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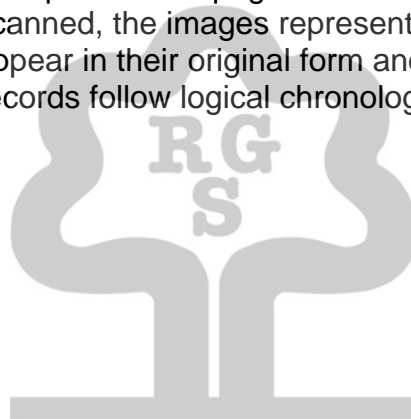
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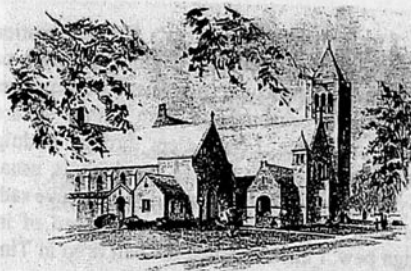
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Interfaith Dialogue scheduled for January 26 & 28

As part of the celebration of our diversity and commonality, Third Churchers are again invited to join members of Temple B'rith Kodesh for their Sabbath service on Friday, January 26th at 8:00 p.m. Temple B'rith Kodesh is located at 2131 Elmwood Avenue.

Rabbi Laurance Kotok and Dr. Joseph Shook will dialogue at Temple on Friday, at Third on Sunday

It will be a pleasure to once again welcome Rabbi Kotok to Third Church on Sunday, January 28th. He will lead an Adult Education event at the 9:15 a.m. hour. This year's dialogue will center on how interpersonal relationships are often based on historical perceptions.

You are invited to be present for both parts of this ongoing dialogue, and to invite Jewish friends to join you in worship on Sunday.

In accordance with the Book of Order (G14.0502), Session has issued a call for the congregation to meet on Sunday, January 14, 2001, following one service of worship at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of acting on the recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call the Reverend John Wilkinson as Pastor of Third Presbyterian Church.

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A Resolution for the New Year

I truly dislike New Year's Eve celebrations. Maybe I dislike it because I am dull. My past celebrations to welcome the New Year have been as exciting as brushing my teeth with a different kind of toothpaste. I have slept through midnight hour. I have been to church – which is usually enjoyable, but on that occasion I would have rather have been asleep in my own bed instead of in a foreign pew. I have watched the ball drop in Times Square from the comfort of my living room, and frankly I find trying a new brand of toothpaste more exciting. Last year I stayed up with three bottles of spring water and new flash light batteries to see if the mountains would fall into the heart of the sea. Even the apocalypse was a dud.

Although I have had disappointing celebrations, resolutions are what I dislike the most about the New Year. Many people will have grand aspirations for the year 2001, but few people will attain what they aspire for. Just visit the health center the first week of January and you will see many aspiring to lose weight. Then come back in March. Ask your pharmacist how many help-me-stop-smoking patches and gums she will sell in January. Then ask how many she sold in June. How many people will start to read the whole Bible in a year, and get bogged down in somewhere in Chronicles? Many aspire, few attain.

I guess my understanding of human nature does not hold much optimism for the instantaneous decision to make a change. I think, in part, my understanding is informed by how God works in the lives of people. I don't believe conversion experiences are instantaneous. Some will disagree and say that Paul himself had a dramatic and quick conversion. Bright lights. The voice of Jesus. Blindness. These were certainly powerful and dramatic elements in his conversion to the Christian faith, but these events were not isolated from his past or from his future. As a Jew, his faith prepared him to be attentive to God's leading. As a

Christian, he continued to grow, develop and change in his understanding of faith.

I believe in continuous conversion. Each holds with it the promise of God's grace and mercy for every person – Christian or not. Each day when God works on the hearts and minds of people – Christian or not. Although I can point to a particular day when I recognized for the first time my need for a Savior, I have had many conversion experiences since then. What I have learned from these events is that God is working and shaping me into the image of Christ. I've also learned that I am hardheaded and belligerent at times when God is working.

Maybe that is why I hate resolutions. Because I know my own struggles with meaningful change in my life, I also know that my aspirations for the New Year will not be as easy to attain. I want to zap me and instantly make me the person I intended to be. However, God is more methodical and patient than I am.

This year I resolve to look for the continuing conversion that God is working in my life.

*Aaron
Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture*

England Trip Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for all persons registered for the choir's Summer 2001 trip to England (28-August 20) AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS will be held on Wednesday, January 31st from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Johnston Hall. A supper will be served - \$6 per person, reservation requested by Monday, January 29th. Ron Goldstein, our representative from ACFEA consultants will be on hand to go over the itinerary for the trip, and answer questions. There are still several spaces available on the trip. Interested persons are welcome to attend the informational gathering. Call the church office for your reservation for the meeting by Monday, January 29th!

For more information, contact Peter DuBois at 271-6513 or pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Sunday, January 14th

9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 17th

5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir

5:30 pm Qabats, Junior Choir and

Glorious Things

Marin Luther King, Jr. Night: "I Have a Dream"

Friday, January 19th

7:00 pm - Church School Movie Night

Sunday, January 21st

9:15 am - Junior Choir Rehearsal

Dear Friends,

Four plus years ago I entered into the life of Third Church and now as I prepare to leave I can't believe how quickly those years flew by. There have been many changes and some times of frustration, but I leave with a heart full of love for those families and children who have become a part of my life. Memories of exuberant children singing Christmas carols in the chapel, meals shared at Qabats, times shared in church school, sitting with children on the steps of the chancel as we share moments together in worship will always be with me. I particularly cherish the men and women I have come to know as they gave of themselves each Sunday teaching our children. It is those moments of sharing, caring and giving that will sustain me forever. Those relationships have shown me what it truly means to be in Christian community with one another. Children have so much to teach us about the kingdom of heaven!

I leave for a call that has been with me for a very long time and I am excited about answering that call and becoming a pastor. However, the lessons that I have learned at Third Church have been invaluable signposts for this faith journey that I follow. I give thanks for the adults that have been caring nurturers of my children. In the words of the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again, loving counsels guide, uphold you, With a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again." We will meet again.

-Deb Shuey

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Sunday, January 14th

Acolytes: Bryan Wegman, Kara Kruchten

5:00 pm Godspell Principals

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Wednesday, January 17th

6:00 pm Commissioning Class

Church Buddies

7:30 pm Godspell Principals

Sunday, January 21st

Acolytes: Peter Gray, Elizabeth Shuey

4:00 pm Godspell Principals

5:00 pm Godspell Rehearsal

6:15 pm Youth Supper

6:45 - 8:15 pm - Godspell Rehearsal

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Montreat Participants:

A \$100 deposit to reserve your place is due in the Church Office by **Sunday, February 11th**. The balance (estimated to be about \$200) will be due March 11th. A letter will be forthcoming to all the youth!

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NEW HORIZONS in CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sunday Morning Adult Education Offerings

January 14th & 21st at 9:15 am

Evangelism (Johnston Hall)

This is the second of a two-week series to come and share your ideas with members of the Evangelism Committee about programs, events and activities that might be used to draw people to Third Church. We will have the privilege of hearing from Reverend Dr. Charles Stratton and his wife, Jean Stratton, on their eight years of living in Iran during the 1950's and 1960's as missionaries. Come hear from two life-long Presbyterians who took themselves and two infants across the ocean and desert to a very unfamiliar land. We will hear about their physical and spiritual journey, what drew them to the Middle East, and how they now view their work forty years later. Jean and Charles are the parents of our very own member of Third Presbyterian Church, Amy Stratton-Smith

An Invitation to Sabbath: Rediscovering a Gift

(Children's Library)

"Days pass and years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles," go the words of a Jewish prayer used on the eve of beginning Sabbath. "Sabbath is a gift, but we are so reluctant to accept it, that God had to make it a command," writes contemporary religious leader Barbara Brown Taylor. There is a deep need today to rediscover the gift of Sabbath. The need declares itself in the most intimate places of the human heart and in the broadest spheres of social and economic interchange. It asserts itself even where Sabbath is only a distant memory, even where the word "Sabbath" is not known at all. Across barriers of age and culture, the need speaks, presses, makes itself known. Rediscover the gift of Sabbath with Reverend Aaron Doll.

Please note: Adult Education offerings for Sunday, February 4th will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be only one service of worship that day because of the Annual Meeting.

News from the Christian Education Task Force...

We are confident disciples of The Word. Have you seen this statement yet? It is the last line of the proposed Vision statement for Christian Education at 3rd Presbyterian penned by your Christian Education Task Force.

Have you picked up a copy of the 90% Complete Proposal, reviewed it, and commented? Copies are available on the kiosk outside of Johnston Hall. Thank you to those folks who have provided us with feedback; a diversity of opinions will make for a stronger proposal. We all should be EXCITED about the OPPORTUNITY that we have to strengthen our CE programs!!

The CETF will be discussing the final proposal at the Church Officer retreat in mid-January; currently the proposal includes changes stretching over a 3-year period. There is much discussion and brainstorming ahead, prior to implementation. Please contact a CETF member with your feedback on our work so far; it is never too late for input. Copies of the final proposal will be available from the church office toward the end of January.

Save the Date!

Hot Buttons II

Saturday, March 31, 2001
(9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Hot Buttons II is Third Church's second annual conference on violence prevention for the Rochester community and surrounding areas, sponsored in part by our Action for Peace and Justice Committee. This year's conference is entitled "Hot Buttons: Family and Personal Empowerment Against Violence," featuring a morning keynote speaker and a selection of afternoon workshops.

Stay tuned for further details!

CHURCH FAMILY

son, **Duncan Riley Taber**, born October 5, 2000, to Gregg and Cindy Taber. Grandparents Mary Kay and Bill Taber (NCN/D⁺) rejoice in his arrival!

Empathy

express sympathy to Jean Louthier (NCN/E) on the death of her husband, **Paul C. Louthier**, on December 25, 2000. A memorial service for Mr. Louthier, a member of Third Church for over 40 years, was held December 28, 2000.

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Meigs Street Ramblers

The Meigs Street Ramblers will again provide background music for the Mardi Gras pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 27th. The band is looking for **drummers, trombones, tenor sax, clarinet, drums, tuba, banjo, and piano**. Players of high school age and older are welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays at 12 noon, beginning January 14th in the Foot Arts Room. The group is always looking for new members. Contact Chris Lenti if you are interested and for further information. Church office, 271-6513 or email: meigs@thirdpresbyterian.org

Calvin Guild

Wednesday, January 17th

6 pm for refreshments in Johnston Hall
Mr. Seymour Schwartz will speak on memorable early American maps. If you bring a dish to pass, there is a \$2 charge per person. If you do not bring dish to pass, the cost is \$4.50 per person.



The Church Mouse Reports that the "Over-the-Hill" group contributed over 100 hours of volunteer time recently. This translates into savings of over \$1600! You would like to join this energetic group on Tuesday mornings at the Church, contact Jim Goldsmith at 271-6513.

T³ (Twenties and Thirties at Third) Bible Study Group

The first meeting of 2001 will be on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:15 pm. at Alison and Andrew Elder's. This meeting will introduce a "Theology and Film" series to be led by Rev. Aaron Doll. New members or regulars, call 224-8541 for information and directions.

Auction Action

Save the date!! April 1, following 10:30 worship, the Chancel Choir will hold a spectacular AUCTION to raise funds for its trip to Great Britain this Summer. Carol Ritter of the Democrat & Chronicle will be our celebrity auctioneer, and we will have a wealth of high-quality items up for bid -- including a pair of prime tickets to the Luciano Pavarotti concert that very evening! More details will be forthcoming, but for now, make April 1 on your calendar. And, if you are a business person, and are interested in donating any goods or services to be auctioned, please contact Peter DuBois (271-6513) or Helen Tiss (342-9622).

Chancel Choir Fund-Raiser Send a Singing Valentine in February!

Ever wanted to send a Singing Valentine to a sweetheart or loved one? Well, here's your chance to do that -- AND help support the Chancel Choir trip to England!

A quartet of Chancel Choir members -- and eager Cupids! -- are offering to travel to people's homes, places of business, restaurants, etc. to surprise that special Valentine with a musical greeting!

These may be scheduled on Saturday, February 10 between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 11 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.; or on Valentine's Day itself between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Cost is \$30 on Saturday and Sunday, and \$50 on Valentine's Day. To schedule a Singing Valentine, or for more information, contact Beth Alletto at 255-2150 or 461-1036; or by e-mail at bethalletto@peoplepc.com or Elizabeth A. Alletto@fleet.com. Tell her for where, when and for whom you'd like the greeting, and she'll take care of the rest!

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January 14, 2001
One Service of Worship Today:
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 K. John Wilkinson preaching
"Rare Beasts and Unique Adventures"
 Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Luke 5:1-11
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

January 21, 2001
9:00 a.m. in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 Joseph W. Shook preaching

Sunday, January 14
 10:30 am Workshop in Sanctuary
 10:45 am Church School
 11:30 am Congregational Meeting
 Reception for John Wilkinson/Family
 12:00 n Meigs Street Ramblers
 5:00 pm Gospel Principals
Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King Day
 Office Closed
Tuesday, January 16
 6:30 pm Finance Committee
 7:00 pm Session/Trustees
Wednesday, January 17
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir
 5:30 pm Gals
 6:00 pm Commissioning Class
 Church Buddies
 Calvin Guild
 Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Gospel Principals
Thursday, January 18
 9:30 am Food Cupboard
 5:30 pm Head Start Policy Committee
 Third Church Ringers
 Hot Buttons II
Friday, January 19
 9:45 am Sisters in Spirit
 Church Officer Retreat
 6:00 pm Sunday School Movie Night
Saturday, January 20
 8:30 am Church Officer Retreat
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Muller-Girard Team)
Sunday, January 21
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel
 New Member Breakfast
 9:15 am Adult Education/Bible Study
 10:30 am Workshop in Sanctuary
 10:45 am Church School
 11:30 am Coffee Hour
 Amnesty Letter Writing
 12:00 n Meigs Street Ramblers
 4:00 pm Gospel Principals
 5:00 pm Gospel Refersal (ending at 8:15 pm)
 6:15 pm Youth Supper
Monday, January 22
 9:30 am Food Cupboard
 10:00 am Chapel Bells
 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Tuesday, January 23
 9:00 am Stuffers & Staples
Wednesday, January 24
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir
 5:30 pm Gals
 6:00 pm Commissioning Class
 Church Buddies
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 25
 9:30 am Food Cupboard
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers
Friday, January 26
 6:00 pm Brian Kodesh Exchange
Saturday, January 27
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Theater Team)
 1:30 pm Junior Choir Recording Session

Joseph W. Shook, Interim Head of Staff
 Virginia M. Brown, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care
 Aaron R. Dool, Associate Pastor-Theology/Christian Nurture
 Peter A. Duggan, Director of Religious Education in Society
 Christina A. Lenti, Associate Director of Music
 David P. Slaney, Associate Director of Christian Education
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THIRD CHURCH YOUTH PRESENT

GODSPELL

Cast of 50 youth perform Sunday, February 11 at 10:30am & 7:30pm



Sunday, February 11th

**10:30am
 7:30pm**

**Third Church
 Sanctuary**

A fast-paced show involving clowning, pantomime, charades and vaudeville, *Godspell* at Third Presbyterian Church includes 50 youth of our church who also represent more than 10 area school districts. Conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, the youth of Third Church under the leadership of Director of Music/Organist Peter DuBois will present *Godspell* on Sunday, February 11 during worship at 10:30am and again at 7:30pm. (Morning worship that day will be slightly longer than usual - approximately 90 minutes.) Staging for our production is being directed by Pam Apt and Mary DuBois.

The show tells the story of Christ based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. A unique blend of "the good news" of Jesus Christ and 20th century music and culture, the show does not follow a traditional plot. The title itself, "Godspell," comes from the Old English word for "gospel," meaning "good news."

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of *Godspell*, and coincidentally also marks the 30th anniversary of biennial youth musical productions at Third Church! This anniversary performance brings together youth in grades 7-12 from our church the following school districts: West Irondequoit; Rochester City Schools, School of the Arts; Greece; Penfield; Brighton; Pittsford; West Bloomfield; East Rochester; Fairport; Gates-Chili; Rush-Henrietta. McQuaid, Allendale-Columbia School, and the Harley School are also represented in the cast of this production. 10 leading characters head the cast of an additional 40 ensemble members. Leading roles are played by Jonathan Shuey (Jesus), Stuart Frame (John the Baptist/Judas), Amanda Gianniny, Adam Kruchten, Kara Kruchten, Cynde LaForte, Lauren McArthur, Sarah Norton, Jamie Sykes and Bryan Wegman.

Godspell is free and open to the public though an offering will be received to defray costs. Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join you for one or both of these exciting performances!

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From Your Interim Pastor

Every year your Session holds a retreat to discuss issues, concerns, or plans that are important to the life of the congregation. The Deacons and Trustees were invited to attend this year's retreat. I feel very strongly that, while the three boards have specific responsibilities, they are partners in ministry, and issues that affect one board may affect the other boards as well.

I want to share some information about the Church Officers Retreat that was held beginning with dinner on Friday, January 19, lasting through Saturday afternoon. Friday evening we heard a report of the work of the Session's More Light Committee, Carol Malach, chairperson. On Saturday morning, the Christian Education Task Force, appointed by Session last winter, presented its final report. The Task Force has been gathering data about Christian Education programs in other churches, reviewing our C.E. ministry, and surveying Third Church members about their ideas about Christian Education. The Task Force's report is now available for you to pick up and study. Saturday afternoon, the officers discussed the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America that discriminates against gay scouts and leaders.

I wanted all of the officers of the church to be aware of the complexity of these two issues that have been part of the Session's concern. It is important for me to say, and for you to hear, that no recommendations and thus no decisions about these two issues were made at the retreat.

So what happens next? The proposals laid out by the Christian Education Task Force in its report will be reviewed by Session and then forwarded to the standing committees of Session that are impacted by the proposals. The committees will study the proposals, perhaps modify them, and report their recommendations back to Session for implementation. That process may include open forums and other ways for the congregation to comment about the proposals.

The Boy Scout issue is sensitive and requires a lot of thought. Last Fall, I asked Carol Malach, Chair of the More Light Committee, Chris Bensch, Clerk of Session, and Rev. Frohman, the staff resource for the Outreach Committee, which oversees the Boy Scouts at Third Church, to meet with me and other representatives of the Boy Scout Council to discuss how we can resolve this problem. The major concern centered on the fact that Third Church, a More Light congregation, is chartering an organization that discriminates against gay children. Several meetings have taken place and another one is scheduled for next week. I want to emphasize that no decision or recommendations have been made concerning the Boy Scouts at Third Church. We are in a continuing dialogue and hope that we can come to a conclusion.

Our Church Officers Retreat brought together the people that you have elected to lead this congregation. I ask that you continue to hold them in your prayers as they seek God's will and guidance for their work.

As always, I invite you to contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

Faithfully,
Joseph W. Shook, Interim Pastor

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Junior Choir
Saturday, January 27th
Recording Session in the Chapel
1:30-3:30 PM

Our first event of the year will be this recording session. We will begin making our CD of favorite hymns and anthems. The goal for the session is to record six hymns and one anthem. Also, the children's bell choir will record "Jesus Loves Me."

Sunday, January 28th

9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal
Anthem: *Keep Me, O Lord*

Wednesday, January 31st

5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir
5:30 pm Qabats, Junior Choir and
Glorious Things
Sermon on the Mount Night/Beatitudes
(Session Visit)

Sunday, February 4th

9:00 am - Junior Choir Rehearsal
We will begin rehearsal at 9:00 AM because
Worship will be at 10:00 AM to accommodate
the 11 AM Annual Meeting.

Wednesday, February 7th

5:30 pm Qabats
"Jesus and the Children" Night
Kindergartners will be invited to experience
Qabats today!

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Sunday, January 28th

11:45 am Lunch
12:15 - 3:00 pm - Godspell Rehearsal

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Wednesday, January 31st

6:00 pm Commissioning Class
Church Buddies
7:30 pm Godspell Principals

Sunday, February 4th

4:00 pm Godspell Principals
5:00 pm Godspell Rehearsal
6:00 pm Youth Supper
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Godspell Rehearsal

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Production Week is February 4 - 10

There will be rehearsals as follows:

Sunday - 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Monday - 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday - 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday - No Rehearsal

Thursday - 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Friday - 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am - 1 pm -

Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, February 11th

Arrive at 8:30 am

10:30 am - 1st show!

Arrive at 5:30 pm

7:30 pm - 2nd show!

Cast Party after the show!

Montreat Reminder:

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Members in Mission - Kristin Romell

As I left my interview with Kristin Romell, Director of the Third Church Early Childhood Programs (TCECP), an image popped into my mind of two slim tree trunks slowly growing together to form a single, stronger tree that could reach out sheltering branches wider and wider. Over the last six years this image could describe how the relationship between Third and the TCECP program has grown -- tighter and tighter, together until you can't see where the program ends and the church begins.

TCECP is not just a pre-school for lower-income kids, and Kristin Romell is not just a daycare provider. Third's early childhood program receives funding from Head Start and New York's Universal Pre-Kindergarten and daycare. TCECP is a comprehensive family support program offering medical support, referrals, literacy programs, and programs in parenting skills all designed to make families stronger and more successful. Kristin is a warm, enthusiastic manager of everything from teacher training, grant writing to hug giving.

Third's Head Start program begins this year on a full five-day schedule. Originally the education program was designed in collaboration with the U of R and Kodak to focus on a curriculum based on science. This has been a successful "experiment" that has been copied at other programs regionally.

Kristin has been at TCHS for five years, after eleven years spent at the YMCA. She is dedicated to working in the child care field in a mission-oriented way. She says she had liked the idea of working for a church and is always searching for ways to make stronger church connections. She works closely with Rod Frohman, and Tracy Walker from the Outreach committee to make sure that decisions for Head Start benefit the church and the other way around. "Third has made a huge commitment to this program -- this is no small investment of time from all the committees" she said. That commitment means that 47 kids can get the early childhood development they'll need to succeed when they get to Kindergarten.

There are so many ways Third Church members can, and do, support TCHS. Christmas baskets to the Head Start families is just one of many ways. And Kristin encourages volunteers, "Come share a talent in the classroom -- reading, crafts, join us on a field trip, or come for a swim with us at the Y." "We'd love to have them come" said Kristin, with a warm smile and a hug to the little girl sitting on her hip.

-Martha Bui

Head Start at Third Goes Full-Day, Full - Year!

The Head Start preschool program at Third Church is expanding it's services to low-income children and families. As of January 3, 2001, the Head Start program operates from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, with classes scheduled all year long, including school vacation weeks and the summer months. In addition, we are open until 5:30 PM for extended daycare.

This latest expansion is a result of efforts to multiply the proven benefits of preschool education in getting children ready for school success by increasing the hours of program, and also to provide services to help families who are working or attending school full-time.

In addition to the Head Start program, Third Church Early Childhood Programs also offers Universal Pre-Kindergarten and extended day care for those enrolled in the Head Start and UPK programs. In all, the program serves 47 three and four year olds from low-income families in Southeast Rochester through a comprehensive preschool program that focuses on a hands-on science curriculum and strong family involvement through family literacy programs and volunteer opportunities.




Support from Third for this program has been great with donations for Food Baskets at Christmas, the mitten tree, and involvement of time and effort from the Outreach, Personnel, and Property Committees.

Any church members who would like more information on the programs or who is looking for a volunteer opportunity, should contact the Director, Kristin Romell at 244-0640.

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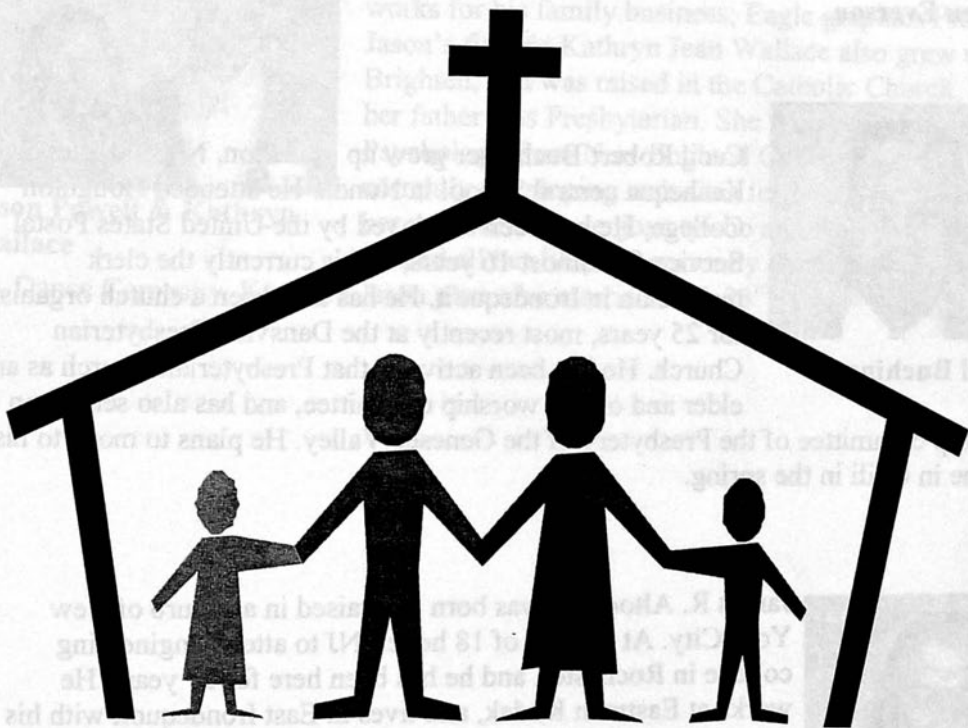
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 8:00 Adult Education 8:00 Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:00 Worship and Annual Meeting 12:00 Annual Luncheon 12:00 Mega Street Ramblers 6:00 Gospel Rehearsal	9:30 Food Cupboard 10:00 Chapel Bells 6:30 Gospel Rehearsal 7:00 Personnel Committee 7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group	9:00 Stuffers and Staples 6:30 Gospel Rehearsal 7:00 Congregational Fellowship	9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting 5:00 Children's Bell Choir 5:30 Obedts 6:00 Commissioning Class 6:00 Church Bibles 7:00 Deacons 7:15 Chancel Choir	9:30 Food Cupboard 5:30 Third Church Ringers 5:30 Head Start Family Literacy 6:30 Gospel Rehearsal	8:00 Endowment Enhancement Task Force 9:45 Sisters in Spirit	9:00 Coptic Church 10:00 Dining Room Ministry- Coons Team
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☺ = The symbol for "if needed, child care will be provided. Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance

Third Presbyterian Church Welcomes its New Members!

January 21, 2001



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Ann Sievers

Anne Gregory Sievers grew up in Southwest Ohio. She lived in Colorado for many years, and moved to Rochester in September. She has an administrative position with Home Properties. Anne has a 20-year-old son.



Karen Everson

Karen Latham Everson is a transplanted Texan, who has been in Rochester since July 1999. She works as an archivist and historian in the motion picture department of the George Eastman House. She is a member of the Dining Room Ministry here at Third.



Cecil Buchinger

Cecil Robert Buchinger grew up in Dalton, NY and attended Keshequa central School in Nunda. He attended Houghton College. He has been employed by the United States Postal Service for almost 16 years, and is currently the clerk technician in Irondequoit. He has also been a church organist for 25 years, most recently at the Dansville Presbyterian Church. He has been active in that Presbyterian Church as an elder and on the worship committee, and has also served on

the worship committee of the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley. He plans to move to his new home in Chili in the spring.



James Altoonian

James R. Altoonian was born and raised in a suburb of New York City. At the age of 18 he left NJ to attend engineering college in Rochester, and he has been here for 27 years. He works at Eastman Kodak, and lives in East Irondequoit with his wife Ann, and 2 birds.



Tanya Bartz

Tanya M. Bartz comes to Third from the First Presbyterian Church in Batavia NY. She grew up in Elba, NY, and attended college at SUNY Oswego. She currently resides in Rochester, and works for Jay Advertising. She recently became engaged to Robert Augello.

Jason Wesley Powell grew up in Brighton, and attended school in Colorado and New Hampshire. He was an Americorps Volunteer and worked for the Lake Tahoe Conservancy as a member of project Regreen. He then finished school, and now works for his family business; Eagle graphics Printing.



Jason Powell & Kathryn Wallace

Jason's fiancée Kathryn Jean Wallace also grew up in Brighton, and was raised in the Catholic Church, though her father was Presbyterian. She received a BA in Psychology from New England College in 1998. She is currently developing web sites for Home Properties. In her spare time she enjoys tyi-bo and Aerobics. She has danced all her life, and currently dances at the Park Ave. Dance Company. Kate and Jason plan to be married June 23rd.

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Steve Van Arsdale

Stephen Royle Van Arsdale received his BA at Eisenhower College in 1981, and his JD from the Duke University School of Law in 1984. He is the Assistant Counsel for Wegmans Food Markets, and the Board President of Wegman's Federal Credit Union. Steve's hobbies and interests include golf, fishing, travel, and reading history. Steve and his wife Claire, a member of Third, were married November 11, 2000 in the Chapel.

Julie Converse Rapp was raised in the Buffalo area, and attended Lancaster High School.



**Julie & Brian Rapp
Maxwell & Griffin**

She received a BA in English from Canisius College, and a Masters in Library Science from the University of Buffalo. She has worked at the Crestwood Children's Center, and after the children, Maxwell (7) and Griffin (4) were born, part time at the Penfield Library, doing Story Hours and reference work. She enjoys reading, antiquing, and their Weimaraner puppy, Sunshine. Brian was raised in Rochester, and was an active member of the Laurelton Presbyterian Church's youth group. He attended McQuaid Jesuit High School, where he was on the Cross-country swimming, and track teams. He received his BA in English and Communication at Canisius College. He is currently Director of Interactive Communications at Idea Connections. The Rapps reside in Irondequoit.



**David Tennant & Kathy
Eldredge**

Kathy Lee Eldredge was born and raised in Pittsford, and her husband, David Henry Tennant was born and raised outside New York City. They met in college, and lived in New York for 2 years. Then they moved to Los Angeles for 10 years where they attended law school, and then worked; David as a Federal Prosecutor, and Kathy in Appellate practice. David is now in private practice. He is active in "Lawyers for learning", Pro Bono Work/Volunteer Legal Services, and chairs a Bar association Committee that serves victims and families of air and other mass disasters. He coaches in the Brighton Soccer League and recently joined the Mature Gentlemen's Soccer League, and survived! Kathy has worked sporadically, and is now a full time mother and is busier than when she was a lawyer. They have 2 children; William (9), and Alexandra (6).



Phillip Shippers

Phillip J. Shippers grew up in N. Chili, and has been a member of Ogden Presbyterian Church since his youth. He is employed by Agrilink Foods (formerly Curtice Burns) in the area of Organizational Development. He is completing a business/marketing degree in the evenings at St. John Fisher College. Phil's interests include cooking, catering, entertaining, and reading. He currently resides in Penfield.

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Nelly Kutchukian

Nelly M. Kutchukian was active in Third Church between 1964 and 1978. She was involved in musicals, Sunday School teaching and a member of Session. Her three daughters, Nicole, Carol, and Audrey grew up at Third with Helen Moot. Nelly was widowed in 1995. She has a BA in Anthropology and an MA in Culture and Policy from Empire State College, and retired two years ago from the U of R where she was a foreign student advisor. She travels frequently to visit her scattered family, including her 100-year-old father in Switzerland.

Nelly's hobbies include "serious" hiking and downhill skiing, canoeing, tennis, and painting on china. She played the violin with the U of R Orchestra, and now has switched to the Penfield Orchestra. She presently volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, and children at a Mary Cariola Residence.



John and Julie Plow

John Patrick Plow grew up in Irondequoit, and attended Greece Presbyterian Church briefly as a child. He received his Bachelors Degree from SUNY Potsdam in 1992, and then received a Doctorate in Optometry from SUNY College of Optometry in Manhattan. John and his wife Julie were married at Third on October 21, 2000. Julie Sekovski Plow grew up in Rochester and was raised in the Macedonian Orthodox Church. She is an accountant for Baldwin Real Estate. John and Julie have attended Third

for about a year and hope to raise their family in the church community.



Paul Maves & Mary Davison

Mary P. Davison was born and raised in the Rochester Area. She received her BS from the University of Maryland, and her law degree from the University of Buffalo Law School. She has 4 children, one of whom, Paul Maves, will also be joining Third. Mary works as a trial attorney at the Monroe County Public Defender's Office. Her interests include travel, reading, crossword puzzles, and whatever sports the children are involved in currently. Paul Maves has 3 brothers and a sister. He is a freshman at Spry Middle School, and he enjoys playing hockey. Paul is transferring from the Victor Presbyterian Church.



Carol Weed

Carol Burger Weed came to Rochester in 1957, after attending college at Alfred. She retired 2 years ago after working 41 years in the Department of Medicine at the U of R. She married her boss, Dr. Robert Weed in 1970, spent a glorious year in Paris on sabbatical, and 5 other wonderful years before Bob died of a brain tumor in 1976. She has 5 stepchildren, and 8 grandchildren! Carol sings in the Bach Festival Choir, the ERC Chorus, Opera Rochester, and does tours abroad with the Mary Green Singers, based in Philadelphia. She has been a member of the choir at Third Church for 10 years, and enjoys entertaining them at her summer home on Canandaigua Lake. The staff and people at Third make her feel so good, so needed, and so at home, that she is happy to FINALLY become a real MEMBER.



Margaret Lucas

Lucas household.

Margaret O. Lucas is a university professor whose career moves have included several cold winters at Penn State completing a Doctorate, early development of type A- work ethic in NYC, many memorable experiences at historic sites in Virginia, a few lasting relationships with delightful Presbyterians in Florida, an abiding appreciation of college football and the beauty of West Virginia, and the blessing of wonderful friends in Texas. Rinkles (the Beagle) and Max (the soft coated Wheaten Terrier) are recent additions to the



Kristen Heers & Russell Dack

Kristen Marie Heers was born and raised in Hornell, NY. She received a BS in Biology from Syracuse University in 1991, and an MS in Microbiology and Immunology from the U of R in March 2000. Kristen is employed as a research scientist at Wyeth Lederle Vaccines in Henrietta, and lives nearby on Oxford Street. Her hobbies and interests include skiing, camping, travel, photography and music. Russell W. Dack graduated from Ilion High School in 1980. He received his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from SUNY College of Technology in Utica, NY. He worked for Eastman Kodak Company until being hired by Xerox Corporation in April 2000. He lives in Summerville and enjoys living on the shores of Lake Ontario. His interests include boating, canoeing, skiing, and music. He is engaged to be married to Kristen Heers.

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Robert White

Robert Earl White was born and raised in Dansville NY, and graduated from high school there in 1970. He graduated from Houghton College in 1974. He has lived in Batavia, NY for 26 years, where he is a self-employed accountant. He has 2 children, Bradley (22), and Amanda, (20) who are both in college. He will be moving to Chili in the near future, but will maintain his office in Batavia. He has been active in church ministry most of his life, and is very excited about Third Presbyterian and being a part of its ongoing ministry.



