planning and is willing to assist with picnics, special events, transportation, and small group dynamics.

STEPHEN PENNA (PEG 9), 32 Richland Street, 14609, is a designer for Butler. He joined by Reaffirmation of Faith and has expressed an interest in computer programming, financial analysis/budget planning and historical research. Stephen would be willing to help with set design and special adult events such as retreats.

AMY VELLA (PEG 32), 251 Panorama Trail, 14625, is a student at R.I.T. and transferred her membership from Asbury First United Methodist Church. She notes an interest in outreach programs.

PAUL WLODARCZYK (PEG 2), 1013 Exchange Street, 14608, joined by Reaffirmation of Faith, and his wife, **BETH**, by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Haddenfield, NJ. Paul is a trainer for Xerox in Webster. Beth, an administrative assistant in the Neuroimmunology/Multiple Sclerosis Unit at Strong Memorial Hospital, would be interested in helping with Communion service preparation, would assist with calligraphy, poster making, and historical research. She also has listed Action for Peace and the Environment as areas of interest. Paul has expressed a strong interest in Housing and the development of affordable housing, Amnesty International and would be willing to help with general remodeling. An experienced video camera operator, he would be willing to help with news releases, historical research and also lists computer programming as an area in which he could help. (Their name, incidentally, is pronounced "Mool Dar Chick"!)

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The Third Church Dining Room Ministry has some nice numbers to share this fall. Since we opened in April, over 1,000 lunches have been served to hungry people on Saturdays. Over 120 members of the congregation have helped in this effort, in addition to the many other members who bake cookies and desserts, donate fresh fruits and vegetables and equipment such as high chairs, cutting boards, and even a freezer! The Church School classes make a new set of imaginative and colorful decorations each month. Each of our teams has now served three Saturdays and is supported by an active and creative food committee who plans and distributes menus and a team of purchasers, who are always on the lookout for specials and "good deals."

And our guests? The first thing that we notice is that they're hungry. We put bread and butter on the tables so they'll have something while waiting to be served, and that disappears fast! Two slices per guest wasn't enough, and we're going to three. Each Saturday they come in near--or over--our capacity of 40 people, with the largest attendance toward the end of the month when food stamps and money run out. And they come back--a very large fraction has joined us at least several times. Many have been coming regularly since the early days.

Our guests let us know how we're doing in many ways. A number have told us "best food in town." They pass by the kitchen door as they leave, and often call in their thanks to the cooks. Other expressions of thanks have included the gift of neatly written Bible verses, a little money to be put into the collection plate, and an assortment of pens and pencils that one of the guests had collected. On a recent Saturday, a guest came early to request the recipe for our special applesauce meatloaf--the ultimate compliment a cook can receive!

One Saturday, after hearing several of the guests refer to another guest as 'No. 1,' one of the volunteers overcome with curiosity, asked the man, "Why does everyone call you 'No. 1?'" He replied, "They call me 'No. 1' because I shave every day, I wear fresh underwear, and I have a clean heart."

Third Church is becoming a friendly, warm, safe haven for many of its neighbors. We have had several young families with children in the past weeks, and we continue to rejoice in the good natured fellowship and the intermingling of generations and sexes and races.

Almost every week one or the other of our guests asks us anxiously how long we will be doing this. It is with great joy that, thanks to the generous response of the congregation, we are able to reassure them that it looks as if the Third Church Dining Room will be around for a long time.

Kathryn Stimson and Henry Curme

CHURCH FAMILY MARRIED

The following couples were married by The Reverend Anthony J. Rauch:
Shannon Griffen and David Scott, November 8
Kathleen Geiger and Kim Keller, November 9
The Reverend John A. Cairns officiated at the wedding of
Howard "Bob" Thomas and Claudia Lupari, November 8

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Wendy Mercado and family (PEG 32) on the November 11, 1991 death of her father, **Roger Kellogg**, in Rochester. A memorial service will be held November 13, 1991, at 11:30 in the Chapel with The Reverend Stephen T. Ford officiating.

MARY PARIS STRAYER MEETING SLATED

Members of Mary Paris Strayer will meet **Tuesday, November 19th** at noon in Johnston Hall. Nancy Kaplan will share her insights of "The YWCA in the '90s."

CALVIN GUILD

Calvin Guild will meet on **Wednesday, November 20th** at 6:30 pm in the Celebration Center. Edward P. Curtis Jr. will speak on "Revitalization of our Waterways." Members are asked to contact Regina Witherspoon at 442-9432 if they have not received a phone call.

NURSERY SCHOOL SALE WILL BENEFIT SCHOOL

A Book and Toy Fair **Wednesday, November 20** (8:30 am-8 pm) and **Thursday, November 21** (8:30 am to 12:30 pm) will be held in the Youth Lounge. There will also be a Bake Sale and a raffle of a boxed set of Winnie the Pooh books. All proceeds will be used for scholarships and support of the school.

RECYCLE YOUR CANDLE STUBS

Your used candles--any size, any color--can be recycled! Please place them in the carton in the Church Office. A member of the congregation will fashion them into new candles!

BAKE SALE COMING UP!

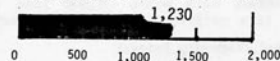
The youth will have a wide variety of baked goods available Sunday, November 24th. Add a special touch to your Thanksgiving Dinner!



Available Sundays

Visit the display outside the former Main Office.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE
Progress to date: November 11, 1991:



Drive ends November 17th
Last 6 days!

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NOVEMBER 17

9:15 am Worship in the Chapel
10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching
"A Faithful Tomorrow"
Psalm 90:1-6, 10-12, 16-17
Hebrews 4:1-2, 9-13

Dedication of Education Building

SUNDAY, November 17

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Child Care
More Light & Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Adult Education
Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
10:50 Church School
11:45 Brass Choir
Family Carolers
6:30 Senior Highs

MONDAY, November 18

5:00 Sexuality Task Force
7:00 Scouts
7:30 Worship Commission
Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, November 19

12:00 Mary Paris Strayer
5:00 Sexuality Task Force
6:15 Commissioning Class
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Trustees

Congregational Life
9th Grade Bells

WEDNESDAY, November 20

6:30 Calvin Guild
7:00 Pastoral Care Commission
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 21

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 Downtowners
9:30 Cairns' Bible Study

FRIDAY, November 22

SATURDAY, November 23

Women in Spiritual Community Retreat
10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir
11:15 Glorious Things

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NEW PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL TO BE PUT INTO USE IN JANUARY, 1992

Ordering information is included
inside this issue of the MESSENGER

There are some small decisions that affect the life of a congregation in a big way. Such a decision was made by the Session last spring (on the recommendation of the Worship Commission and the staff). It was the decision to move to the new Presbyterian Hymnal. I am excited about this move for four reasons. Briefly stated:

- there is a much larger number of hymns, including many familiar favorites
- the language of the hymns is more inclusive
- there are some exciting new hymns, plus a number of familiar texts returned to their original tunes
- the book is topically arranged in a clear, easy-to-read style

Inside you will find an order form. Hymnals make wonderful memorials or ways to honor special persons in your life or you may simply wish to order copies as your gift to the future worship life of Third Church. A total of nine hundred copies is needed.

Copies of the Hymnal will be available in Johnston Hall after each service for the next month, along with someone to answer your questions. I look forward to this very positive step as we "sing praise to God" together.

Faithfully,

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ORDER FORM NEW HYMNALS for THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please indicate the number of hymnals for each person memorialized or honored. The \$15 price per hymnal includes postage and bookplates, etc. Your check should be made out to "TPC-Hymnals," enclosed with your order, and sent or delivered to the church by the end of the year. One check may be used for multiple orders.

NAME (as it should appear on book plate)	No. of copies	X \$15
IN MEMORY OF _____	_____	_____
IN HONOR OF _____	_____	_____
COPIES for <u>PERSONAL USE</u> : _____	_____	_____
COPIES <u>without DESIGNATION</u> : _____	_____	_____
Total Enclosed		_____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Please inform the following person(s) of the gift of this/these hymnal(s):

Name _____

Address _____

Given by _____

EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION
Sunday, November 24, 1991
9:15 - 10:15 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION - Johnston Hall "The Changing Face of Racism in Rochester"

Racism in the Rochester area: What can we as individuals and as a congregation do to address issues of race and how they affect our community? Come share your ideas and concerns, or just listen.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - Parlor "Issues of Faith and Feelings"

This Sunday Tony Rauch will conclude the exploration of the issues around what it means to be male in the 90's. We will talk about male bonding, bashing, and what role belief plays in our development. We will examine the myth associated with being male and being able to feel. Resources for the class will include Robert Bly's video and books as well as Sam Keen's new bestseller Fire in the Belly.