Amy & Peter Hentschke

Amy Liebert Hentschke and Peter Grant Hentschke both grew up in Rochester. Peter was a member of Third Presbyterian Church while growing up, and participated in a number of its youth activities. He attended Brighton High School, college in CA, graduate school in MD, and recently graduated from Vermont Law School. He joined Harter, Secrest, and Emery as a new associate this past fall. Amy attended Mercy High School, Bucknell University, and got her Masters degree in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Maryland, where she and Peter met. She worked as a customer service representative at a laboratory in Vermont. Amy and Peter were married at Third Church in 1997. They have a daughter Abigail, and expect another baby in April. They moved back to Rochester in May, and are very excited to be joining Third Presbyterian Church.

VOLUNTEER CORNER - Jan Chisholm

Third Church volunteers are a special breed of people. They come in to the church whenever we need them, they do whatever needs to be done and whatever is asked of them, and they give tirelessly of themselves. A shining example of this gracious act of giving is **Jan Chisholm**. Jan volunteers in the church office once a week, she serves on the Youth Committee and acted as the liaison during our time without a pastor, she chaired the successful PNC, which brought us Reverend Aaron Doll, she recently accepted the position of elder again, and does all this (and more) with a smile on her face.

Jan honed her considerable organizational skills at Kodak and brought them to the church office on Monday mornings about a year ago, and we would be lost without her! While answering the telephones, helping with mailings and copying, Jan also maintains the church's register of members.

Jan is happily married to Jim Chisholm and the proud mother of the soon-to-be-married Jason Duerr. She enjoys spending her free time with family and friends, reading and doing counted cross-stitch.

Third Church staff is more than grateful to this dynamo! We look forward to a **LONG, LONG** relationship with Jan!! Thank you, Jan!

Cindy Mark

Help Keep Us Informed

If your e-mail address changes, please notify the office so that we can keep our records current. Simply send an email to emark@thirdpresbyterian.org

Have You Checked Out Our Website Lately?

Changes and additions are being made all the time. Bob Parrett has posted some pictures of the Festival of the Nativity on the website...check it out! There's a link on the Music/Arts page, or you can go directly to www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music/nativity.html

Session Meeting Highlights

At its meeting on January 16th, the Session:

- Met jointly with the Trustees and approved a balanced 2001 budget of \$1,245,639
- Heard a report from the Stewardship Committee that pledges are up \$56,000 over 2000
- Elected Chris Bensch as Clerk and Bill Coons as Treasurer for one-year terms
- Received the annual report of the Outreach Committee, learning about its accomplishments for 2000 and its goals for 2001
- Approved a proposal from the Personnel Committee, changing the maximum amount of study leave for staff
- Received the final report of the Christian Education Task Force
- Appointed Rod Frohman to act as an advocate for our overture to General Assembly

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NEW HORIZONS in CHRISTIAN LIVING Sunday Morning Adult Education Offerings

January 28th & February 4th

Update on Middle East

Johnston Hall at 9:15 a.m.

Rabbi Laurance Kotok, Senior Rabbi at Temple B'rith Kodesh and frequent traveler to Israel, will present an update on the continuing crisis in the Middle East.



Chancel Choir Fund-Raiser

Send a Singing Valentine in February!

Ever wanted to send a Singing Valentine to a sweetheart or loved one? Well, here's your chance to do that - AND help support the Chancel Choir trip to England!

A quartet of Chancel Choir members - and eager Cupids! - are offering to travel to people's homes, places of business, restaurants, etc. to surprise that special Valentine with a musical greeting!

These may be scheduled on Saturday, February 10 between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 11 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.; or on Valentine's Day itself between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Cost is \$30 on Saturday and Sunday, and \$50 on Valentine's Day. To schedule a Singing Valentine, or for more information, contact Beth Alletto at 255-2150 or 461-1036; or by e-mail at bethalletto@peoplepc.com or Elizabeth_A_Alletto@fleet.com. Tell her for where, when and for whom you'd like the greeting, and she'll take care of the rest!

Please join the More Light Committee for a two week educational series:

Homophobia Hurts All Youth

Part I: Monroe County Update

February 4, 9:00 - 9:50 am (10:00 service). A panel of Third Church and community members will discuss the growing phenomenon of gay/straight alliances of students in Monroe County Schools. Where do we start? What support is there for gay youth in our community? What can Third Presbyterian Church do?

Part II: U.S. Education Models.

February 11, 9:15 - 10:20 am.

The video "It's Elementary" will be viewed, with a discussion to follow. Schools across the country are integrating discussions about what it means to be gay into curriculum. Students at all grade levels are discussing prejudice, stereotypes, acceptance, and understanding as it relates to being gay in our society. What is our role as parents, grandparents, community members and educators? How can we stimulate these conversations in our schools, and in our church?

Christian Education Task Force News

Our 100% proposal is now complete and was presented to Session on January 16th. The Officers and Program Staff studied, discussed, and reflected on the proposal at their retreat. Your input is still important. Be informed:

1. read the 100% proposal -- it is available at the Church office and is posted on the Kiosk outside of Johnston Hall
2. attend the "talk back session" during the Adult Education Hour on February 18th in Johnston Hall

It is now the job of Session to decide how to implement the proposal. It is the job of the Congregation to support the decisions of the Session. We have a great opportunity and challenge to move forward in this new vision for Christian Education at Third Church!

CHURCH FAMILY

Born

Amanda Mary Sheppard, daughter of Robert and Karen Sheppard, was born December 26, 2000. Grandparents Jon and Mary Sheppard rejoice in her arrival!

Collin Reed Woodworth Schiller, son of Stephen and Deborah Sterrett Schiller, born September 16, 2000, was baptized on December 31, 2000 in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Grandparents Bob and Dallas Sterrett rejoice in her arrival.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Nancy and Scott Carleton and family (NCN/U) on the death of Scott's father, **Stephen O. Carleton** on January 11, 2001.

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**Congratulations to John Adams** who received the Eagle Scout award at Troop 77, which meets at the First Baptist Church. John received the award on January 14, 2001. His Eagle project was done under the supervision of Rev. Rod Frohman and with the support of the Peace and Justice Committee and the Third Church congregation. In October 1999, John collected 200 Health Care Kits and \$361 for processing which was sent to the Church World Service.

### Retired Men

The Retired Men's February meeting (**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**) will feature the Reverend Rosemary Mitchell, who will talk about the work of the Women's Foundation. Bill Young describes her as "a very enthusiastic speaker!" Those wishing to attend are asked call the Church Office **no later than noon, Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### Calvin Guild

February 21<sup>st</sup> is the date of the next meeting of Calvin Guild. Ruth Morton will present a program entitled "How Does Your Garden Grow." Refreshments are served at 6 P.M. If you bring a dish to pass, there is a \$2 charge per person. If you do not bring a dish to pass, the cost is \$4.50 per person.

### England Trip Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for all persons registered for the choir's Summer 2001 trip to England (July 28-August 10) AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS will be held on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Johnston Hall. A light supper will be served - \$5 per person, reservations requested by Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Robyn Goldstein, our representative from ACFEA Tour consultants will be on hand to go over the final itinerary for the trip, and answer questions. There are still several spaces available on the trip, so interested persons are welcome to attend this informational gathering. Call the church office with your reservation for the meeting by Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>!

For more information, contact Peter DuBois at 271-6513 or pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org.

### Auction Action

Note the change in date: Save **March 25<sup>th</sup>** following 10:30 worship, the Chancel Choir will hold a spectacular AUCTION to raise funds for its trip to Great Britain this Summer. Carol Ritter of the Democrat & Chronicle will be our celebrity auctioneer, and we will have a wealth of high-quality items up for bid -- including a pair of prime tickets to the Luciano Pavarotti concert the following week! More details will be forthcoming, but for now, mark March 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. And, if you are a business person, and are interested in donating any goods or services to be auctioned, please contact Peter DuBois (271-6513) or Helen Tiss (342-9622).

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**Sunday, January 28**  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:15 am Adult Education  
 10:30 am Junior Choir  
 10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 11:00 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 11:45 am Godspell Lunch & Rehearsal  
 12:00 n Meigs Street Ramblers  
**Monday, January 29**  
 8:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
 7:00 pm More Light Committee  
**Tuesday, January 30**  
**Wednesday, January 31**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
 5:30 pm Gabbas  
 6:00 pm Choir Tour Informational Meeting/Supper  
 Commissioning Class  
 Church Buddies  
 Chancel Choir  
 7:30 pm Godspell Principals  
**Thursday, February 1**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
 6:30 pm Hot Buttons II  
 7:00 pm Education Sub-Committee  
 Action for Peace and Justice Committee  
 7:30 pm Outreach  
**Friday, February 2**  
**Saturday, February 3**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Coons Team)  
**Sunday, February 4**  
 9:00 am Adult Education/Bible Study  
 Junior Choir  
 10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:25 am Church School  
 11:00 am Congregational Meeting  
 12:00 n Congregational Luncheon  
 12:00 n Meigs Street Ramblers  
 4:00 pm Godspell Principals  
 5:00 pm Godspell Rehearsal (ending at 8:30 pm)  
 6:15 pm Youth Supper  
**Monday, February 5**  
 8:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
 6:30 pm Godspell Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
**Tuesday, February 6**  
 9:00 am Stuffers & Staplers  
 6:30 pm Godspell Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Congregational Fellowship  
**Wednesday, February 7**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
 5:30 pm Gabbas  
 6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
 Church Buddies  
 Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, February 8**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
 6:30 pm Godspell Rehearsal  
**Friday, February 9**  
 6:30 pm Godspell Dress Rehearsal  
**Saturday, February 10**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Thauer Team)  
 Godspell Dress Rehearsal

**January 28, 2001**  
**9:15 in the Chapel**  
 Virginia M. Brown preaching

**10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**  
 Dialogue: Rabbi Kotok, Rev. Shook

**February 4, 2001**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**  
 Joseph W. Shook preaching  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Annual Meeting of the Congregation

12:00 n.  
 Congregational Luncheon

**Annual Meeting Notice:**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Congregation of Third Presbyterian Church will take place following one service of worship at 10 a.m. on February 4, 2001. All are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the Congregational Family Luncheon which will follow the meeting (no reservations required!). A free-will offering will be received.

Joseph W. Shook, Interim Head of Staff  
 Virginia M. Brown, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
 Aaron R. Bod, Associate Pastor-Elect/Christian Nurture  
 Rebecca P. Foltman, Associate Pastor-Elect/Christian Nurture  
 Christina A. Lunsford, Director of Music/Choir  
 Deborah P. Slaney, Associate Director of Christian Education  
 Joyce E. Pitcock, Consultant in Education  
 Pamela T. Foye, Parish Visitor

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**Dr. Laird Stuart**  
**Announced as**  
**2001 Hudnut Preacher**

**February 25, 2001**

It will be a pleasure to welcome Dr. Laird Stuart to the pulpit of Third Church on February 25, 2001. He is a graduate of Amherst College and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he also received his Doctor of Ministry. He has also been awarded the Doctor of Divinity by Waynesburg and Westminster Colleges.

Dr. Stuart has served churches in Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan, Pennsylvania and California. He currently serves Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. He Co-Moderates the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and this year for the second time is Guest Editor of Outlook Magazine.

He has participated in Pulpit Exchanges to Edinburgh and Glasgow, as well as mission interpretation trips to India and Nepal. He was awarded the George Stebbins Moses Memorial Fellowship by Amherst College and the Charles Hiller Memorial Fellowship by Princeton Theological Seminary.

The Hudnut Preacher was established following the death of Dr. William H. Hudnut, Jr. by his family and friends to bring a preacher of note annually to the Third Church pulpit. Dr. Hudnut was Senior Pastor at Third from 1946-1964. Join us in welcoming Dr. Stuart on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Come, Celebrate Mardi Gras!**  
**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

The pageantry, fun, and music of Mardi Gras will arrive on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Celebration Center! The Meigs Street Ramblers will provide music to lift your spirits; clowns will keep you laughing -- and the Pancake Man will provide the traditional pancakes to fill your stomach! Advance-sale tickets will be available on the Sundays of February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and in the office during the week. (No tickets will be available at the door!) So, mark your calendars now and plan to join in the festivities!

### Food for thought.....

Did you ever stop to ponder the story of Adam and Eve and the garden of Eden? Did you know that Eden means delight? Adam was not created for the garden, rather, the garden is planted for Adam's sake. He, then, is given the responsibility to till and keep this garden of delight.

There are many trees in the garden, trees pleasant to the sight and good for food (what one would expect in a garden of delight.) Two trees are specifically named there: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam is told he may freely eat of any tree, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He is not to eat of that tree, for the Lord warns him "in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Isn't it interesting that a fruit bearing tree should bring death? But to partake of delights without becoming addicted is at best most difficult -- and addictions clearly can lead to death.

The second tree mentioned is not a forbidden tree, yet after Adam and Eve partake of the first tree they are prevented from eating of the tree of life. Gerald May, M.D., in his book Addiction and Grace, says that when Adam and Eve are prevented from eating from this second tree, it is more to protect than to punish them for God "knows that Eve and Adam will not be able to withstand the compulsion to eat from that second tree." And for Adam and Eve to not be able to control the compulsion and then eat of the tree of life would have meant they would live forever in a state of addiction. God in Jesus Christ brings us through grace back to a state of wholeness and then offers us eternity.

Dr. May has an interesting perspective on addiction and the power of God's grace in overcoming addiction. And all of us, Dr. May contends, have some form of addiction. He "Eden represents the garden that is both birthplace and our destiny, our home and promised land. Humanity's struggle with addiction is a journey through the wilderness of idolatry where temptations, trials, deprivations abound, but where God's grace is always available to guide, protect, empower and transform us. --But it is much more the journey; it is the discovery of the depths of weakness, the power of grace, and the promise of both. Moreover, what takes place in the desert is not simply difficult travel and adventure; it is repentance and conversational transformation of mixed motivations: purified desire, the greening of desert garden through the living water of grace. This is no geographic journey here; it all takes place within our hearts. And what happens is not purgation and purification, but also a learning in courtship, a homemaking between the human soul and its Creator." May we all make this journey, relying on the grace of God!

Faithfully,  
Virginia Brown

### A Little Child Shall Lead Them

#### Junior Choir

##### Sunday, February 11

The Junior Choir will sing in Chapel this morning. The children should arrive at church at the usual time (9:15 a.m.). The children will not sing at 10:30 a.m. because of Godspell. Parents should pick up their children from the Moot Room at 10:30 a.m. to go into church for the performance.

##### February 18 & 21

There will be no Junior Choir on these dates because of winter break. The choir will sing on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let Chris Lenti know your vacation plans so that she can plan appropriately for that Sunday. Leave a message on her voice mail (234-3092) or with the Church Office (271-6513), or send her an email at [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).

##### Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday)

Both the Junior Choir and the Children's Bell Choir will rehearse on Ash Wednesday. The rehearsal will end at 6:15 p.m. Qabats will not meet that night.

#### Qabats

##### Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. - Bell Choir  
5:30 p.m. - Qabats ("Love")

There will be no Qabats on February 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Production Week is February 4 - 10  
There will be rehearsals as follows:

Thursday - 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Friday - 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Saturday - Arrive at 8:30 am  
10:00 am - 1 pm -  
Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
Arrive at 8:30 am  
10:30 am - 1<sup>st</sup> show!  
Arrive at 5:30 pm  
7:30 pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> show!  
Cast Party after the show!

#### Montreat Reminder:

A \$100 deposit to reserve your place is due in the Church Office by Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The balance (estimated to be about \$200) will be due March 11<sup>th</sup>. Call the church office (271-6513) if you have not received the informational letter.



## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

### Members in Mission: Susan Crego

"A child miseducated is a child lost"

--J.F.K.

We all have heard about the importance of education: campaigns have been run on trying to send more money to the right places, states have been raising standards, and the media have been reporting about the deficiencies in public schools. What everyone seems to agree on (and that's not much) is that students need to be treated as people and not merely as numbers or statistics. The Volunteer Tutoring Program at School #6 is a program that pairs adults with students at the elementary school located at Upper Falls Boulevard and Hudson Avenue in Northeast Rochester in order to enrich and support the educational, emotional, and social growth of the student.

Susan Crego has been the Tutor Coordinator since the fall of 1992. She administers the program, interviewing potential tutors and organizing the resources. "Successes can be large or they can be small," said Crego. "One teacher told me that the only time during the week the student smiled was when he came back from working with the tutor."

Each tutor meets one on one with a student for 45 minutes once a week. This year twenty-five tutors are working with 63 students. Tutors range in age and experience, but all of them are kind and patient. Not all of the tutors are Third Church members. Some are referred by the Rochester City School District. Others are people Crego knows who hear about the program and are intrigued.

"The administration and teachers are supportive. It's more work for the teachers, but they see the results in their students," says Crego.

Crego stays involved because of the inspiration she gets from seeing the tutors working with the children. "It's a special situation," said Crego. "The people are great." For more information, please contact Susan Crego at 442-4191.

-Steve Engel

### Website Advertising Boosts CD Sales!

Director of Music/Organist Peter DuBois notes that several orders have been received from people who found the information and order forms on the website -- from places as varied as Birmingham AL, and Brooklyn NY. He received the following note from note from composer Leo Nestor, who is Artistic Director and Conductor at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC:

Dear Mr. DuBois,

I am at my family home in Los Angeles... and was demonstrating the search functions of the computer and capriciously typed in my own name and came up with a happy listing of web sites, among which was yours.

It was a delight to know that you had sung "Who Comes?," one of my most cherished carols. It was also a happy coincidence to note that "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night" is also the title of a text I had set many years ago, still remaining in manuscript.

Wishing you well in your music making at Third Presbyterian Church.

Check out the Third Church Website!  
[www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)

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### Hot Buttons II

Our second annual Hot buttons conference is coming up soon. This year's topics will be focusing on individual empowerment against violence. The date is Saturday, March 31, 2001, from approximately 9:30am to 4:00pm, featuring Mathilda Cuomo as our Keynote Speaker.

Based on our turnout last year, we are anticipating a need for a large number of volunteers, willing to work either with registration, the luncheon, childcare, the children's program, and providing some directions for individuals not familiar with our church. We also are in need of people willing to bake cookies for our luncheon, or serve as greeters for our Workshop presenters.

If you are able to assist us in any capacity, please contact Lea Theuer at 344-1417. Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated!

### Alternative Christmas Market: A Report

The 2000 Christmas Market was well received and produced the following sales for these various groups:

UNICEF: \$322  
Music & Arts: \$275  
Chancel Choir: \$2055  
Good Book Store: \$635\*  
One World Goods: \$1200  
School #6 Tutoring: \$145  
The Corner Place: \$400  
Youth Bake Sale: \$511

\*10% of these sales, or \$63.50, stays at Third Church and has been applied to the Food Cupboard.

All these groups wish to participate in an Alternative Christmas Market again! Additionally, it is probable that the Heifer Project and AIDS Rochester will also be part of a future market.

The Presbyterian Historical Society  
Announces the  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual

### Seminar on Local Church History

April 23-27, 2001

at the

Presbyterian Historical Society Building  
Montreat, North Carolina

Classes on:  
Celebrating Church Anniversaries  
Publishing Histories  
Research Methods  
Writing Histories  
Oral Histories  
Exhibits  
Disaster Preparedness  
Creating Church Archives



For more information or  
Application, Contact:

DIANA RUBY SANDERSON  
Presbyterian Historical Society  
Post Office Box 849  
Montreat, North Carolina 28757  
(828) 669-7061

### The Youth of Third Church present



Two performances Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.  
Invite your friends to join you for this joyous experience.

**NEW HORIZONS in  
CHRISTIAN LIVING**

Sunday Morning Adult Education Offerings

**February 11<sup>th</sup> & February  
18<sup>th</sup>**

**Homophobia Hurts All Youth  
Part II: U.S. Education Models.**

February 11, 9:15 - 10:20 am.  
Johnston Hall

The video "It's Elementary" will be viewed, with a discussion to follow. Schools across the country are integrating discussions about what it means to be gay into curriculum. Students at all grade levels are discussing prejudice, stereotypes, acceptance, and understanding as it relates to being gay in our society. What is our role as parents, grandparents, community members and educators? How can we stimulate these conversations in our schools, and in our church?

**An Invitation to Sabbath:  
Rediscovering A Gift  
February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

Parlor at 9:15 am

Rediscover with Reverend Aaron Doll the gift of the Sabbath.

**Christian Education Task  
Force News**

Our 100% proposal is now complete and was presented to Session on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Officers and Program Staff studied, discussed, and reflected on the proposal at their retreat. Your input is still important. Be informed:

1. read the 100% proposal -- it is available in the Church office and is posted on the Kiosk outside of Johnston Hall
2. attend the "talk back session" during the Adult Education Hour on **February 18<sup>th</sup>** in Johnston Hall

It is now the job of Session to decide how to implement the proposal. It is the job of the Congregation to support the decisions of the Session. We have a great opportunity and challenge to move forward in this new vision for Christian Education at Third Church!

**Keep in Touch!**

As an on-going effort to bring news of the congregation to you, we have begun sending congregation-wide email messages. For example, we sent a reminder about the congregational meeting to call John Wilkinson as your pastor and we notified you about the pulpit exchange with B'rith Kodesh on January 28. Several email messages returned because of an incorrect address. Therefore, if you change your email address we ask that you send us that address by email so that we can update our data bank. Please send your new email address to [cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org). Thank you!

**And.....**

While you are logged on, check out the Third Church Website at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org). Changes are being made all the time and you will want to keep abreast of what's happening!

**New Member Class**

The next classes for those inquiring about joining Third Presbyterian Church will take place on

Sunday, March 4 from 8:30 - 10:15 AM  
Sunday, March 11 from 8:30 - 10:15 AM  
Sunday, March 18 from 9:00 - 10:15 AM

We will discuss Presbyterian beliefs, reformed theology, history and traditions at Third, how to be involved, etc. On the Third Sunday, the class will have breakfast with the elders, and be received into membership. Childcare will be available, if requested. Contact Rev. Virginia Brown (271-6513) or Janet Anderson (381-9723) for more information, and to be involved.

**CHURCH FAMILY**

**Born**

A daughter, **Carolyn Judith Camp**, born January 20, 2001, to Robert and Shelly Camp (NCN/V). Grandfather Robert C. Camp Sr. (NCN/K) rejoices in her arrival!

**Sympathy**

We express sympathy to

- Dick and Lois Crawford (NCN/T) on the death of Dick's sister, **Jean Crawford**, on January 27, 2001,
- Nancy and Bruce Bates (NCN/D) on the death of Nancy's mother, **Barbara Bonbright Smith**, on January 29, 2001,
- Marcia and Rod Frohman (NCN/E) on the death of Marcia's father, **The Rev. David P. Thompson**, on January 31, 2001, in Florida, and
- The family and friends of **Elizabeth Eldredge**, on her death January 31, 2001.

**Retired Men**

The Retired Men's February meeting (*Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>*) will feature the Reverend Rosemary Mitchell, who will talk about the work of the Women's Foundation. Those wishing to attend are asked call the Church Office no later than noon, Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Calvin Guild**

February 21<sup>st</sup> is the date of the next meeting of Calvin Guild. Ruth Morton will present a program entitled "How Does Your Garden Grow." Refreshments are served at 6pm. If you bring a dish to pass, there is a \$2 charge per person. If you do not bring a dish to pass, the cost if \$4.50 per person.

**Chancel Choir Auction**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:45am**

D & C Carol Ritter is auctioneer!

Proceeds will benefit the Choir Tour to England. If you are a business person, and interested in donating any goods or services to be auctioned, please contact Peter DuBois (271-6513) or Deven Earne (377-3537).

**T<sup>3</sup> Announces Events**

**Movies and Discussions**

The Twenties and Thirties at Third (T<sup>3</sup>) Bible Study group will meet next on *Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>* at 7:15pm in the Senior High Lounge in the Education Building. This will be Part I of a series led by Rev. Aaron Doll on messages of faith in film. The first movie will be "The Last Temptation of Christ" and will be discussed on *Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>* (same time and location). New members and regulars are welcome! Call 224-8541 with any questions.

**Potluck Supper**

T<sup>3</sup> will hold a Pot Luck dinner at Andrew and Alison Elder's house (116 Corwin Road) starting at 6:30 pm on *Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*. Please bring the following: last name starting with A-H (main dish), I-P (appetizer), Q-Z (dessert). Sodas and coffee/tea will be provided; bring whatever else you might want to drink. Call Andrew/Alison at 224-8541 for directions. New members and regulars are welcome!

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**did you know?**

Sixty-five percent of members and 72% of elders report inviting at least one person to church during the previous year. The person most recently invited to church is most often described as a friend, family member, or neighbor. Fifteen percent of members and 8% of elders report that they have never invited anyone to visit their church.



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## Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education  
Junior Choir  
10:30 am Youth Musical-Godspell  
10:45 am Child care  
12:00 n Coffee Hour  
12:00 n Meigs Street Ramblers  
7:30 pm Youth Musical-Godspell  
9:00 pm Cast Party

## Monday, February 12

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells

## Tuesday, February 13

12:00 n Retired Men's Luncheon  
7:00 pm Session

## Wednesday, February 14

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Qabats  
6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
Church Buddies  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
7:30 pm Membership Committee

## Thursday, February 15

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
6:00 pm Head Start Policy Committee  
6:30 pm Hot Buttons II  
7:00 pm Twenties and Thirties at Third (T<sup>3</sup>)

## Friday, February 16

9:45 am Sisters in Spirit  
3:00 pm Deacon Tea at Valley Manor

## Saturday, February 17

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Hammerton Team)

## Sunday, February 18

9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education/Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

12:00 n Amnesty Letter Writing  
Meigs Street Ramblers  
No Youth Programs

## Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day - Office Closed

## Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am Stuffers & Staplers  
12:00 n John White Circle  
6:30 pm Finance Committee  
7:30 pm Trustee Meeting

## Wednesday, February 21

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
No Bells or Qabats  
6:00 pm Calvin Guild

## Thursday, February 22

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
7:00 pm Twenties and Thirties at Third (T<sup>3</sup>)

## Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Stewart Team)  
7:00 pm Session Reception with Dr. Laird Stuart

## February 11, 2001

9:15 in the Chapel  
Roderic P. Frohman preaching  
"Are The Poor Really Blessed?"  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Luke 6:17-26

10:30am & 7:30pm the Sanctuary  
Godspell

## February 18, 2001

9:15am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Joseph W. Shook preaching

Joseph W. Shook, Interim Head of Staff  
Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
Aaron R. Doll, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Peter A. Duhon, Director of Music/Organist  
Orsonia A. Lamb, Associate Director of Music  
Patricia J. Coy, Parish Visitor

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## Mardi Gras

Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - 7:30pm

Celebration Center

Don't miss out on the pageantry, fun, and music of Mardi Gras that will arrive on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Celebration Center. The **Meigs Street Ramblers** will set the musical stage and bring music to lift your spirits; **Randy Northrup** is returning to provide a wonderful puppet show; and, the **Pancake Man** will provide the traditional pancakes to fill your stomach. In addition, there will be lots of activities to keep you laughing!

Advance-sale tickets will be available through February 25<sup>th</sup> -- on Sundays after worship, and in the church office during the week. Remember, there will be no tickets available at the door. The cost per person is \$4.

Please remember, if the stairs to the Celebration Center are difficult for you to navigate, the elevator is available to take you to the lower level. Park in the Arnold Park parking lot, and enter through the elevator door (on your left, just before you reach the door to the Education Building).

**Don't miss out on the fun of Mardi Gras!**  
**Get your tickets now!**

## Dr. Laird Stuart is the 2001 Hudnut Preacher

Sunday, February 25, 2001

It will be a pleasure to welcome Dr. Laird Stuart, Pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco and Co-Moderator of the Covenant Network, to the pulpit at Third Presbyterian Church. He will preach at both services of worship.

The Hudnut Preacher was established following the death of Dr. William H. Hudnut, Jr. by his family and friends to bring a preacher of note annually to the Third Church pulpit. Dr. Hudnut was Senior Pastor at Third from 1946-1964. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Stuart.

## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

### An Invitation to a Lenten Discipline— A Fast From Violence

By Rev. Dr. Roderic P. Frohman  
Associate Pastor for Church and Society

Ash Wednesday begins Lent, a season traditionally given to fasting. Some people ask, "So, what are you giving up for Lent?" Some traditional answers have been: meat on Fridays, chocolate, and desserts. Yet such self-denials seem trivial and reduce faith getting along with something we really don't need in the first place.

What I propose may, in fact, be harder than fasting from certain foods. What I would like to propose is a fasting from violence. Fasting from violence would mean that we are invited as individual Christians and as members of this congregation to examine our lives as to where we consume and support violence in our culture. Can we, for a period of the five weeks of Lent, not eat and drink the violence of our culture? The World Council of Churches is promoting the Fast to Overcome Violence as a way for each Christian to observe a different Lent.

What would fasting from violence specifically look like? Here are some examples. We might refrain watching violent television shows or movies. Teens might refrain from playing violent video games. Children could refrain from playing with toys that encourage violent play or glorify war. We could refrain from listening to or playing music with violent lyrics. We could also refrain from paying certain taxes that help to finance war. We could refuse to buy products that are manufactured in sweatshops or by child labor. For the period of Lent (from now until April 15<sup>th</sup>) we could divest our assets from companies whose main occupation is the production of war material of any sort.

How would we do this? I think it is as simple and as difficult as keeping a 3" by 5" card in one's pocket or purse. Whenever we see or participate in violence in our day-to-day activities, we'd jot down that activity and figure out away to refrain from participating in it. So, for example, we could be watching television on a particular evening during Lent. If violence would occur in the story we would note that on our card and switch to another channel. Or imagine ourselves in a movie theater and we come to the conclusion that the movie we're watching is too violent. We could get

up and walk out. Of course by watching "trailers" on television we might avoid going to such movie in the first place. The point of the Lenten discipline is to be conscious of what violence is, refrain from doing it, and record our restraint.

In order to sensitize ourselves to violence in our society I would like to suggest that we begin we pray the prayer of St. Francis every morning of Lent. The prayer is provided in the box below. Why not cut it out and put in on your mirror so that you may see it and pray it each day?

Then finally, I would invite you to attend the Buttons Conference on overcoming violence Saturday March 31, here at Third Church, just days before Easter.

I think such a discipline would soon be penetrating because we would learn how significantly violent is American culture. A Fast from Violence. Now that's a Lenten discipline!!

#### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in the giving that we receive; it is in the pardon that we are pardoned; in dying that we are born again to eternal life. Amen.

### Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm in the Chapel

The Season of Lent provides a time for learning who we are as followers of Christ, personal reflection and renewal. It can also be seen as a time of growing in our personal relationship with God as we clear the clutter out of our own lives and being more aware of the needs of others. Take time in this coming season to focus on each of the areas in your own life. Begin the journey with us on Ash Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel for the service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

### A Little Child Shall Lead Them

#### Junior Choir Calendar Reminder Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

The Junior Choir will sing in church this morning. Christina Lenti sends thanks to all who have already notified her about plans for February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that it would be very helpful for her to know who will be absent that day. Please let her know by calling 271-6513 or sending an e-mail to [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org) if you will not be singing!

#### Mardi Gras Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30pm

Don't forget to get your tickets for Mardi Gras. They are \$4 per person -- and will not be available at the door!

#### Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday)

Both the Junior Choir and the Children's Bell Choir will rehearse on Ash Wednesday. The rehearsal will end at 6:15pm. Qabats will not meet that night.

March 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Junior Choir will sing *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* at 10:30am worship.

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
On this day the Junior Choir will sing at New Life Presbyterian Church (on Monroe Avenue at the corner of Rosedale Street). Please meet at New Life at 9am for rehearsal. Worship is at 10am.

### youth@thirdpresbyterian 2000-2001

#### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Evening Program 4pm to 7:30pm

**BRAINSTORMING WORKSHOP & SARDINES**  
In the absence of a scheduled music program, the youth advisors would like your help in solving the following puzzles:

1. What would YOU like to see happen with youth fellowship between now and June?
2. How many people can we really fit into the smallest nooks and crannies of the church?

#### Winter Retreat March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Swain, with lodging and Saturday activities at Covenant Acres Camp.

The cost will vary according to desired activity: \$46 includes skiing (no rental skis included!), \$38 includes tubing; \$51 includes both. Youth should bring extra cash for rentals and snacks for the van trip each way. Youth may also bring X-country skis and sleds to use on Saturday, if weather permits.

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Evening Program  
5:00pm Covenant Singers  
6:00pm Senior High Ensemble

**Montreat Reminder:**  
The balance of the cost of the Montreat trip \$200 is due in the Church Office by Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

## Galileo's Telescope

By LAIRD J. STUART

During these several years of at times intense debate on the rights and role of gay and lesbian people in the Presbyterian Church, the essential argument against ordination and holy unions has been based on those passages in Scripture about same-sex sexual behavior. The strategy has been to claim what we believe about gay and lesbian people is equivalent to what we believe about the authority of Scripture. If we honor the authority of Scripture we will honor what it says about gay and lesbian people. If we do not honor what Scripture says about gay and lesbian people we do not honor the authority of Scripture.

Yet, as the debate in these recent years persists, it simply becomes more and more clear we can have different views about gay and lesbian people and still honor the authority of Scripture.

The litany of views most of us hold which are in conflict with some passages of Scripture is well known. We do not support slavery. We do not believe people who are divorced and remarried are committing adultery. We do not believe women should be subservient in the church. The litany goes on and on, especially when so many of the laws in Leviticus are considered.

As this debate goes on, it is becoming clearer to people that being Presbyterian means honoring the authority of Scripture and also practicing the disciplines of interpretation.

What scares many people is the possibility of simply using experience to interpret Scripture. Our Presbyterian discipline of interpretation employs experience and reason, but it takes us first to Christ as the primary standard for interpretation, along with the plain sense of the text, the rule of faith, the rule of love and the work of the Holy Spirit.

When the church judged Galileo a heretic because he claimed the Earth was not the center of the universe, the theologians who made that judgment did not look through his telescope. They only looked at Scripture, at their interpretation of Scripture. They insisted they would not change their views until they were persuaded by Scripture. Finally, other interpretive influences led later theologians to see their errors.

As more and more people "look through the telescope" toward gay and lesbian persons, they are beginning to realize the biblical texts on same-sex sexual behavior simply do not account for or understand what we now know about being a gay or lesbian person. They are beginning to realize the claim that anyone who does not adhere to these texts does not honor the authority of Scripture is a false claim.

A traditional saying of the German Christian church is: "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity." The authority of Scripture is an essential for us. Our beliefs about a gay or lesbian way of life is not an essential.


LAIRD J. STUART is the pastor of Calvary Church, San Francisco.

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**Laird J. Stuart is the Hudnut Preacher for 2001 and will preach at Third on February 25<sup>th</sup> at both services of worship.**



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The symbol for "if needed, child care will be provided. Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance

## **Endowment Enhancement Task Force**

Session established a special task force and gave it the responsibility of interpreting the need to increase the amount of Third Church's endowment. The task force has met several times and is developing plans that will be shared with the congregation in the coming months. A few weeks ago, the congregation received a letter from the Task Force outlining the importance of the endowment for the future of our ministries. On February 25, Dick Crawford will bring a Minute for Mission about the endowment at both worship services. On Sunday, April 22, a development officer from the Presbyterian Foundation will hold two informational meetings at Third. Printed information about planned giving is being prepared for distribution to the congregation.

The Task Force is busy at work today to ensure a bright and secure tomorrow. If you have questions, please feel free to contact members of the Task Force. They are: Alan Illig, chairperson, Bruce Bates, Dick Crawford, Mary Garber, John Gilman, Jack Kraushaar, Susan Rupp, Jon Schumacher, and Judy Von Bucher.

## **Free Teleconference Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - 5-7pm**

Third's Peace and Justice Committee is the local sponsor of this Teleconference centered on ending violence. Invite your friends to view and ask questions of the experienced panelists. The panel moderator is Rev. Dr. Brian Ogawa, Director of Crime Victim's Institute in the Office of Texas Attorney General. Panelists include the Honorable Cindy S. Lederman, Administrative Judge, Vickii Coffee, nationally recognized public policy advocate, community educator and survivor of domestic violence, Martha Bettis Gee, Associate for Curriculum and Resources for Children, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and Carol Pitts, Pastoral Psychotherapist. Call Ralph Carter (271-7649 (h) or 265-5904 (o) to reserve a seat to this free event which will take place at WXXI Studios, 250 State Street.

## **Chancel Choir Auction March 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:45am**

D & C Columnist Carol Ritter is auctioneer!

Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend the big auction sponsored by the Chancel Choir on Sunday, March 25, following worship, in the Celebration Center. This is one of the major fund-raising activities to support the choir's trip to England this summer.

Some spectacular items will be up for auction - including a pair of prime tickets to the Luciano Pavarotti concert April 1 (valued at \$200 each!), four front and second row box seats to a Red Wings baseball game, reconditioned chandeliers from the old Johnston Hall, and a wide variety of other goods and services.

Viewing of items will begin at 11:45am, and bidding will begin at 12:30pm. This will be a fun event that you won't want to miss! Carol Ritter is legendary as a great and entertaining auctioneer. Invite your friends to join you, too, as we want to invite the whole community to join in supporting the trip. Light refreshments will be available for a minimal cost, as well.

Our fund-raising goal for the trip is \$40,000 - and we are well on the way to meeting that goal - but we need YOUR HELP - both by participating in the auction, and by donating items to be auctioned!

If you have items that you would like to donate - antiques, collectibles, or goods from a business or enterprise you are involved with, please contact Deven Hearne (377-3537), Kay Ramsay (544-9022), or Peter DuBois (271-6513) right away! And, plan to attend and participate in this great fund-raising event!

# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

## NEW HORIZONS in CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sunday Morning Adult Education Offerings

### February 25 & March 4

#### Passion Play at Oberammergau February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am-Johnston Hall

Third Churcher Linc Spaulding and his guests will lead a discussion about their journey to this famous passion play that is done only once every ten years. Hear how it affected and challenged their faith and what impact their experience can have on our lives at Third Presbyterian Church

#### An Invitation to Sabbath: Rediscovering A Gift February 25<sup>th</sup>. Parlor at 9:15 am

Rediscover with Reverend Aaron Doll the gift of the Sabbath. This session will conclude the series.

#### Death and the Resurrection of Jesus March 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:15am - Johnston Hall

We will begin a 6-week Lenten video and discussion series by Marcus Borg.

#### Faith and the Family March 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:15am - Parlor

Scott and Amy Stratton-Smith will continue this series designed to help parents integrate faith and the challenges of parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The class is exploring texts, including "The Five Cries of Families" as the basis for conversation around issues of raising children and transitions in family life.

**Don't forget...check out the Third  
Church Website:  
[www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org).**

## Session Meeting Highlights

At its meeting on February 13, 2001, Session

- Participated in the ordination and installation of 4 new Deacons and Elders.
- Approved the annual statistical report to General Assembly.
- Directed the Personnel Committee to revisit the issue of staff sabbaticals.
- Approved total contributions of \$115,000 to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery from the Outreach Committee budget.
- Adopted a list of organizations to receive fee waivers for building use in 2001.
- Heard a summary of administrative developments with the Third Church Early Childhood Program and Head Start.
- Authorized the use of the ecumenical version of the Lord's Prayer from March 4 through June 17.
- Received the resignation of the Rev. Joseph Shook effective March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## New Member Class

The next classes for those inquiring about joining Third Presbyterian Church will take place on

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 - 10:15 AM  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 - 10:15 AM  
Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 - 10:15 AM

We will discuss Presbyterian beliefs, reformed theology, history and traditions at Third, how to be involved, etc. On the third Sunday, the class will have breakfast with the elders, and be received into membership. Childcare will be available, if requested. Contact Rev. Virginia Brown (271-6513) or Janet Anderson (381-9723) for more information, and to be involved.

*\*Church tour will be available following 10:30am worship on March 4<sup>th</sup>.*

## CHURCH FAMILY

### Born

A daughter, **Elizabeth Griggs Engel**, born February 5, 2001, to Jennifer Griggs and Steven Engel (NCN/JB).

A daughter, **Maeze Henderson Reed**, born February 7, 2001, to Todd and Susan Reed (NCN/P).

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to

- Kelly Thevenet-Morrison and Jeff Morrison (NCN/K) on the death of Kelly's father, **Bennett Thevenet**, on February 4, 2001, in New Jersey.



## Pictorial Directories are In!

The new pictorial directories have arrived! If you had your picture taken at Third Church, you are entitled to receive a copy, and may pick it up in Johnston Hall following 10:30am worship next Sunday. If your picture was taken by Olan Mills at one of their studios, you may purchase a directory for \$10; blue covers, while they last, are available at no cost. You may purchase a new red cover for \$5. If you did not have your picture taken, you may purchase a copy for \$15.

The committee hopes to have caught all the errors; however, if you should find a glaring error, please notify Bill Pethick at 385-1565.

## Church Tour Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

There is an opportunity to find out about the Third Church buildings. Join **Bob Eames** under the Meigs Street balcony after worship on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> for his historic tour. Bob's tours are always well received!

## Retired Men

The Retired Men will meet next on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at noon in Johnston Hall. A representative of Literacy Volunteers will speak of the work of that organization. Literacy Volunteers, working one on one, teaches English to those for whom it is not a native tongue. It is an important work and can be done by anyone, even if he or she has no teaching experience. The organization provides the necessary training. Those wishing to attend are asked to reserve place **no later than Monday, March 12**, by calling the Church Office (271-6513).

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

The spotlight shines on a very special man this month, **Bill Boller**, who has been lending his extraordinary computer knowledge and huge amounts of time to Third Church!! Bill is responsible for the monstrous task of keeping the membership rolls current in the computer. He also volunteers on the Membership Committee by taking photographs of the new members and then producing the insert for the bulletins and Messenger which introduces the new members to the congregation.

Bill is retired from Kodak and enjoys genealogy, photography and traveling with his lovely wife, Priscilla (who is a weekly Messenger volunteer). He is the father of four children and the grandfather of six, with two more expected this summer!

Bill is a kind-hearted gentleman and we immensely enjoy our Monday and Friday mornings with him! It is hard to imagine the week without his extensive assistance!

Thank you, Bill!

- Cindy Mark

## John White Circle

The John White circle will meet in Johnston Hall on **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon. The Rev. Aaron Doll will be the guest speaker. Please bring a sandwich.

## Calvin Guild

The March meeting of Calvin Guild will take place on **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**, beginning with refreshments at 6:00pm and supper at 6:30pm. The Reverend Thomas Halbrooks, President of Colgate Rochester Divinity School will speak on "Seminaries and Churches: Our Connection." If you bring a dish to pass, the cost is \$2; if you come without food, the cost is \$4.



**Sunday, February 25**  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education  
Junior Choir  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 pm Mega Street Ramblers  
4:00 pm Youth Event (until 7:30 pm)

**Monday, February 26**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
5:30 pm Music & Arts Committee  
7:00 pm More Light Committee  
7:30 pm Worship Committee

**Tuesday, February 27**  
6:00 pm Mardi Gras

**Ash Wednesday, February 28**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship/Communion  
7:45 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 1**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
6:00 pm Committee Dinner  
6:30 pm Hot Buttons II  
Mission Interpretation  
7:00 pm Peace and Justice  
Education Sub-Committee  
Outreach  
7:30 pm

**Friday, March 2**  
9:45 am Sisters in Spirit

**Saturday, March 3**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Carter Team)

**Sunday, March 4 - First Sunday in Lent**  
8:30 am Holy Communion  
9:00 am New Member Class  
9:15 am Worship in Chapel  
Adult Education/Bible Study  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
11:30 am Church Tour  
Coffee Hour  
4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reception  
Jr. High Bell/Covenant Ringers  
5:00 pm Covenant Singers  
6:00 pm Senior High Ensemble

**Monday, March 5**  
9:00 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
7:00 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
Personnel Committee

**Tuesday, March 6**  
9:00 am Stuffers & Staples  
4:00 pm Library Committee  
7:00 pm Congregational Fellowship

**Wednesday, March 7**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Qibets  
6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
Church Buddies  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 8**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
5:30 pm Third Church Ringers

**Friday, March 9**  
**Saturday, March 10**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Piper Team)

**February 25, 2001**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
Laird J. Stuart  
2001 Hudnut Preacher

**Tuesday, February 28, 2001**  
**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
**7:00pm in the Chapel**  
Roderic P. Frohman

**March 4, 2001**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
Joseph W. Shook preaching

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Joseph W. Shook, Interim Head of Staff  
Virginia M. Brown, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
Aaron R. Daly, Associate Pastor-Elder/Christian Nurture  
Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Peter A. Dabbs, Director of Music/Organist  
Christina A. Lunt, Associate Director of Music  
Parish 1, Fave, Parish Visitor

## Third Presbyterian Church MESSENGER



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hot Buttons Conference

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:30am-3:30pm**



Photo by Andy Marcell

### Matilda Cuomo Keynote Speaker

Introduced by Mayor William Johnson

### "Mentoring USA"

### Family and Personal Empowerment Against Violence

*Our goal is to give you tools you can use*

Plan now to attend the second annual Hot Buttons Conference which will take place on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30am until 3:30pm at Third Presbyterian Church. A registration form is inserted in this newsletter.

Workshops will include:

- Parenting and Childhood Exposure to Violence
- Relationships and Couples: Coercion and Control
- Violence and Religion: Understanding Preaching and Practice
- Institutional and Cultural Violence: How and What We Learn to Fear

The Workshops will be given by Alternatives for Battered Women, Children's Institute, Inc., Center for Youth Services, Center for Dispute Settlement, Rochester Police Department, IMPACT Teen Theatre, Society for Protection and Care of Children, University of Rochester, Monroe Community College, Youth Emergency Services Team, and a Theological Panel.

Call Rev. Rod Frohman (234-0507) to advance register and register children for childcare and school-age programming. Please bring a sandwich for yourself and one to share. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

This Workshop is funded by the Action for Peace and Justice Committee of Third Church, and the Lee Edwards, J. Paul Gocker and Rev. James Rice Memorial Funds.

### Why Mardi Gras?

Another Mardi Gras celebration has come and gone at Third, and a good time was had by all! Mardi Gras is a great time for infants through seniors to have fun together. The evening was full of good food, great music, a spirited sing-a-long, a wonderful puppet show, colorful face paintings, and some juggling and other fun activities.

Early on in the evening, I was asked by a young mother how to explain to her children what Mardi Gras is all about. Clearly I could have described what I said above, but the deeper issue seemed to be why do we celebrate it? One could say it is a night of great fun, before 40 days of giving up something you like to do. Or one could say it's a great time for kids to get their faces painted with colorful symbols before their parents get their foreheads marked with ashes the next night. What should we tell our children?

I think we should not just talk about Mardi Gras without explaining the season of Lent and the journey of Jesus to the cross, and his Resurrection beyond. Mardi Gras is a time of fun and frolic, which focuses on ourselves. Then the season of Lent begins the next day. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a spiritual journey we should make following Jesus' example of prayer, fasting and being more in touch with God. It should be a time of sacrifice and renewal for us as we come to understand that Jesus calls us all to pick up our cross and follow him by serving others in need.

At the end of the 40 days of Lent come the most wonderful of celebrations, Easter. And that's a celebration not of who we are, but who Jesus is and what God has done through him! So we call tell our children that Mardi Gras is the opening celebration of a time of serious learning and growth about ourselves and about Jesus, that leads to the most joyful of church celebrations on Easter Sunday.

Faithfully in Christ Jesus,

Virginia Brown



### An Urgent Need!

Third Church has a *dire need* for several volunteers to alternate on Sunday mornings during worship services to answer the telephone and deliver messages. This is a very important role in our church. Members of the congregation experienced an emergency situation must be able to reach their pastor. At the moment, we do not have volunteers to handle this task and we are asking for your help. Please contact Cindy Mark at 271-4211 for more information.

### A Little Child Shall Lead Them

#### Junior Choir Calendar Reminder

#### Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

On this day the Junior Choir will sing at New Life Presbyterian Church, located at 243 Rosedale Street, at the corner of Monroe Avenue. The children should meet at New Life at 9:00am and worship is at 10:00am. Junior Choir families are invited to worship at New Life that morning. The Children's Bell Choir will also play and the Junior choir will sing two anthems. Parents are needed to help with transporting robes over to New Life. The plan is to pick up robes from the Moot Room on Wednesday, March 7 after Qabats and bring them to New Life on Sunday morning. Let Chris Lenti know if you can help.

### Glorious Things!

#### Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

The Glorious Things! will sing an anthem in church this morning. Warm up is at 10am.

### Recording Session

#### Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-3:30pm

At this recording session, the Junior Choir will continue its project of recording hymns and anthems for children. We are still collecting ideas for suggestions for a title for our CD. We will also have a contest for artwork for the front of the CD. More details to come.

### Qabats

#### Wednesdays at 5:30pm

March 14 - The Holy Land  
March 21 - The Twelve Disciples

### Camp Cory 2001

#### August 20-23

Again, our Junior Choir will have the opportunity to spend three days at beautiful Camp Cory on Keuka Lake. More information will be available soon, but mark the dates on your calendar NOW!

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### Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Evening Program

4:00 pm Jr. High Bells, Covenant Ringers  
5:00 pm Chi Rho/CHAOS  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

### Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Evening Program

4:00 pm Jr. High Bells, Covenant Ringers  
5:00 pm Chi Rho/CHAOS  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

### Montreat Reminder for

#### Youth:

A \$200 balance is due in the Church Office by March 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Member in Mission: Beth Sieber-Ford

Since the early 90's, the Family Resource Centers of Rochester (FRCR) have been making a difference in the lives of our youngest citizens. This organization, formed "to foster the development of young children and to inspire the growth of mothers and fathers as their children's most valuable teachers," has grown to six neighborhood centers within the boundaries of the City of Rochester. The extremely positive results from the high quality, stimulating early childhood education and parenting workshops that build confidence and competence have been documented. Knowing that what happens at the centers really *does* make a difference in the lives of the families they serve gives **Beth Sieber-Ford**, Third Presbyterian Church's **Member in Mission**, the most personal satisfaction in her job as Center Director of both the Miriam and Webster Avenue Family Resource Centers.

Her greatest challenge is trying to balance the workload and determine the needs at the two centers in unique neighborhoods. One of Beth's co-workers glowingly describes the many qualities that make her an outstanding Center Director - "more than conscientious, very personable, a good listener, a seriousness balanced with a sense of humor, a focus on families, an ability to facilitate processes that can be complicated, and a strong sense of mission." Beth and other staff members at the FRCR feel it is important to focus on evaluation in order to continually improve the quality of programs as well as determining needs, and to give families the opportunity for input about decisions.

An important workshop was developed this year as a result of the evaluation process. The program, "Parents as Primary Sexuality Educators Workshop Series," was designed to help parents learn how to communicate effectively with their children about sex and sexuality. This program can be delivered anywhere in the city - schools, churches, synagogues, support groups, and other organizations -- for free.

What conscientious Center Director would not mention the many and varied volunteer opportunities for Third Church members? person fostering a love of reading in children? become a **Reading Partner**. Anyone with interest in serving the Family Resource Centers in neighborhoods in either the South Wedge, Ward, Joseph Avenue or N&W of downtown could become a **Center Council member**. People who like to spend time in kitchens could **prepare supper** for the Monday night Parent Workshop at Miriam Center. Positive response to an appeal for **charitable donations** and attendance at the **annual fund-raiser**, a pasta dinner, would be an easy, (and delicious) way to help. Beth can be reached at 663-2930.

Beth's past work experiences all reflect interest in the non-profit sector. While in Princeton, NJ, she worked in the audio department for the National Office for Recording for the Blind. In Rochester, she worked part-time as Program Director for Church Women United. Working out of her home in Bryn Mawr, PA, she was a consultant on setting up day care/nursery school programs. Now back in Rochester, she credits wonderful friends at Third Church in helping her paint, landscape and get settled into her home. In welcoming her back into the church family, the two children, Katie, 11, and Matthew, 6, entrenched in Third Church activities and like canoe, camp, and hike in the Adirondacks, find time to serve as a table parent for Quaker meals involved with More Light activities, and has served on the committee to nominate a Senior Pastor Search Committee.

With an increasing number of families in crisis, the FRCR provides much needed help providing a safe and supportive learning environment for both children and parents, reassuring to know that dedicated, responsive, caring, and "more than conscientious" people like Beth Sieber-Ford are at the helm.



## FAMILY AND PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AGAINST VIOLENCE

Third Presbyterian Church

2nd Annual Hot Buttons Conference

**Saturday, March 31 9:30am-3:30pm**

Keynote Speaker: **Matilda Raffa Cuomo**

**"Mentoring USA"**

Introduced by Mayor William Johnson

### Workshops by:

- Alternatives For Battered Women ◦ Children's Institute, Inc.
- Center For Youth Services ◦ Center For Dispute Settlement
- Rochester Police Department ◦ IMPACT Teen Theatre
- Society For Protection and Care of Children ◦ University Of Rochester
- Monroe Community College ◦ Youth Emergency Services Team
- Theological Panel

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Rochester, NY 14607

Please call Rev. Rod Frohman to advance register children for **Child Care at Schoolage Programming**. 234-0507 voicemail or [Rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:Rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org)

**Lunch:** Bring a sandwich for yourself and one to share.

Beverage and dessert will be provided.

For more information visit <http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/events>

Funded by the Action for Peace and Justice Committee, The Lee Edwards Memorial Fund, The J. Paul Goecker Memorial Fund, and The Rev. James Rice Memorial Fund.

# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**How I heard about conference** \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up for:

☐ Morning Keynote Speaker (10:00 AM) Matilda Roffa Cuomo

☐ Lunch (Bring a sandwich and one to share)

☐ Afternoon Workshops (12:30) Please indicate 2 areas of interest.

*More details will be available on the day of the conference and at <http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/events>*

☐ Institutional & Cultural Violence

☐ Parenting & Childhood Exposure to Violence

☐ Relationships & Couples

☐ Violence & Religion

☐ IMPACT Theatre: Sexual Harassment (1:00)

Child Care Needs (Advance registration is required by March 23 for all children)

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_


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☐ Morning (9:30 - 11:30)

☐ Afternoon (12:30 - 3:30)

**Special Needs** \_\_\_\_\_

**A Message from  
The Endowment Enhancement  
Task Force**




We all make an effort to provide for our church with the payment of our annual pledges. Yet how many of us think about providing additions to Third's Endowment Fund to enhance its future? This can be done by simply designating gifts to Third Church in our Wills.

Particularly as we grow older and see that our loved ones are in reasonably secure circumstances, we can well manage to designate a portion of our resources to be added to the Endowment of Third Church, to ensure the continuance and enhancement of Third's programs, including Worship, Education, Evangelism, Outreach, Youth, and Music. In effect, our annual giving can be sustained in perpetuity.

We can keep faith with those who have contributed in the past and can furnish help over the long future.

On Sunday, April 22, Bob Ellis, a Development Officer from the Presbyterian Foundation, is coming to Third to hold informational meetings after each of the morning church services. Please consider attending one of these, the later one to be preceded by a simple lunch.


**Hot Buttons II Registration  
Saturday March 31, 2001  
(free of charge and all are welcome!)**



Please mail your completed form to Rev. Rod Frohman, Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street, Rochester, NY 14607 or e-mail to [rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org)

*Third Church is handicapped accessible and has a hearing loop for the hearing impaired.  
An ASL interpreter will also be present at the morning session.  
Please let us know how we may best accommodate you.*

**Help our Chancel Choir get here!**



Rochester (England) Cathedral

**Chancel Choir Auction  
Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration Center**

Viewing of the items, and registration of bidders will begin at 11:45am (following the Worship Service), and bidding will begin at 12:30pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Carol Ritter of the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle will be our celebrity auctioneer, and there will be a wealth of high-quality items and services up for bid... including

Tickets to the Luciano Pavarotti concert

Box Seats to a Rochester Red Wings Game

Glenlivet Golf Bag

Titlist Golf Balls

Piano Music for a Party

Hair & Beauty Products

Travel Certificate

and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

More details can be found on the church website [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/Music/Auction](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/Music/Auction), or by checking the link from the Music and Arts page.

## NEW HORIZONS in CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sunday Morning Offerings

March 11 & March 18

### Faith and the Family

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### Death and the Resurrection of Jesus

March 11-April 8<sup>th</sup> 9:15am - Johnston Hall  
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March 18, 25, and April 1

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Don't forget...check out the Third  
Church Website:  
[www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)

### CHURCH FAMILY

#### Born

Twin girls, **Emily and Madeline Sheppard**, born to Charles and Laura Sheppard in Philadelphia, PA, on February 8, 2001. Grandparents Jon and Mary Sheppard (NCN/P) rejoice in their arrival!

A son, **Jeter Jordan Dugan**, born February 12, 2001, to Lou Anna and Rodney Dugan (NCN/O), in Rochester. Grandmother Irene Shaffer (NCN/O) rejoices in his arrival!

A daughter, **Olivia Rose Pethick**, born Saturday, February 24, 2001, to Bob and Karen Pethick (NCN/R). Grandparents Bill and Rose Pethick (NCN/S) rejoice in her arrival!

#### Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of **Virginia L. Cooper** on her death on February 26, 2001 in Washington. Peggy and Ted Boucher (NCN/JC) on the death of Peggy's mother, **Susan Catherine Siebert**, on February 27, 2001, in Rochester.

#### Notes of thanks.....

Dear Third Church,

*Thank you for all of your prayers, calls, cards, caring words, and hugs. My dad's death came as a shock. It has been such a comfort to be part of a loving and caring church family.*

Love,  
Marcia Frohman

### Pictorial Directories

Directories will be available for pick up before and after 10:30am on Sunday. Each new member class is welcome to pick up your copy. Again, many thanks to all for your help -- and a large thank you for sending us your notes of appreciation. It was our pleasure.

-Rose and Bill Pethick

### Retired Men

The Retired Men will meet next on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in Johnston Hall. A representative of Literacy Volunteers will speak of the work of that organization. Literacy Volunteers, working one on one, teaches English to those for whom it is not a native tongue. It is an important work and can be done by anyone, even if he or she has no teaching experience. The organization provides the necessary training. Those wishing to attend are asked to reserve a place no later than Monday, March 12, by calling the Church Office (271-6513).

### John White Circle

The John White circle will meet in Johnston Hall on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The Rev. Aaron Doll will be the guest speaker. Please bring a sandwich.

### Mary Paris Strayer

Mary Paris Strayer will meet on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance, 2500 East Avenue, at the apartment of Betty Gocker. Ruth Lauterbach, a long-time member of the Rochester International Friendship Council, will tell about the friendships she and her family have formed with international students attending area colleges.

### Calvin Guild

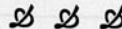
The March meeting of Calvin Guild will take place on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning with refreshments at 6:00pm and supper at 6:30pm. The Reverend Thomas Halbrooks, President of Colgate Rochester Divinity School will speak on "Seminaries and Churches: Our Connection." If you bring a dish to pass, the cost is \$2; if you come without food, the cost is \$4.

### Volunteers Needed!

We are anticipating a large turnout for the second annual **Hot Buttons** conference scheduled for Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. This year's conference will target empowerment against violence, and will feature keynote speaker **Matilda Cuomo**, along with a number of informative workshops.

Volunteers are needed for either the full day (9:00-4:00) or just part of the day. Specific needs include baking cookies for the luncheon, service as greeters for our workshop presenters, assisting with registration, the luncheon, childcare, the children's program, and providing some direction for individuals not familiar with our church.

If you are able to assist us in any capacity, please contact Lea Theuer at 244-1417. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

**Sunday, March 11 - Lent II**  
8:30 am New Member Class  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
Jr. Choir at New Life  
Adult Education  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
4:00 pm Jr. High Belts & Covenant Rings  
5:00 pm Ch. Rng/Chaos  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

## **Monday, March 12**

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells

## **Tuesday, March 13**

9:00 am Over the Hill Gang  
12:00 n Retired Men's Luncheon  
7:00 pm Session

## **Wednesday, March 14**

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Quilts  
6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
7:30 pm Membership Committee

## **Thursday, March 15**

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
12:00 n John White Circle  
5:30 pm Third Church Rings  
6:00 pm Head Start Policy Committee  
6:30 pm Hot Buttons II  
7:00 pm \*1

## **Friday, March 16**

9:45 am Sisters in Spirit

## **Saturday, March 17**

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Norton Team)

## **Sunday, March 18 - Lent III**

9:00 am New Member Breakfast  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education/Bible Study  
Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Glorious Things Warm-up  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary/Baptism  
10:45 am Church School  
11:30 am Reception for Shooks  
4:00 pm Jr. High Belts/Covenant Rings  
5:00 pm Ch. Rng/Chaos  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

## **Monday, March 19**

9:00 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
11:00 am Morning Light Sub-Committee  
7:00 pm Gay/Lesbian Support

## **Tuesday, March 20**

9:00 am Stuffers & Staples  
12:00 n Mary Paris Strayer  
6:30 pm Finance Committee  
7:30 pm Trustees

## **Wednesday, March 21**

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Quilts  
6:00 pm Calvin Guild  
Commissioning Class  
Church Buddies

## **Thursday, March 22**

7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
5:30 pm Third Church Rings  
6:30 pm Hot Buttons II  
7:00 pm \*1

## **Friday, March 23**

9:00 am Deacon Tea at Friendly Home

## **Saturday, March 24**

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Bachelor Team)  
1:00 pm Auction Set up

**Lent II**  
**March 11, 2001**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
Joseph W. Shook preaching  
Living with Responsibilities  
Genesis 15:1-2,17-18  
Luke 13:31-35

**Lent III**  
**March 18, 2001**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
Reception of New Members  
Joseph W. Shook preaching

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Joseph W. Shook, Interim Head of Staff  
Virginia K. Brown, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
Cynthia A. Duggan, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
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**On Palm Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 10:30am**  
**The Chancel Choir will**  
**present**

**Lux Aeterna**  
By

Morten Lauridsen

(Note the date change)

On Palm Sunday, April 8th, the special Lenten musical presentation by the Chancel Choir will be **Lux Aeterna**. It will be presented during 10:30 worship, and will mark one of the first Rochester-area performances of this gorgeous and spiritually profound new work. The piece was composed in 1997 by American composer Morten Lauridsen, and received its premiere that year by the Los Angeles Master Chorale, for whom Mr. Lauridsen serves as Composer-in-Residence.

**Lux Aeterna** is comprised of 5 movements based on traditional liturgical Latin texts, all of which deal with various aspects of Light. The expansive musical setting is very rich, with a lush orchestration and contemporary, yet accessible, harmonies. The combination of text and music make for a radiant piece which has rocketed to popularity with singers and audiences alike across the country. Our presentation will feature the 60-voice Chancel Choir, accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra, conducted by Peter DuBois.

You will certainly want to be present for this special worship experience, and it is our hope that you will find this to be an unusual and meaningful part of the Lenten season. Invite your friends to join you!

Major funding for this presentation is being provided by gifts given in honor of Betty Crawford's 90th birthday, and gifts given in memory of David Barcalo Reed. A special offering will also be received on Palm Sunday to help defray the costs of presenting this exceptional work.

### **Welcoming Our New Pastor - Sunday, April 1**

Third Church will welcome its new Pastor, the Rev. K. John Wilkinson, Jr. Mr. Wilkinson comes to Rochester from Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago where he was the Executive Associate Pastor. Come and help us warmly welcome our new Pastor.

## From Your Interim Pastor

Dear Friends:

For the past eighteen months, it has been my privilege to have served Third Church as Interim Pastor and Head of Staff, and now I am on my way to another church where I will serve in the same capacity. Claudia and I will make our home for the next year or so in Wausau, Wisconsin.

As I reflect on my time at Third, I have found Third Church to be a pace-setter in the denomination as well as in the community of Rochester. You faithfully demonstrate what you say you believe by taking action to promote justice. In so many ways, from the pastoral care that is provided to the membership, to the ministry of compassion extended in your food programs, to the upcoming Hot Buttons II Conference on violence, you say that you care for people. I commend you for your strong witness.

The days ahead will be as exciting as those of the past. Your new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff, the Rev. K. John Wilkinson will begin his ministry at Third on March 26 and will be in the pulpit for the first time on April 1. I know that you will want to welcome him to this new ministry as together you begin another part of your journey. Rev. Wilkinson will challenge you to explore the many possible ways that you might act out your witness in this community and in the family of Presbyterian congregations. You will be asked to allow and encourage this church to grow and evolve into a church that will thrive in this first century of a new millennium.

New beginnings are indeed fun and exciting, but in the church we must also say goodbye. Regretfully, you must prepare for saying goodbye to the Rev. Virginia Brown, your Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care. Virginia has been accepted in a residency program in Clinical Pastoral Education for training in a specialized ministry. She submitted her resignation to Session on March 13 to be effective July 31. Virginia will tell you more about her decision in the weeks to come. For now, I simply want to thank her for her profoundly important ministry that she has performed at Third Church. She will be missed by those of you who have received her care and compassion during your time of trouble and by those who simply know her as a good friend.

Let me say goodbye, too. Claudia and I have had a wonderful time in Rochester and at Third Church. Claudia has enjoyed immensely her participation in the Chancel Choir. In so many ways, you have allowed us into your lives, and we count you all as friends. We both appreciate so much the lovely gifts that we received on Sunday. The glass etching of the church, the generous gift, the pastoral statue with its unique history, and the book of remembrances will be treasured forever. We thank all those who prepared the lovely farewell reception, and especially, we thank you for remaining after worship to say goodbye. There are too many examples of your kindness to name, so, I will just say that you.

With warm regards,  
Joseph W. Shook  
Interim Pastor

## A Little Child Shall Lead Them

### Junior Choir Calendar Reminder

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>



Don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour tonight! April 1<sup>st</sup> will also be John Wilkinson's first Sunday in the Third Church Pulpit.

### Recording Session

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-3:30pm

At this recording session, the Junior Choir will continue its project of recording hymns and anthems for children.

### Qabats

Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
March 28 - The Last Supper  
April 4 - Easter



### Easter Extravaganza

The Children's Ministry Committee invites all TPC children on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am to help find the hidden Easter candy. We will make our baskets, then fill them, with Easter goodies!! Come join the fun!! Sign up will be in the Garth after the 10:30am church services in April. Direct questions to Kathy Shahin at 223-1322 or Diana Lewis at 442-1251.

## youth@thirdpresbyterian 2000-2001

### Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Covenant Singers Warm up  
10:30 am Covenant Singers play in worship  
Evening Program

4:00 pm Youth Groups Meet at Hot Shots  
5:15 pm Covenant Singers  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:30 pm Senior High Ensemble  
7:00 pm Covenant Singers

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am Covenant Singers Warm up  
10:30 am Covenant Singers sing in worship  
Evening Program

4:00 pm Jr. High Bells, Covenant Singers  
5:00 pm Chi Rho/CHAOS  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:15 pm Senior High Ensemble

### 2001 Presbyterian Youth Triennial: "Even the Stones Will Shout"

This summer, during the last full week in July, four youth from Third Presbyterian Church will be joining about eight thousand others from across the country and around the world at this amazing event. The Triennial is the largest regular gathering of Presbyterian youth anywhere. Happening every three years on the Purdue University campus, it is a life-directing event for youth and adults alike, who come to learn, play, grow in their faith and be connected to a broader family of faith.

A limited number of youth from each presbytery are allowed to attend and are selected by nomination and vote by a selection committee. Amanda Gianniny, Bryan Wegman, Jonathan Dannefer, and Sarah Norton have been selected to represent our Church and the Presbytery of Genesee Valley this year. Third Church has never had the opportunity to send four nominees to this event before. Please congratulate and pray for these young leaders in our congregation as they go and return with new faith and enthusiasm!



## Member in Mission: Tom Morse

Speaking with Tom Morse about the many talents and gifts he shares with Third is a conversation that requires a quick pen. My narrow interviewer's mind was focused on the Food Cupboard, but I soon realized that this modest, enthusiastic man has made an impact far wider than one outreach program.

Tom came to Third in 1990 when he moved into the city, realizing that his interests and activities were more urban than suburban. "My first mistake" he said with a smile, "was admitting to experience as a treasurer of several non-profits." John Cairns immediately spotted this talent, and Tom became church treasurer for most of his first five years at Third.

"What's wonderful about Third?" Tom noted, "It's a great diverse, community-wide congregation with an openness shown in the More Light stance and so many outreach programs." One of Tom's commitments is to the Dining Room Ministry, which provides a hot meal every Saturday to 40 – 80 people in need. As a shopper, he works with Otto Muller-Girard and one of several volunteer teams to plan for, and serve the meal – his team is on duty two months each year.

Tom reminded me that so many of our neighbors are just one mortgage payment away from being in dire need. The Food Cupboard at Third was begun by folks like Betsy Essley, Sue Locke, and Tom to find a way to serve the people who wandered into the church every day asking for food. In existence for 6-7 years now, the Food Cupboard gives emergency food to individuals and families each Monday and Thursday morning from 9:30 – 12:00. Most of the people served are from the neighborhood, and they receive enough food for 2-3 days, and can return once every 30 days. Third serves about 20 people each day the Cupboard is open.

Where does the food come from? Donations from the Congregation each week are mixed with food that comes from Foodlink. Foodlink is a regional operation that coordinates grants to cover the cost of the food, and facilitates getting the food to the various food cupboards around the city. Tom is our "buyer" who makes the trip each week to Foodlink to make pick-ups from the distribution center. The food doesn't always arrive exactly as expected. One day last spring we received 4000 lbs. of food!

"The neighbors who come to the Food Cupboard are so grateful" Tom said, "Often they are as thankful for the contact with the volunteers – just to find a listening ear, as for the food itself!" Foodlink requires that we keep a record of who receives the food, and Tom describes those served as a wide range of people, many with physical or other disabilities. "The most disturbing thing," said Tom, "is that in the last year we have started seeing so many more single parents with their young children."

Typically, Food Cupboard volunteers work one day each month. "It's such a pleasurable experience to help these people, and we can always use more volunteers!" encouraged the remarkable, high-energy Tom Morse. If you would be willing to volunteer, please call Betty Gocker at 248-0274.

- Martha Bush

## NEW HORIZONS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

SPRING 2001



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March 4<sup>th</sup> & 11th

9:00 a.m.-Parlor

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March 4, 11, 18 & 25, April 1 & 8

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Marcus Borg, eminent Jesus scholar, especially known for his best-selling book, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, brings the insights of recent biblical scholarship to bear on both the historical events and their meaning for us. This six-part series will be led by Calvin Garber and Reverend Aaron Doll.