HYMN SING - Celebration Center

Long time Choir member Jay Holmes will introduce us to the new Presbyterian Hymnal and lead us in some songs from it. Come and get acquainted!

FAMILY WORSHIP - November 24
10:30 am

The Glorious Things will be singing for the first time this year during our Family Worship Celebration. Children ages 3 - grade 1 may opt for child care following the Children's Message. Ages 3 and 4 will meet in Room 103; grades K - first will meet in Room 105. Please see the article on "Children in Worship" on the center page of this MESSENGER for thoughts on this subject.

AN INVITATION FOR 1992

The "Second Global Structures Convocation: Environment and Development" will take place in Washington, D.C. February 6-9, 1992. Major speakers include Lester Brown of Worldwatch Institute and Hazel Henderson, author of "The Politics of the Solar Age." The local Peace Network is organizing bus transportation to and from Washington. The projected cost of the trip, including registration and overnights, is \$200. The Action For Peace Committee invites your attendance at this important conference. Scholarship money is available to assist anyone who wishes to participate. Please apply to Jim Hammerton (385-1542) or Laura Collins (271-6557) for more information.

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When children come to church

Let us suggest that bringing children to church is a little like letting them eat at the dinner table. Even though their manners are far from elegant, we share our mealtime with them in the hope that, given time, they will feel and act like the rest of the family.

Children giggle, they poke, and swing their legs simply because they are children. But they also sing and pray with us. Let us suggest that we adults should accept...even value...the children's restlessness during worship, trusting that they are learning:

- * that it is important to come to this place on Sunday;
- * that they belong to a special group of people;
- * that the sights and sounds and feels of the sanctuary are good...though not always understandable;
- * that something is expected of them in this place, and that they may respond in song and prayer.

AGE 4-6: This age child spends considerable time climbing off and on the pew; finds the purse of an adult other than his/her mom a challenge to reach; may wander down the aisle if allowed to sit on the end seat; insists on a personal bulletin, keeping it in constant noisy motion, and clings to it tenaciously if a parent reaches over to grab it; writes first name on as many of the friendship pad pages as is allowed; fits toes nicely into hymnbook racks and finds that more comfortable than letting them hang down.

But look for a moment at the other things that are happening at the same time: This child can be assisted with finding the page numbers of the hymns and have them ready for singing; may sing along with everyone else, albeit with unrecognizable words; joins lustily in singing the Doxology, a song everybody knows; adds voice to the Lord's Prayer, pleasing both self and parents, wants to hold the offering plate as it goes by and adds an envelope, perhaps sensing that worship involves giving.

AGE 7: The seven year old generally sits in place unless there is acceptable reason for moving, the best one being a dropped bulletin. More than once during the service, the seven year old's bulletin flutters to the floor, landing well under the pew ahead. It is always followed by a small body that wriggles under various feet, and returns grinning triumphantly. This child writes the whole name plus address and phone number on the friendship pad and checks each small box, thus inviting one of the pastors to call. While feet are closer to the floor at this age, the hymnbook rack is still handier, but the increase in shoe size creates a risk that feet will get stuck there causing major panic.

ADVENT AT THIRD CHURCH

ADVENT is our season of expectation. Jesus is coming and we would welcome him. These four weeks provide each of us with a time to prepare our welcome--and that preparation is quite specific. We plan celebrations; we give gifts to others; we map out pathways to peace; we boldly share our joy. These actions reflect the very nature of Christ. Our welcome would be incomplete without them.

ADVENT WORSHIP

December 1
Advent I
9:15 am Worship/Communion in Chapel
10:30 am Worship/Communion in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching
BUILDING DOWN
"New World Dis-Order"
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36

December 15
Advent III
9:15 am Worship in Chapel
BUILDING DOWN
"Instructions for Daughters and Sons"
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Luke 3:7-18
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
"Gloria" by Vivaldi
Chancel Choir
Soloists
Chamber Orchestra
Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 by J.S. Bach

December 8
Advent II
9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching
BUILDING DOWN
"Realigning Our Habitat"
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

December 22
Advent IV
9:15 am Worship in Chapel
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching
BUILDING DOWN
"Small Beginnings"
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:39-55

5:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Festival of the Nativity
Carols, Choirs, Pageant, Candles

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:30 pm in the Sanctuary
Family Service
Special Children's Message
Carol Singing
8th Grade Bell Choir

8:00 pm in the Chapel
Communion
Carol Singing
Candle Lighting

11:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Candlelight Service
Lessons and Carols
Music by the Chancel Choir and
9th Grade Bell Choir
Message by John Cairns

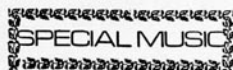
ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

THIRD ANNUAL ADVENT WORKSHOP

All are welcome on Sunday, December 1st, at 4:00 pm in the Celebration Center for food, fellowship, the making of Advent wreaths and other holiday crafts. Bring \$5 per family to cover the cost of materials and an hors d'oeuvre to pass. Participants may select one or several crafts and special kiddie corner will provide some fun for the preschool set. Please make your reservation with the Church Office (271-6513) by November 27th to make sure there are enough supplies for all. Past workshop attendees give this event two thumbs up!

ANNUAL ADVENT LUNCHEON

The Third Church family will gather for the Annual Advent Luncheon on Sunday, December 8 immediately following 10:30 worship. All entertainment will "happen" in all of the rooms, so no matter where you sit, you won't miss a thing: **Brass Choir, Family Carolers** and a **Storyteller**. Tickets are \$2.50 (ages 4 and under), \$4.50 (ages 5-10) and \$6.50 (ages 11 and over) for a full meal: tossed salad, stuffed shells with marinara sauce, rolls and butter, strawberry mousse and homemade cookies. Tickets are on sale following worship each Sunday in the Chapel Narthex and Church Parlor and during the week in the Church Office for upstairs and downstairs seating. As before, members of Congregational Life will be available one hour before the 10:30 service and immediately preceding the luncheon to assist people in finding seats -- with family, friends or not-so-familiar Church members.



ADVENT CHORAL PRESENTATION

Gloria by Vivaldi

On Sunday, December 15, the Chancel Choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra will present Antonio Vivaldi's Baroque masterwork, "Gloria" at the 10:30 am service. This popular piece is a festive setting of the traditional Gloria text in twelve movements. Also as part of that service, the orchestra will play J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 with solo flute, trumpet and oboe. Plan to be present for this festive service.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

On Sunday, December 22, a Christmas Basket Committee will oversee the assembly and delivery of a gift of a week's worth of food, including Christmas dinner, to 80 families whose names are from the East Side Community Center and S.E.M. There are five ways you can help:

1. Call Laura Collins immediately to volunteer for the Christmas Basket Committee. (271-6557)
2. Bring food throughout December, but particularly on December 22 (canned meats and dinners, stuffing mix, potatoes, canned vegetables and cranberry sauce);
3. Donate a frozen turkey or canned ham (call the Office at 271-6513 to tell which) and bring the turkey or ham on December 22;
4. Come to an all-church gathering on Saturday, December 21 at 9 am to assemble baskets for delivery the following day; and/or
5. Call the Office and offer to deliver a Christmas Basket after worship on December 22.



FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY

The Christmas story with all its beauty will be presented in a special candlelight service on Sunday, December 22 at 5 pm. Narrators will speak of the events that took place. The Junior Choir and Family Carolers will offer lovely carols and the congregation will join in the singing of many others. Costumed figures will act out the story in a series of tableaux, and candlelight will be spread to all in the congregation. This is a wonderful way for everyone, including little children, to experience the Christmas story. Come and bring your friends.

Christmas Joy Offering 1991

"Bringing Joy to the Circle of God's Family"

A "Christmas Joy" offering will be received on December 15. This annual special offering provides for two very important groups of people in our denomination. First, many people have dedicated their lives to work in the Presbyterian Church and found themselves with retirement income below the poverty level. 65% of the offering will be available to these retired church workers. Second, 35% of the gifts will support the seven racial-ethnic colleges which the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) supports. Watch for more information on this offering and begin your prayerful consideration of what you can give to the 1991 Christmas Joy Offering.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

A gathering of post-high school young adults will take place during the holiday season. Watch your mail for date, time and details.