**SIX HOURS ONE FRIDAY**

March 18 & 25, April 1

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**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP DISCUSSION**

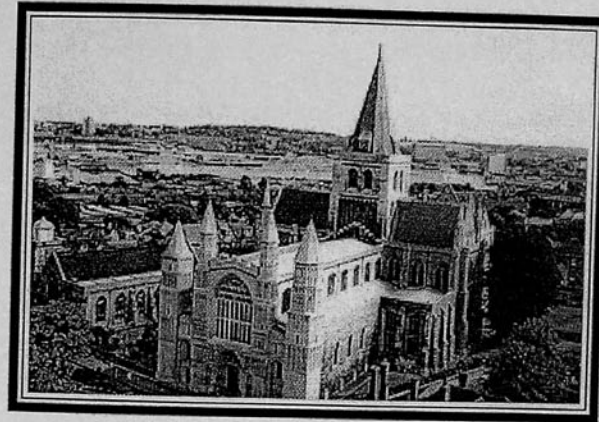
April 22nd  
9:30 a.m. – Johnston Hall

We all agree that our children need more opportunities to learn about and participate in worship at Third Church. The challenge for us is what form will these opportunities take? Can we provide resources for parents and children to make their inclusion into our regular services a possibility? Are there other models of children's worship that will better supply them with the tools and the desire to participate when they are adults? In a similar format to our February CE Task Force feedback session, we explore the challenges and opportunities ahead of us together.

**THIRD CHURCH MISSION FAIR**

April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Open before & after 10:30 a.m. worship – Johnston Hall

Johnston Hall will be brimming with tables full of information and activities about all the mission opportunities available for your participation at Third Church. There will be something of interest for adults and children alike. So, come and take part in this important annual event!



Rochester (England) Cathedral

**Chancel Choir Auction**  
**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Celebration Center**

**Fund Raiser for Choir Trip to England - Summer 2001**

11:45am: Viewing of items and Registration

12:30pm: Bidding begins!

(Light refreshments will be available.)

Carol Ritter of the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle will be our celebrity auctioneer, and there will be a wealth of high-quality items and services up for bid . . . including these categories:

**Tickets & Special Events**  
**Services**  
**Antiques & Collectibles**  
**Food & Restaurants**  
**Arts & Crafts**  
**Great Goods**

**Check inside for the latest items which will be up for auction this weekend!**

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## Auction Action...

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Check out these items which will be up for auction next week – and plan your shopping now!! You can check for updates throughout the week at the auction web-page: [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music/auction.html](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music/auction.html)

**Note:** At the auction, cash and checks only will be accepted as payment.

### Tickets & Special Events

- Two premium tickets (center orchestra, 1/3 back) to the Luciano Pavarotti concert on April 1, 2001
- Four box seats to a Rochester Red Wings Game (date TBA with donor)
- Two tickets to Blackfriars production of *A Little Night Music*
- Golf Foursome – Play in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Visiting Nurse Hospice Golf Tournament – Greystone Golf Club – August 6, 2001
- Eight pairs of tickets to any Eastman School of Music Concert (incl. Kilbourn Concerts, Ranlet Concerts, World Music Series)
- Pair of tickets to Strauss' *Die Fledermaus*, presented by the Rochester Opera Factory, Saturday, June 2 at 8pm
- Two Subscription Series to *Opera Rochester's* 2001-2002 season
- Two tickets to each of 4 Rochester Bach Festival Harpsichord Concerto Concerts – April 21, May 13, May 19, June 2

### Services

- Two hours of Piano Music at your home or party by Scott Stratton-Smith
- Piano Tuning package by Nancy Wilder
- Two 30-minute Therapeutic Massages by Suzie Coleman
- One 60-minute Therapeutic Massage by Margaret Schwaneflugel
- \$100 Travel Gift Certificate from *Gallerie of Travel*
- Manicure or Hair "do" plus a Gift Basket from *D'Attitude Total Image Salon* (Pittsford)
- Piano Lessons (six one-hour lessons) from Ruth Lauterbach
- Flowers for the Chapel & Sanctuary – gift certificate for a pair of arrangements from *Flowers by Marie Baetjer*
- Dance Lessons – Four certificates, each good for two 30-minute private dance lessons from *Arthur Murray Studios*
- One Bike Tune-up – certificate from *Park Avenue Bike Shop*
- Massage gift certificate from *Roe Associates*
- Golf Package – a round of golf for 2 with cart from *Ontario Golf Club*
- Vocal Recital in your home or other location – Betsy Marvin, soprano; Peter DuBois, piano
- Hyatt Regency Rochester – Gift Certificate for one night weekend for 2, plus breakfast



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                                                                                        | TUESDAY                                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                                                                             | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p>9:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study</p> <p>9:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>10:45 Church School</p> <p>4:00 Youth Program</p> <p>7:15 Sr. High Ensemble</p>                                                                                                 | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>10:00 Chapel Bells</p> <p>7:00 Personnel Committee</p> <p>7:00 Gay/Lesbian Support Group</p>     | <p>9:00 Stuffers and Staples</p> <p>7:00 Congregational Fellowship</p>            | <p>9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting</p> <p>5:00 Children's Bell Choir</p> <p>5:30 Debats</p> <p>6:00 Commissioning Class</p> <p>6:00 Church Buddies</p> <p>7:00 Deacons</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir ☺</p> | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>5:30 Third Church Ringers</p> <p>6:00 Committee Dinner</p> <p>6:30 Hot Buttons II and Peace &amp; Justice Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Mission Interpretation</p> <p>7:00 Education Sub-Committees</p> <p>7:00 Peace and Justice</p> <p>7:30 Outreach</p> | <p>9:45 Sisters in Spirit ☺</p>                                                                    | <p>8:00 Coptic Church</p> <p>10:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Muller Guard team</p> <p>1:30 Jr. Choir Recording Session</p>                                                                                         |
| <p>9:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study</p> <p>9:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 Worship-Special Music</p> <p>10:45 Church School</p> <p>4:00 Youth Program</p> <p>7:15 Sr. High Ensemble</p>                                                                                   | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>10:00 Chapel Bells</p>                                                                           | <p>12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon</p> <p>7:00 Session</p>                           | <p>9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 Church Buddies</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir ☺</p> <p>7:30 Membership Committee</p>                                         | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>5:00 Coptic Church</p> <p>5:30 Third Church Ringers</p> <p>7:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Commissioning Class will attend worship)☺</p>                                                                                                   | <p>12:15 Good Friday</p> <p>Worship Service</p> <p>At Incarnate Word</p> <p>3:00 Coptic Church</p> | <p>9:00 Coptic Church</p> <p>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Coons Team</p> <p>10:00 Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>10:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 Coptic Church</p>                                                                |
| <p>9:30 Sunrise Service at Cobble Hill Park</p> <p>9:00 Worship</p> <p>9:00 Child Care</p> <p>11:00 Worship</p>                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Office Closed</p>                                                                                                          | <p>12:00 Mary Parks Circle</p> <p>6:30 Finance Committee</p> <p>7:30 Trustees</p> | <p>9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Calvin Guild</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir ☺</p>                                                                                                            | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>5:30 Third Church Ringers</p> <p>7:00 T3</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>9:45 Sisters in Spirit ☺</p>                                                                    | <p>9:00 Coptic Church</p> <p>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Theater Team</p>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>9:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 Endowment</p> <p>10:00 Enhancement Gathering</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>10:45 Church School</p> <p>12:00 Endowment</p> <p>Enhancement Gathering</p> <p>4:00 Youth Program</p> <p>7:15 Sr. High Ensemble</p>                   | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>5:30 Music and Arts Committee</p> <p>7:00 More Light Committee</p> <p>7:30 Worship Committee</p> | <p>9:00 Stuffers and Staples</p>                                                  | <p>9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Church Conference</p> <p>6:00 Commissioning Class</p> <p>6:00 Church Buddies</p> <p>7:15 Chancel Choir ☺</p>                                            | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>10:00 Installation of President Halbrooks</p> <p>5:30 Third Church Ringers</p> <p>7:00 T3</p>                                                                                                                                                    | <p>2:00 The Welcoming Church Conference</p> <p>5:00 Commissioning Class Retreat</p>                | <p>8:00 The Welcoming Church Conference</p> <p>8:30 New Member Class</p> <p>9:00 Youth Office-Presbytery Mission Madness</p> <p>9:00 Coptic Church</p> <p>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Hammerton Team</p> <p>10:00 Mission Fair Set-up</p> |
| <p>9:30 New Member Class</p> <p>9:00 Worship</p> <p>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study</p> <p>9:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>10:45 Church School</p> <p>11:30 Mission Fair</p> <p>12:30 Debats Year-End Celebration</p> <p>4:00 Youth Program</p> <p>7:15 Sr. High Ensemble</p> | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard</p> <p>10:00 Chapel Bells</p> <p>5:30 GRCC Annual Meeting</p>                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

☺ is the symbol for "if needed, child care will be provided. Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance.



**CALL for DONATIONS  
for Easter Decorations:**

If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of our lovely Easter decorations, please complete the form below and send your check to the Church Office marked "*Easter Flowers*" and please note clearly the names that should be included in the Easter bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

\_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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of: \_\_\_\_\_

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of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ A donation

**Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for receiving contributions.



## **Antiques & Collectibles**

- ◆ Turn-of-the-century (1900!) Trivet
- ◆ Wooden-handle **Chamber Stick**
- ◆ Collection of **English Bone China Tea Cups** (3 available)
- ◆ **Restored Brass Chandelier** which formerly hung in *Johnston Hall!*
- ◆ **Official NASCAR Jacket** – Twill Multi-colored "Jeff Gordon" (large)
- ◆ Official **WXXI "Crew Jacket"**
- ◆ Two **Antique Bird Cages** with floor stands – one wood, one metal – good condition
- ◆ Three-branch **Brass Candlestick**
- ◆ **Chinese Wooden Chest** – jewelry box w/music box
- ◆ Two **Waterford Crystal Wine Glasses**
- ◆ **Victorian serving table** – solid oak, ornate turnings and mouldings – excellent condition
- ◆ Collection of **24 antique Kodak cameras** – 6 historical groups of 4 cameras each

## **Food & Restaurants**

- ◆ **Party for 25 Adults at JILLIANS** – two certificates, each good for party for 25, including two hours of Pool or Bowling; complimentary food trays; \$5-10 game cards per person
- ◆ **Bread & Muffin Basket** from *Montana Mills Bread Co.*
- ◆ \$25 Gift Certificate from **Jines Restaurant**, 658 Park Ave.
- ◆ \$25 Gift Certificate from **Charlie's Frog Pond**, 652 Park Ave.
- ◆ \$20 Gift Certificate from **Classy Cookie Deli**, 111 Park Ave.
- ◆ \$25 Gift Certificate from **Rooney's**, 90 Henrietta St.
- ◆ Two \$10 Gift Certificates from **Red Fedele's Brook House**
- ◆ "Buy one get one free" certificates from **Rund's on the Ridge**
- ◆ "Healthy Apple Pie" – low-fat, low-cholesterol – made by Carol Coons
- ◆ \$25 Gift Certificate from **Wegmans Food Markets**
- ◆ Two "Southern Deep-dish Pecan Pies" made by Louisiana native Martha Thigpen Denison – *Satisfaction guaranteed!*

## **Arts & Crafts**

- ◆ **Framed Photograph** of Letchworth State Park by Jeff Sprague
- ◆ Pottery Painting – the new 'craze'! - **\$15 Gift Certificate** from *Bisque & Brush Ltd.*, 713 Park Ave.
- ◆ 30" x 50" **Baby Blanket** from *Golden Thread Needlearts*, E. Rochester
- ◆ Small **ABC Sampler** made with silk floss from *Golden Thread Needlearts*
- ◆ **Scrapbook Making Kit** and accessories from *Creative Memories* (Rachel Doll)
- ◆ 8" x 10" **Silver Picture Frame** from *Scott's Photo*
- ◆ **Framed Painting** (8" x 10" Mixed Media) by local artist Andrea Geer
- ◆ **Framed Painting** (30" x 30" photography & painting) by local artist Glenn Graver
- ◆ Small **Black stone sculpture** – hand-made in Kenya
- ◆ **Framed Mixed-media** tribute to *Godspell* – by Jeanette Olson

*more...*

### **Great Goods**

- ♦ "Glenlivet" Deluxe Golf Bag
- ♦ Two boxes (1 dozen each) Titleist *DT Distance* Golf Balls
- ♦ \$50 Gift Certificate from *Parkleigh*
- ♦ Silk Flower Arrangement from *Stanley's Flowers*
- ♦ Decorative Arrangement of dried herbs (not for cooking)
- ♦ One pound of Coffee from *Starbucks Coffee*
- ♦ \$100 Gift Certificate from *T.H. Bolton Jewelers*
- ♦ 3 Geranium Plants (8" pots) from *Gardners' Greenhouse*
- ♦ Insulated Backpack Food Carrier
- ♦ Portable Weber Grill
- ♦ Heavy-duty Adjustable Exercise Machine for rowing & other exercises
- ♦ Mahogany Pennsylvania House Television Stand
- ♦ Little Theatre Passes – 2 certificates each good for 2 admissions
- ♦ Strong Museum Membership – one Family or Grandparent level membership for 1 year
- ♦ Windsor Rocker – approx. 25 years old, good condition
- ♦ Small Porcelain Table Lamp
- ♦ Round Side Table – with veneer & veneer inlay – good refinishing project!
- ♦ \$25 Gift Certificate to *Harris Garden Center*
- ♦ Large Zippered Tote Bag from *Carnaval in Rio!*
- ♦ Carswell Massey Rose Cologne (2) and Floral Soap – *Eleventh Hour Gifts*
- ♦ New! Clarity High-frequency enhancing phone – for those with partial hearing loss!
- ♦ Cast bronze statue – "Don Juan"
- ♦ \$40 Gift Certificate from *Mercury Posters*, 1 Sumner Park
- ♦ Pair of Gift Certificates from *Craft Antique Co-op*
- ♦ Howard Miller Mantel Clock – brass and wood accents
- ♦ Mohair Hooded Scarf – blues and purples, from Jeanette Olson
- ♦ Mohair Scarf – tan and salmon, woven by Heather Olson

**Bring your friends! Join the fun!!**

**Be sure to check the web page throughout the week for updates...[www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music/auction.html](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music/auction.html)**

### **SISTERS IN SPIRIT**

First and Third Fridays

9:45 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.-Parlor

Sisters in Spirit is a group that welcomes women of all ages and from all walks of life who seek companionship in the Christian spiritual journey. Our goal is to nourish our faith through reading, conversations and fellowship. To this end we have explored the writings of classic and contemporary Christian thinkers, including Hildegard of Bingen, the letters of spiritual direction of Francis de Sales and Janet de Chantal, and others. Currently we are discussing "Why Christianity Must Change or Die" by Bishop John Shelby Spong.

Sisters in Spirit seeks to cultivate attentiveness to God's presence in our lives and to provide an opportunity to share our experiences in conversation and prayer. The group happily welcomes inquirers and new members. For more information, please call Amy Stratton-Smith at 224-9051.

**TWENTIES & THIRTIES AT THIRD (T3)**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Evening of Each Month

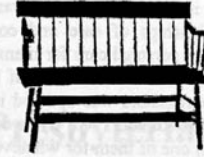
7:15 p.m. - Youth Lounge

This is a group of both single and married individuals in the 20-30 year age group (but, no one is excluded!) We blend study, service and social activities. In our Thursday night sessions we are currently having a "Theology and Film" series, with Reverend Aaron Doll, viewing and discussing religious themes in contemporary films. Coming up are *Dogma*, *What Dreams May Come* and *The Mission*. Each gathering includes a time for prayer and the expression of joys and concerns so that we may better understand and care for one another. Our church community service consists of weekly stocking the food pantry. Lastly, our social activities include dinner parties, going out to restaurants, game and/or movie nights, sporting events and barbecues.

If you have any questions please contact Andrew Elder at 224-8541 or [andrew\\_elder@bigfoot.com](mailto:andrew_elder@bigfoot.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                    |                               |                                                            |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| MARCH 4: Sunday    | 9:00 am<br>9:15 am            | Faith & The Family<br>Marcus Borg Video & Discussion       |
| MARCH 11: Sunday   | 9:00 am<br>9:15 am            | Faith & The Family<br>Marcus Borg Video & Discussion       |
| MARCH 15: Thursday | 7:15 pm                       | Twenties & Thirties (T3) Viewing<br>"Dogma"                |
| MARCH 16: Friday   | 9:45 am                       | Sisters In Spirit                                          |
| MARCH 18: Sunday   | 9:15 am<br>9:15 am            | Marcus Borg Video & Discussion<br>Six Hours One Friday     |
| MARCH 22: Thursday | 7:15 pm                       | Twenties & Thirties (T3) movie &<br>Discussion             |
| MARCH 25: Sunday   | 9:15 am<br>9:15 am            | Marcus Borg Video & Discussion<br>Six Hours One Friday     |
| APRIL 1: Sunday    | 9:15 am<br>9:15 am            | Marcus Borg Video & Discussion<br>Six Hours One Friday     |
| APRIL 6: Friday    | 9:45 am                       | Sisters In Spirit                                          |
| APRIL 8: Sunday    | 9:15 am                       | Marcus Borg Video & Discussion                             |
| APRIL 15: Sunday   |                               | Easter - no classes                                        |
| APRIL 19: Thursday | 7:15 pm                       | Twenties & Thirties (T3) viewing<br>"What Dreams May Come" |
| APRIL 20: Friday   | 9:45 am                       | Sisters In Spirit                                          |
| APRIL 22: Sunday   | 9:30 am                       | Children's Worship Discussion                              |
| APRIL 26: Thursday | 7:15 pm                       | Twenties & Thirties (T3) movie &<br>Discussion             |
| APRIL 29: Sunday   | before/after<br>10:30 worship | Third Church Mission Fair                                  |



## Deacon's Bench

### Vases Needed!

We are in need of vases for deacons' flower deliveries. The vases are used to carry flowers after the services to persons that are ill or recovering in local nursing homes or hospitals, or at home. Any vase will do -- plastic, glass or any other material that will hold water.

### Unraveling the NCN Mystery

Do you know your Neighborhood Care Network (NCN)? Do you know which Deacon represents your NCN? Do you know who your Coordinator is? If you answered yes to all three questions, you are probably either a Deacon or a Coordinator. But fear not, the Deacons are hard at work with ideas to raise your awareness regarding the NCN structure. Look for further updates here in the Bench -- and put the **Neighborhood Care Network Chart** (on the other side of this page) on your refrigerator for reference.

If you would like to get involved with your NCN and become a Coordinator, we currently have positions open for the following NCN's:

**C**-Brighton Central  
**D<sup>1</sup>**-Brighton East  
**D<sup>2</sup>**-Brighton East  
**E**-City (South Wedge)  
**J,JA** City (Southeast)  
**N**-Gates, Greece, Hamlin, Brockport  
**O**-City West  
**S**-Penfield, Macedon, Walworth  
**T**-Pittsford, North and The Highlands  
**V**-Canandaigua, Framington, Mendon, Victor,  
 Naples, Nunda, Geneseo, Holcomb, Bluff Point,  
 Livonia

To be a coordinator, you should be resident in the NCN, and be able to dedicate a relatively small amount of time for your duties. A map has been placed on the bulletin board outside the church office for your convenience. It shows all the NCNs graphically with a photo of each corresponding deacon.

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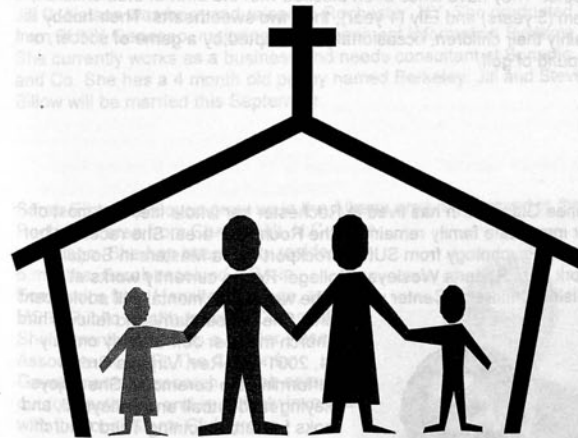
The Neighborhood Care Network (NCN) is Third Church's program of congregational care. It is an important vehicle for creating relationships of care and concern for our fellow church members. It is a method of providing more personal care for members and by members with the goal of strengthening our TPC community of faith. The chart of NCNs organized by zip codes and their corresponding Deacons and Coordinators was updated in January when new Deacons were ordained and installed. Deacons or Coordinators will try to contact everyone in their NCNs at least once a year. Please feel free to call one of them for whatever reason even before they call you. This chart is also available on [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org).

### Neighborhood Care Networks (NCNs) March 2001

| Neighborhood                                                                                                   | Zip Code                                                                                     | Deacon                           | Coordinator         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>A</b> -Brighton, North                                                                                      | 14618                                                                                        | Marian Ertsgaard                 | Ruth Morton         |
| <b>B</b> -Brighton, West                                                                                       | 14618                                                                                        | Joyce Wunderlich                 | Betty Iwan          |
| <b>C</b> -Brighton, Central                                                                                    | 14618                                                                                        | Tina Jones                       |                     |
| <b>D<sup>1</sup></b> -Brighton, East                                                                           | 14618                                                                                        | Bob Terwilliger                  |                     |
| <b>D<sup>2</sup></b> -Brighton, East                                                                           | 14618                                                                                        | Nancy Mayne                      |                     |
| <b>E</b> -City So Wedge                                                                                        | 14620                                                                                        | Bud Wentworth,                   |                     |
| <b>F</b> -Henrietta                                                                                            | 14467, 14586                                                                                 | Bruce Peachey                    | Esther Macauley     |
| <b>G</b> -City, East                                                                                           | 14607                                                                                        | Barbara Brown                    | Janet Collinge      |
| <b>H</b> -City, East Core                                                                                      | 14604, 14605, 14607                                                                          | Ralph Carter                     |                     |
| <b>J, JA</b> - City SE,<br>(Friendly Home, Valley Manor, Linden Knoll)                                         | 14610                                                                                        | Ann Haag                         |                     |
| <b>JB</b> and <b>JC</b> -City SE                                                                               | 14610                                                                                        | Laurie Mahoney<br>Rose Csizmadia | Caryl Qualich       |
| <b>K</b> -Penfield                                                                                             | 14625                                                                                        | Bob Eames                        | Dallas Sterrett     |
| <b>L</b> -East Iron, City North                                                                                | 14622, 14609                                                                                 | Janet Shay                       | Tom Morse           |
| <b>M</b> -West Irondequoit, City North                                                                         | 14617, 14621                                                                                 | Sue Spaulding                    | Linc Spaulding      |
| <b>N</b> -Gates-Greece, Hilton, Brockport                                                                      | 14612, 14615, 14616,<br>14626, 14420, 14468                                                  | Nancy Adams<br>Cathy Norton      |                     |
| <b>O</b> -City, West, SW, Chili, Spencerport,<br>Scottsville                                                   | 14606, 14608, 14611,<br>14613, 14619, 14624,<br>14546, 14559                                 | Cathy Norton<br>Nancy Adams      |                     |
| <b>P</b> -East Rochester, Fairport                                                                             | 14445, 14450                                                                                 | Ann Prince                       | Michelle Rosello    |
| <b>R</b> -Ontario, Webster<br>Sodus Point, Williamson                                                          | 14519, 14580, 14555,<br>14589                                                                | Betty Iwan,                      | Joyce<br>Wunderlich |
| <b>S</b> -Penfield,<br>Macedon, Walworth                                                                       | 14502, 14526, 14568                                                                          | Suzy Hill                        |                     |
| <b>T</b> -Pittsford, North and The Highlands                                                                   | 14534                                                                                        | Sue Lipari                       |                     |
| <b>U</b> -Pittsford, South                                                                                     | 14534                                                                                        | Jackie Hultberg                  | Lynne Young         |
| <b>V</b> -Canandaigua, Farmington, Mendon, Victor,<br>Naples, Nunda, Geneseo, Holcomb, Bluff<br>Point, Livonia | 14424, 14425, 14506,<br>14564, 14512, 14517,<br>14454, 14469, 14471,<br>14472, 14478, 14487, | Suzie Coleman                    |                     |

## Third Presbyterian Church Welcomes its New Members!

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Peter Hallagan grew up in upstate New York and returned to pursue his MBA at the University of Rochester. After graduating in 1992, he married Third Church member Kristen Gocker, and then volunteered in the MBA Enterprise Program for a one year assignment helping newly privatized companies in Poland. They stayed in Poland another 21/2 years, and when they returned in Dec. 1995, Peter joined Wegman's, where he is now Brand Manager. Kristen is a teacher for the Rochester School

District. They have since been blessed with the birth of their children, Klem (3 years) and Eily (1 year), their two sweethearts. Their hobby is mainly their children, occasionally interrupted by a game of soccer, or a round of golf.

Renee Giancaterin has lived in Rochester her whole life, and most of her immediate family remains in the Rochester area. She received her B.S. in Psychology from SUNY Brockport and a Masters in Social Work from Roberts Wesleyan College. Renee currently works at Hillside Children's Center where she works with mentally ill adolescent



girls. She will be married to fellow Third Church member Jeff Stanley on July 14, 2001 with Rev. Virginia Brown performing the ceremony. She enjoys playing racquetball and volleyball, and looks forward to joining Third Church.

Steven A. Billow was born and raised in Harrisburg, PA. He graduated from Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY where he received a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering. He also received two Masters degrees from the University of Rochester, and M I T in Engineering Management. Steve currently works at Eastman



Kodak as a research and project technical resource manager in the Ink Jet division.

Jill C. Nelson was born and raised in Rochester, NY. She graduated from SUNY Geneseo, majoring in Management Information Systems. She currently works as a business and needs consultant at Bonadio and Co. She has a 4 month old puppy named Berkeley. Jill and Steven Billow will be married this September.

Sarah Elizabeth Boyce grew up in the Albany area, and moved to the Rochester area from Chapel Hill, N.C. three years ago. She has been a city resident for 6 months. Sarah received a BA in Economics from Hamilton College, and an MS in Public Health from UNC Chapel Hill. She currently works as a Senior Research Associate at CGR, The Center for Governmental Research. Sarah enjoys outdoor activities and is actively involved with the local Sierra Club group.



Taimi Marple has been attending Third Church for many years with her parents, who are members. She is a Rochester native who grew up in Hilton, NY. Taimi graduated from SUNY Brockport with a degree in English, and she has been a medical editor for the past two decades. She enjoys living on the same street as her sister Amy and two sons, Lowell and Ian, and will be married in the chapel this August to Michael J. Helm, a multimedia developer. Taimi's interests include: mind/body/spirit connectivities, fungian psychology, art, gardening, people's stories, theater, and movies.



Lois Brooke Wendell Stevens comes to Third Church from the First Presbyterian Church in Victor. She is the mother of three sons, and married Dr. Roland Stevens October 1, 1983. Her hobbies include cross country skiing, swimming, walking, reading and tennis.



### Mardi Gras

Sounds of merriment rang through the Celebration Center on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the traditional pancake supper Mardi Gras celebration. The Meigs Street Ramblers kept toes a-tapping by providing joyous Dixieland music under the direction of Chris Lenti. As many as a dozen young people served pancakes and sausages to almost 200 Third Churchers, their families, and friends. Face painting at the "Salon Gianniny," stringing Fruit Loop necklaces (or eating them!), and a puppet show entertained the audience of preschoolers through senior citizens. Betsey Wheeler, with assistance from some of our newer members, arranged for a setting of glitter, charm and humor. Members of the Congregational Fellowship Committee did a great job organizing and preparing for this happy event. A heartfelt **THANK YOU!** for the many hours of work that made this all possible.

*-Camille Clayton for the Congregational Fellowship Committee*

### Third Church will co-Host Regional More Light Conference

Third, Downtown United and Westminster (Buffalo) Presbyterian Churches are co-sponsoring a regional conference entitled, "Becoming the Welcoming Church," on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Some requests for housing overnight Friday-Saturday are anticipated. As meals will be provided as part of the conference, visitors will not be expecting any food. Please call the church office (271-6513) if you can offer housing on Friday night, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

*-Caryl Qualich for the More Light Committee*



### Third Bird Walk Planned!

#### Save the date: May 5<sup>th</sup>

Once again Third Church member Bob Cooper will lead a "Third Bird Walk" -- on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Save the date and plan to join the group! Travel directions will be in a *Messenger* closer to the date.

**About Cumming Nature Center:** The RMSC Cumming Nature Center is a 900-acre environmental education center at 6472 Gulick Road, seven miles north of Naples and seven miles south of Honeoye, New York, in the Bristol Hills. It offers six miles of thematic walking trails stretching over woods and wetlands. You may find more information about RMSC on the Rochester Museum and Science Center's web page at [www.rmssc.org](http://www.rmssc.org).

### Children's Art Display

A nationally touring exhibition, part of the Presbyterian Church USA's celebration of the *Year of the Child*, will include 45 framed works of art on biblical and spiritual themes created by children of all ages from throughout the denomination. We are fortunate to be one of the sites chosen to host this traveling exhibit during the year. The art will be displayed in public areas throughout the Parish House. Family devotional guides and exhibition catalogues will be available during the exhibit. The exhibit will be open Mon-Thurs 8:30am-8:00pm, Fri 8:30am-4:30pm and Sundays 8:00am-1:30pm.

## NEW HORIZONS in CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sunday Morning Offerings

March 25 & April 1

### Death and the Resurrection of Jesus

Sundays through April 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am - Johnston Hall

As Marcus Borg puts it, the death and resurrection of Jesus are utterly central to Christianity. This has been so from the first century to the present. But for many in the scientific age, the biblical accounts of the crucifixion and resurrection raise as many questions as they answer. This six-part video series is intended to help groups explore the historical events behind Good Friday and Easter, as well as the meanings that Christians have seen in these events.

### Six Hours One Friday

March 18, 25, and April 1

A book study of *Six Hours One Friday* by Max Lucado, will be led by Rachel Doll. We will enter a Lenten study of the last six hours of Christ's life and see how it speaks to us today. This book offers wonderful descriptions, stories and probing questions to lead us in discussion. The book is available in the church office.

**Don't forget...check out the  
Third Church Website:  
[www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org).**

## Hot Buttons Conference

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Matilda Cuomo**

**Family and Personal Empowerment  
Against Violence**

*Our goal is to give you tools you can use*

Plan now to attend the second annual Hot Buttons Conference which will take place on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30am until 3:30pm at Third Presbyterian Church. Registration forms are available on the table outside Johnston Hall.

Workshops will include:

- **Parenting and Childhood Exposure to Violence**
- **Relationships and Couples: Coercion and Control**
- **Violence and Religion: Understanding Preaching and Practice**
- **Institutional and Cultural Violence: How and What We Learn to Fear**

Call Rev. Rod Frohman (234-0507) to advance register and register children for childcare and school-age programming. Please bring a sandwich for yourself and one to share. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

A variety of volunteer opportunities is available to accommodate the large number of participants. Call Lea Theuer at 244-1417 to see where you might be able to help.

This Workshop is funded by the Action for Peace and Justice Committee of Third Church, and the Lee Edwards, J. Paul Gocker and Rev. James Rice Memorial Funds.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### Born

A daughter, **Caroline Nicole Miller**, born February 22, 2001 in Rochester to Sue and Ted Miller (NCN/F). Brother John and grandparents Pete and Bobbi Gardner (NCN/F) also rejoice in her arrival!

### Baptized

**We celebrate the baptisms of**

- **Elly Grace Hallagan**, born January 24, 2000,
- **Klem Salo Hallagan**, born May 6, 1997, children of Peter and Kristen Gocker Hallagan, with The Reverend Roderic P. Frohman officiating, and
- **Alexandra Elizabeth Tennant**, born October 14, 1994,
- **William Munro Tennant**, born July 4, 1991, children of David Tennant and Kathy Eldredge, and
- **David Henry Tennant**, with The Reverend Virginia M. Brown officiating.

### Sympathy

**We express sympathy**

- to the family of **Virginia B. Herbrand** on her death on March 2, 2001. Mrs. Herbrand had been a member of Third Church for 67 years.
- to the Thampi Mathai (NCN/E) and C.M. Thomas (NCN/U) families on the death of **Aleyamma Mathai**, Thampi's and CM's mother, on March 8, 2001, in India.
- To Sam and Liz Montello (NCN/S), on the death of Sam's father, **Anthony Montello**, on his death March 8, 2001, at the age of 97.

### New Address

As of the 26th of March the Shook's new address will be:

**CLAUDIA AND JOE SHOOK**  
2003 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN 54401  
715-849-9515

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
WAUSAU  
406 GRANT STREET  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN 54403  
715-842-2116

## Sunday Morning Need

We have had one response to our request for assistants to alternate in the office on Sunday mornings during worship services to answer the telephone and take messages. It is a very important role in the church. Members of the congregation experiencing an emergency situation must be able to reach a pastor. Please contact Cindy Mark at 271-6513 and let her know your willingness to help.

## Pastoral Care and Parish Visits

In a church like Third, it is often hard to know the individual needs of others. If you, or someone you know, has a particular need and would like to speak to one of the ministers or have a parish visit, please call the church office at 271-6513, or Virginia Brown's phone and leave a confidential voice message at 234-3416.

Also, if you are facing a hospitalization, or find yourself there unexpectedly, please call the church and let us know. The hospitals do not call the church to let us know you are there. It is up to you or a friend or family member to inform us. We want to be there for you; please help us to care for each other.

--Pamela Foye, Parish Visitor

## Please Help Us Keep Our Records Up to Date

We want to keep in touch with you! Please help us keep the lines of communication open -- if you change your email address, please let us know by corresponding with [cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org) or by leaving your email address on the Friendship Pad.

**Sunday, March 25 - Lent IV**  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:15 am Junior Choir  
 10:00 am Covenant Singers Warm up  
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 11:45 am Choir Tour Audition Preview  
 12:30 pm Choir Tour Audition  
 4:00 pm Youth Groups meet at Hot Shots  
 5:15 pm Covenant Singers  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:30 pm Senior High Ensemble  
 7:00 pm Covenant Singers

**Monday, March 26**  
 8:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bible  
 5:30 pm Music & Arts Committee  
 7:00 pm More Light Committee  
 7:30 pm Workshop Committee

**Tuesday, March 27**  
 6:00 am Over the Hill Gang  
 4:30 pm Presbytery at Parkminster

**Wednesday, March 28**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bel Choir  
 5:30 pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 pm Commissioning Class  
 11:15 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 29**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
 8:30 pm Hot Buttons II

**Friday, March 30**  
 8:00 am Endowment Enhancement Task Force

**Saturday, March 31**  
 9:00 am Hot Buttons II Conference  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Salter Team)  
 Turn clocks ahead 2000 hour before retiring.

**Sunday, April 1**  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:15 am Adult Education/Bible Study  
 Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 am Covenant Singers Warm up  
 10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 11:30 am Church School  
 12:30 pm Coffee Hour  
 4:00 pm Jr. High Bell/Covenant Singers  
 5:00 pm Ch. Ring/Classes  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
 7:15 pm Senior High Ensemble

**Monday, April 2**  
 8:00 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bible  
 5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
 7:00 pm Personnel Committee  
 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support

**Tuesday, April 3**  
 9:00 am Stuffers & Staples  
 Congregational Fellowship

**Wednesday, April 4**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bel Choir  
 5:30 pm Debats  
 6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
 Church Buddies  
 7:00 pm Deacons  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 5**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
 6:30 pm Hot Buttons II & Peace & Justice Committee  
 7:00 pm Mission Interpretation  
 Education Sub-Committee  
 Peace and Justice  
 Outreach

**Friday, April 6**  
 9:45 am Sisters in Spirit

**Saturday, April 7**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Muller-Girard Team)  
 1:30 pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal Session

**Sunday, April 8 Palm Sunday**  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:15 am Adult Education/Bible Study  
 Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 am Worship/Special Music  
 10:45 am Church School  
 4:00 pm Youth Program (As April 1)

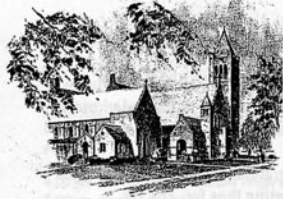
**Lent IV**  
**March 25, 2001**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
 Roderic P. Frohman preaching  
 R.S.V.P.  
 Joshua 5:9-12  
 Luke 15:11-32

**Lent V**  
**April 1, 2001**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
 John Wilkinson preaching  
**Gathering in the Presence of the Word**  
 Isaiah 43:16-21  
 John 12:1-8

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Joseph W. Shook, Interim Head of Staff  
 Virginia R. Brown, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
 Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
 Peter A. DuBois, Director of Music/Organist  
 Pamela J. Gray, Pastor, Adult Bible

# Third Presbyterian Church MESSENGER



April 3, 2001 - April 24, 2001

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## Holy Week at Third Church

### Palm Sunday, April 8

**9:00am in the Chapel**

John Wilkinson preaching

**10:30am in the Sanctuary**

**Lux Aeterna** by Morten Lauridsen

With 60-voice Chancel Choir, 30-piece orchestra

Peter A. DuBois conducting

*Lux Aeterna* is comprised of 5 movements based on traditional liturgical Latin texts, all of which deal with various aspects of light. The expansive musical setting is very rich, with a lush orchestration and contemporary, yet accessible, harmonies. John Wilkinson will also offer a Palm Sunday meditation at this service.

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### Maundy Thursday, April 12

**7:30pm in the Sanctuary**

The Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae is one of the most powerful services of the church year. TENEBRAE is derived from the Latin word meaning darkness or shadows. In this ancient service we begin with a sanctuary filled with light, but as we hear the story of our Lord's passion read from the Scriptures, the shadows begin to overtake us. With each step our human sin and faithlessness deepen and gradually blot out the light. *Child care is available for this service.*

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### Good Friday, April 13

**12:15pm at Lutheran Church of Incarnate Word - 597 East Avenue**

Members of the Third Church and Incarnate Word congregations will gather once again to participate in a collaborative Good Friday Service of Liturgy. Clergy from Third Church will participate in this service.

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### Easter, April 15

**Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am at Cobbs Hill**

Members from Third and eight other churches will gather to worship on the steps of the Pavilion at Cobbs Hill Reservoir overlooking the city. The 30-minute service will include singing and prayer, special music and sacred dance, and the glorious gospel of the Resurrection.

**9:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary**

Easter is the oldest of the annual festivals, and it celebrates the central event of the story of our salvation. Cross and resurrection are inseparable, both in the Christian faith and in our liturgical celebration. Join us for festive Easter worship at 9am or 11am in the Sanctuary Easter morning. John Wilkinson will preach at both services. There will be a Coffee Hour following the 11am service.

## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

Dear Friends,

We are all, finally, here, for what we anticipate to be a grand and glorious adventure.

I am grateful for the many messages of greeting thus far, as I get acclimated to a new city and a new church family. I am grateful for all who have provided leadership over these months of transition – for staff and officers and committee members and volunteers and teachers and musicians – all making this congregation a strong and vital community and presence in Rochester and beyond.

Now what? Conventional wisdom – to which I subscribe – suggests that the best thing a new pastor can do is meet and listen. I am beginning to do just that. I will endeavor to meet as many of you in as many diverse gatherings as I can over the next weeks and months. The Deacons and others are already working on ways to gather small groups so that we might get acquainted, sharing our stories and hopes and dreams. I will do the same thing with new staff colleagues, a talented and dedicated group, with whom I am looking forward to serving very, very much.

Listening, I hope, will allow us to discern together where God is leading us in this very interesting time. There are plans to be made, decisions to be considered, courses to be charted. But more so, there are friendships to be forged, relationships which are the heart of any faith community and which will allow us together to claim our vocation as God's people for this time and place.

Thank you in advance for your welcome, and for the wondrous journey of faith we will together share. See you in church.

Faithfully,

John Wilkinson

P.S. Worship is the heart of a church's life. As our Lenten journey concludes and we move to Jerusalem and the profound events of Holy Week and the joyous good news of Easter, I am grateful for the many ways this congregation will gather to encounter the word, share the story and sing the songs. Resurrection blessings to you.

### A Little Child Shall Lead Them

#### Junior Choir

#### Recording Session Reminder:

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-3:30pm

Congratulations to Lauren Karl for coming up with the title of the CD! "A Voice for God"

Palm Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, The Junior Choir will lead a children's procession with palms. All children grades 2-6 are invited to participate. Children not in Junior Choir should meet in the Sanctuary at 9:50am.

#### Qabats

#### April 11 - No Qabats

5:00pm: Children's Bell Choir

5:30pm: Junior Choir (ends at 6:15pm)



#### Easter Extravaganza

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Find the hidden Easter candy. We will make our baskets, then fill them, with Easter goodies!! Sign up in the Garth after the 10:30am church service April 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Easter Sunday - April 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Jr. Choir Rehearsal

9:00am: Worship

Easter Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, The Junior Choir will sing an anthem at the 9am service. Rehearsal - 8am. After the children sing, they will go to sit with their parents for the rest of the service. Parents are asked to let their children know where they will be sitting, and are asked to help the children get their robes and crosses safely upstairs and put away after worship.

Sunday, April 29 at 12:30pm

#### Qabats

Year-End Celebration & Recognition

### youth@thirdpresbyterian 2000-2001

#### Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

Bake Sale today! Remember to bring your baked goods!

#### Evening Program

4:00 pm Jr. High Bells/Covenant Ringers  
5:00 pm Youth Fellowship  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:15 pm Senior High Ensemble

#### Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - Easter

Worship Services at 9am and 11am in Sanctuary

#### No Evening Program on Easter

#### Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 pm Junior High Bells (NO Covenant Ringers)  
5:15 pm Praise Band will open Fellowship activities  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:15 pm Senior High Ensemble

#### Mission Madness

Saturday, April 28 - 9am-5pm

(9-3, mission; 3-5, dance)

This Saturday event will join us with other youth groups throughout the Presbytery for a day of community service and fun in Rochester. The event begins and ends at Downtown United Presbyterian Church -- but events will take place all over the Presbytery. Registration forms will be available soon -- and a \$5 registration fee is to be paid when you make your reservation. The deadline for reservations is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Montreat Deadline Extended!

There is still time to join the group heading for Montreat August 4-11<sup>th</sup>. Payment of the \$300 fee is due at the time of registration. Scholarship dollars are available.





Because Presbyterians care, their support of the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** helps provide grassroots groups with the chance and opportunity to have some control over their own lives, establish self-reliance, and find solutions to their problems. Through Self-Development of People, Presbyterians have been more than advocates for poor and oppressed people. They have become their partners and friends. They have provided financial and spiritual support for projects in many and varied areas, from education to environment. Sharing resources with grassroots groups for their initiatives, with grants ranging from \$2,000-\$50,000, Presbyterians have learned from people at work for themselves. They have seen the dreams and plans of people become vibrant and meaningful realities as people move from despair into the more abundant life Christ proclaimed for all. Every Presbyterian who has contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering has invested in its proclamation.

The **Presbyterian Hunger Program** provides a church-wide response to hunger. It works in partnership with presbyteries and synods, ecumenical partners and community groups in this country and around the world. Requests for funding are accepted year-round for programs in Education and Interpretation, Direct Food Relief, Development Assistance, Influencing Public Policy, and Lifestyle Integrity.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA carries out its work in partnership with Middle Governing Bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and ecumenically through its participation in the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program.

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter.  
Please be generous!**

### **New Member Class**

The next classes for those inquiring about joining Third Presbyterian Church will take place on

Saturday, April 28: 9-11:30am

Sunday, April 29: 8:30-10:15am

Sunday, May 6: 9:00-10:15 AM

We will discuss Presbyterian beliefs, Reformed theology, history and traditions at Third Church, how to be involved, etc. On the third Sunday, the class will have breakfast with the Session, and be received into membership.

Child care will be available, if requested. Contact Rev. Virginia Brown (271-6513) or Janet Anderson (381-9723) for more information, and to be involved.



### **CALL for DONATIONS for Easter Decorations:**

If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of our lovely Easter decorations, please complete the form below and send your check to the Church Office marked "*Easter Flowers*" and please note clearly the names that should be included in the Easter bulletin.

I would like this gift to be:

\_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ In honor

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ A donation

***Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>*** is the deadline for receiving contributions.



**April 27-28, 2001**

Registration: Friday, April 27 (4-6pm)  
Conference Ends Saturday, 3pm

**Theme...** To develop and plan for ways to be a welcoming church for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons.

**The Regional Conference...** will take place at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street, Rochester, NY 14607

**Cost:**

Full Conference: \$35  
Saturday only: \$25  
Friday only: \$15  
(Scholarships available)

**Sponsored by...** Downtown United, Third and Westminster (Buffalo) Presbyterian Churches.  
Registration Contact:

Betty Iwan  
147 Shoreham Drive  
Rochester, NY 14618  
(716) 442-3655  
email at [bettyiwan@aol.com](mailto:bettyiwan@aol.com)

**Workshops on...** Affirming Relationships, Bisexuality, History of More Light Presbyterians, Forming a Ministry of Welcome, Biblical Resources, How do Church Laws Affect Local congregations?

More information can be found at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)

Conference supported by More Light Presbyterians and That All May Freely Serve (TAMFS).

## A Message from The Endowment Enhancement Task Force



When you are next at East Avenue and Meigs Street, look around you at our beautiful and well-built church buildings and ask yourself how it is that you and others are so fortunate as to be able to worship and carry out a myriad of church activities in such lovely facilities.

You have been helping to maintain these buildings and our excellent staff, but it is mainly through the generosity of those who have come before us that we are favored with our fine buildings and grounds. Hence your Endowment Enhancement Task Force asks you to consider arranging for a future gift to Third Church's Endowment Fund. This is a way to keep faith with the church members of the past and to help provide for an on-going vigorous Third Presbyterian Church in the future.

On Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Robert Ellis, a Development Officer from the Presbyterian Foundation, is coming to Third Church to hold informational meetings after each of the morning church services. Please consider attending one of these; the later one will be preceded by a simple lunch.

**New Horizons in  
Christian Living**

Sunday Morning Offerings

April 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Adult Education Classes will  
not meet  
April 15<sup>th</sup> (Easter)

**Death and the Resurrection of  
Jesus**

Sundays through April 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am - Johnston Hall

As Marcus Borg puts it, the death and resurrection of Jesus are utterly central to Christianity. This has been so from the first century to the present. But for many in the scientific age, the biblical accounts of the crucifixion and resurrection raise as many questions as they answer. This six-part video series is intended to help groups explore the historical events behind Good Friday and Easter, as well as the meanings that Christians have seen in these events.

**Children's Worship Discussion**

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

We all agree that our children need more opportunities to learn about and participate in worship at Third Church. The challenge for us is what form will these opportunities take. Can we provide resources for parents and children to make their inclusion into our regular services a possibility? Are there other models of children's worship that will better supply them with the tools and the desire to participate when they're adults? In a format similar to our February CE Task Force feedback session, we explore the challenges and opportunities ahead of us together.

**At its March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting,  
the Session:**

- Received Virginia Brown's resignation with extreme regret.
- Approved proposals from the Parking Committee to improve traffic flow around the church, increase the number of handicapped spaces, and facilitate dropping off and picking up worshipers.
- Heard the annual report of the More Light Committee which highlighted educational support and outreach efforts for 2001.
- Directed the Clerk to write to the Oretiana Council and the *Democrat & Chronicle* in support of Boy Scout Council president Frank Crego's recent editorial in favor of changing the Scouts' national policy on homosexuality.
- Okayed the installation of one of the "Horses on Parade" on church property.
- Endorsed the "Respect Is Elementary Outreach Project" that works to promote tolerance and reduce violence.
- Decided not to renew the contract with Action for a Better Community as a delegate agency for Third Church Early Childhood Education (Head Start).
- Approved the attendance of four Third Church youth at the Youth Triennium in Indiana in July.
- Offered special thanks to Joseph Shook for all he has done for the Session and the congregation as a whole.

**CHURCH FAMILY**

**Sympathy**

We express sympathy to

- Don and Mary Boyd and family (NCND') on the death of Don's father, *Loren U. Boyd*, in Kansas City, on March 18, 2001.
- The family of *Virginia Yancey Sanford*, who died March 20, 2001. Mrs. Sanford had been a member of Third Church for nearly sixty years.

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**Retired Men**

Tuesday, April 10, noon in Johnston Hall

Sister Beth Levalley will speak on "What's Happening with Micro-Enterprise." Those wishing to attend are asked to reserve a place by calling the church office (271-6513) *no later than noon, Monday, April 9.*

**Brunch Bunch**

Easter Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm  
Corn Hill Cookery, 321 Exchange Blvd.

The More Light Committee invites all to join the Brunch Bunch every third Sunday to celebrate the diversity of God's creation. Meet in Johnston Hall during Coffee Hour to car pool.

**Calvin Guild**

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

Rev. Rod Frohman will present a program entitled, "Faith and Our Future: *What the Church Can Do About Sprawl.*" If you bring a dish to pass, there is a \$2 charge per person. If you do not bring a dish to pass, the cost is \$4.50 per person.

**Congratulations** to Third Church member **Jeanne Fisher**, who recently returned from San Francisco, where she received a Silver Reel Award from The National Federation of Community Broadcasters. This honor is the second national award she has received for her radio drama, "The Voice in the Wilderness," heard on WXXI and other public radio stations during the Advent season. Each year the NFCB presents the Silver Reel Awards for outstanding and creative uses of the medium by community radio broadcasters and station-based and independent producers.

**CRDS President will be  
Inaugurated at  
Third Presbyterian Church**

Thursday, April 26, 2001  
10 o'clock in the morning

G. Thomas Halbrooks will be inaugurated as the tenth president of the Divinity School in the Sanctuary of Third Presbyterian Church. All are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.



**Third Bird Walk Planned!  
Save the date: May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Third Birders Unite! Our semi-occasional bird walk will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 9:00 am at Cumming Nature Center. It is designed for all ages. Third Church member Bob Cooper is wonderful with children. The gentle paths should be accessible for the more experienced birders. Directions can be found on the RMSC website. As we say for all Third Church activities, "bring a friend!"

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**Sunday, April 8 - Palm Sunday**  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:15 am Adult Education  
 10:30 am Junior Choir  
 10:30 am Worship/Special Music in Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 4:00 pm Jr. High Bell/Covenant Singers  
 5:00 pm Youth Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
 7:15 pm Senior High Ensemble

**Monday, April 9**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
 5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
 8:30 pm Gospel Praise  
 7:00 pm Personnel Committee

**Tuesday, April 10**  
 9:00 am Over the Hill Gang  
 12:30 pm Refreshment Luncheon  
 7:00 pm Session

**Wednesday, April 11**  
 8:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 9:00 am Children's Bell Choir  
 9:30 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
 9:00 pm Church Biddies  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:30 pm Membership Committee

**Thursday, April 12 - Maundy Thursday**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Third Church Singers  
 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion  
 Communioning Class

**Friday, April 13 - Good Friday**  
 12:15 pm Good Friday Worship Service  
**Saturday, April 14**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Cooks Team)  
 Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 15 - Easter**  
 6:30 am Service at Cobble Hill  
 9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary (Dr. Choir)  
 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 12:00 pm Coffee Hour  
 3:00 pm Youth Program Tangled

**Monday, April 16 - Easter Monday - Office Closed**  
**Tuesday, April 17**  
 12:00 pm Mary Jo's Strayer  
 6:30 pm Finance Committee  
 7:30 pm Trustees

**Wednesday, April 18**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 6:00 pm Calvin Gold  
**Thursday, April 19**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Singers  
 7:00 pm "I"

**Friday, April 20**  
 8:45 am Sisters in Spirit  
**Saturday, April 21**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Theater Team)

**Sunday, April 22**  
 8:00 am Worship in Chapel/Communion  
 9:15 am Adult Education/Bible Study  
 Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary/Communion  
 10:45 am Church School  
 4:00 pm Youth Program

**Monday, April 23**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
 7:00 pm Male Light Committee  
 7:30 pm Worship Committee

**Tuesday, April 24**  
 8:00 am Stuffers & Stainers  
 6:30 pm Gospel Praise  
**Wednesday, April 25**  
 8:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
 5:30 pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Communioning Class  
 Church Biddies  
 Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 26**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Installation of CHRIS President Hahnbrink  
 5:30 pm Third Church Singers  
 7:00 pm "I"

**Friday, April 27**  
 5:00 pm The Welcoming Church Conference  
 5:00 pm Communioning Class Retreat  
**Saturday, April 28**  
 8:00 am The Welcoming Church Conference  
 8:30 am New Member Class  
 9:00 am Presbyterian Mission Madness  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry  
 10:00 am Mission Fair Setup

## Palm Sunday

April 8, 2001

9:00am in the Chapel  
 John Wilkinson preaching  
 10:30am in the Sanctuary  
 Lux Aeterna  
 Presented by Chancel Choir, Orchestra  
 Peter DuBois conducting  
 John Wilkinson preaching

## Easter

April 15, 2001

6:30am Sunrise Service  
 9:00am in the Sanctuary  
 11:00am in the Sanctuary  
 John Wilkinson preaching

## April 22, 2001

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper  
 9:00 am in the Chapel  
 10:30 am in the Sanctuary  
 John Wilkinson preaching

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K. John Wilkinson, Jr., Pastor  
 V. Ann Brown, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
 Aaron R. Bell, Organist  
 Rosalie P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church & Society  
 Peter A. DuBois, Director of Music/Organist  
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## Mission Fair

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in Johnston Hall  
 9:30am - 12noon



## Learn About the Mission of Third Church!

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### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

An ancient poet once wrote "to everything there is a season." That sentiment reflects as truthfully as anyone could imagine the nature of our living and the nature of our faith. We are aware of the changing seasons all around us, are we not? Some of them are physical and obvious. Other seasons dwell within us, and within the relationships we cherish, and sometimes change just as dramatically as the ones we chart on the weather map.

- As a baseball fan, I can hardly hold my enthusiasm until opening day, when every team is in first place (even my beloved and beleaguered Chicago Cubs!) and every player an all-star.
- Evidences of spring are all around us, and God's extraordinary imagination and creativity made manifest in the cycle of green and growth and new life. A wonderful example was the Easter sunrise service held in conjunction with other churches at Cobbs' Hill reservoir. Just enough chill hung in the air to remind us of the past, but we could tell that spring was on the way.
- Graduation parties are being planned. Commencements are being attended. Periods of hard work and perseverance are being rewarded with degrees, signaling endings and beginnings and the promise of possibility. Graduates look to the future with hope, and a little trepidation, while those who supported them (including parents) live with a mixture of gratitude and sentiment.

- This new pastoral relationship continues to take root: learning more names, attending more meetings, gathering in different ways, preaching (and listening to) more sermons, thinking in new and exciting ways about the future.

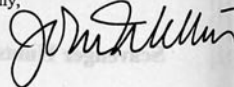
After writing that "to everything there is a season," that ancient poet, the writer of Ecclesiastes, suggested that "there is a time for every purpose under heaven." That is an extraordinary claim, by the way, suggesting that every moment of every day is cared for, tended to, by God who created us in love and who continues to care for us.

That is true for us in the seasons of our lives as well – in our relationships, in our jobs, in our journey of faith. "To everything there is a season," and we live with the hope and the promise that God accompanies all of our days, in seasons of challenge and seasons of celebration.

All of this, of course, unfolds during what the church calls "Easter tide," the several weeks following Easter and preceding Pentecost. But in a deeper way, each season, every season, unfolds in light of the Easter story, the story that leads through Lent to Holy Week to the good news we shared just a week ago, the gift and promise of eternal life.

May all of your seasons be blessed, and may we continue to build a church where we sustain each other in God's love in every season.

Faithfully,



### A Little Child Shall Lead Them

#### Junior Choir

The Junior Choir will sing the introit during 10:30am worship on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will rehearse at 9:15am as usual.

#### Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

The Junior Choir will sing an anthem during worship.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Junior Choir Rehearsals will continue at 5:30pm on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Children's Bell Choir will meet at 5pm throughout the month of May.

#### Sunday, April 29 at 12:15pm

#### Year-end Qabats

Yearend Celebration and Recognition

Please call regrets ONLY to the Qabats Voice Mail: 234-3796.

### Youth Offer a FREE!!!

### Parents' Night Out!

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 6-9pm

Bring your 3-year old and up for PB&J, pizza, crafts and games. Pre-registration is required. Sign up with TPC Youth after worship on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### youth@thirdpresbyterian 2000-2001

#### Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Senior High Ensemble Warm-up  
10:30am Senior High Ensemble sings in worship.  
11:45am Jr. High Bell Rehearsal

### TPC Youth to present Godspell in Brockport on April 29<sup>th</sup>

The principal cast of 10 actors will present "Godspell" at the First Presbyterian Church of Brockport, 35 State Street, at 7:00pm. The Third Church youth are presenting this additional performance at the invitation of three Brockport congregations: First Presbyterian Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and First Baptist Church. We are pleased to be able to present the show again, and members and friends of Third Church are certainly welcome to attend!

### Presbytery

#### Mission Madness

Saturday, April 28 - 9am-5pm  
(9-3, mission; 3-5, dance)

This Saturday event will join us with other youth groups throughout the Presbytery for a day of community service and fun in Rochester. The event begins and ends at Downtown United Presbyterian Church ... but events will take place all over the Presbytery.



### NCN's Schedule Get-Acquainted Gatherings

Two of the Neighborhood Care Networks have scheduled "get-acquainted" times with John Wilkinson. NCN/JB (southeast side of the City) will meet at the home of Jim and Shirley Moore, 251 Windemere Road, on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. NCN/B (west Brighton) will gather at the home of George and Helen Meyer, 393 Bonnie Brae Avenue, on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Please call Beth Williams at 271-6513 to schedule a time for your NCN to get acquainted with John Wilkinson.

### "It's Elementary" and "That's a Family"

In the church library are two new video tapes designed for teaching understanding and tolerance of differences among people and families. "It's Elementary" is a 37-minute film showing real examples of school activities, faculty meetings, and classroom discussions about lesbian and gay issues. It shows the importance of early education to teach respect for all. It is designed for teacher training, but is equally useful for parents.

"That's A Family" is a 35-minute film for use by teachers of elementary school aged children. It helps children (and adults!) see and understand many of the different shapes families take today: mixed race, guardians, two moms, two dads, step parents, etc. It is "an extraordinary film that teaches a poignant lesson about love and family."

-Robin Williams

Both videos will stimulate productive discussions in our church school, in faculty meetings, and in our own homes with our children.

-Jim Stewart

### Hot Buttons II Report

Thank you to all our Hot Buttons II volunteers and Third Church staff!

*"Appreciate the kind/friendly atmosphere of the conference. As with most good experiences -- never enough time and too many good conference choices."*

*"I think it was great to have child care."*

*"Mere words are not enough. But I shall try by saying, superb!"*

*"A wonderful opportunity for the whole community to learn and grow. The cookies were wonderful."*

*"Excellent workshops! I wish I could have attended many more simultaneously."*

These are just a few of the words of thanks and appreciation from those who attended Hot Buttons II on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> which must be shared with all the church staff and volunteers who helped to make the day a success. Visitors to Third Church remarked upon the hospitality of our greeters and ushers and the beauty of our facility. The crowd overwhelmingly praised our cookie bakers -- one guest even suggesting we start a cookbook!

Registration went smoothly, thanks to our crew of registrars; our presenters were well tended to by their Third Church hosts and hostesses. The list of volunteers and the associated list of duties is long. Thank you to everyone in our church and congregation who pitched in!

# COME TO THE FAIR

## MISSION

THAT IS

**Sunday, April 29, 2001**  
in Johnston Hall

**9:30am - 12 noon**

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**Don't miss the fun along with the opportunity to see your church community and outreach dollars at work!**

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| <br><b>MAY 2001</b>                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                           |                                                                        |                                                                                     |
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| <br>9:00 Stuffers and Staples<br>7:00 Congregational Fellowship<br>7:00 NCN-UB Gathering at the Moon's                                    |                                                                                                                                                                  | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:00 Children's Bell Choir<br>5:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>6:00 Commissioning Class<br>6:00 Church Buddies<br>7:00 Deacons<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>6:00 Committee Dinner<br>6:30 Mission Interpretation<br>7:00 Education Sub-Committee<br>7:00 Peace and Justice<br>7:30 Outreach           |                                                           | 9:45 Sisters in Spirit                                                 | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Stewart Team                       |
| 9:00 New Member Breakfast<br>9:00 Worship<br>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Church School<br>11:30 Congregational Meeting<br>4:00 Youth Program<br>7:15 Sr. High Ensemble | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>5:30 Evangelism Committee<br>7:00 Personnel Committee<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group                              | 12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon<br>12:00 John White Circle at Valley Manor<br>6:00 Session with Commissioning Class                                                                | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:00 Children's Bell Choir<br>5:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>6:00 Commissioning Class<br>6:00 Church Buddies<br>7:15 Chancel Choir<br>7:30 Membership Committee | 9:30 Food Cupboard                                        | 5:30 Youth Lock-In (until 9:00AM on 4/12/01)<br>6:00 Parents Night Out | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Garber Team                        |
| <b>Mothers Day</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Church School                                                                                        | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>7:00 More Light                                                                                                      | 9:00 Stuffers and Staples<br>12:00 Mary Paris Circle<br>4:00 Library Committee<br>6:30 Finance Committee<br>7:30 Trustees                                                       | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:00 Children's Bell Choir<br>5:30 Commissioning Class<br>6:00 Church Buddies<br>6:00 Calvin Guild Picnic<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                              | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>7:00 T3                             | 9:45 Sisters in Spirit<br>3:00 Deacon Tea at Friendly Home             | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Youth Team                         |
| 8:30 Commissioning Class<br>9:00 Brunch<br>9:00 Worship<br>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Church School<br>3:00 Installation of John Wilkinson                            | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>5:30 Music & Arts Committee<br>7:00 More Light Committee<br>7:30 Worship Committee<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group | 12:00 Volunteer Luncheon<br>4:00 Presbytery at York                                                                                                                             | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:00 Children's Bell Choir<br>6:00 Commissioning Class<br>6:00 Church Buddies<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                                          | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>7:00 T3                             |                                                                        | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Hammerton Team                     |
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☺ is the symbol for "If needed, child care will be provided. Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance.



## **Venturing into Differences: An Intergenerational Journey Across Cultural Divisions**

The Action for Peace and Justice Committee announces the 2001 Presbyterian Peacemaking Seminar, to be held in Montreat, NC (July 4-8) and Estes Park, CO (July 21-25). The title for this year's seminar is "Venturing into Differences: An Intergenerational Journey Across Cultural Divisions."

Childcare is available throughout the conference for children ages 0-3 years. Children's programming is available for those age 4 through senior high school, with separate programming by age group. Adults can participate in small groups, daily worship, and in-depth seminars, and evening activities, all of which are aimed at *building meaningful community*.

Anyone interested in this exciting opportunity should contact Alison Elder (224-8541) or Roderic Frohman (271-6513). The early bird registration deadline is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship assistance is available from Action for Peace and Justice.

## **Video Camera Needed**

The Worship Committee plans to video tape occasions when we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. Since we request that no photographs be taken during the sacrament, videotaping from the rear balcony would be a way of capturing the baptism with minimal distractions. A copy of the tape will be given to each family.

To accomplish this, we need a video camera. If you would like to contribute a video camera that you haven't used in a while...or would like to make a donation towards the purchase of a new camera, please contact Jim Chisholm (227-7904), or the church office (271-6513).

## **Third Church Tutors**

As the school year begins to wind down, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our members who have been tutoring at School #6 over the past year. Regular tutors include:

**Fran Bracken  
Tom Bracken  
Camille Clayton  
Karen Everson  
Calvin Garber  
Susan Locke  
Margaret Lucas  
Lucile Rice  
Pat Rumbold  
Janet Shay  
Betsy Stanton**

**Mary Summerhays (storyteller).**

Substitute tutors include:

**Nelly Kutchukian  
Dick Lee  
Dallas Sterrett  
Margaret Strite**

*-Susan Crego, Volunteer Program Coordinator*

## New Horizons in Christian Living

Sunday Morning Offerings

April 29<sup>th</sup>



### Mission Fair

9:30am - Noon - Johnston Hall

Discover the breadth of Third Church's local mission programs and learn about volunteer opportunities requiring a diversity of talents and skills. (see page 1)

## Want to know More About What's Happening in the Middle East.....from a faith perspective?

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## At its April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Session:

- Received the annual reports of the Christian Education committees—Adult Education, Children's Ministry and Youth.
- Received information from the More Light Committee on the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act in the New York State Assembly.
- Authorized a performance of "Godspell" at Brockport Presbyterian on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Approved a new policy in which church groups meeting off the premises and representing Third Church to the public would seek prior Session approval.
- Called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Virginia Brown and Third Presbyterian Church.
- Directed the Clerk to sign the annual renewal of the Boy Scout charter for Troop and Pack 31.
- Approved the Outreach Committee's spending plan for 2001.
- Authorized Peter DuBois to take a part-time position as Director of the Sacred Music Diploma Program at the Eastman School of Music.
- Approved the position description for the Children's Ministry Coordinator and authorized the position to be filled.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### Born

A daughter, **Sarah Anne Hentschke**, born April 2, 2001, to Peter and Amy Hentschke (NCN/E), in Rochester.

A son, **Philip Edward Wynne Melech**, born April 10, 2001, to Phil and Melissa Melech, in Plattsburgh. Grandparents Bob and Sue Melech (NCN/H) rejoice in his arrival!

A son, **Alexander Jay**, born Friday, April 13, 2001, to Paul and Debra Bishop (NCN/JB).

A daughter, **Nyamauch Dak**, born April 18, 2001, to Sarah Guen.

### Married

**Nicole Anne Pfizenmaier** and **Jeffrey Mark Harrington** were married in the Chapel on March 24, 2001, with Aaron R. Doll officiating.

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to Hether and Sam Turner (NCN/K) and family on the death of Hether's mother, **Ruth Macomber Connor**, on April 18, 2001.

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## John White Circle

The John White Circle will meet for lunch at Valley Manor on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at twelve noon. Judy Pidcock will be the guest speaker. Please reserve your place by calling Mary Jean MacEwen at 244-2006.

## Calvin Guild Picnic

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
Brighton Town Park  
777 Westfall Road

Calvin Guild will welcome John Wilkinson and thank Virginia Brown for her loving care over the past few years. If you bring a dish to pass, there is a charge of \$2 per person; if you do not bring a dish to pass, the charge is \$4.50 per person.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

If you have ever stopped in the church office on a Monday morning, you have probably been delighted to see the gentle, smiling, compassionate face of Joyce Wunderlich. Joyce is a delight to the church staff, with her calm voice and peaceful demeanor.

Joyce has been a member of Third Church for only a few years but she is firmly entrenched in the life of this congregation. As an involved volunteer, Joyce answers the telephones, helps with mailings and general office duties, copies the Messenger, participates as an active member of the Membership and Music & Arts Committees, and she is an involved and busy Deacon for NCN-B! It is truly amazing that one person can do so much!

Before becoming the fabulous volunteer that she is now, Joyce was a Professor of Music at Mansfield College. She is a loving mother and devoted grandmother. Joyce enjoys summers in Chautauqua, traveling and playing bridge.

Joyce is a considerable asset to Third Church, the congregation and the staff. We are blessed to have her with us every week (and miss her dearly during the summer months when she is in Chautauqua!)

Thank you, Joyce!

-Cindy Mark



## Third Bird Walk May 5<sup>th</sup>

Third Birders Unite! Our semi-occasional bird walk will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 9:00 am at Cumming Nature Center. It is designed for all ages. Third Church member Bob Cooper is wonderful with children. The gentle paths should be accessible for the more experienced birders. Directions can be found on the RMSC website. As we say for all Third Church activities, "bring a friend!"

# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

**April 29, 2001**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
 John Wilkinson preaching

**May 6, 2001**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
 Reception of New Members  
 John Wilkinson preaching

**Sunday, April 29**  
 8:30 am New Member Class  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:15 am Adult Education  
 Junior Choir  
 9:30 am Sr. High Ensemble Warm Up  
 Mission Fair (until 12 noon)  
 10:30 am Worship  
 11:45 am Jr. High Bells  
 10:45 am Church School  
 12:15 n Qabbat Year-End Celebration  
 7:00 pm "Godspell" Performance at Brookport  
**Monday, April 30**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
**Tuesday, May 1**  
 9:00 am Over the Hill Gang  
 9:00 am Stuffers and Stagers  
 7:00 pm Congregational Fellowship  
 NCNUS Gathering at Moore's  
**Wednesday, May 2**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
 5:30 pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Church Buddies  
 7:00 pm Deacons  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, May 3**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
 6:30 pm Mission Interpretation  
 7:00 pm Education Sub-Committees  
 Peace and Justice  
 7:30 pm Outreach  
**Friday, May 4**  
 9:45 am Sisters in Spirit  
**Saturday, May 5**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Stewart Team  
**Sunday, May 6**  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 New Member Breakfast  
 9:15 am Junior Choir  
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 Reception of New Members  
 10:55 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 4:00 pm Jr. High Bells/Covenant Ringers  
 5:00 pm Chi Rho/CHAOS  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
 7:15 pm Senior High Ensemble

## Call for Congregational Meeting

In accordance with the Book of Order (G-14.0502), the Session has issued a call for the congregation to meet on Sunday, May 6, 2001 following the 10:30am service of worship for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Virginia M. Brown and Third Presbyterian Church and acting on a report of the Nominating Committee to elect two church officers.

John Wilkinson, Pastor  
 Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
 Assistant Pastor/Ministry Development  
 Robert P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
 Peter A. Dubois, Director of Music/Organist  
 Christina A. Leem, Associate Director of Music  
 Pamela L. Foy, Parish Visitor  
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## Music Recognition will take place Sunday, May 13 during 10:30am worship

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> during 10:30am worship, we will have an opportunity to recognize the musical gifts of all of our choirs. We will give thanks for the talent, dedication, and commitment of the many, many children, youth and adults who have participated in the music ministry of Third Church this year in vocal and handbell choirs. We will also recognize sixth graders graduating from the Junior Choir into the Covenant Singers and handbell programs, and high school seniors who have participated in the music and arts ministry.

Many of the musical groups will participate in worship, including the Carol Choir, a combined anthem by the Junior Choir and Covenant Singers, as well as anthems by the Senior High Ensemble, Covenant Ringers and Chancel Choir.

Third Presbyterian Church has a rich heritage of worship, and music has always played a significant part in helping this congregation celebrate and sense God's presence.

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## Genesee Valley Presbytery to Install John Wilkinson as Third Church Pastor Sunday, May 20 at 3:00pm

John M. Buchanan, moderator of the 1996 General Assembly and pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, will preach.