SPONSOR A TAPSS FAMILY

Sponsor a TAPSS family of 2, 3 or 4 this Christmas. Prepare one or two small gifts for a Mom and her child(ren). You will be supplied with personal information including names, ages, sizes and suggestions for gifts. Call TAPSS at 442-6966.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Chapel and Sanctuary, you may send a check to the Church Office. Mark it "Christmas Flowers" and please be sure to include the name of the person(s) in whose memory the gift is made. Deadline for receiving names is December 15.

adults sometimes wonder why?

Stop to consider, though...this child can do some new things. The seven year old knows when to sit and stand, bows head during prayers, finds the hymns from the bulletin and is a good hymnbook holder, is excited to find some readable words in the prayers or hymns and is beginning to apply reading skills to matters of faith.

AGE 8 & UP: This child can handle the bulletin with more agility...in fact, has learned to fold it into an airplane; has also learned not to sail said airplane over the heads of the congregation, but enjoys threatening to do so; fills out friendship pad facetiously...(Name: Laura Ingalls. Address: Little House on the Prairie); swings feet back and forth creating discernable rocking sensations, often hitting legs or bumping pew ahead; and pretends to take money out of the offering plate.

But there is another story: the eight year old can read the bulletin and find the scripture lesson and follow along with the lay reader. This child also knows that we read a hymnbook differently from other books and follows the hymns pretty well with a helping finger. There is eagerness to sing in the choir, a real sign of readiness for fuller participation. They may catch words from the sermon and at inauspicious times remind their parents what the pastor said, "Give, and do not count the cost." Of course this does not refer to Reeboks, but no matter to the child.

SO! Bringing your child to church can be a real exercise in aggravation. You may wonder if you will ever be able to worship again. But like so many facets of parenting, we manage our way. Of course we do not want our children to be disruptive or hamper the church's worship. But we must remember that baptized children are members of Christ's church, and children should be among the people who worship God. They may not participate just the way adults do, but they are growing in understanding and learning to take their places in the church family. Proverbs 22 states that if we teach a child how to live, that experience will be remembered throughout life. Young children in worship may have bad moments, but it is their birthright as Christians to worship. Our satisfaction comes in later years when we seen them stand in the midst of the church with a faith of their own.

(Adapted from several sources, with permission.)

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JOINT SESSION/DEACON MEETING and SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At its joint meeting, Session and Deacons on November 12

- * Became acquainted and considered mutual duties and activities Session

- * Designated the Junior Choir Room as "The Helen Moot Arts Room," and the first floor meeting room in the Education Building. "The Ione Sikes Conference Room" to memorialize two outstanding church leaders.

- * Heard a preliminary report of the Task Force on Rental of the Education Building indicating that action is being taken toward renting space in our renovated Education Building to not-for-profit and for-profit groups in our community which meet the criteria now being formulated.

- * Approved the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee to establish goals and directions to guide the life and ministry of Third Presbyterian Church through the year 2001.

- * Authorized the Youth Commission to sell Third Church coffee mugs to benefit ongoing youth mission activities and upcoming work trips.

- * Confirmed Alice Ritter and James Shook as Third Church representatives to the Greater Rochester Community of Churches.

- * Appointed a Children's Music Position Search Committee composed of Robb Adams, Ron Hansen, Ann Prince, Lee Theuer and Kathy Kemp, with Betsy Marvin as consultant. The committee will be staffed by Peter DuBois and John Cairns.

- * Heard a Stewardship Report update.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN CHURCH OFFICE

A few copies of each of the books listed below are available for sale in the Main Office. Perhaps you would like to share one of your favorites with a friend:

The Reformed Imperative, Leith
Models of God, McFague

Praying Our Goodness, Rupp
Necessary Losses, Viorst

Why I Am Still a Christian, Küng
The Sacred Journey, Buechner

CHURCH FAMILY MARRIED

The Reverend John A. Cairns officiated at the November 16, 1991 wedding of
Renee Caton and Edward Pierce

BAKE SALE COMING UP!

"ASK ME ABOUT KENTUCKY!" This Sunday, November 24th, you will have an opportunity to ask our Senior High youth about last summer's work camp in the Kentucky mountains and purchase fresh baked goods for the holidays all in one stop. The Senior High bake sale is one of several fund raisers planned this year to send a group of our youth on another work camp experience in the summer of '92. Follow your nose to the bake sale tables located in Johnston Hall after the 10:30 worship service, or in the Garth area of the Education Building following both Chapel and Sanctuary services. And be sure to ask about Kentucky!

BENEFIT CONCERT

A concert to benefit the Politics of Food Sustainable Agriculture Program will be held **Saturday, November 23** at 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. \$4 advance sale tickets may be purchased through Betsy Essley (271-4395).

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ADVENT OBSERVANCE

Friday, December 6

United Church of Christ Congregational, 570 Klem Road, Webster

Leader: The Rev. Glenda Prins, Associate Minister at UCC

10:00 am Registration and time of gathering


10:30 am BIBLE STUDY, based on Luke 1:26-55

12 noon Brown Bag Lunch

12:30 pm Registration for those not attending the morning program

1:00 pm WORSHIP SERVICE and LESSONS and CAROLS

(Babysitting is available with a reservation through CWU (454-1813) by November 27.)

 **UNICEF CARDS**
Available Sundays

CHURCH SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

The Church School children extend a warm thanks for all the donations to their Food Drive to benefit the Food Cupboard. Over 2,000 items were collected, counted and donated!

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NOVEMBER 24

9:15 am Worship in the Chapel
10:30 am Family Worship in the Sanctuary
Laura J. Collins preaching

SUNDAY, November 24

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Child Care
Adult Education
Senior Highs
10:30 Family Worship in Sanctuary
Child Care
11:45 Brass Choir
Family Carolers
6:30 Senior Highs

MONDAY, November 25

7:00 Scouts
7:15 Personnel
7:30 Women in Spirituality
Education Task Force

TUESDAY, November 26

5:00 Presbytery/12 Corners
6:15 Commissioning Class
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Nominating
8:00 9th Grade Bells

WEDNESDAY, November 27

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 28 - Thanksgiving

Office Closed

FRIDAY, November 29

Office Closed

SATURDAY, November 30

10:00 Dining Room Ministry
No Youth Choirs

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Elizabeth J. Ford, Associate, Educational Ministries
Peter Rabolt, Organist/Music Director

SECOND CLASS
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EXPERIENCE ADVENT AT THIRD

Sunday, December 1

Advent Worship at 9:15 am and 10:30 am
Adult Ed: "Advent Through Music"
Advent Workshop at 4 pm

Sunday, December 8

Advent Worship at 9:15 am and 10:30 am
Advent Luncheon

Sunday, December 15

Advent Worship at 9:15 am
Adult Ed: "Advent Through Drama"
"Gloria" by Vivaldi at 10:30 am

Saturday, December 21

Assembly of Christmas Baskets at 9 am

Sunday, December 22

Advent Worship at 9:15 am and 10:30 am
Adult Ed: "The Nativity Through Art"
Delivery of Christmas Baskets
Festival of the Nativity at 5 pm

Tuesday, December 24

Family Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30 pm
Christmas Eve Communion and Worship at 8 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 11 pm



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FROM YOUR PASTOR

It is time for a change of seasons—a change of church seasons that matches the change in the weather. Thanksgiving is past, and we have become used to the fact that colder weather and Advent are both on their way. And both winter and Advent require of us a focusing of ourselves and our energies. We have learned that to make the most of winter requires a thorough preparation. I want to suggest that making the most of Christmas—of Christ's coming into the midst of human life—requires an equally thorough piece of preparation.

So, how do we maximize the season? First by paying attention to the veterans—to those who have prepared for longer than we have been alive. There are traditions that go with the season. There are favorite ways of doing things; there are routines that are designed to insure that we remember all the pieces; there are symbols that have a power to communicate meaning when words are inadequate.

Think about Advent as you have known it. Recall the Sunday by Sunday lighting of the purple candles until the Christ candle is finally lighted on Christmas Eve. Think about the singing of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night." Think about the things you do to get ready for Christmas in your home—the food, the decorations, the schedule of events.

We know a lot about preparing for Christmas—and every year we learn more. We listen to the words of the prophets and are drawn into their expectations. We hear Mary's familiar words of response to the surprising angelic announcement and are reminded of her themes of justice and reconciliation. We rediscover the empty spaces in our own lives and know that there is good news coming, not just to all people—but to us.