All are invited to attend.  
 A reception will follow.



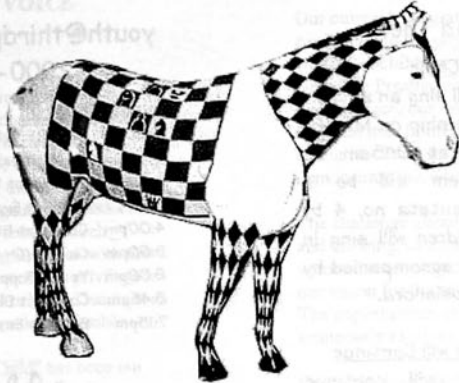
John Buchanan



John Wilkinson







Dear Third Church Members,

I want to introduce myself and to thank you for allowing me to stay with you for the next three months, starting May 10<sup>th</sup>. My name is "Horse Chess-nut," and I am one of 158 horses in a herd known as "Horses on Parade." We are here to raise funds for Rochester charities, promote the arts and raise civic awareness.

The Gianniny's brought me to town, gave me a distinguished name and provided me with a beautiful new chessboard blanket.

I am thrilled to be invited to stay on your East Avenue campus, where the clover is rumored to be plentiful. Please come and introduce yourselves. I am especially anxious to meet the children.

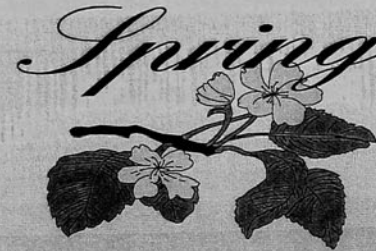
I anticipate being here until late August when the herd will gather for a parade on Main Street in downtown Rochester. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, I will go to the Convention Center for a rodeo and auction. I'm quite excited about seeing the rest of the herd, and hope someone will like me well enough to buy me. Thank you for your hospitality and for the chance to make some fodder for our community.

Sincerely,  
Horse Chess-nut

For more information about this project, see the kiosk outside Johnston Hall, or check our web site, [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/Music](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/Music).

## NEW HORIZONS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

MAY & JUNE 2001



ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRIES  
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**PETER KNAPP – Faith and the Middle East**

May 6th

9:15 am - Johnston Hall

*They were there when the violence began.* Last fall, Peter Knapp, a member of Webster Presbyterian Church, traveled to Israel and Palestine on a travel/study seminar. The group met with seminarians, Synod of the Nile staff, refugees, political leaders and Christian peacemakers. They visited schools, colleges, seminaries, environmental projects, community development projects, geriatric centers, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals and clinics.

Peter describes his experience as a “time of growth and spiritual reflection. The political and religious issues were seen from a new perspective.” Come and share his experience.

**More Light / Boy Scout Discussion**

May 13th

9:15 am - Johnston Hall

This is a great opportunity for the Third Church congregation to familiarize themselves with the local and national “happenings” concerning the decision to ban gay leaders and members from the Boy Scouts. There will be a panel discussion and lots of dialogue with attendees.

**LABYRINTH WALK**

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00pm – 5:00 pm

Imagine strolling along a labyrinth, a single meandering path to a center and back again while listening to life, receiving clarity, wisdom, healing guidance, strength and peace. This ancient archetypal tool maps out a sacred space to meditate, pray, mark life's transitions and heal. It is a pilgrimage, a metaphor of one's life journey.

In addition, there is opportunity for gentle conversation, a chance for quiet meditation. **Look for the torches at 2071 Westfall Rd. between Monroe Ave. and Winton Rd., in Brighton.** For additional information, call Life Listening Resources, 256-3384. Reverend Joy Bergfalk will be your host. A small donation is appreciated for upkeep of the labyrinth. Enjoy the peace no matter the weather.

**TESFAMICHAEL YOHANNES - Eritrean Refugees**

May 20th

9:15 am - Johnston Hall

Tesfamichael Yohannes will speak with us on the Eritrean refugee situation.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP DISCUSSION**

May 27th  
9:15 a.m. – Johnston Hall

We all agree that our children need more opportunities to learn about and participate in worship at Third Church. The challenge for us is what form will these opportunities take? Can we provide resources for parents and children to make their inclusion into our regular services a possibility? Are there other models of children's worship that will better supply them with the tools and the desire to participate when they are adults? In a similar format to our February CE Task Force feedback session, we explore the challenges and opportunities ahead of us together.

**DR. JANE GREENLAW - Medical Ethics**

June 3rd & 10th  
9:15 a.m. – Johnston Hall

Dr. Jane Greenlaw will be speaking to us on *end of life issues* and will be available to answer questions. Dr. Greenlaw is Director and Associate Professor of the Division of Medical Humanities at the U of R medical center.

**MORE LIGHT REPORT ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

June 17th  
9:15 a.m. – Johnston Hall

The More Light Committee will host their overview/summary of the action taken at General Assembly regarding openness and inclusiveness. Class will be led by Ralph Carter and Reverend Rod Frohman.

**PASTOR'S REPORT ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

June 24th  
12:00 p.m. – Celebration Center

Reverend John Wilkinson will give a general report on the issues dealt with at General Assembly.

**SISTERS IN SPIRIT**

First and Third Fridays  
9:45 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.-Parlor

Sisters in Spirit is a group that welcomes women of all ages and from all walks of life who seek companionship in the Christian spiritual journey. Our goal is to nourish our faith through reading, conversations and fellowship. To this end we have explored the writings of classic and contemporary Christian thinkers, including Hildegard of Bingen, the letters of spiritual direction of Francis de Sales and Janet de Chantal, and others.

Sisters in Spirit seeks to cultivate attentiveness to God's presence in our lives and to provide an opportunity to share our experiences in conversation and prayer. The group happily welcomes inquirers and new members. For more information, please call Amy Stratton-Smith at 224-9051.

**TWENTIES & THIRTIES AT THIRD (T3)**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Evening of Each Month  
7:15 p.m. - Youth Lounge

This is a group of both single and married individuals in the 20-30 year age group (but, no one is excluded!) We blend study, service and social activities. Each gathering includes a time for prayer and the expression of joys and concerns so that we may better understand and care for one another. Our church community service consists of weekly stocking the food pantry. Lastly, our social activities include dinner parties, going out to restaurants, game and/or movie nights, sporting events and barbecues.

If you have any questions please contact Andrew Elder at 224-8541 or [andrew\\_elder@bigfoot.com](mailto:andrew_elder@bigfoot.com).



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|          |          |                    |                                                                         |
|----------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MAY 4:   | Friday   | 9:45 am            | Sisters In Spirit                                                       |
| MAY 6:   | Sunday   | 9:15 am            | Peter Knapp, Speaker<br>Faith and the Middle East                       |
| MAY 13:  | Sunday   | 9:15 am            | More Light / Boy Scout Discussion                                       |
| MAY 17:  | Thursday | 7:00 pm<br>7:15 pm | Labyrinth Walk<br>Twenties & Thirties (T3) Viewing<br>"The Mission"     |
| MAY 18:  | Friday   | 9:45 am            | Sisters In Spirit                                                       |
| MAY 20:  | Sunday   | 9:15               | Tesfamichael Yohannes, Speaker<br>Eritrean Refugee Situation            |
| MAY 24:  | Thursday | 7:00 pm            | Twenties & Thirties (T3)<br>Movie Discussion - "The Mission"            |
| MAY 27:  | Sunday   | 9:15 am            | Children's Worship Discussion                                           |
| JUNE 1:  | Friday   | 9:45 am            | Sisters in Spirit                                                       |
| JUNE 3:  | Sunday   | 9:15 am<br>3:00 pm | Dr. Jane Greenlaw, Speaker<br>Medical Ethics - part 1<br>Labyrinth Walk |
| JUNE 10: | Sunday   | 9:15 am            | Dr. Jane Greenlaw, Speaker<br>Medical Ethics - part 2                   |
| JUNE 15: | Friday   | 9:45 am            | Sisters in Spirit                                                       |
| JUNE 17: | Sunday   | 9:15 am            | More Light Report/General Assembly                                      |
| JUNE 21: | Thursday | 7:00 pm            | Twenties & Thirties (T3)                                                |
| JUNE 24: | Sunday   | 9:15 am            | Pastor's Report/General Assembly                                        |
| JUNE 28: | Thursday | 7:00 pm            | Twenties & Thirties (T3)                                                |

**The Homes Offering:**  
*To celebrate their strengths!  
To honor their frailties!*



The Rochester Presbyterian Home, 256 Thurston Road, serves those who find it difficult to maintain their own home, require supervision in taking medication, or need some assistance with activities of daily living. Selective menus and table service, laundry and housekeeping services, 24-hour supervised nursing care, crafts and social activities are among the amenities offered there. Pastoral care by the chaplain and social work services provide emotional support to residents and families. All rooms are private and Rochester Presbyterian Home also offers a unique Vacation Days (respite care) program.

Kirkhaven is a skilled nursing facility located at 254 Alexander Street that provides nursing care for 147 residents. The cornerstone of the Kirkhaven community is a commitment to caring for every important aspect of residents' lives, including their physical health, emotional, spiritual and psychological well-being, and family needs. Kirkhaven's services include therapeutic recreation, physical, occupational and speech therapies, a select dietary menu, pastoral care services, and a special care unit for residents with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders.

**The Homes' Offering will be received on Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Please be generous.**

**New Horizons in  
Christian Living**  
Sunday Morning Offerings

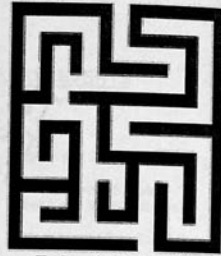
May 6<sup>th</sup>

**What's Happening in the  
Middle East.....from a faith  
perspective?**

Last fall, Peter Knapp, member of Webster Presbyterian Church, traveled to Israel, Egypt and Palestine on a Travel/Study Seminar through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The group met with seminarians, Synod of the Nile staff, refugees, political leaders and Christian peacemakers. They visited schools, colleges and seminaries, environmental projects, community development projects, geriatric centers, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals and clinics. They were there when the most recent period of violence began. Peter describes his experience as a "time of growth and spiritual reflection. The political and religious issues were seen from a new perspective." Come to Johnston Hall on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am when Peter will share his experiences with us.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Boy Scouts and  
More Light Committee**

This is a great opportunity for the Third Church congregation to familiarize itself with the local and national "happenings" concerning the decision to ban gay leaders and members from the Boy Scouts. There will be a panel discussion and lots of dialogue with attendees.



**Labyrinth Walk**

*Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00-9:00pm*

*Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00-5:00pm*

Imagine strolling along a labyrinth, a single meandering path to a center and back again while listening to live, receiving clarity, wisdom, healing guidance, strength and peace. This ancient archetypal tool maps out a sacred space to mediate, pray, mark life's transitions and heal. It is a pilgrimage -- a metaphor of one's life journey.

In addition, there is opportunity for gentle conversation, a chance for quiet meditation. Look for the torches at 2071 Westfall road, between Monroe Avenue and Winton Road, in Brighton. For additional information, call Life Listening Resources, 256-3384. Joy Berfalk will be your host. A small donation is appreciated for upkeep of the labyrinth. Enjoy the peace, no matter the weather!

**CHURCH FAMILY**

**Baptism**

We celebrate the April 29<sup>th</sup> baptisms of

- **Harper Elizabeth Mead**, born November 23, 2000, daughter of Allen Mead and Jennifer Bradford and
- **Brennan Jon Owen**, born November 21, 2000, son of Matthew and Elizabeth Jewett Owen.

**Sympathy**

We express sympathy to

- David Gregory (NCN/L) and Ann Gregory Sievers (NCN/K) on the death of their father, **Harold Gregory**, on April 21, 2001,
- Judy Haskin on the death of her mother, **Anita Haskin**, on April 8, 2001
- Claudia and Joe Shook on the April 20, 2001 death of Claudia's mother in Louisville, Kentucky. The Shooks may be reached at 2003 Ridgeview Drive, Wausau, WI 54401
- Scott and Amy Stratton-Smith (NCN/JB) on the recent death of Scott's grandfather, **Ben Berson**, in Ohio.

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**John White Circle**

The John White Circle will meet for lunch at Valley Manor on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at twelve noon. Judy Pidcock will be the guest speaker. Please reserve your place by calling Mary Jean MacEwen at 244-2006.

**Retired Men**

*Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in Johnston Hall*  
The Retired Men will meet for lunch (\$5) at noon; John Wilkinson will be the speaker. Those wishing to attend are asked to make a reservation no later than noon, Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Mary Paris Strayer**

*Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon at the home of  
Betty Gocker, 2500 East Avenues*

Those wishing to attend are asked to bring a sandwich. Dessert will be provided. Aaron Doll will speak to the group. Mary Thompson is co-hostess.

**Calvin Guild Picnic**

*Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm*

Brighton Town Park  
777 Westfall Road

Calvin Guild will welcome John Wilkinson and thank Virginia Brown at their closing meeting of the bring a dish to pass, there is a charge of \$2 per person; if you do not bring a dish to pass, the charge is \$4.50 per person.



**Third Bird Walk this  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Third Birders Unite! Our semi-occasional bird walk will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 9:00 am at Cumming Nature Center and is designed for all ages. The gentle paths should be accessible for the more experienced birders.

From Rochester, take Interstate 390 south to Routes 5&20. Then proceed east to Route 15A in Lima, then south on Route 15A to Route 20A in Hemlock. Head east on Route 20A to East Lake Road in Honeoye. Proceed south on East Lake Road to County Route 33. There are signs to point the way from the junction of East Lake Road and County Route 33. Turn east on County Route 33, and then southeast on Pinewood Hill Road. This road becomes Gulick Road, and the nature center entrance is on the right

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## Sunday, May 6

9:00 am New Member Breakfast  
Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education  
Junior Choir  
Worship  
10:30 am Church School  
10:45 am Congregational Meeting  
Coffee Hour  
4:00 pm General Singers  
5:00 pm City Choir  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:15 pm Senior High Ensemble

## Monday, May 7

8:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
7:00 pm Personnel Committee  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group

## Tuesday, May 8

8:00 am Over the Hill Gang  
12:00 n John White Circle/Valley Manor  
6:00 pm Session/Commissioning Class

## Wednesday, May 9

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
6:30 pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm Church Buddies  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
7:30 pm Membership Committee

## Thursday, May 10

8:30 am Food Cupboard

## Friday, May 11

5:30 pm Youth Lock-in  
6:00 pm Parents' Night Out (until 8pm)

## Saturday, May 12

9:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Garber Team  
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## Sunday, May 13 - Music Recognition Sunday

9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Junior Choir  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
Reception of New Members  
10:55 am Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

## Monday, May 14

10:00 am Chapel Bells  
7:00 pm More Light Committee

## Tuesday, May 15

9:00 am Stuffers and Strollers  
12:00 n Mary Paris Strayer Circle  
4:00 pm Library Committee  
6:30 pm Finance Committee  
7:30 pm Trustees

## Wednesday, May 16

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
Church Buddies  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
7:30 pm Membership Committee

## Thursday, April 17

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
7:00 pm "

## Friday, April 18

9:45 am Sizzlers in Spirit  
3:00 pm Devotion Tea at Friendly Home

## Saturday, April 19

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Youth Team

## Call for Congregational Meeting

In accordance with the Book of Order (G-14.0502), the Session has issued a call for the congregation to meet on Sunday, May 6, 2001 following the 10:30am service of worship for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Virginia M. Brown and Third Presbyterian Church and acting on a report of the Nominating Committee to elect two church officers.

**May 6**  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Reception of New Members  
John Wilkinson preaching

**May 13**  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Music Recognition Sunday  
John Wilkinson preaching

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John Wilkinson, Pastor  
Virginia M. Brown, Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
Aaron R. Dool, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
Roderic P. Fishman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Caitie A. Duggan, Director of Music/Organist  
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## Third Presbyterian Church MESSENGER



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On behalf of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley  
and the congregation of  
Third Presbyterian Church  
You are invited to a Service of Installation  
of

**John Wilkinson**

As Pastor of  
Third Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 20, 2001  
3:00 pm

Third Presbyterian Church  
4 Meigs Street  
Rochester, New York

A reception will follow in Johnston Hall  
Child care available

## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

The church has been on my mind over these past few weeks. The church – this church, our Presbyterian church, the church in history, the church in community.

In the Confession of 1967 (as you know, one of our Presbyterian theological statements), we are told that “the church is trusted with God’s message of reconciliation.” In the 1960’s, reconciliation represented issues such as civil rights, warfare, poverty and human sexuality. It seems to me that such a list rings true today as the church is called to bring God’s reconciliation to a world conflicted over many issues, issues that are in a way as timeless as 35 years ago and as current as this morning’s news.

The church itself, though, is also in dire need of reconciliation. Whether it be the issue of ordination or biblical authority or others, factions in the church are preparing for this June’s General Assembly in Louisville as if it were a political convention or worse. Surely Christ’s reconciling spirit could abide with brothers and sisters from different places on the theological and ideological spectrum. Surely the church could find a way to move beyond its internal battles to be able to proclaim God’s reconciling love to communities that hurt and people in need.

We are privileged to have the vision and resources to proclaim reconciliation, reconciliation that takes on many forms. Sometimes reconciliation happens

between two people, or within a group. Sometimes it happens internally, as a person comes to a new realization that leads them to a fresh discovery or insight. Sometimes reconciliation is more overtly political, as we take positions and make arguments and seek to come to resolution that is fair and faithful.

So in this place, whether it be a great group of new members or an outstanding commissioning class, people are acting to claim God’s invitation to follow and to make a difference, to be reconciling agents wherever God calls them. For these journeys I am eternally grateful, and thankful to be able to share them.

Remember, we are called to reconcile and are called to be part of a reconciling church. In these days, pray for reconciliation in our nations and cities and homes, and pray with hope for reconciliation in our Presbyterian family.

Faithfully,



P.S. Thanks to all of you for your words of encouragement and support at the time of my dissertation defense and now at the time of my installation as your pastor. These are exciting days indeed!

### A Little Child Shall Lead Them

May 20 9:15am Junior Choir  
2:30pm Warm-up for  
Installation Service  
3:00pm Installation Service

June 3 Last Junior Choir Sunday  
Anthem, Bell Choir Anthem  
Choir Awards, Sixth grade  
Celebration Lunch

Children's Bell Choir will continue with  
Wednesday rehearsals, 5:00-5:45pm  
throughout the month of June.

#### Camp Cory Choir Retreat will take place August 20-23

The retreat is an overnight camp at beautiful Camp Cory on Keuka Lake. The camp is open to all children in rising grades 4-6 interested in being in the Junior Choir next September. The Camp is a great experience for our young choristers. They participate in classes of drama, Orff percussion, recorder, African drumming, handbells and more. Recreational activities include swimming, soccer, kickball, tennis, fishing, “Capture the Flag,” campfires with s’mores, arts and crafts, boondoggle, talent show, skit night, etc. The children also participate in and lead a beautiful evening prayer service each day. This year, we will also begin to work on our musical for next spring. Directors and singers from six other area churches join our choir members at the camp.

More information and an application form will be sent out shortly. Save the date. There will be an informational meeting for parents and children on Sunday, June 10 at 10:00am. Contact Chris Lenti at 271-6513 for more information.

### youth@thirdpresbyterian 2000-2001

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Installation of John Wilkinson  
2:30 pm Senior High Ensemble Warm  
up  
in Sanctuary  
3:00 pm Service of Installation  
4:30 pm Reception

#### Have Your Stocks Done Poorly?

Here's a great investment for you! For only \$10 a share, here's an enriching alternative offer - a value stock of great potential!

You will be investing in the spiritual growth of the youth of Third Church by supporting this summer's trip to the Presbyterian Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, August 5-11.

Each share will entitle the shareholder to a meal in the fall where Montreat participants will share their experiences.

Stock certificates can be purchased outside Johnston Hall after the 10:30 services on May 20 through June 10, or by sending a check to Aaron Doll through the Church office.

### A Resurrection Story

It was the Saturday before Easter and I, like so many of you, was setting the stage for the glorious day to follow. Lists were being checked off as I carefully prepared much of my Easter menu ahead..... the artichoke dip was ready, the decadent cheesy potatoes were in the casserole, the lemon pie had just come out of the oven, and much to my husband's amusement the table had been set, a day ahead, with our finest china, crystal and linen. This organization was necessary, I told myself, if guests were to arrive a short time after we got home from church. And being a victim of the Martha Stewart generation, I wanted it to look effortless!

It was 8 PM, the stage was set for Easter dinner and then the telephone rang. "Hello Mrs. Foye, this is the Dean from Haverford College. This is one of those phone calls I hate to make but I had to let you know that your son Adam was in a bike accident at approximately 5pm today. The ambulance has taken him to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital which is a fine hospital and well equipped to handle head injuries." "O my God, how bad is it?" I managed to get out. "Did he lose consciousness?" "Yes." I explained that I was extremely worried because Adam had suffered a serious concussion in a skiing accident about 14 months ago and I knew that multiple head injuries could be very serious. The Dean said it was hard for him to get information from the hospital because Adam was over 18 so he passed the phone number along to me.

I felt like my heart had stopped. I couldn't cry. I just fell to my knees in prayer. I was home alone, Ry was at the hospital checking in on a new baby. I paged him to come home quickly and then I nervously dialed the Emergency Department at the University of Pennsylvania. I was shuffled from one person to the next and pleaded for someone to get the doctor who was attending to Adam. The CT Scan of his spine was normal, they were awaiting the CT scan of his head, he was in and out of consciousness, he was having a lot of abdominal pain and the doctor said he had been called in to sew up his

face. I can't quite explain the gut wrenching pain I felt knowing our child was going through this alone, away from home, and we really did not have a clear indication of the extent of his injuries.

I felt that all I could do was to pray that God's ever-loving arms would enfold our son and give him courage and strength and then I started to feel numb. I knew that I needed something more.... I had this overwhelming desire to be connected to our church. I nervously went to my directory and called one of the pastors at home. All of a sudden I felt very shy thinking calls like this are only at times of death. I was greeted with loving care and concern. We talked about the accident, about our plans to leave for Philadelphia and then we prayed together. I requested that Adam be included in the pastoral prayer on Easter morning.

I can't explain how much better I felt after that phone call. We were still extremely worried about what we would find when we got there but I felt a deep connection to our church family. Something changed in me. I felt in a very profound way that I was being carried. Ry and I drove off that night with the strong realization that we were not alone.

Adam is doing well and healing more quickly than we ever imagined. He is back to classes and expected to have a full recovery. We thank you all for your love and support. While we were not able to be in church this Easter, I do feel that we experienced a resurrection story.

I do not think that our Lord intended for us to walk this journey called life alone. Each one of us has the potential to be a Christian caregiver. We can't predict when life's crises will arise, but rest assured they will for each one of us. The love, concern and prayers of the staff and our many friends at Third Church helped to strengthen and sustain us. Please know that our church staff and family are there for you..... don't be afraid to reach out and take their hand. It is offered in love by the One who has promised to provide rest for our weary souls, comfort for the broken hearted, and a love that knows no boundaries.

*Pamela Foye, April 2001*

## Members in Mission -- Calvin and Mary Garber

### "Please be our guest"

Mary and Cal Garber have sometimes had over 70 people for lunch! They never know how many will come but these gracious hosts are prepared and celebrate the arrival of any able to attend.

The Garbers have been involved with Dining Room Ministry since it first became a tiny thought after an Adult Education series over 10 years ago. During a brainstorming session about how Third Church could help our community, Dining Room Ministry was born. Eagerly Henry Curme and Kathryn Stimson researched the community and spoke to many church members regarding this idea. One of the groups eager to help was the Thursday Morning Group, church members meeting on Thursday morning for a short worship and breakfast. Almost everyone there became involved in the planning; selecting menus, funding, visiting other dining room facilities, serving on teams, baking and shopping. And what a success it has been! Currently there are over 140 Third Church members and friends helping to serve our guests. Twelve different menus are rotated with special feasts on holidays. The food is greatly appreciated by our guests!

The benefits are as wonderful to those serving as to those receiving. Mary and Cal have been team leaders since the beginning. Through Dining Room Ministry they have become familiar with the church in different ways: they have learned

- the secret of unlocking the refrigerator
  - the location of extra chairs
  - how to operate the oven and fan
  - the contents of the cupboards
  - what to do with 15 pounds of frozen hamburger when the guests are arriving in one hour!
- And they have found new friends among the team of people with whom they serve, members whose paths had not crossed before.

Consider joining the Garbers and many other members in this ministry. Join a team, be a shopper or baker, or add your name to the substitute list. "This hands-on ministry gets into the soul of all those who volunteer," Mary feels. The rewards you receive with be as great as our guests. Please call the church office (271-6513) if you would like to become involved.

*- Suzy Hengeler*



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## Streets and Sidewalks Vacation Bible School- June 25-28<sup>th</sup>

"God's Family Reunion" is the theme of this year's Streets and Sidewalks Vacation Bible School. For the third year, this "Inreach/Outreach" Vacation Bible School is jointly sponsored by Third and New Life Presbyterian Churches. It is held on New Life's front lawn from 6-7:30pm beginning Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (with healthy snacks available beginning at 5:45pm).

Streets and Sidewalks VBS is a "happening." Each day we will celebrate a different theme and Bible story about being part of God's family. We will tell the story with skits, special events, games, songs, storytelling and Bible study in special age group circles called "Bible Cruiser" groups. There are all kinds of opportunities for participation! Prizes will be awarded for

- bringing a friend
- being a good listener
- providing the correct answer for the quiz
- saying the memory verse

You'll be singing the Vacation Bible School songs all summer long!

There is no such thing as being too young or too old for Vacation Bible School. There are lots of ways to help out and share your gifts. However, the most important way to become involved is to come with your blanket, spread it on the lawn and invite children from the neighborhood to join you.

*Ann McMican at 533-1222*

## Directories Available

Congregational directories are still available as are the inserts, binders and other information. If you, a member, do not have a copy of the current directory, please contact the church office; leave your name and telephone number. You will be contacted by a member of the Congregational Fellowship Committee who can make sure you get one!

## Neighborhood Gatherings with the Wilkinsons

### NCN/B - May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

Helen and Fred Meyer, hosts  
393 Bonnie Brae Avenue.

Please RSVP to Joyce Wunderlich at 244-1377.

### NCN/A - June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Marian Ertsgaard, hostess  
1674 Highland Avenue

### NCN/R - June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Steve and Carol Marra, hosts  
243 Inspiration Point, Webster

### NCN/M - June 24<sup>th</sup> - 3pm

Linc and Sue Spaulding, hosts  
Chapel Oaks  
1550 Portland Avenue

### NCNsG/H - July 8<sup>th</sup> - 3pm

Barbara Brown/Ralph Carter, hosts  
111 Milburn Street






**Deacons and Coordinators: To set a date  
for your NCN to meet with John  
Wilkinson:**

Call Beth Williams at 271-6513

## Thanks, Bob Cooper!

Participants in the Third Bird Walk, held this year on Cinco de Mayo at Cumming Nature Center, were treated to twenty-one species. We also learned about the area's geographic history and ecology. A wonderful morning was had by all! Thanks again, Bob.

*-Jack Mould, Third Birdwalk*

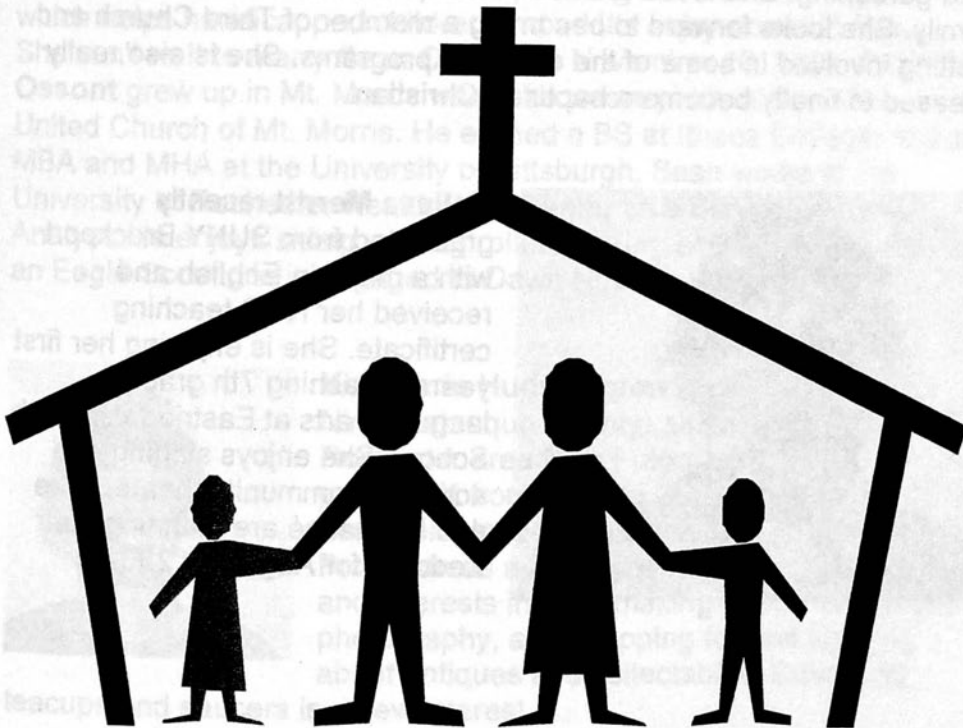
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| <br>9:00 Worship<br>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Church School<br>12:30 Chancel Choir Tour Rehearsal | 8:00 Endowment Enhancement Task Force<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:30 Evangelism Committee<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group     | 7:00 Congregational Fellowship<br>7:00 NCN-A Gathering at the home of Marian Engstgard                                  | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:00 Children's Bell Choir<br>5:30 Choir Tour Meeting<br>7:00 Deacons<br>7:15 Chancel Choir<br>7:30 Membership Committee | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>2:30 Budget Formation Comm.<br>6:30 Mission Interpretation<br>7:00 Education Sub-Committees<br>7:00 Peace and Justice<br>7:30 Outreach | 9:45 Sisters in Spirit                                                                                                       | 8:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Norton Team                                |
| 9:00 Graduating Seniors Brunch<br>9:30 Worship<br>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>10:00 Camp Cory Informational Meeting<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Church School<br>1:00 Chancel Choir Picnic                                                | 9:30 Food Cupboard                                                                                                             | 9:00 Stuffers and Shaplers<br>12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon<br>1:00 Property Committee<br>6:00 Children's Choir Workshop | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:00 Children's Bell Choir<br>7:15 Chancel Choir<br>7:30 Membership Committee                                            | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>Polishing Party & Dinner                                                                                  | 9:45 Sisters in Spirit                                                                                                       | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Satzer Team                                |
| <br>9:00 Worship<br>9:15 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Church School<br>11:30 Ice Cream Social and Reception for Virginia Brown        | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>7:00 NCN-A Gathering at the home of Carol & Steve Marra<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group                | 12:00 Mary Paris Strayer Circle<br>6:30 Finance Committee<br>7:00 Trustees' Session                                     | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:00 Children's Bell Choir<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                                                         | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>7:00 T3                                                                                                                                | 4:30 Wallace-Powell Wedding Rehearsal<br> | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Thauer Team<br>2:00 Wallace-Powell Wedding |
| 10:00 Worship<br>10:15 Summer Church School<br>11:30 Chancel Choir<br>2:00 NCN-M Gathering at Chapel Oaks                                                                                                                                | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:30 Music & Arts<br>5:30 Vacation Bible School at New Life<br>7:00 More Light<br>7:30 Worship Committee | 5:30 Vacation Bible School at New Life                                                                                  | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:30 Vacation Bible School at New Life                                                                                   | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:30 Vacation Bible School at New Life<br>7:00 T3                                                                                      | 5:30 Oliva-DeMaison Wedding Rehearsal<br> | 10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Muller-Grand Team<br>3:30 Oliva-DeMaison Wedding                 |

\* is the symbol for "if needed, child care will be provided." Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance.

\*\* PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS ON JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>. THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE AT 10:00AM IN THE SANCTUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# **Third Presbyterian Church Welcomes its New Members!**

**May 6, 2001**



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**Sara Maskell** was born in England, and lived there until she was 19, when she moved to Rochester. She completed college in England before coming to the USA, and presently works in sales for Tiffany & Co. She is engaged to Michael Hartman who is a Rochester native. Sara's mother lives in Albion, NY, and her sister and her two young children live in England. She tries to go home and visit them once a

year. Her hobbies are interior decorating (in her home and her friends) and gardening. She loves to travel, and spend time with friends and family. She looks forward to becoming a member of Third Church and getting involved in some of the outreach programs. She is also really pleased to finally become a baptized Christian.



**Melissa Merritt** recently graduated from SUNY Brockport with a major in English and received her N-12 teaching certificate. She is enjoying her first year of teaching 7th grade language arts at Eastridge Jr. High School. She enjoys singing and acting in community theater. She and her fiancé are planning their wedding for August of 2002

**Dawn M. Nobles** grew up in a small town in Chautauqua County. She attended the State University of New York at Alfred and received an Associates Degree for Health Information Technology. She has worked for Preferred Care for 11 years, and lives in the Strong neighborhood in the city. She enjoys skiing, camping and gardening as well as caring for her yellow lab, Calabash. Dawn participated in the Shared Skiing Adventures Program

which helps handicapped children and adults enjoy downhill skiing. She can't wait to marry Sean Ossont on November 10, 2001. **Sean R. Ossont** grew up in Mt. Morris where he was a youth elder at the United Church of Mt. Morris. He earned a BS at Ithaca College, and an MBA and MHA at the University of Pittsburgh. Sean works at the University of Rochester Health Care Center as a Senior Planning Analyst. He enjoys skiing, golfing rollerblading and yard work and is an Eagle Scout. He is engaged to Dawn Nobles.



**Kim Marie Hudson** grew up in Cherry Creek NY (Chatauqua County) and moved to the Rochester area from Fredonia NY. She graduated from Monroe Community College, and is employed by Monroe County Office of Probation as a Probation Assistant. Her hobbies and interests include making crafts, dabbling in photography, and shopping for and learning about antiques and collectables. Collecting teacups and saucers is a new interest.

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**Lisa Henry** received her BA in English from Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids, MI, and an MS in Education from the University of Rochester. She taught High School English in Holley, NY until the birth



of her second daughter Olivia who joined 7 year old Taylor. Her hobbies include reading, writing and going to the beach. Lisa has been volunteering in the food cupboard for the past few months, and looks forward to being more involved.

**Paul Henry** is a 1987 graduate of RIT and has been a CPA since 1989. He has been at Arthur Andersen for 4 years, and was with DeLoitte & Touche for 7 years before

that. He has a 17 year old daughter from a previous marriage, and he and Lisa have 2 daughters; 7 year old Taylor and 2 year old Olivia. His hobby is music, and he currently performs in a band, and plays guitar for small theater groups.



**Karen A. Pethick** was born and raised in Medina, NY. She received her degree in Interior Design from Becker Jr. College in Worchester, MA. She has been in the restaurant business for 16 years, the last 9 for J.G. Crummer Pub and Grill in Penfield. Rev. Virginia Brown

married Karen and husband Bob two years ago. Their daughter, Olivia Rose was born in February. Her Big sister, Karen's step daughter is very excited about her arrival. Karen's interests include reading, sewing and gardening. Her family also enjoys camping and boating during the summer months.