The season of Advent is a wonderful and exciting time for all Christians. I invite you to share in this season—to share in its worship, its music, its challenge, and its joy—as part of the family of Third Church.

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

THE SPIRITUALITY of ADVENT and CHRISTMAS AS INTERPRETED THROUGH the FINE ARTS

A three-part series will explore the major themes of Advent and Christmas through interaction with music, drama and arts during the 9:15 am Adult Education hour in December. Steve Ford will facilitate this series with assistance from Peter DuBois, Ellie White and Robb Adams. All sessions will take place in Johnston Hall from 9:15-10:15, except for the December 1st program which will begin in the Chancel of the Sanctuary, and then move to Johnston Hall.

ADVENT THROUGH MUSIC

Sunday, December 1st

As part of the musical aspect of the Advent season, Peter DuBois will give a brief discussion and demonstration of ways that Advent is interpreted through various settings of Advent hymns. This portion will be presented in the Sanctuary Chancel, then move to Johnston Hall where Steve Ford will share the "stories behind the hymns."

ADVENT THROUGH DRAMA

Sunday, December 15th

The short play by Ted Loder, "Naked Isn't the Last Straw," will be presented by Ellie White and Robb Adams in Reader's Theatre format. It is a sensitive account of a dialogue between "Angel" and "Unborn" as "Unborn" wrestles with what it will mean to be born and live in the world. The short drama connects Jesus' birth and humanity with our own and raises significant questions about our own lives and how we view them. Ellie, Robb and Steve Ford will lead a discussion after the drama.

THE NATIVITY THROUGH ART

Sunday, December 22nd

The Apostle Paul offers this prayer in Ephesians: "May God grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation for the knowledge of the Lord, illuminating the eyes of your hearts." (vs. 15) It is not strange that many of the great artists throughout history have found their inspiration in the themes and stories of the Bible. Steve Ford will present a slide show/discussion on some of the great artistic works that portray the birth of Christ.

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*We have made at least a start on discovering the meaning
of human life when we plant shade trees
under which we know full well we will never sit.*

RECENT ESTATE BEQUESTS RECEIVED

Third Church is continually grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of members who have included Third Church in their Wills. Recent bequests have been received from the following persons who remembered the Church in their Wills:

Ruth Barry
Virginia H.H. Davidson
Ella T. Gilchrist
William Sloan
Carolyn Weston
Helen VandeVate

THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

On **Thursday, December 5**, the Thursday Morning Breakfast Group will begin reading Lewis Smedes' *A Pretty Good Person*, in which the author discusses living with courage, gratitude and integrity. The group meets each Thursday at 7 am, adjourns promptly at 8 am and is led by a discussion leader. A light breakfast is served. All are welcome and invited to join the group. Call Jim Moore (288-0888) if you have questions. Copies of the book are available in the Church Office for \$8.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

If you haven't yet made a reservation for the Advent Workshop on **Sunday, December 1** at 4 pm, it is not too late to plan on attending! Just come! Bring your family — there will be activities for all ages, — an hors d'oeuvres to pass, \$5 for supplies and join in the fun of preparing for the Advent Season.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Action for Peace and Justice Committee wants you to know of the availability of a scholarship for college students or other interested persons to be used in the pursuit of peace studies or certain other related activities in college or other appropriate locations such as conferences and special meetings. Jim Hammerton, Chairperson, and the members of the committee encourage you to look into what your college or university offers in the field of conflict resolution and other aspects of peacemaking. The award is made annually to a Presbyterian in the Genesee Valley Presbytery. Call Laura Collins (271-6557) for more information.

ABW PRESENTS AWARD

Alternatives for Battered Women recently presented original paintings to 8 individuals and groups who have shown by consistent long-term service and/or support their concerns for the victims of this community problem. One award was given to The John White Circle of Third Church. The award painting was created by a child who had known security from family abuse in the confines of a 30-day secured residence. The painting, NOW hanging in Johnston Hall, was done by a child who came to know the comfort and security of a quilt. He started to draw all the squares and then realized he couldn't really copy the designs, but in his own way, filled them with marks of beauty and love.

Thanks from ADVENT HOUSE

"As we approach the beginning of the Advent Season, it seems appropriate that we at the **Advent House** express our deep gratitude for all that you have done and continue to do to make our House a home. All your gifts of self, time, finances, love, prayers, and support are what make the **Advent House** a very special place for our terminally ill residents and their families. Without you, we could not exist. Thank you. Have a very blessed holiday season."

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HAVE YOUR STOCKS GONE UP IN VALUE THIS YEAR?

If so, you might think of giving stock to fulfill your pledge for '91. You might even find it advantageous to prepay your pledge of '92 as well.

You may give stock through your own broker. When you give the endorsed stock certificates to the broker, be sure to attach a letter (with a copy to Third Church) saying something like this:

These shares [or (number) of these shares] are intended as a gift to Third Presbyterian Church. Would you kindly transfer these shares into the name of:

Third Presbyterian Church
4 Meigs Street
Rochester, N.Y. 14607
Tax ID #16-0743201

We understand you may claim as a tax deduction the average of the high and low price shown in the newspaper for the day you delivered the letter and the endorsed shares to the broker.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET COMMITTEE SEEKS HELP

The Committee planning the assembly and distribution of 80 Christmas Food Baskets containing a week's worth of food needs you! If you could help with the sorting, packing and delivery on December 21st and December 22nd, please call Laura Collins immediately. Her phone number is 271-6557.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING

will take place Sunday, December 1 following worship.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to defray the cost of the beautiful Christmas decorations, you may use this form:

I would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

The names of those memorialized or honored will be printed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make your check payable to "Third Presbyterian Church" and be sure to note that it is a "Flower Fund" contribution. The deadline is December 15.

CHURCH FAMILY MILESTONE

Marguerite Morris will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 4, 1991! Mrs. Morris, a former kindergarten teacher in the City School District, joined Third in 1952. Her address is Woodside Nursing Home, 2425 Clinton Avenue South, Rochester, NY 14618.

BORN

A son, Garrett Jamison, born to Lindsay and Bennett Keeling on November 22, 1991. Becky and Hal Hood (PEG 15) are the proud grandparents.

MARRIED

Eric Muller-Girard and Laurie Ann Duval were married November 16, 1991 at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City with The Rev. Kenneth O. Jones and Mr. David Miles officiating.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Doris J. Graves (PEG 9), a member of Third since 1949, on her death November 15, 1991.

ADVENT LUNCHEON

Have you gotten your tickets yet for the December 8th Advent Luncheon? All entertainment will take place in all areas, so where you sit is not a concern! Tickets for the delicious luncheon (provided by a new caterer) will be on sale through December 3 following morning worship services and in the Church Office at other times — as long as they remain available. The Family Carolers, our own Third Church Brass Band and a Storyteller will provide marvelous seasonal entertainment. Don't miss this sell-out event!



JUST A REMINDER...

Copies of the new Presbyterian Hymnal will be available in Johnston Hall, along with someone to answer questions, each Sunday following worship. If you have not yet placed your order, don't forget to do so! Additional order forms are available in the Church Office.

ATTENTION COMMISSION/COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Annual Report materials are due in the Office Monday, December 2, 1991!

UNICEF CARDS
Available Sundays

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DECEMBER 1
Advent I
 The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
 9:15 am Worship in the Chapel
 10:30 am Family Worship in the Sanctuary

 John A. Cairns preaching
 BUILDING DOWN
 Part 1
 "New World Order"
 Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Luke 21:25-36

SUNDAY, December 1

- 9:15 Worship in Chapel
 Child Care
 Adult Education
 Senior Highs
- 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
 Child Care
- 11:45 Brass Choir
 Family Carolers
 Amnesty Letter Writing
- 4:00 Advent Workshop

MONDAY, December 2

- 7:00 Scouts
- 7:30 Centennial Committee

TUESDAY, December 3

- 7:00 Outreach
 8th Grade Bells
- 7:30 Nominating
- 8:00 9th Grade Bells

WEDNESDAY, December 4

- 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Action for Peace

THURSDAY, December 5

- 7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
- 9:30 Downtowners
- 6:30 Peace Network
- 7:30 Children's Faith & Youth Commissions

FRIDAY, December 6

SATURDAY, December 7

- 10:00 Dining Room Ministry
 Junior Choir
 Glorious Things

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 Laura J. Collins, Associate, Outreach/Evangelism
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 Peter DuBois, Music Director/Organist

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"GLORIA" Antonio Vivaldi

On Sunday, December 15 at the 10:30 am service, the Chancel Choir, under the direction of Peter DuBois, will present "Gloria" by Italian Baroque composer, Antonio Vivaldi. The work will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and will feature soloists Jolie Harrington, Betsy Marvin and Riki Connaughton. Vivaldi's "Gloria" is a festive setting of the traditional Gloria text, cast in twelve movements. This piece, as with most of Vivaldi's sacred music, was probably written for the chapel of 'Ospedale della Pietà,' the Venetian orphanage for girls with which he was associated throughout much of his working life. Although the "Gloria" has achieved great popularity, its first modern performance was given just over fifty years ago.