**Cheryl Hessel** grew up in Brighton, and attended Brighton schools. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Plattsburgh State University. Cheryl moved back



to Rochester in 1998, and worked at St. Johns Home comfort care unit. She presently works at the Strong Memorial Hospital stepdown unit. Her interests include sewing, cross country skiing, cooking and working with terminally ill individuals. She is engaged to Chris Arnold. **Chris Arnold** was born in Greece and has lived in Rochester all his

life. He is an Account Support Representative for Xerox. Chris's interests include cooking, and working with computers. He and his fiancé Cheryl Hessel just bought a home, and he enjoys working around the home and fixing it up. They plan to be married at Third Presbyterian Church on October 13, 2001.

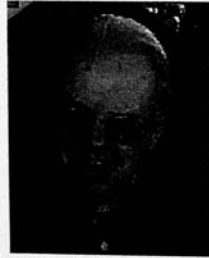
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**Jane B. Bender** received a BA and an MA in Education at Montclair State College in NJ. She did Post Graduate work in church music at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, and Foundation Studies in Bible in New Brunswick Seminary, in NJ. She taught music in the New Jersey Public Schools, was an Instructor at Passaic Community and Montclair State Colleges in New Jersey, and was an Organist and Choir Director in New

Jersey churches. Jane is presently the Director of Music at Union Presbyterian Church in Scottsville, NY. Her interests include social concerns of the church, and working with women. **Richard A. Bender** graduated from Allegheny College with a degree in Economics in 1956. He served in the US Army for 2 years, spending 18 months in Germany. He retired from the Prudential Insurance Company in September 1993 after 37 years of service. He loves all kinds of sports, and thinks that Rochester is a great area for sports. His favorite sport is golf. Dick and Jane moved

to Pittsford from NJ to be near their daughter, son in law, and grandchild.



**Helen Moellering** graduated with a BS from Lindenwood College, a college founded in St. Charles, MO for the Christian education of young women, in 1976. She received an MSW in Social Work from St. Louis University in 1978. She has worked as a social worker, and a family therapist. She was married to a wonderful man, an aeronautical engineer for 34 years, and has 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Her husband died in 1995, and she moved to the "frozen North". She lives in a tall, skinny brown house with a large dog, and 2 loud cats. She enjoys playing the piano, hiking, swimming and reading, and spending time with family and friends. Helen works a few hours weekly for the local school district, and would like to work with the homeless.



### New Handbell Choir?



I am exploring the possibility of starting a new, beginning handbell choir for adults. The group would start up in the fall and would meet on a weekday. The choir would be for folks who have not rung handbells before, however, the ability to read music would be a requirement. I am hoping this choir might be ideal for retired folks or for stay-at-home Mom's looking for some musical fun and challenge. Eight ringers are necessary to make this idea move forward, so if you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. Call the church office, 271-6513, or write my email, [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).

-Chris Lenti

### Genesee Hospital Closing Discussion

Thursday May 17, 2001

7 pm Johnston Hall

Dr. Lisa Hager, incoming President Medical  
Society County of Monroe and Mr. Arthur Streeter,  
Health Planner

Sponsored by the Adult Education and Outreach staff

### Good News!

The results of pledge income received in April are in. I am happy to report that we exceeded our April budget by 39%, receiving approximately \$16,000 more than last year. Our year-to-date pledge income is now \$5,600 (1.6%) over budget and \$12,700 more than last year. A big THANK YOU goes to all those who made this possible. I believe that calling attention to the first quarter situation in your pledge statement was effective. We will try to keep you up to date on this subject via occasional Messenger articles as the year unfolds.

Bill Coons, Treasurer

### Preservation Board Approves Parking Committee Recommendations

The Parking Committee recommendations to improve traffic flow and safety were approved by the Preservation Board at its May meeting.

Our architect is proceeding to secure the required City and County approvals for the project. Completion of the work is scheduled for this fall.

When completed, we will have traffic enter the back parking lot from Arnold Park and exit on Meigs Street. There will also be a new passenger drop off/pickup area at the Parish House entrance on Meigs Street. Watch the *Messenger* for further information.

- Jim Goldsmith

### **Battle over PC(USA) ordination standards is expected to dominate General Assembly**

"Fidelity and chastity" clause is back on agenda after 2-year break

(\*Please Note: Third Church will be well represented at this year's General Assembly. John Wilkinson will attend on behalf of the church and to participate in the leadership of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Roderic Frohman will attend as an alternate commissioner for our Genesee Valley Presbytery and as an overture advocate.)

After a two-year moratorium, the issue of sexual-conduct standards for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is poised to retake center stage when the 213<sup>th</sup> General Assembly convenes in Louisville on June 9.

The current ordination standard - "fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness" - was approved by the 1996 General Assembly (GA) and later ratified by the church's 173 presbyteries (district governing bodies). A move by the 1997 GA to delete the requirement - now G-6.0106b of the denomination's Book of Order - was overwhelmingly defeated by the presbyteries. The 1999, Assembly declared a two-year moratorium on amendments to G-6.0106b and asked Presbyterians to study and discuss "the unity we share in our diversity."

Now that the moratorium has expired, two dozen presbyteries have petitioned the GA to amend the ordination requirement. Most urge that G-6.0106b be excised from the Book of Order.

This year's weeklong GA also will address the deeper problem of the continued unity of the 2.5-million-member PC(U.S.A.). While there has not been much talk of schism, the presbyteries' defeat of a proposed amendment to ban same-sex union ceremonies, and a still-simmering controversy over a speaker's suggestion during a Presbyterian conference last summer that Jesus may not be the only way to salvation, have fomented several demands that the GA take stronger stands on doctrinal issues such as Christology and salvation. Several presbyteries are calling for a special committee to try to find a way out of the theological conflicts that plague the denomination.

- Jerry L. Van Marter  
Presbyterian New Service

For the full text of this story, visit  
[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

### **Theological Education Offering June 17, 2001**

The congregation will have an opportunity to contribute to a special offering on June 17, designated to support theological education in seminaries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Contributions to this fund will supplement the amount that Outreach Committee provides to seminaries as part of its annual mission support. Watch for more information about this offering in Minutes for Mission on June 3 and June 10, and consider the opportunity to affirm the work of Presbyterian seminaries.

Jane Shuffelton

### **T<sup>3</sup> -Twenties and Thirties at Third**

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm the T<sup>3</sup>s will watch "The Mission." Discussion of the movie, will be on Thursday, May 24 at 7:15pm in the senior high lounge at the church.. If you have any questions, please call Andrew or Alison Elder at 224-8541.

### **Congratulations, John!**

On May 1, John Wilkinson successfully defended his doctoral dissertation "The Confession of 1967: Presbyterians and the Politics of Reconciliation." He will receive his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in the field of American church history on June 15. Thanks to members and friends for their prayers of support and good wishes.

### **Introducing...**

**Laurie J. Jenkins**, new Director at Southeast Ecumenical Ministry. It's an honor to be affiliated with such an organization that devotes such hard work and dignity to the people we serve. In order for SEM to provide the services we do and help the thousands of neighbors each year, we rely almost totally on volunteer help and monetary donations. New volunteers are always needed in our food cupboard and for our FISH program! Since service is provided on an individual basis, we link those that can help with those that need it - volunteers work in their own area of interest. Some volunteer duties are even done from your own home. The time commitment is quite small, 1-4 hours each month. Volunteering for SEM can put you in touch with a new generation. Helping and spending time with others is the best way we know to put our own lives and problems into perspective. The more you volunteer, the more you realize how lucky you are. Be a neighbor, help a neighbor. Call the SEM office at 271-5350. You won't be disappointed.

**New Horizons in  
Christian Living**

Sunday Morning Offerings

**May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Eritrean Refugees**

Tesfamicael Yohannes will speak with us on the Eritrean refugee situation.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Children's Worship Discussion**

We all agree that our children need more opportunities to learn about and participate in worship at Third Church. The challenge for us is to determine what form these opportunities will take.

- Can we provide resources for parents and children to make their inclusion into our regular services a possibility?
- Are there other models of children's worship that will better supply them with the tools and the desire to participate when they are adults?

In a format similar to our February Christian Education Task Force feedback session, we will together explore the challenges and opportunities ahead of us.

**Coming in June...**

**Medical Ethics**

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Jane Greenlaw will be speaking to us on *end of life issues* and will be available to answer questions.

Dr. Greenlaw is Director at the University of Rochester Medical Center and Associate Professor of the Division of Medical Humanities.

**Labyrinth Walk**

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00-9:00pm**  
**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00-5:00pm**

Imagine strolling along a labyrinth, a single meandering path to a center and back again while listening to life, receiving clarity, wisdom, healing guidance, strength and peace. This ancient archetypal tool maps out a sacred space to mediate, pray, mark life's transitions and heal. It is a pilgrimage -- a metaphor of one's life journey.

In addition, there is opportunity for gentle conversation, a chance for quiet meditation. **Look for the torches at 2071 Westfall Road, between Monroe Avenue and Winton Road, in Brighton.** For additional information, call Life Listening Resources, 256-3384. Joy Berfalk will be your host. A small donation is appreciated for upkeep of the labyrinth.

**CHURCH FAMILY**

**Born**

A daughter, **Rebecca Jenn Gordon**, born April 22, 2001, to Michael and Dorothy Gordon, in Pittsburgh. Grandparents Conny and Dorothea Hunter rejoice in the birth of their first granddaughter! The Hunter's address is 2413 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

**Baptism**

We celebrate the May 6<sup>th</sup> baptisms of

- **Kim Marie Hudson**
- **Sara Maskell**
- **Dawn Nobles**

**Sympathy**

We express sympathy to

- the family of former member **Albert Wise**, on his death April 26, 2001.
- **Kathy L. Eldredge** and **David Tennant (NCND<sup>2</sup>)** and family on the death of Kathy's mother, **Ruth D. Eldredge**, on May 2, 2001.
- **Dorothy Wadsworth Annett (NCN/T)** on the death of her husband, **Graham Annett** on May 3, 2001
- **Hazelle Mummey (NCN/N)** on the death of her husband, **Milton W. Mummey**, on May 10, 2001. Mr. Mummey had been a member of Third Church for over 60 years.

**Voice Mail for John Wilkinson:  
234-3785**

**Amnesty International  
Letter Writing  
Sunday, May 20**

**10K Rochester AIDS Walk  
Sunday, June 3, 2001**

10am Cobbs Hill Park  
To register: Contact Rod Frohman,  
[Rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:Rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org) or call  
271-6513.



**Summer Flower Donors Needed**

May 21<sup>st</sup> and several Sundays in July and August are available for memorial flowers. If you would be willing to contribute garden flowers or would like to make a contribution for a summer Sunday, please call Betsy Stanton at 244-8134.

**Volunteer Recognition Luncheon**

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon**  
Johnston Hall

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be an opportunity to publicly thank our wonderful volunteers for their assistance over the past year. If you are a Third Church volunteer and did not receive an invitation, please know that you are welcome! Please R.S.V.P. by calling the Church Office no later than Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (271-6513).



**GRADUATES!**

Please let us know the name of the school from which you have graduated, as well as your post-graduation plans. Leave a message in the church office (271-6513).

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Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate  
Virginia Brown's  
Ministry at  
Third Church  
During the  
Ice Cream Social  
Following  
10:30 am  
worship.



Following nearly four years of valued and committed service to Third Presbyterian Church, Virginia Brown is heading back to Southern California. At the end of July, Virginia and Janelle will move to San Diego so that Virginia may pursue advanced study in hospital chaplaincy.

While we will miss Virginia tremendously, we believe that this development is a positive one for her, allowing her to expand and refine her God-given gifts, gifts that have made themselves manifest in her ministry with us. Virginia has exemplified the church's call to care and compassion. She has been with many of us in moments of concern - at hospitals, at home, in nursing homes, through hardships and heartaches. Her prayerful and sympathetic spirit has been welcomed by all with whom Virginia has ministered. We will miss that spirit greatly, but know that God has wonderful things in store for her in San Diego.

On June 17, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during the ice cream social, we will have an opportunity to express our gratitude to Virginia and to say goodbye.



## Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 24<sup>th</sup>

Beginning June 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be one service of worship -- at 10am in the Sanctuary. This schedule will continue through Rally Day, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunday, May 20

8:30 am Commissioning Class Brunch  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education  
10:30 am Worship  
10:45 am Church School  
11:45 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 pm Installation of John Wilkinson  
1:30 pm Reception

### Monday, May 21

9:30 am Feed Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
5:30 pm Music & Arts Committee  
7:00 pm More Light Committee  
7:30 pm Worship Committee  
8:00 pm Church Bulletin Support

### Tuesday, May 22

9:00 am Over the Hill Gang  
12:00 pm Volunteer Lunch  
4:00 pm Presbytery Work

### Wednesday, May 23

8:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
6:00 pm Church Bibles  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 24

9:30 am Foot Cupboard  
7:15 pm T

### Saturday, May 26

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Hammetts

### Sunday, May 27

9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Junior Choir  
10:30 am Worship/Baptism in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

### Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 29

9:00 am Program Staff Retreat

### Wednesday, May 30

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
6:00 pm Church Bibles  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 31

9:30 am Foot Cupboard  
7:00 pm NCHV Gathering - (Meyer)

### Friday, June 1

9:45 am Sisters in Spirit

### Saturday, June 2

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Norton Team

### Sunday, June 3

9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

### Monday, June 4

8:00 am Endowment Enhancement Committee  
5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group

### Tuesday, June 5

7:00 pm NCHV Gathering (Edgaard)  
7:30 pm Congregational Fellowship

### Wednesday, June 6

9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Devotions  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 7

2:30 pm Budget Formation Committee  
6:30 pm Mission Interpretation Committee  
7:00 pm Education Committee  
7:30 pm Peace and Justice Committee  
7:30 pm Outreach Committee

### Saturday, June 9

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry

### Sunday, June 10

9:00 am Breakfast to Honor Graduating Seniors  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education  
10:30 am Worship

May 20  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Reception of Members of Commissioning Class  
John Wilkinson preaching

May 27  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Sacrament of Baptism  
John Wilkinson preaching

June 3  
Pentecost  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching

June 10  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Virginia M. Brown preaching

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Rev. Robert P. Foltman, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
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### THIRD VOICE

*"In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing..."*

On Pentecost Sunday, we shared a portion of the Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith. This statement is about a decade old, and came about at the reunion of the major Southern and Northern streams of Presbyterianism. Jack Stotts, who served as president of both McCormick and Austin Theological Seminaries and who has visited Third Church, chaired the very diverse committee that produced the statement.

As you will learn over the coming years, I deeply cherish the Brief Statement of Faith. Its poetic style and evocative images stir my heart and nurture my spirit. The statement is a great resource for worship, adult education, church visioning and personal devotions.

The statement begins with the phrase *"in life and in death we belong to God,"* echoing earlier theological affirmations. That phrase in itself is possibly enough to keep us going for a while – the notion that we belong to God and to no one and nothing else – not the world, not our possessions, not even ourselves. It is a startling affirmation, but in the end it provides a deep sense of comfort, particularly when we are facing challenging times.

The phrase to which I keep returning time and time again is lodged within a wonderful paragraph on the Holy Spirit, hence our use of it on Pentecost Sunday. It suggests a remarkable position for we people of faith – *"In a broken and fearful world,*

*the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing."*

That stunning sentence acknowledges the world in which we live. "Brokenness" and "fearfulness" do not label or place blame. They paint the world in real colors, and acknowledge our very real habitation of that world. But we also inhabit a world in which the Holy Spirit dwells, that the Holy Spirit visited two millennia ago to empower the church, that the Holy Spirit continues to visit whenever we gather or whenever we endeavor to ask questions of and find meaning in the world in which we live.

And we Presbyterians, living as we do in the Protestant and Reformed traditions, believe that we are called to make a difference in the world, whether on the broad plane of public life or the more immediate set of human needs that we face each day. Called to make a difference, but only because God's Spirit inspires us to.

So pray without ceasing in these days. Pray for members of our congregation who are facing physical or emotional or spiritual challenge. Pray for members of this church who are facing death, their own or the ones they love. Pray for our city and nation, that we might find ways that move us into the light of reconciliation in the face of brokenness. Pray for our Presbyterian family as it gathers in Louisville for the General Assembly. Pray for our life together.

And be thankful for the courage we find together, and for the Spirit that encourages us in all that we say and do and are.

Faithfully,

*John T. Williams*

## Volunteer Luncheon

We had a wonderful time at the Annual Volunteer Luncheon on May 22<sup>nd</sup>! We feasted on the traditional luncheon meal of Rose's famous chicken cutlets as we were serenaded by Sandy Giannini on the harp. We were then entertained by the Chapel Bells (*Suzie Coleman, Marcia Frohman, Sue Locke and Ellie White*) and a bell solo by Suzie Coleman, Rod Frohman and his extraordinary joke repertoire, and Aaron Doll with a recitation of "The Cremation of Sam McGee" by Robert Service.

In keeping with our theme of **"Volunteers are Shining Stars,"** Dona Summers wrote and recited the following poem:

### Daystar

*You're our firmament of stars  
Our galaxy of talent,  
Our points of light  
How needed you are.  
Daystar, you're no less brilliant  
A stellar performance,  
Always shining  
You're heaven sent.  
The tides may rise,  
The planets spin.  
No matter to you,  
You're here by our side.*

- Dona Summers

In keeping with tradition, Carol Weed (also lovingly referred to as "Frack"), our always faithful and devoted volunteer, was inspired by Dona to write a poem in response about her volunteer experience at Third Church:

### Merci Bien

*Thank you Third Church Staff  
for honoring us...  
Yes, we volunteers enjoy your  
making a fuss!!!  
You folks know how to please...  
and you do it so well...  
The whole event last Tuesday  
was simply swell!!!*

*The ambiance, the music,  
the "starry" décor...  
the wonderful food...  
Who could ask for more!!  
All your kind words, poetry and neat gift...  
even Sam's cremation gave us a lift!!  
But I wanted to shout  
when Rod was spouting his pun(s)!!  
I volunteer at Third Church  
'cause I have such fun!!*

- Carol Weed

Thank you volunteers for attending the luncheon and we hope you had a great time! If you do not currently volunteer at Third Church, please give Cindy Mark a call (271-6513). We don't want you to miss next year's gala salute!

-Cindy Mark



**Salute & Godspeed to  
John Denison**



Following the choir tour this summer, we will bid farewell not only to the British Isles, but to **John Denison**, longtime tenor soloist at Third Church. Later this month, John will be retiring from his teaching position at Pittsford Mendon High School, and will be moving with his wife Martha to Louisiana. John has sung with the choir variously as a choir member and as tenor soloist for 29 years – since the fall of 1972! In that time he has been an integral part of the choir, and of the congregation, and we will greatly miss his presence among us. You will have a chance to hear John sing with the choir on Sunday, June 17, and he will be singing solos this summer on July 1 and July 22, prior to leaving on tour. We send our warmest best wishes and Godspeed to him and to Martha as they embark on a new phase in their lives.

**Chris Lane in Organ Competition**

Christian Lane, Assistant Organist of Third Church, will be competing in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition of the American Guild of Organists, to be held in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 23. He will be performing works by J. S. Bach, Franz Liszt, and Eastman alumnus Dan Locklair. The competition is held every two years for eligible undergraduate students in each of nine regions across the country. Best of luck, Chris!

**Third Presbyterian Church  
2001 Commissioning Class**

**May 20, 2001**



**Joe Adams** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for nine years. He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *David and the Giants*, *A Technicolor Promise*, and *Oh Jonah!* He has been involved in Youth Group activities, and was in the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Joe is a freshman at Brighton High School, where he is on the Basketball, Crew, and Soccer Teams. He is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and enjoys listening to music, playing trumpet and piano, and is starting to play the guitar.

**Tom Aten** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for his whole life. He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *David and the Giants*, *A Technicolor Promise*, and *Oh Jonah!* He has been active in Youth Group activities, Dining Room Ministry, Bells, Covenant Singers, and the casts of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Godspell*. A freshman at Brighton High School, Tom is involved in the Chess Club, Lacrosse and Nordic Skiing Teams, and Cross Country Running. He has been to the Empire State Games (Nordic Skiing Competition) and XC Running Sectionals. He is active in Boy Scouts of America, and enjoys reading, exploring, sailing, Camp Pathfinder, climbing, canoeing, and "keeping it real".



**Spencer Durland** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for several years. He has been in Junior Choir, Youth Group activities, Dining Room Ministry, and the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. A freshman at Brighton High School, Spencer is on the Lacrosse and Soccer teams, and is in the German Club. In his free time, he enjoys rock climbing.

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**Brandon Frischman** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for many years. He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *A Technicolor Promise* and *Oh Jonah!* He has been involved in Youth Group activities, Covenant Singers, and the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Brandon is a freshman at McQuaid Jesuit High School, where he is on the Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball teams, and participates in Chess Club and Euchre Club. He enjoys euchre, reading, exploring, and downhill skiing.

**Blake Gianniny** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for his whole life. He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *David and the Giants*, *A Technicolor Promise*, and *Oh Jonah!*, where he played the title role. He has been active in Youth Group activities, Dining Room Ministry, Bells, Covenant Singers, and the casts of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Godspell*. He went on last summer's youth mission trip to Neon, Kentucky. A freshman at Brighton High School, Blake is on the Soccer and Golf teams.



**Brett Ruby** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for many years. He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *A Technicolor Promise* and *Oh Jonah!* He has been involved in Youth Group activities, Bells, and the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Brett is in the eight grade at Twelve Corners Middle School, where he is involved in Chemically Free Athletes, Lacrosse, Football, and Wrestling. He enjoys paintball, lacrosse, and listening to music in his spare time.



**Chris Jones** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for his whole life. He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *David and the Giants*, *A Technicolor Promise*, and *Oh Jonah!* He has been active in Youth Group activities, Dining Room Ministry, Bells, Covenant Singers, and the casts of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Godspell*. A freshman at Brighton High School, Chris is on the Soccer, Nordic Skiing, Track, and Travel Soccer teams, and is a member of the Student Senate. He is active in Boy Scouts of America, where he is a Life Scout, and enjoys euchre and playing the clarinet.

**Sarah Stimson** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for her whole life. She was in Qabats and the Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *David and the Giants*, *A Technicolor Promise*, and *Oh Jonah!* She has served as a Liturgist, has been involved in Youth Group activities, Dining Room Ministry, Covenant Singers, Bells, and was in the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. A freshman at Brighton High School, Sarah is on the Swim Team.



**Joseph Malach** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for five years. He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musical *Oh Jonah!* He has been involved in Youth Group activities, Dining Room Ministry, and the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Joe is a freshman at Rush Henrietta High School, where he is in Junior Honor Society, Natural Helpers, JV Soccer, Basketball, and Lacrosse. In his free time, he enjoys music and sports.

**Jamie Sykes** has attended Third "since God knows when...". He was in Qabats and Junior Choir, and participated in the children's musicals *David and the Giants* and *Oh Jonah!* He has been active in Youth Group activities, Dining Room Ministry, Covenant Singers, Senior High Ensemble, the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and was one of the principals in this year's production of *Godspell*. He went on last summer's youth mission trip to Neon, Kentucky. Jamie is a freshman at Penfield High School, where he was recently in the cast of *12 Angry Men* ("actually, I was more of a frustrated man..."). He is also involved in Volleyball, Band, Mixed Choir, All-county Chorus, and the Improv Club. In his free time, he enjoys magic, singing, and performing in general (though he "really doesn't like attention...").



**Meridith Weick** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for her whole life. She has been involved in Youth Group activities, Covenant Singers, and was in the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Meridith is a freshman at Minerva DeLand School in Fairport, where she enjoys dance and art.

**Geoff Young** has attended Third Presbyterian Church for his whole life. He was in Qabats and participated in the children's musical *Oh Jonah!* He has worked in the Dining Room Ministry, and has been involved in Youth Group activities and the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Geoff is a freshman at Pittsford Mendon High School, where he enjoys golf and art. He is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.



**Advisors for the 2001 Commissioning Class:**

Rev. Aaron Doll      Sally Dieterich  
Roxanne McClure    Bob Parrett

**A Little Child  
Shall Lead Them**

**Children's Bell Choir**

The Children's Bell Choir will continue with Wednesday rehearsals, 5:00-5:45pm, throughout the month of June.

**Camp Cory Choir Retreat will  
take place August 20-23  
on Keuka Lake**

Camp is open to all children in rising grades 4-6 interested in being in the Junior Choir next September. It is a great experience not only for our young choristers, but with choir members of six other area churches as well. They will participate in classes of drama, recreational activities, campfires and arts and crafts, boondoggle, talent show, skit night. The children also participate in and lead a beautiful evening prayer service each day. This year, we will also begin to work on our musical for next spring. If you have not received further information and an application form, contact Chris Lenti at 271-6513.

**Vacation Bible School**

June 25-28, 5-7:30pm

**Question:** What's a "Roady"?

**Answer:** "Roadies" are middle school age volunteers. They arrive at 5:30pm to help set up, are part of the daily skits, help prepare the daily quizzes and are a very special part of the VBS staff. If you would like to be a "Roady" this summer, call Ann McMican 533-1222.

**Question:** What is a "Blanket Sitter"?

**Answer:** "Blanket sitters" are parents or grandparents who come to Vacation Bible School with big blankets to spread on the lawn. The spread-out blanket becomes an inviting space for neighborhood children who wander over to Vacation Bible School and become part of the program. Sometimes they become friends with your children for the week, sometimes they just get to know you! Join Third and New Life for "God's family Reunion" Streets and Sidewalks Vacation Bible school, June 25-28th 6-7:30 p.m.

**A Salute to Our  
Sunday School  
Teachers**

Our sincere thanks to these individuals who have taken on special roles in ministry with our children and youth. As servants of Jesus Christ, they have invested their time, talents, and resources in faithfulness to the vows of Baptism.

LouAnna Dugan, Nursery  
Sheri and Julio Ahumada,  
Three- and Four-year Olds  
Amy and David Carleton, Kindergarten  
Lynette Kenerson, Bethany Rague,  
Marcia Frohman, First and Second Grade  
Dale VanOcker, Third Grade  
Helen Witt, Fourth Grade  
Christy Northrup, Gretchen Smith,  
Fifth Grade  
Mary DuBois, Stephanie Post, Sixth Grade

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**Buy Stock -  
Support Third Church Youth**

There's still time to invest in the spiritual growth of the youth of Third Church by supporting this summer's trip to the Presbyterian Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, August 5-11. Stock certificates can be purchased by sending a check in care of Aaron Doll through the Church office.



**GRADUATES!**

Please let us know the name of the school/institution from which you have graduated, as well as your post-graduation plans. Leave a message in the church office (271-6513).

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### Stewardship Update

Now that John Wilkinson is here and our remaining "snowbird" pledges are in, we want to provide you with a stewardship update. The congregation collectively pledged about \$778,000 for 2001 -- almost \$50,000 more than the pledge total originally budgeted by Session for 2001, and the highest annual pledge total on record. The congregation responded magnificently to the challenges and opportunities facing Third Church as we enter the new millennium. Your collective generosity has helped make possible a number of exciting opportunities this year and as we look to the future, including:

- Third Church's ability to attract one of the nationally-recognized "stars" among pastors in the Presbyterian Church. We look forward to exciting leadership and stimulating preaching provided by John, who was attracted to Third Church in part as a result of our demonstrated commitment to the stewardship of our resources.
- Our ability as a congregation to begin to restore our outreach giving to previous levels of support for community ministry. Session had pledged to increase outreach giving if we were successful in increasing pledging levels, and you have helped make that possible.
- An exciting expanded approach to cross-generational Christian Education, with new initiatives expected to be introduced to the congregation over the next year or so.
- The ability to limit how much we will need to draw on our endowment resources this year. Each pledge dollar over what was initially budgeted helps reduce what we need to draw from the endowment, thereby preserving more of this resource for future priority needs.
- Expanded efforts to reach out to the community to promote Third Church and recruit new members to our fellowship of faith, and to help us build for the future and become an even more effective witness to God within our congregation and in the surrounding community.
- Continued ability to strengthen our wonderful music, children's and youth and congregational life programs, strengthen our internal operations, and preserve our superb facility for the use of our congregation, the community and future generations.

We look forward, with you, to continuing to celebrate the mission of Third Church and to moving forward under John's leadership to create an even more faithful witness and vital community presence in response to God's blessings.

- The Stewardship Committee

### At its May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting, the Session:

- Met with the 12 members of the Commissioning Class and received them as church members.
- Voted to endorse passage of the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act (SONDA) by the New York State Legislature.
- Approved the removal of 81 inactive members from the rolls of the church.
- Authorized the Action for Peace and Justice Committee to participate in a Peace Fest at the Rochester Public Market on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Voted to allow the youth to sell shares of "stock" to support their upcoming trip to the Montreat Summer Conference.
- Approved a committee to plan the celebration of Third Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002.

### Final Preparations for Chancel Choir Tour - and a Word of Thanks

The Chancel Choir, guests, and friends are busily making final preparations for their exciting first international tour, July 28 - August 10, with their first destination of Rochester, Kent County, England.

The group of 40 singers, plus 14 accompanying staff, family members and guests, will be spending the first week of the trip as Choir-in-Residence at the Rochester Cathedral, singing eight different worship services in that historic space. There has been a cathedral on that site since 604 A.D., with the present building dating back to the work of the French monk, Gundulf, in 1080. The group will be met by His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester at an opening banquet, and will deliver greetings from our own Mayor of Rochester, William A. Johnson, Jr. Rochester is conveniently located 45 minutes from London to the west and Canterbury to the east, providing a wealth of touring sites during the day, prior to singing the service of Evensong each afternoon at 5:30pm. The second week of the trip will include touring Stratford-on-Avon, Coventry, the Cotswolds, Oxford and Bath, with a performance at Coventry Cathedral, and singing an Evensong on the last full day, at Salisbury Cathedral.

Many people in the choir have worked diligently for the past year and a half to plan this exciting trip, and plan funding as well. The members of the choir are most grateful to all of the members of the congregation for the wonderful support shown for this tour. Words of encouragement have meant so much to all involved, and most especially the financial support provided through the various fund raising activities over the past year. Through the auction, CD sales, holiday dinner, sales of choir members' goods and services, and outright gifts, we have raised over \$20,000 to help support the costs of the trip. The choir looks forward to representing Third Church to the people of Rochester England, and to experience a unique aspect of the worship life of a different tradition.

Look for more details of the choir trip on the church website at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music) and in the next issue of the Messenger. Likewise, look for details of a special event in September where we will share our experiences of the summer, and lead a service of Evensong in the English tradition.



**New Horizons in  
Christian Living**  
Sunday Morning Offerings

**June 17<sup>th</sup>  
More Light Report on  
General Assembly  
9:15am-Johnston Hall**

The More Light Committee will host an overview/summary of the action taken at General Assembly regarding openness and inclusiveness. Class will be led by Ralph Carter and Rod Frohman.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>  
General Assembly Recap  
11:15am-Celebration Center**  
John Wilkinson will give a brief recap of the events that took place at General Assembly.

**Have You Visited  
the Church Library  
Recently?**

You pass through our Library on your way to the Church Parlor. The Library is full of books, many of them purchased in recent years. The shelves are clearly labeled as to subject, such as Bible, Theology, Grief and Grieving, etc. It is simple to borrow a book: simply fill out the card in the book and leave it on the desk!

The Library is beginning to add videotapes to its collection. The Marcus Borg tapes on Easter and Resurrection viewed in Adult Education classes during Lent are now available for borrowing.

Visit the Library this month and borrow a book or two for summer reading. You'll be glad you did!

Jim Stewart for the Library Committee

**New Books in the Library**



**Life is a Miracle: An Essay Against  
Modern Superstition**  
by Wendell Berry

The seeking of greater knowledge through science is a good thing, but has side effects that may be harmful to humankind. It is sometimes better not to do something just because science makes it possible. What criteria can we use in making these difficult decisions?

**Speaking of Sin:  
The Lost Language of Salvation**  
by Barbara Brown Taylor

This well-known philosopher-theologian brings her fresh perspective to a cluster of words that cause us discomfort and have widely fallen into neglect: sin, damnation, repentance, penance and salvation. She asks, "Why then, should we speak of sin anymore?" And yet abandoning the language of sin will also weaken the language of grace, since the full impact of forgiveness cannot be felt apart from the knowledge of what has been forgiven.

**Education, Religion, and the  
Common Good:  
Advancing A Distinctly American  
Conversation About Religion's Role in  
our Shared Life**  
by Martin E. Marty

This distinguished scholar asks the question, "Does America's spiritual diversity make impossible the impartial study of religion?" His answer is "No." A reviewer writes, "With his customary eloquence, insight and learning, Martin Marty makes a compelling case for including the study of religion in schools and universities. This timely and important contribution to our cultural conversation about education and the common good should be of great interest to educators and the wider public."

**CHURCH FAMILY**

**Born**  
A son, **Andrew Jeffrey Parker**, born May 20, 2001, to Angie and Jeffrey Parker in Tustin, California. Brother Nicholas and grandparents Carol and Jack Parker (NCN/D) rejoice in his arrival!

A daughter, **Emma Rose Zajkowski**, born June 8, 2001, to Peter and Jody Zajkowski. Grandparents Bob and Carol Zajkowski (NCN/T) rejoice in her arrival!

**Baptism**  
We celebrate the May 20, 2001 baptisms of  
• **Spencer Durland**  
• **Brandon Frischmann**,  
the May 27, 2001 baptism of  
**Francesca Naoma Quatela**, born May 18, 2000, daughter of Vito and Laura Green Quatela (NCN/R), and  
the June 10, 2001 baptism of **Carolyn Judith Camp**, born January 20, 2001, daughter of Robert and Shelly Thornberg Camp (NCN/V).

**Sympathy**  
We express sympathy to  
• Bob and Dallas Sterrett (NCN/K) on the death of Bob's mother, **Evelyn Sterrett**, on May 18, 2001, in DuBois, Pennsylvania,  
• Fred and Joanne Smith (NCN/D<sup>2</sup>) on the death of Fred's mother, **Marie L. Smith**, on May 22, 2001  
• The family of **Clinton Snyder** on his death May 23, 2001,  
• Robert Ross (out of town) on the death of his wife, **Molly B. Ross**, on May 28, 2001;  
• Elizabeth Lewis (NCN/K) and family on the death of her husband, **Donald Lewis, Jr.**, a member of Third Church for 74 years, on May 30, 2001,  
• Ann T. Ralph (NCN/D<sup>1</sup>) and family on the death of her mother, **Jean R. Trainor**, a member of Third Church for 60 years, on May 31, 2001.  
• Bob and Sue Melech (NCN/H) on the death of their 3-month old grandson, **Philip Edward Wynne Melech**, on June 6, 2001, in Plattsburgh. Philip was the son of Philip Melech and Melissa Wynne.

**Third Church Member  
Chosen as  
Theological Fellow**

**Sarah Walker** (NCN/E), junior at William Smith College, has been selected as a 2001 Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Undergraduate Fellow. Undergraduate Fellows are awarded a stipend to explore questions of ministry and service, plus travel expenses to attend the FTE Summer Conference on Excellence in Ministry, held this year at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Sarah's interest lies in youth ministry, the result of her experience with ministry at Third Church and curiosity of the power religion can have in an individual life. She serves as a youth group advisor at Third Church, and during her time at the Colleges, has served on the *Herald* student newspaper staff and as a representative to the William Smith Congress. Her major is in religious studies, with a minor in developmental studies. Sarah plans to do an Honors project on youth ministry and spirituality during the next school year. Upon graduation she hopes to perform mission work for a year and then pursue ordination. Sarah is the daughter of Tracy and Karen Walker.