Also in the December 15 service, the orchestra will play the first movement of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major. It is one of six concertos that Bach wrote for the Margrave of Brandenburg in 1721, and features a solo group of trumpet, flute, oboe and violin.

Plan on being present for this joyous Advent musical offering!

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

As we head into the final month of the year, it seems appropriate to do a few progress reports and updates.

First, you will find elsewhere in this issue a full report of our Campaign for a Faithful Tomorrow. We are calling it a "full" report rather than a "final" one because several gifts and pledges are still outstanding. We are gratified by the results and by what those dollars have already done in renovating our Education Building and what they will do in enabling the worldwide mission of the Presbyterian Church. Of particular importance is the fact that the pledge payments have come in at a rate that enabled us to pay our contractor without borrowing. I am grateful to all who have been a part of this successful effort.

Second, my recent comment on the United Way—Planned Parenthood situation prompted many notes and comments from you, but more importantly it—and a lot of other input—led to a United Way initiative to try to resolve the community problem. I believe that it is still possible to find a "win-win" resolution to this, not only for both the United Way and Planned Parenthood, but also for both women on Medicaid and the community as a whole. We can be a community that cares, but the cost of that caring in terms of dollars and personal commitment is constantly escalating. We must be strong and faithful.

Third, a word of excitement and anticipation as we move toward the purchase and use of the new Presbyterian Hymnal. I know that when it comes to hymns, in many people's minds newer is not better. The new book responds to that complaint. It's larger selection of hymns (600 vs. 375 in our current book) means the return of many favorites as well as several new hymns. By way of example, the Christmas section adds "Away in the Manger," "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," and "We Three Kings" as well as providing a more inclusive text with "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice." There are also hymn settings of many of the familiar psalms. I encourage you to help us reach our goal of 900 books by completing your order form before the year's end. (Current orders total 419).

Finally, I want to offer my thanks not only for the support you provide to our regular ministry, but for the way you extend yourselves to others in the name of Christ during this season of giving and sharing.

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

Please note that there will be no Adult Education Program on Sunday, December 8th because of the Advent Luncheon. The Program, The Spirituality of Advent and Christmas as Interpreted Through the Fine Arts, will continue on Sunday, December 15 when a short play by Ted Loder, "Naked Isn't the Last Straw," will be presented by Ellie White and Robb Adams in Reader's Theatre format. A sensitive account of a dialogue between "Angel" and "Unborn" as "Unborn" wrestles with what it will mean to be born and live in the world, it connects Jesus' birth and humanity with our own and raises significant questions about our own lives and how we view them.

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth thank the members and friends of the congregation for supporting their bake sale on November 24th and set before you the opportunity of purchasing a "Third Church Mug." The design on the mug is a sketch of the Third Church Campus, made by member Fayette Harned. Proceeds from the sale of the \$5 mugs will support future youth mission trips. They are available Sundays, or in the Office during the week.



THE SECOND
GLOBAL STRUCTURES
CONVOCATION:
ENVIRONMENT
AND
DEVELOPMENT
February 6-9, 1992
Washington, D.C.

in support of
THE EARTH SUMMIT
The United Nations Conference on
Environment and Development

The Rochester Peace Network and the Third Church Action for Peace and Justice Committee will offer scholarships to this conference. Need to apply by **Tuesday, December 10**. Please call Jim Hammerton (385-1542) for more information.

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Campaign for A Faithful Tomorrow



Campaign Goal

\$600,000

Pledges were to be divided with half (\$300,000) to cover the cost of the renovation of our Education Building and half (\$300,000) to be divided among six projects that are part of the Presbyterian Church's Bicentennial Fund Campaign.

Pledge total (as of 12/1/91)

\$506,740

Bicentennial Fund share

\$253,370

Education Building share
Additional funds contributed
and escrowed from use fees
for the Education Building
renovation

\$253,370

45,500

Total Available for Ed Building

\$298,820

Members are reminded that pledges are payable over a three-year period from July, 1991 through June, 1994.

The committee wishes to thank all who have contributed. Additional pledges and contributions are always welcome. Please contact Financial Secretary, Barbara Simonelli.



MUSIC NOTES

Riki Connaughton will appear as soloist in Handel's Messiah December 13 and 15 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Main Street, Canandigua, with the Finger Lakes Chorale. Performances begin at 8 pm and are free and open to the public. Dr. John Walker is the conductor.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
165 First Street

OUR HABITAT HOUSE WILL BECOME A HOME!

Word has recently been received that the Kim Pham family has been approved for the house at 165 First Street. The family consists of Kim Pham, a 51-year old mother and laundress at Aid-to-Hospitals and her co-owner daughter, Chn Ho, a seamstress at Hickey Freeman. The family also includes a 20-year old daughter who is now in New York City, a 16-year old high school daughter and a 10-year old son. Two older sons are still in Vietnam. Additional information will be conveyed when it is received.

ALTERNATIVE CELEBRATIONS FAIR

The Peace and Justice Center will hold its 14th Annual Alternative Celebration Fair on **Saturday, December 14** (10 am to 5 pm) at Asbury First Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue. The Golden Link Folksinging Society will provide entertainment, and there will be food and fun for all! Merchandise will be sold by a variety of non-profit agencies and individuals.

UNICEF CARDS

Available Sundays through December 15

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Christmas Joy Offering



SUPPORTING EDUCATION for MINORITIES

Statistics never tell the whole story but they do tell us something. Consider for a moment these statistics about racial ethnic colleges:

GRADUATION RATES

African Americans enrolled at historically black colleges and universities	75%
All students enrolled at all colleges and universities	40%
African Americans enrolled at historically white colleges and universities	15%

Also consider this statistic. While only 20 percent of all African American students are enrolled in historically black institutions, 80 percent of all African American doctors, lawyers, dentists and teachers are graduates of these institutions.

The Presbyterian Church has long supported racial ethnic schools and colleges. There are seven such institutions in the U.S. which we continue to support:

Barber-Scotia College, Concord, North Carolina
Charles Cook Theological School, Tempe, Arizona
Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee
Mary Holmes College, West Point, Mississippi
Menaul School, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Arkansas
Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Your gift to the Christmas Joy Offering will help continue that tradition. In 1990, \$1,505,884 of the Christmas Joy receipts assisted these educational institutions. Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering and continue the educational ministry of these racial ethnic schools and colleges.

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A daughter, **Lauren Stephanie**, to Katherine and Stephen Karl, on December 1, 1991, in Rochester. Proud great grandmother is Maude Kalbfus (PEG 19), and beaming grandparents are Pat and Larry Howk (PEG 1).

BAPTIZED

Christopher Jordan, born August 23, 1991, son of Ann E. McMican and John D. Mould, Jr. was baptized in the Sanctuary by the Reverend John A. Cairns.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Jim Tiefertal on the November 23, 1991 death of his brother, **Harlan Tiefertal**, in Chicago.

RETIRED MEN

The Retired Men will not meet in the month of December.

13th CIRCLE

The 13th Circle will meet on **Thursday, December 12** at 12:30 pm at the home of Grada Gelser, 245 Allens Creek Road. The co-hostess will be Harriet Boynton.

MARY PARIS STRAYER

Members of Mary Paris Strayer will gather on **Tuesday, December 17** at noon in Johnston Hall. Laura Collins will bring a Christmas message.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

There is still time to help with the assembly and delivery of a gift of a week's worth of food, including Christmas dinner to the 80 families we are supporting this season. You may sign up on Sundays following worship, in the Office during the week. In brief, you may choose to:

1. Volunteer to help the Christmas Basket Committee by calling 271-6557;
2. Bring food throughout December, but particularly on December 22nd (canned meats and dinners, stuffing mix, potatoes, canned vegetables and cranberry sauce);
3. Donate a frozen turkey or canned ham (call the Office at 271-6513 to tell which) and bring the turkey or ham on December 22;
4. Come to an all-church gathering on **Saturday, December 21** at **9 am** to assemble baskets for delivery the following day; and/or
5. Call the Office and offer to deliver a Christmas Basket after worship on December 22.

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE HAS BEGUN

Boy Scout Troop #31 has begun its annual sale of Christmas trees from the Third Church parking lot. Please note that the "reserved for handicapped" parking spaces have been moved just to the far side of the sales office for the duration.

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DECEMBER 8 Advent II

9:15 am Worship in the Chapel
10:30 am Family Worship in the Sanctuary

John A. Cairns preaching
BUILDING DOWN
Part 2
"Realigning Our Habitat"
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

SUNDAY, December 8

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Child Care
Senior Highs
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Child Care
10:50 Church School
11:45 Advent Luncheon
6:30 Senior Highs

MONDAY, December 9

7:00 Scouts
7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group

TUESDAY, December 10

12:00 Finance Committee
7:00 8th Grade Bells
7:30 Session
Stewardship
8:00 9th Grade Bells

WEDNESDAY, December 11

5:00 Joint Budget
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
New Member Commission

THURSDAY, December 12

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship
9:30 Downtowners
12:30 13th Circle/Gelser's

FRIDAY, December 13

SATURDAY, December 14

10:00 Dining Room Ministry
Junior Choir
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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

at THIRD

The Festival of the Nativity will take place on Sunday, December 22 at 5 pm. Come and enjoy the carols, choirs, pageant and candles.

*Child care will be available at the 8 pm service for infants through kindergarten, in Room 205.



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4:30 pm in the Sanctuary
Family Service
Special Children's Message
Carol Singing
8th Grade Bell Choir

8:00 pm in the Chapel*
Communion
Carol Singing
Candle Lighting

11:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Candlelight Service
Lessons and Carols
Music by the Chancel Choir and
9th Grade Bell Choir
Message by John Cairns

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

There are dozens of stories about the wide and crazy happenings that have occurred under the guise of church Christmas pageants. It seems that gathering several dozen children in one place at one time creates a setting where something funny is just about guaranteed to occur. And the fact that these small people are dressed as angels and shepherds as they do whatever they do, strikes us as doubly laughable. Do you suppose there is some purpose served by our having so much fun with things that are intended to be holy?

One of the absolute requirements of this season of the year is singing Christmas carols. They are piped at us in stores and on elevators, but that doesn't count. They have to be sung by a group of friends or family using vintage paperback song books to really be authentic. But are the mispronounced and misunderstood old English words also part of the tradition? Certainly you have come across Round John Virgin and Harold's Angels! Could it be that even we adults have no idea what words we are singing or what the texts actually mean? If so, why do we bother?

There is a clandestine nature to these middle weeks of December. You need to keep very careful track of what you have sent to whom, lest you inadvertently destroy the fabric of childhood belief. The more concrete information that gets into circulation, the more difficult our cover up. We have to be ever more inventive to preserve what is undoubtedly the most preposterous merchandize delivery scheme ever believed by millions of children. Are we really just deceptive people or are we going to all this trouble for some lofty purpose?

A central part of our Christian story is literally surrounded by traditions. There are dozens and dozens of patterns and practices without which Christmas wouldn't be Christmas for us. And yet many of these obligatory observances seem to have no connection at all to the story of the birth of the Christ Child. Have we undermined the holiday?

Hardly. In fact, we have honored it. By surrounding Christmas with traditions and layers of family practice we ensure its continuity and its strength. Our string of holiday routines—and particularly those which defy rational explanation to any outside our family—are often our most effective way to celebrate something that is beyond our understanding.

God has come to be with us. It's overwhelming! We don't know how to act or what to say. All we can come up with is to sing a carol or bake some cookies. Not bad.

Faithfully,



EDUCATION

ADVENT THROUGH DRAMA

Sunday, December 15

Johnston Hall

This Sunday Ellie White and Robb Adams will present "Naked Isn't the Last Straw," a short play by Ted Loder. It is a sensitive account of a dialogue between "Angel" and "Unborn" as "Unborn" wrestles with what it will mean to be born and live in the world. The short drama connects Jesus' birth and humanity with our own and raises significant questions about our own lives and how we view them. Ellie, Robb and Steve Ford will lead a discussion after the drama.

THIRD'S LIBRARY RESOURCES

THE THIRD CHURCH LIBRARY

Have you taken a look recently at the marvelous resources available for loan that are housed in the Library at the north end of the Parlor? You will find not only Bible study resources, titles on Theology—Christian and otherwise—, church history, devotions, literature, fiction & the arts, peacemaking, personal growth, but also recent purchases of current titles, and a collection of periodicals. Why not make a selection soon and plan some reading during the long wintertime ahead.

THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY & RESOURCE ROOM — NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN!

Room 201 in the Education Building houses an ever growing collection of literature and resources for children, those who work with children and those who love children's literature. Several hundred titles of fiction and non-fiction from preschool picture books through young adult literature are available. Topics include Bible stories, nature, biographies, human sexuality, death & dying, family lifestyles and more. Our new space offers comfortable seating for adults as well as a work table and chairs. All Third Church members are welcome to visit and borrow from our bright new space each Sunday, from 9:00 am until noon, or weekdays by appointment. We don't want to be a "best kept secret!" Come and visit!

*"...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks:
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore."
Isaiah 2:14*

As a peacemaking people we are called to do just those things: to make bicycles, not bombs; to fashion tools for creation, not for destruction; to embrace conflict resolution, not military might to settle our differences; to abandon armed struggle as a way of life.

Why now? Because weapons of mass destruction are now so powerful and so readily available that our life on this planet will not survive the next major conflict.

But, don't we still need to be able to defend ourselves, to protect our way of life? Very likely. However, we need to think of defense and protection in ways which have more of a chance of achieving our objectives as members of the 'global village;' we need to recast our thinking and our actions in ways which Christ tried to teach us—to share, to be concerned for our fellow humans, to seek for common ground, to forgive.

How do we make these transformations? Our society is structured to identify our enemies, to make preparations for armed conflict with them, to threaten them and, if necessary, to destroy them. We need to transform ourselves and our institutions to eliminate these patterns of thinking.

During three weeks in the new year (January 26, February 9 and February 16), Adult Education and the Action for Peace and Justice Committee will sponsor Adult Ed sessions on the subject of "Economic Conversion." Mark these dates now. The January 26th session will be addressed by Dr. Joel Yudken of Rutgers. Watch the MESSENGER for more information.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: A WONDERFUL WAY TO GET INVOLVED

"We all know the words of Jesus, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' This poignant advice really hits home during the Christmas season. But often the 'giving' becomes just another hassle, one of the many obligations of this busy season.

Last year, as a new member of Third Church, I wanted to help with the Christmas Basket Project, which provides a week's worth of food, including Christmas dinner, to 80 families who live on Rocheser's East Side. The instructions on how to get involved were specific and direct, so it was easy to join in.

The Christmas Basket Project is an opportunity for hands-on, roll-up-your-sleeves Yuletide sharing and caring. I discovered it was a wonderful way to get to know and work together with other members of Third during the all-church gathering to assemble the baskets.

Delivering our basket was a rewarding family experience. It is said that the best way to teach a child is through your own example. With my husband and three-year-old daughter, I walked up the sagging steps of a drab grey frame house and rang the bell. A heavy-set woman about my age opened the door to us and smiled. Behind her was a little girl, the same size as ours. A child with hopes and Christmas wishes, just like our little girl.

This year, when you join in and deliver a Christmas basket, I hope you, too, meet a reflection of yourself and your family. And if you open your heart, you may recognize the face of the Christ child smiling back at you."

Rebecca Schichler

CHRISTMAS BASKET NEEDS

There is an urgent need for frozen turkeys and canned hams for the Christmas baskets. Members of the congregation are asked to bring donations of food to help fill 80 baskets with a week's worth of groceries on **Sunday, December 15th**. Volunteers are also needed to help assemble the baskets on **Saturday, December 21** and to deliver them on **Sunday, December 22**. Please call the Church Office at 271-6513.

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T.G.I.F.*

"Here We Come a Carolling..."

Bring yourself, friends, and family and join us on **Friday, December 20** at 7:00 pm here at church. We'll head out to sing for some of our members in the church neighborhood.

After carolling, we'll return to church for hot cider and goodies. Please let us know by Wednesday, December 18th you'll join us—so we'll have the right quantity of "goodies."

*Thank Goodness It's Friday!

ATTENTION: PEG 1
(Perinton, Victor, Macedon)

You are invited
to our annual
Fun and Games Night
Saturday, January 4, 1992 at 7 pm
Carolyn Mosher's
34 Red Barn Circle, Pittsford

R.S.V.P. 248-8828

WANTED: KITCHEN CAST-OFFS!!

Baking pans, cookie sheets, sauce pans (all sizes), rolling pins, bread pans, mixing bowls, dish cloths, hand towels, dish towels, utensils... The Church School kitchen is in need of just about everything. Students from nursery school age through Senior High's have already been busy in the kitchen. Currently, adult leaders are carting in their own cookware for projects. What fun it would be to stock our new facilities with cookware for all of our groups. If you have any items you are no longer using—or should Santa be brining you something new—please consider donating your cast-offs to us. Call Hope Wegman (271-6513) if you think you may have something, or simply drop them off in the Church Office clearly marked "for Education Building."

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A son, **Cody Thomas**, born November 1, 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia, to Keith and Ann Hartney Matteson. Proud grandparents are David and Marian Hartney (PEG 34).

A daughter, **Lauren Stephanie**, born December 1, 1991, to Katherine and Stephen Karl (PEG 2). Great grandmother Maude Kalbfus (PEG 19) and grandparents Pat and Larry Howk (PEG 1) rejoice in her arrival.

MARRIED

Michael G. Merin and **Elizabeth R. Burchell** were married November 30, 1991 at Bryn Mawn Presbyterian Church with The Rev. Dr. Eugene Bay officiating. Michael is the son of Third Church members Robert and Barbara Merin now residing in Houston, Texas.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to

Bill Macomber and family on the death of his father, **William Macomber**, on November 26, 1991, in Marquette, Michigan; to **Gretchen, Eric and Heidi Wilson** (PEG 31) on the death of her husband and their father, **William A. Wilson**, on December 4, 1991. A memorial service for Mr. Wilson, a member of Third since 1978, was led by The Reverend John A. Cairns on Saturday, December 7th; to **Herbert Lauterbach** (PEG 8) on the December 5, 1991 death of his brother, **Harold R. Lauterbach**; and to **Alvin Luce** (PEG 24), on the December 5, 1991 death of his sister, **Eleanor L. Stratton**.

SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BENEFIT MUSIC

A special offering next Sunday will benefit the Sunday, December 15th Chancel Choir's presentation of Vivaldi's "Gloria," the Chamber Orchestra presentation of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 and will help build an endowment for future musical presentations.

HYMNAL DRIVE WELL UNDERWAY

Orders for 581 (of the 900 needed) have been received as of December 9, 1991. If you have not yet purchased hymnals (memorial, in honor or undesignated — and for personal use —), please submit your order as soon as possible to the Church Office. The price of each hymnal is \$15.

BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Copies of "A Year with the Bible" for 1992 are now available in the Church Office (\$50).

POTLUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY

The Gay/Lesbian Support Group will gather Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at 31 Culver Road for a Potluck Christmas Dinner/Party. Those attending are asked to bring a dish for 6 to pass.

SALE OF UNICEF CARDS WILL CONCLUDE DECEMBER 15th

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DECEMBER 15

Advent III

9:15 am Worship in the Chapel

John A. Cairns preaching

BUILDING DOWN

#3. "Instructions for Daughters and Sons"

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-9

10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

"Gloria" by Vivaldi

Chancel Choir

Soloists

Chamber Orchestra

Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 by J.S. Bach

SUNDAY, December 15

9:15 Worship in Chapel

Child Care

Senior Highs

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Child Care

10:50 Church School

11:45 Long Range Planning Committee

2:45 Nativity Rehearsal (no choirs)

6:30 Senior Highs

MONDAY, December 16

6:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Potluck

7:00 Scouts

7:30 Music Search

Nominating

TUESDAY, December 17

12:00 Mary Paris Strayer

7:00 8th Grade Bells

8:00 9th Grade Bells

WEDNESDAY, December 18

6:30 Calvin Guild

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 19

7:00 Breakfast Fellowship

9:30 Downtowners

FRIDAY, December 20

SATURDAY, December 21

10:00 Dining Room Ministry

Junior Choir

Glorious Things

12:45 Nativity Rehearsal

1:30-3:30 Junior Choir and Family Carolers

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The Christmas season provides the opportunity for friends to exchange greetings and messages with one another. Because of the size of our Third Church family, it is impossible for us to do that on an individual basis. So we take this opportunity to say "thank you" for your words and for your work and your witness during this past year.

As we look expectantly toward the celebration of God's coming to us in human form, we find great joy in the fact that this is "good news to all people." With you we celebrate Christ's coming and the whole human family for whom he came. May we all share the joy, the hope, the love, the justice and the peace Christ brings — in the holy season and throughout the year ahead.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I have an increased interest in the weather at this time of year. Partly that is because I have a sentimental longing for a "white Christmas—just like the ones I used to know." (Actually, I have never kept score; and could not even guess what percentage of my childhood Christmases were white.) Since I am not an avid skier or ice skater, my desire for a snowy holiday can only have its genesis in Christmas card art and Bing's singing! By way of contrast, this December finds our daughter Christy in Brazil as an exchange student. Thus, we are learning about Christmas in the tropics where the season is now summer and the forecast is hot and sunny. It doesn't take long to realize how we have been aculturated to believe that Christmas requires winter weather for proper celebration. I wonder what the temperature was that night in Bethlehem!

Another reason for my interest in the weather is the fact that many folks are traveling in these pre-Christmas days. Not only can the varieties of December weather create hazzards, they can also cause all kinds of delays. Anyone who does much flying can tell stories of the flight that couldn't take off although the weather was perfect—because somewhere along the route bad weather was waiting. For those of us with friends and family headed this way—and for those who are on their way to be with others—our common wish is for clear skies and dry roads all along the route.

And then the final reason for my interest in the weather is for the way it adds a note of reality to our Christmas celebration. It has often struck me that we are tempted to place the birth of Christ in an un-real world. Think with me for a moment. Were the angels and the shepherds out in the snow? Do you ever picture Jesus on a rainy day? It is possible there were times in his ministry when the heat was stifling or when the wind chilled him to the bone? By thinking about the weather we remind ourselves that the birth of Christ happened on a real day to real people.

So, as we make our way to Christmas, let's enjoy friends and family and even Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas," but let's remember that in Christ, God really came to us; that Christ is as real as the rain and as persistent as the sun. And in Christ, the love of God has been made real for each of us. That, my friends, is cause for celebration in any weather.

A Blessed Christmas,



EDUCATION

THE NATIVITY THROUGH ART

Sunday, December 22 - Johnston Hall

The Apostle Paul offers this prayer in Ephesians: "May God grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation for the knowledge of the Lord, illuminating the eyes of your hearts." (vs. 15) It is not strange that many of the great artists throughout history have found their inspiration in the themes and stories of the Bible. Steve Ford will present a slide show/discussion on some of the great artistic works that portray the birth of Christ.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

6th Graders take center stage (quite literally) this coming week when they perform their version of the Christmas story through puppets. This ambitious group has spent the fall quarter writing their own script, designing their own puppet theater and hand-crafting paper mache puppets—complete with hair and beards!—to re-tell the story to the entire Church School on December 22. The rest of the congregation will have an opportunity to meet these puppet people through a conversation with John Cairns when he interviews them during the Children's Message time.

5th Graders are designers of a 4' by 5' diorama of Bethlehem as Jesus knew it and an equally big cross-section of the birthplace of his birth. Using wood, clay, paint and other materials—in addition to maps and pictures—the history lesson being taught by these hands-on learners is sure to stay with them for many years to come.

4th Graders recently spent a Saturday morning bringing holiday cheer to our guests at the Dining Room Ministry. Students made and wrapped baked goods for guests to take with them, and sang carols for the guests while they ate. "Each one," says Peter, "as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God." No question, these 4th grade stewards gave 100% of themselves during a busy time of year, and the smiles of Dining Room guests made it a real learning experience for everyone.

Even 3- and 4-year olds begin learning what stewardship is all about. These youngest church stewards spent a lot of time and energy creating placemats for use in the Dining Room Ministry during the holidays. Nowhere has a table setting looked more personalized and cheery!

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ADULT EDUCATION IN THE NEW YEAR

Three unique educational tracks from which to choose will continue during the Winter quarter of Adult Education. Descriptions of the programs for the remainder of the quarter will be inserted in the January 7, 1992 MESSENGER. All programs begin at 9:15 am.

The Building Community for Action track, geared toward efforts to build a community at Third Church which is prepared to act more decisively and intentionally in order to make significant differences while addressing problems in the larger community, will continue a discussion of issues raised in the Human Sexuality Report to the General Assembly in June 1991.

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ACTION Human Sexuality

Sexuality of Older Adults - Part I

Sunday, January 5 - Johnston Hall

Dr. Roland Stevens and Roselle Fine, Psychiatric Social Worker, will discuss changes that occur in later adult years.

Sexuality of Older Adults - Part II

Sunday, January 12 - Johnston Hall

Dr. Roland Stevens and Mona Kolka, head of Social Work at Kirkhaven, will lead a discussion of sexual needs of older adults in institutions.

The Life in the Spirit track concentrates on providing opportunities for people to learn, explore and share experiences by which they can help one another celebrate that spark of the Divine that rests within us.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Worship and Celebration

Sunday, January 5 - Parlor

This Sunday will be a time to quietly share with others in celebrating our sense of our spirituality and God's love for us. The time will be prepared by Ann McMican, Jack Mould, and Christopher.

Sunday, January 12 - Parlor

Spirit of Children

The Gospels tell us the importance of becoming as little children, if we are to enter the Kingdom. Let's think about this a bit, and open up to the spirituality and faith that children show us.

The Biblical Studies track's Sunday morning class in January is entitled "Old Testament Wisdom Revisited." Wisdom will be defined for us and then illustrated by specific examples in a four-part mini-course as we analyze together specific passages taken from the first book of Kings, Job, Ecclesiastes and Proverbs. These selected excerpts, available in Jesus' time for him, too, to contemplate, can lead us to wonder if, in fact, he did.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Sunday, January 5 - Celebration Center

Wisdom: Defining the Word - We see the word defined in the classical story of Solomon's judgment in the case of the two mothers' claim to the surviving baby. Read I Kings 3:5-28; 4:29-34.

Sunday, January 12 - Celebration Center

Job Meets His Maker - In his "Hymn to Wisdom" Job discovers where it can be found and in his discourse with Yehweh learns in whose world he really lives. Read Job Chapter 28.

YOUTH NEWS

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Junior Highs will have their annual Christmas party at the home of Brad & Kyle Kruchten (64 Heather Ridge, 13626-227-5843). Join us for pizza, games and a gift exchange this **Friday, December 20th**, at 6:30 pm.

The Senior Highs will be at the home of Beth, Steve and Katie Ford-165 Rugby Avenue (14619, 436-6082), this **Sunday, December 22nd** at 6:30 pm. Join us for a potluck dinner, singing and a gift exchange.

BAKE SALE

This **Sunday, December 22nd**, the Youth will hold their annual **Christmas Bake Sale**. Proceeds will help support youth mission work. Youth should bring their breads, pies and cookies to the new Youth Lounge on Sunday morning.

WINTER RETREATS

Call the Church (271-6513) to reserve your place for the upcoming winter retreats:
Commissioning Class - Thornfield Conference Center (January 10-12)

Senior Highs - Silver Bay on Lake George (January 18-20)

Junior Highs - Lock-in at Church (January 24-25)

Ski Trip to Swain - Saturday, February 1st

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CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Thank you to all who have agreed to help with Christmas Baskets! Here are some more instructions:

1. Anyone wanting to help with packing the boxes, please come to Johnston Hall at 9 am on **Saturday, December 21**. We'll sort the food and get the baskets ready for Sunday delivery. Last year we were through well before noon and had fun in the process. All ages welcome!
2. Those of you who have agreed to bring a turkey or ham, please remember that our families range in size from 1 person to 7 people. Various sized meats are needed, especially turkeys in the 11-16 lb. category and hams 4# and under. Please get these to Johnston Hall **BEFORE THE 10:30 SERVICE** so that we can have them ready for delivery.
3. Delivery people will receive a letter explaining the Sunday morning process. There will be people roadside to help get your basket to your car after the 10:30 service. Enjoy!

PLAN ON COMING TO THE "HYMNAL CRACKING PARTY"

Here's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! At the "Hymnal Cracking Party" to be held soon, we will be taught the proper opening of a new book which will extend its life and we will insert the memorial/honor plaques. Watch for the exact date to be announced soon in the MESSENGER and plan to be a part of this event! If you have not yet placed an order for hymnals, there is still time to do so; you may either stop in the Office and fill out a form, or simply give a call.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

The Action for Peace and Justice Committee reminds you of the availability of a scholarship for college students and other interested persons to be used in the pursuit of peace studies, to attend conferences, or to attend special meetings with a peace emphasis. The members of the Committee encourage you to investigate what your college or university offers in the field of conflict resolution and other aspects of peacemaking. The award is made annually to a Presbyterian in the Genesee Valley Presbytery and the deadline for applications is **January 1**. Call Laura Collins (271-6557) for more information.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY: "LIFE" CELEBRATION

The Greater Rochester Association of Evangelicals and Crisis Pregnancy Centers cordially invite you and your teenagers to attend a breakfast banquet on **Saturday, January 11, 1992** at 9:00 am at the Mapledale Party House. Nationally known Carol Everett is the speaker. Tickets are \$6.95 (adult) and \$5.00 (teens/college students). Checks should be made payable to the Crisis Pregnancy Center, c/o Mrs. Terry Crawford, 50 Electric Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613.

CHURCH FAMILY

BORN

A son, **Miles Jenkins**, born Thanksgiving morning, November 28, 1991, to Martin and Susan Jenkins Lawson. Proud grandparents are Jean and Max Jenkins (PEG 9).

A daughter, **Meghan Louise**, born December 6, 1991, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Michael and Cynthia Coons Donohoe. Grandparents Bill and Carol Coons rejoice in her arrival.

A daughter, **Courtney Patricia**, to Howard and Laurie Howk Long (PEG 8). Beaming grandparents are Pat and Larry Howk (PEG 1).

THANKS ARE IN ORDER!

The **Advent Luncheon** was a tremendous success and thanks are due to all who participated in its planning and execution, especially:

Jean & Harry Hart	Chairs
Trudy & Al Durand	Co-Chairs
Emily & Herb Gazley	Tickets
Mildred Raum	Cookie Chair
Dolly Huizenga	Decorations
Joyce Perry	Congregational Life

We at Third enjoy a tradition in fine music and the December 15th presentation of Vivaldi's "Gloria" by **The Chancel Choir**, soloists **Jolie Harrington, Riki Connaughton, Betsy Marvin** and the **Chamber Orchestra**, led by Music Director **Peter DuBois** and Assistant Organist **Peter Lewis** was no exception! Our grateful thanks to all of the participants for this musical contribution to the Advent season!

Christmas Joy Offering

The **Christmas Joy Offering**, which helps to support retired Church workers and education for minorities, will be received on **December 22nd and 24th**. If you will not be attending worship on either of those dates, you may mail your contribution to the Church. Join with other members of the denomination in "Bringing Joy to the Circle of God's Family."

MEMBER OF CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED

A member of the Third Church family is in need of a single bed, crib, dinette set and dressers. If you might have any of these items, please call the Church Office (271-6513) to leave your name and number. Arrangements can then be made to have the items moved.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The next **Grief and Loss Support Group** meeting will be **Thursday, January 9** at 7:30 pm. We will discuss how the holidays were for us.

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DECEMBER 22

Advent IV

9:15 am Worship in the Chapel
10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
John A. Cairns preaching
BUILDING DOWN
#4. "Small Beginnings"
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:39-55

5:00 pm in the Sanctuary:
Festival of the Nativity
Carols, Choirs, Pageant, Candles.

SUNDAY, December 22 - Christmas Joy Offering

9:15 Worship in Chapel
Child Care
Senior Highs
10:00 Bake Sale
10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Child Care
10:50 Church School
11:30 Bake Sale
Christmas Basket Delivery
5:00 Festival of the Nativity

MONDAY, December 23

7:30 Personnel

TUESDAY, December 24

4:30 Family Service in Sanctuary
8:00 Communion Service in Chapel
11:00 Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, December 25 - Christmas

Office Closed

THURSDAY, December 26

FRIDAY, December 27

SATURDAY, December 28

10:00 Dining Room Ministry
No Children's Choirs

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