**Mary Paris Strayer  
Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 12noon**  
Home of Betsy Essley  
31 Summit Drive

Kay Ramsay will speak about the Chancel Choir's forthcoming trip to England at the June gathering of the Mary Paris Strayer Circle. Olive Hoffman and Marion Salmon will co-hostess.

**Bob Eames to Offer Tour  
Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am**

Bob Eames is once again providing the opportunity to learn of Third Church's history. If you are interested in taking this popular tour, please meet Bob under the Meigs Street balcony at 11:15am on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.



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## General Assembly Review

The 213<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will surely be remembered for its decision to propose the deletion of G-6.0106b -- the commonly called "fidelity and chastity" provision -- of the *Book of Order* and the vacating of an authoritative interpretation of the constitution in force since 1978 that prohibits the ordination of "self-affirming practicing homosexuals" as church officers.

What should be remembered about this Assembly writes Jerrey Van Marter, is that it showed a "remarkable degree of trust in its committees, conducted its business prayerfully and civilly, and took seriously both the social witness of the church and the theological underpinnings that drive the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." And nearly all of the Assembly's decisions were by overwhelming majorities, demonstrating a remarkable degree of unity in a church that is frequently characterized as badly divided.

In its first action and on a surprising first ballot, the assembly elected Jack Rogers as its moderator. Rogers, a Presbyterian minister, is a theologian who has taught at Fuller Theological Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary, and also served as the denomination's chief theological officer. Characterizing his own leadership in terms of "bridge-building," Moderator Rogers presided over the assembly with grace and fairness.

Along with action on the issues of ordination standards, the assembly took two other major actions. It approved the formation of a theological task force that will, over the next four years, look at the deep issues that affect the peace, unity and purity of the Presbyterian family. It also issued a call for a deeper exploration of our confessional heritage, an action that addresses the increasingly challenging ways of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in a diverse and multi-cultural society.

By a vote of 317-208, the General Assembly voted to send a proposed constitutional amendment to the presbyteries that -- if ratified by a majority of them in the coming year -- would delete G-6.0106b (the commonly called "fidelity and chastity" provision) from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Order*.

(Note: This action is deemed as a positive move by those committed to the inclusivity of the church, including the vision represented by Third Church's ministry. Associate Pastor Roderic Frohman served as one of 26 overture advocates who organized to make a convincing presentation to the committee charged with this issue.)

For ongoing information on the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and for updates on the presbytery vote on what will likely be termed "Amendment A," visit [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

John Wilkinson, Pastor  
Associate Pastor/Congregational Care  
Aaron R. Doll, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Peter A. Dubbs, Director of Music/Organist  
Christina A. Lenz, Associate Director of Music  
Patricia J. Pope, Parish Visitor  
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June 17  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching  
Celebration of Virginia Brown's Ministry  
Ice Cream Social

June 24  
Summer Worship Schedule Begins!  
10:00am in the Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching

July 1  
10:00am in the Sanctuary  
Aaron R. Doll preaching

July 8  
10:00am in the Sanctuary  
Sacrament of Baptism  
John Wilkinson preaching

Sunday, June 17  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:15 am Adult Education  
10:30 am Worship  
10:45 am Church School  
11:45 am Recognition for Virginia M. Brown  
Ice Cream Social

Monday, June 18  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
4:00 pm Office Committee  
7:00 pm NCH/RC Gathering/Marriage  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support

Tuesday, June 19  
12:00 n Mary Potts Sinner Circle/Enslav's  
7:00 pm Trustees/Season Meeting

Wednesday, June 20  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
7:15 pm Chancel Tour Choir

Thursday, June 21  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
7:15 pm

Friday, June 22  
Saturday, June 23  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Theater Team

Sunday, June 24  
10:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
11:15 am General Assembly Recap  
11:30 am Chancel Tour Choir  
3:00 pm NCH/RC Gathering/Chapel Oaks

Monday, June 25  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
5:30 pm Personnel Committee  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School  
7:00 pm More Light Committee  
7:30 pm Worship Committee

Tuesday, June 26  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School  
Wednesday, June 27  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 28  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School  
7:00 pm

Friday, June 29  
Saturday, June 30  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Multi-Ground Team

Sunday, July 1  
10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 am Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, July 2  
5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
7:00 pm Personnel Committee  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group

Tuesday, July 3  
Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed

Thursday, June 5

Friday, July 6  
Saturday, July 7  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry-Coons Team

Sunday, July 8  
10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, July 9  
Tuesday, July 10  
9:00 am Staffers and Staphors

Wednesday, July 11  
9:15 am Devotions/Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 12

Friday, July 13

Saturday, July 14  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry-Stewart Team

Sunday, July 15

Next Messenger will be mailed July 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Newsletter Deadline: June 25<sup>th</sup>

### THIRD VOICE

A hallmark of any church is care for its members. The earliest church was known in its community because of the care and compassion it demonstrated – “see how they love one another.” We continue to live with that invitation in an increasingly complex, fast-paced world. We seek to care for one another in a variety of ways: through the good work of the Deacons, through fellowship groups, through prayer, through parish visits by Pam Foye, through hospital visits by the pastoral staff.

For nearly four years, Virginia Brown has demonstrated compassion and care in the life of this congregation. Her pastoral way has touched many of you, as she has stood with you at the hospital, during times of crisis, at the point of death. As Virginia and Janelle head to southern California, I want to express my gratitude on your behalf for all that Virginia has meant to this congregation. I recently attended a memorial service that Virginia led, and I was struck again by the manner in which she conveys God's love and the welcoming news of the grace of Jesus Christ. We will miss that, and we pray for Virginia's ministry as it sets off on a new path this summer.

At the same time, I am very grateful to share the news that Judy Pidcock has agreed to re-join Third Church's pastoral staff. Under the title “Parish Associate for Congregational Care,” Judy will, in a part-time capacity, take on many of the congregational care responsibilities, including work with the Deacons, support of the membership process and coordination of pastoral care. Judy's service will begin September 1.

Many in the Third Church know Judy Pidcock. A graduate of Duke University and the Yale Divinity School, she previously served as associate pastor at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio, a church very similar

to our own. Her responsibilities included congregational care and programming. She and her husband, Third Church member and cardiologist James Peterson, moved to Rochester in 1996. They have two delightful sons, Graeme and Neil. I look forward to serving with Judy in this new and important way, and to the good support and leadership she will bring to our congregation.

In the meantime, and even through this transition, our call to care for one another continues. We are a large, complex congregation, and we are called to stay connected with one another. We are the body of Christ, and we are at our best when we pray for one another, when we send cards and make calls, when we visit one another.

With gratitude, therefore, for our life together, and for the ways we love one another with God's love, I hope this summer season is a blessed one for you and yours.

Faithfully,



P.S. I was grateful that this year's General Assembly took the course of “middle ground” and moved to delete ordination legislation that has not brought peace to the church. Keep our Presbyterian family in your prayers, as we now enter a season of presbytery voting. More to come on this important matter.

### Dear TPC Family,

*Please know that Janelle and I have been deeply touched by your outpouring of love and support for us as we prepare to move forward into a new phase of life. We feel blessed to have been a part of TPC, and moved to have received so many expressions of love and friendship: the farewell party with lots of hugs and kind words; the many notes, e-mails and phone calls; the numerous invitations to lunch and dinner; and the lovely gifts and very generous “purse.” We have truly felt loved and affirmed by all!*

*May God continue to bless each one of you and the ministry and mission of Third Presbyterian Church.*

*Peace and Love,*

*Virginia Brown*

### Chris Lane wins Organ Competition

On Saturday, June 23, Christian Lane, Assistant Organist at Third Church, was named winner of the American Guild of Organists Young Artists Competition held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention of the AGO in Bethlehem, PA. Chris competed against seven other undergraduate organists from the mid-Atlantic region, and is one of nine regional winners nationally. He performed a recital at the convention and next summer will perform with the other eight regional winners in a recital at the National Convention of the AGO in Philadelphia. Congratulations, Chris!

# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

## Session Meeting Highlights

At its May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Session:

- Met with the 12 members of the Commissioning Class and approved their inclusion as church members
- Voted to endorse passage of the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act (SONDA) by the New York State Legislature
- Approved the removal of 81 inactive members from the rolls of the church
- Authorized the Action for Peace and Justice Committee to participate in a Peace Fest at the Rochester Public Market on June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Voted to allow the youth to sell shares of "stock" to support their upcoming trip to the Montreat Summer Conference
- Approved a committee to plan the celebration of Third Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002

At its June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Session:

- Met jointly with the Trustees and approved the installation of a new church sign, endorsed the establishment of the Lilian Alexander Endowment Leadership Circle and voted to install a new phone system
- Received the annual report of the Personnel Committee
- Approved the Personnel Committee's suggestion that we request Genesee Valley Presbytery to initiate a Parish Associate relationship with the Rev. Judy Pidcock, effective September 1, 2001, to deal primarily with congregational and pastoral care (see page 2)
- Endorsed initial plans from the Outreach Committee for a comprehensive building use policy for outside groups
- Approved eight baptisms through the summer and into September
- Voted to have a single 9am service of worship on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, so that as many Third Church members as possible can take part in the Presbytery-wide worship, Gather at the River, to be held at the Blue Cross Arena, at 11am
- Approved the expenditure from the building fund so that the refinishing of the choir room floor can be completed

## NCN Gatherings Scheduled to meet John Wilkinson

**NCN/T (Pittsford, north, Highlands)**

**Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 7pm**

Jim Peterson & Judy Pidcock, hosts  
2 Skytop Lane

Susan Ward Lipari, Deacon (387-8909)

**NCN/K (Penfield)**

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> - 3pm**

Bob and Dallas Sterrett, hosts (218-0495)  
73 Winding Creek Lane

Bob Eames, Deacon (381-0655)

**Deacons/Coordinators:  
To set a date for your NCN to  
meet John Wilkinson:**

Call Beth Williams at 271-6513

## Web Site Additions!

### Stained Glass Windows

Visit the latest introduction to our Web Site at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org). You will find pictures and text of our beautiful stained glass windows in the Music and Arts section. It was produced by Bob Parrett from photos taken by David Barcalo Reed. The text is by William W. Young, and transcription is by Laura D'Angelo.

### Charles Finney

There is a picture and biography of Charles Finney in the "Who We Are" section.

## Congratulations to our high school graduates!

| Student          | High School Graduated from: | Future Plans                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Logan Durland    | Brighton                    | Wesleyan (CT) College        |
| Andrew Evans     | Pittsford Sutherland        | University of Vermont        |
| Stuart Frame     | McQuaid                     | Cornell University           |
| Amanda Gianniny  | Brighton                    | Hobart William-Smith         |
| Zachary McArthur | Brighton                    | Williams College             |
| Zachary Northrup | Allendale-Columbia          | Alfred                       |
| Todd Prince      | Penfield                    | University of Richmond (Va.) |
| Elizabeth Shuey  | West Irondequoit            | Oberlin College              |
| Anji Sud         | School of the Arts          | Syracuse University          |
| Jaby Thomas      | Rush-Henrietta              | Buffalo State                |
| Matthew Walker   | Brighton                    | Monroe Community College     |

## Congratulations also to our college graduates...

| College/University                                     | Future Plans                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jananne Frohman                                        | New York University to continue studies in Clinical Social Work<br>Military Service                       |
| Robert Douglas Miller<br>(grandson of Shirley Kessler) | U.S. Military Academy at West Point                                                                       |
| Jason Theuer                                           | Denison University<br>Pursuing Employment                                                                 |
| Bradley Robert White                                   | Niagara University, B.S. in Business Administration<br>Pursuing employment in Rochester area in marketing |

## And to our members who have received advanced degrees:

| Graduate School Degree | Continuing Plans                                                                                             |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Amy Stratton-Smith     | Master of Theology,<br>Methodist Theological Seminary<br>through Colgate Rochester Crozer<br>Divinity School |
| Paul Wlodarczyk        | Executive M.B.A.,<br>William E. Simon Graduate School of<br>Business at the University of Rochester          |
|                        | Student in the certificate program<br>for spiritual direction, San<br>Francisco Theological Seminary         |
|                        | Continued employment at Xerox<br>Corporation in Rochester                                                    |

## News From The Corner Place

The Corner Place began its summer Arts and Reading Program on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will have program offerings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 - 8:00pm through August 17<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the schedule is available in Johnston Hall. If you would like to volunteer at any point during the summer, please contact MJ Pattison, volunteer coordinator, at 461-3653, or e-mail [ParaRevs@aol.com](mailto:ParaRevs@aol.com).

The Corner Place needs to replace its air conditioner. If anyone has a second-hand air conditioner in good working order, they would appreciate the donation. The size of the present one is 27 inches wide, 19.5 inches high, and 26 inches deep. Please call MJ Pattison at 461-3653 if you can help!

## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

June 21, 2001

To the Congregation, Staff and Chancel Choir of Third Church:

Thank you all so much for the beautiful plaque and the words of appreciation and recognition you gave to me on June 17, my last Sunday service as a member of the Chancel Choir. I was truly surprised, moved and humbled by the attention.

My musical experience at Third Church has been simply marvelous. I lived for Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning services. Soon Third Church became more than a fulfilling musical experience; it became the spiritual center of my life. In the past 29 years I have been enlightened and elevated by the sermons of all our wonderful clergy, I have witnessed the positive growth and joy of my children as they participated in Third Church's Sunday School, choirs, and Youth Musicals; I have felt the peaceful communion with others while serving on a Dining Room Ministry team; and in troubled times, I have received ministerial guidance and support.

Singing the title role in Benjamin Britten's "Saint Nicholas" was the unquestioned highlight of my musical career. There were also many other thrilling experiences: "La Fiesta de la Posada;" the "Family Christ Mass;" CD recordings; "Godspell;" Boar's Head ceremony; "Visit to the Sepulchre" and Mahler's "Resurrection" at Easter fill me with so many wonderful memories.

I want you to know how very grateful and blessed I am for having had the opportunity to serve God and Third Church. You are the church, and whatever I have been able to give to Third Church has been returned to me many times over. Thank you for everything.

- John Denison

*[John and Martha will take up their new residence in Louisiana immediately following the choir trip to England (August 11<sup>th</sup>). Their new address is 1304 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438.]*

### The Session and Congregation of Third Presbyterian Church

Dear Friends,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Chancel Choir to express our deep thanks for the wonderful support shown over the past year and a half, as we have been involved in planning the singing tour to England which will begin in just over one month.

From the enthusiastic embrace of the initial idea of the trip, to giving permission for various fund raising events, to the generous financial support offered by the congregation, the members of the choir have felt affirmed and energized in pursuing their aim of sharing in worship through music in another tradition and in another place. The experience promises to be a significant one not only in the faith lives of those participating, but in the sense of community and care which continues to grow in the choir.

We look forward with great anticipation to the opportunity to represent Third Church and the city of Rochester in Rochester, Kent County; in Sevenoaks where we will sing a concert; at Coventry Cathedral where we will sing a concert; and at Salisbury Cathedral, where we will sing a last service of Evensong before returning home. We are planning a service of Evensong in September at Third Church when we look forward to sharing our experiences with the congregation as a whole.

Again, thank you for your support, and we ask for your prayers as we continue our preparations, and as we embark on this joyous adventure.

Grace and Peace,  
Peter DuBois  
Director of Music/Organist

### Choir Tour Updates

As the choir prepares to leave on its two-week singing tour to Great Britain, we are working to make arrangements to provide periodic updates during the trip on the Third Church web site - so, be sure to check periodically from July 28-August 10 at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music) for current information. Also, we plan to offer e-mail updates for those persons interested in receiving e-mail from the choir while on tour. If you are interested in receiving those e-mail updates, please send an email to [pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org) with your e-mail address! Also, if you are interested in following the itinerary of the choir, you may view a copy of it on the web site listed above, or on the bulletin board outside Johnston Hall.

## Fran Bracken: An Unsung Hero



Fran Bracken was given the Unsung Hero Award by Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., in recognition of her 30 years as a volunteer tutor at School #6. At a ceremony at the Crown Plaza Hotel on June 16, Mayor Johnson commended Fran for her dedication. He said, "Ms. Bracken epitomizes the term 'unsung hero.' Through tutoring she has touched the lives of hundreds of students."

Fran tutors at School #6 four mornings a week and works one-on-one with from one to four students each day. She has been doing this since long before the Third Church tutoring program began in 1986.

Fran is patient and kind, yet firm with her students. Creative in her approach, Fran makes learning fun. Mayor Johnson added, "She is so good that many teachers request her as a tutor."

Fran was also recognized at the end-of-the-year party at School #6 for tutoring students, their parents and the tutors. She was given a bouquet of flowers and a special certificate of thanks.

Thank you, Fran Bracken, for the time, effort and love you have given to the children at School #6. Mayor Johnson ended his commendation saying, "I applaud you, Ms. Bracken. You are truly an unsung hero!" We concur!

-Susan Crego, School #6 Volunteer Coordinator

Watch future Messengers for School #6 volunteer opportunities!

### Sermons at Third Church

You may now access Third Church sermons in three ways:

- At [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)
- Through the literature racks at the church
- By contacting Beth Williams at 271-6513 or [bwilliams@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:bwilliams@thirdpresbyterian.org)

## Junior Choir CD Available!

The new Junior Choir CD, "A Voice For God: Favorite Hymns and Songs for Children," has arrived. It is available by contacting Chris Lenti at 271-6513. The cost is \$13.



## Young Ringers Festival

Eight talented members of our Children's Bell Choir attended a handbell festival sponsored by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers in Geneva, NY. For three days the more than 200 children participated in handbell rehearsals and classes designed to improve their handbell skills. The festival ended with a closing concert attended by over 600 people. Fun activities included swimming, game night, chocolate making and crafts.



## Camp Cory Choir Retreat - August 20-24 For Children in 4-6 grade

Camp Cory registration forms should be sent to Chris Lenti, at the church, as soon as possible. For further information call 271-6513.



## Two Upcoming Parades on Saturday, July 14

The More Light and Action for Peace and Justice Committees announce two upcoming parades that will take place in the city this coming weekend: **March Against Violence** and **Gay Pride Parade**.

The March Against Violence participants will meet at the Riverside Convention Center at 5:15pm. The parade proceed to the Liberty Pole and then on to Bethel Christian Fellowship (321 East Avenue) where a service, with refreshments following, will take place at 7pm.

The Gay Pride Parade participants will meet at Brunswick near Park Avenue at 5:45pm. The parade will move down Park Avenue to the Village Gate Square. A celebration for everyone will be held afterwards. Call or e-mail Betty Iwan (442-3655, Bettyiwan@aol.com) or the church office (271-6513) to let us know you are coming so we can coordinate parking and walking together.

All who are able are encouraged to show support by marching or cheering for these events!

## Annual Softball Game & Picnic

Come one, come all to the second annual Third Presbyterian Church Softball Game & Picnic.

**When:** Friday, July 27, 2001 at 6:00pm

**Where:** Linden Oaks Office Park

(Turn left off East Avenue at the Fire House (across from Elmwood Avenue) and follow the road to Linden Oaks Office Park. The field is located in the back.)

**What (to bring):** A dish to pass (enough for 6 - 8 people) and your own meat to grill. Also, a mitt/glove and bat (if you have them)

**Why:** So we can have a fun-filled time together!

**Questions?** Call Phil or Beth Tschorke at 342-3558 or email [tschorke01@aol.com](mailto:tschorke01@aol.com).

## Artwork on Display

Three watercolors by Third Church member **Skippy Raines** are currently on display in the recently created gallery space located in the foyer outside the Chancel Choir Room. The two smaller pieces - *Flat in the Style of Matisse - Exercise I*, and *Depth and Contrast - Exercise II* are both studies for the third piece, *Cosmos: Walton Point II - Exercise III*. You are invited to come and view these works, on display through the summer.

## SEM is Looking for Help!

The Southeast Ecumenical Ministries-SEM provides much needed food and transportation relief to the poor, elderly and ill in the greater Southeast area. Large grocery brown paper bags, canned beef stew, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, 100% juices, are greatly needed! SEAFISH transportation program is always looking for volunteers to drive. This is a wonderful way to help your neighbors and make new friends. We are also recruiting volunteers, for our planning committee for the upcoming walk that will be held this fall. Much help is needed to make this annual event a big success. Please call Laurie J. Jenkins at 271-5350 if interested in volunteering.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### Welcome

A son, **Michael Jeffrey Thompson**, born June 2, 2001, in Rochester, to Anne and Jeffrey Thompson (NCN/S). Brother Tyler, Grandparents William and Gayle Thompson (NCN/P) and Great Grandmother Mary Thompson (NCN/G) rejoice in his arrival!

A daughter, **Elizabeth Grace Hunter**, born June 12, 2001, in Gallup, New Mexico to Poire and Jill Hunter. Grandparents Conny and Dorothea Hunter (Pittsburgh), rejoice in the arrival of their second granddaughter in 8 weeks!

A son, **Jack Richard Groseclose**, born June 16, 2001, in Lansing, Michigan, to Scott and Barbara Shellman Groseclose. Grandparents Dick and Wendy Shellman (NCN/K) rejoice in his arrival.

Double congratulations to the Bolter family! A daughter, **Emily Esabella Bolter**, was born June 20, 2001, to Jill and Jim Bolter. Sister Sarah rejoices with her parents and grandparents Bill and Priscilla Bolter (NCN/A) in her arrival! A son, **Christopher Lewis Bolter** was born July 6, 2001 to Tom and Kara Bolter in Middletown, CT. Tom Jr. rejoices with his parents and grandparents in his arrival!

### Baptism

We celebrate the July 8, 2001 baptisms of

- Nyamauch Mom Dak**, born April 18, 2001, daughter of Sara Guen;
- Elizabeth Griggs Engel**, born February 2, 2001, to Steven Engel and Jennifer Griggs (NCN/JC);
- Olivia Lee Henry**, born September 17, 1998, daughter of Paul and Lisa Smith Henry;
- Dominic Robert Mosher**, born February 23, 2001, son of Gregory and Deena Natale Mosher;
- Olivia Rose Pethick**, born February 24, 2001, to Robert and Karen Paul Pethick (NCN/R).

### Birthday Congratulations to Herbert

**Hanson** on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Greetings may be sent to him at Valley Manor, Apartment 205, 1570 East Avenue, Rochester, New York 14610.

## Marriages Celebrated

- Janet Jones and Bernard Brower** on June 16, 2001 with Virginia M. Brown officiating
- Kathryn Wallace and Jason Powell** on June 23, 2001, with Roderic P. Frohman officiating
- Michelle Oliva and Jeffrey DeMaison** on June 30, 2001, with Virginia M. Brown officiating
- Cheryl James and Stephen Catalina** on July 7, 2001, with Virginia M. Brown officiating
- Rita Kupski and Timothy Prosperi** on July 7, 2001, with Aaron R. Doll officiating

## Sympathy

We express sympathy to

- Jamie and Lisa Potts (NCN/U) and family on the death of Jamie's mother, **Nancy W. Potts**, on June 11, 2001. Mrs. Potts had been a member of Third Church for 42 years.
- June Kurtz and family (NCN/K) on the death of her husband, **Richard L. Kurtz**, on June 17, 2001;
- Bill and Pat Hale (NCN/D) on the death of Bill's brother, **Andrew B. Hale**, on June 21, 2001;
- Steve Weber (NCN/N) on the death of his wife, **Metta Weber**, on June 21, 2001.

## PASTORAL CARE REQUEST

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH  
(271-6513)

### WHEN?

- Any change of address\* or phone number
- A new member of the family (birth, adoption, etc.)
- A change of name (marriage, etc.)
- A death in the family
- Going into the hospital

\*including college addresses, and addresses of college graduates

**Sunday, July 15**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Church School  
11:00 am Refreshments  
**Monday, July 16**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
7:00 pm More Light Committee  
**Wednesday, July 18**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
7:15 pm Chancel Tour Choir  
**Thursday, July 19**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
**Saturday, July 21**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Hammerston)  
**Sunday, July 22**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
11:15 am Chancel Tour Choir  
**Monday, July 23**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
**Wednesday, July 25**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
7:15 pm Chancel Tour Choir  
**Thursday, July 26**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
7:15 pm Chancel Tour Choir  
**Friday, July 27**  
6:00 pm Church Picnic/Softball  
**Saturday, July 28**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Garber)  
Chancel Choir Departs for England  
**Sunday, July 29**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 am Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
**Monday, July 30**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
**Wednesday, August 1**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
**Thursday, August 2**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
**Friday, August 3**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Malach)  
**Sunday, August 5**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
**Monday, August 6**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
7:00 pm Personnel Committee  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support  
**Tuesday, August 7**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
**Thursday, August 9**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
**Saturday, August 11**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Norton)  
**Sunday, August 12**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary/Baptism  
10:15 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
**Monday, August 13**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
**Tuesday, August 14**  
9:00 am Strollers and Strollers  
1:00 pm Property Committee  
**Wednesday, August 15**  
9:15 am Staff Meeting/Devotions  
**Thursday, August 16**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
**Saturday, August 18**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry (Bacheler)

**July 15**  
**10:00am in the Sanctuary**  
Sacrament of Baptism  
John Wilkinson preaching

**July 22**  
**10:00am in the Sanctuary**  
Roderic P. Frohman preaching

**July 29**  
**10:00am in the Sanctuary**  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
John Wilkinson preaching

**August 5**  
**10:00am in the Sanctuary**  
Judy Pidcock preaching

**August 12**  
**10:00am in the Sanctuary**  
Sacrament of Baptism  
John Wilkinson preaching

John Wilkinson, Pastor  
Virginia Brown, Pastor  
Aaron R. Doll, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Christina A. Lenz, Director of Music/Organist  
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This year's Rally Day – **September 9**, will be a wonderful opportunity to greet church friends following the summer and to launch an exciting new program year at Third Church.

Rally Day will feature:

- One service of worship at **10:00 a.m.** (We will return to our 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. schedule the next Sunday, September 16)
- Special music before, during and following worship, including our very own Meigs Street Ramblers and a bagpiper.
- Worshipers getting connected by sitting with other members of their NCN's.
- Church school and Qabats open house from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., with refreshments in the Garth. (See pages 3 and 5 for information on church school and Junior Choir)
- Special food and fun under the tent following worship, including an information fair and other special events.

Rally Day is also a great time to invite a friend to Third Church. See you on September 9 for a great day of worship, fellowship and fun!



### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

As members and friends of Third Church, in fact, as members and friends of *any* church, we are called to bear one another's burdens and share in one another's joys. The Apostle Paul encouraged the church in Rome to "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

We do that many ways around here: hospital visits from ministers; parish visits from Pamela Foye; NCN gatherings; fellowship and study groups; the Prayer Cordon. In fact, every time we gather for worship on a Sunday morning, we gather in solidarity with all those from our congregation who are facing challenges.

Beginning in September, we will try a new, decidedly low-tech and old-fashioned method to keep us connected and to share our joys and concerns. The church office will send out a letter (20 or so per week, working through the alphabet during the course of a year) indicating that you will be prayed for by name on a specific Wednesday at our 9:15 a.m. Wednesday morning prayers.

All of us are invited to Wednesday morning prayers at 9:15, which typically precede our Wednesday morning staff meeting. You may choose to be in attendance on the day that your name is lifted up. You may also choose to send us a note (or even an e-mail!) if you have a particular concern or a special joy

that you would like to be spoken of in prayer.

Perhaps a relationship needs to be strengthened. Perhaps you are facing a job transition. Perhaps you are expecting an addition to your family. Perhaps a parent is facing physical hardship. Perhaps you are facing a challenge in your own life. Perhaps you need to utter simple words like "please" or "thank you." Whatever the need – joy or concern – I believe that we are strengthened as we are connected, and that by praying together and for one another, we are brought more profoundly into the heart of God.

We are a large congregation, spread over many communities. And yet it is the connections we have with one another that make us who we are, the body of Christ. A simple letter might be one modest means to deepen our ties and to strengthen our life together.

In the meantime, I am grateful for a summer that has been filled with wonderful trips (the choir to England, the youth to Montreal), great weddings, meaningful worship and unfolding plans for an exciting and busy fall.

See you at Rally Day!

Faithfully,



### Camp Cory Choir Retreat

27 children and 10 youth will be at Camp Cory this week for the Junior Choir's annual choir retreat. Our choir is joining with children and youth from five other area churches for a fun-filled week of singing and playing. Please keep the children, youth and leaders in your prayers.



### Junior Choir

All children, grades 3-6, are invited to sing in the Junior Choir. This wonderful choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:15am. and Wednesdays at 5:30pm. The choir sings each Sunday in church during the program year. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 9 at 9:00am. (Note: This first Sunday rehearsal will be at 9:00am because of the Rally Day schedule). Contact Chris Lenti at Church Office: 271-6513 or email: [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org) for more information.



### New Handbell Choir

A new, beginning handbell choir for adults is in the formative stages. The group will start up in the fall and rehearse on a weekday. The choir is for folks who have not rung handbells before, however, the ability to read music would be a requirement. This choir is ideal for retired folks or for stay-at-home moms looking for some musical fun and challenge. Eight ringers have already committed; there is room for 3 more ringers. If you are interested, please contact Chris Lenti as soon as possible by calling the church office, 271-6513, or at [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).

### Sunday School and Qabats Registration

Come kick off the year on Rally Day, **Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>** at Third Church! At 9:00am we will have Open House in the Education Building and Children's Library. Come visit your child's new classroom, and meet the teachers. Registration for Sunday School and Qabats will take place in the Garth. Connect with old friends and make some new ones!

### Youth Conference News

We have members participating in two National Presbyterian conferences this summer. Each conference was a time of spiritual growth and renewal within large assemblies, small groups, worship, mission service, recreation and social opportunities. It was also a significant chance for our youth and advisors to be connected with the larger denomination and its diversity of people and ideas.

#### Presbyterian Youth Triennium

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

Katie Orem, Jon Dannefer, Sarah Norton, Bryan Wegman, and Amanda Gianniny represented Third Church and joined the Genesee Valley Presbytery contingent at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University. The theme for this year is "Even the Stones Will Shout!" Remember to ask them about their experience!

#### Montreat Youth Conference

August 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

15 youth and 6 adult advisors attended the Montreat Youth Conference this summer. The theme for the summer was "With These Hands." Many of you have contributed to the possibility of this trip through our stock sales. We know this will be a valuable investment in the lives of these youth and we look forward to sharing our experiences with you in the fall!



### Toys needed!

Toys for the 3- and 4-year old Sunday school classes are needed this fall to replace the toys shared by Head Start while they shared the use of our building. Please consider donating new or used toys in good condition. Some suggestions are: *blocks* (Duplo, wood, foam), *toy kitchenware*, *trucks*, *cars*, *dollhouses*, *dolls*, and *Fisher Price* items. We will also consider donations for the Nursery. Contact Peg Rachfal or Aaron Doll at [aronr@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:aronr@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271-6513 with questions.

### Best Ever

#### Vacation Bible School

Our annual Streets and Sidewalks Vacation Bible school was deemed the best ever by both planners and participants. There were an unprecedented number of Third Church members involved in this year's event! Jointly planned by members of three city churches -- Third Presbyterian, New Life and Reformation Lutheran -- this year's theme was God's Family Reunion. More than sixty children representing the three churches and their neighborhood gathered for Bible stories, quizzes, skits, storytelling, songs and Bible study.

The children enjoyed a visit from a puppeteer (Randy Northrup of Third), a storyteller (Linda Becker of New Life and Associates Executive of our Presbytery) "Dr. Bubbles" (Ann McMican of Third) and "Jack the Juggler" (Jack Mould of Third).

Thanks to all who served as core staff "roadies" (junior and senior high youth aides), blanket sitters and special presenters. Our estimate is that there were nearly four adults facilitating the process. We are already looking forward to next year. So, save the last week in June for a celebration of God's love for us all.

### Youth Education Calendar Dates to Note

**September 7-9**  
Senior High Kickoff Retreat

**September 14-15**  
Junior High Kickoff Retreat  
& Mission Project at the Zool

**Sunday, September 16**  
Senior High Music  
Groups and Fellowship begin

**Sunday, September 23**  
Full Youth Kickoff &  
Parents' Night

**October 5 - 6**  
**Commissioning Class Opening Retreat**  
(entering 9<sup>th</sup> Graders)

### Education News!

#### Preschool - Sixth Grade

Children in preschool through sixth grade attend church school classes on Sunday mornings from 10:45am until 12:00 noon for a variety of activities and instruction.

#### Qabats

**First - Sixth Grade (beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm)**

Qabats is a multi-generational midweek program geared to provide Christian fellowship for elementary age children with their families and other members of the congregation. Elements of the program include choir practice, learning worship skills, Bible study, as well as dinner and recreation. There's only one rule in Qabats: *We're all God's children and we will treat each other that way!!*

#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Seventh and Eighth Graders attend church school class on Sunday mornings from 11am to 10:15am in the Youth Lounge.

#### Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Evenings

The Sunday evening youth program offers a variety of musical and fellowship opportunities for youth in grades 7-12. A typical Sunday evening for the coming program year is:

4-5pm: Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)  
4-5pm: Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)  
5-6pm: Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship Groups  
6-6:45pm: Dinner for all  
6:45-7:30pm: Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)  
7:30-8:15pm: Senior High Ensemble (Gr. 9-12)

#### Wednesday Evening Church Buddies

9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Get involved with fellow youth in grades 10-12 on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm for dinner, discussion about a Bible passage brought by someone and then rap wherever the Spirit leads... confidences strictly held!

#### Wednesday Evening Commissioning Class

Youth in Grades 9 and up

The Commissioning Class meets at 6pm Wednesdays during the school year for dinner, study and discussion. Participants explore the Bible and its relationship to individual faith journeys. The youth develop a personal faith statement and, in late spring, are given the opportunity to become members of the church. Contact Aaron Doll to sign up for this year's class!



## Eagle Scout Clothing Drive

### PLEASE HELP:

For my Eagle Scout Project, with the help of Third Church, I will be collecting clothing to be distributed to the needy in our area this fall. Please start collecting your clothing now! More information to follow.

Questions: Call Tom Aten, 271-4407  
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### Bells Toll for Tyshaun

Our community is in shock and outrage over the senseless killing of 10-year-old Tyshaun Caldwell by a stray bullet fired in anger during an argument at a drug house on Whitney Street in Rochester on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Our community has lost a young boy who already had shown great promise in many ways; at school, in art, and with people. We all grieve for his family, neighborhood and friends.

In memory of Tyshaun, and to raise the collective consciousness of our Rochester/Monroe County community to the visible and invisible damage being inflicted on all our citizens, we have been invited to join other churches in tolling our bells for Tyshaun. Sandy Gianniny will be ringing our church bells for 10 minutes on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month from now through December.

If you are in the church neighborhood on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, October, November, or December at 10am, please listen to the bells. Or, if you hear other church bells ringing at this "odd" time, remember Tyshaun's family in your prayers. And...pray for the peace of Rochester.



## September 9<sup>th</sup> Rally Day Plans

This year the Deacons are very excited to add a new dimension to Rally Day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We welcome members of the congregation to sit with their neighbors on this Sunday. Neighborhood deacons and NCN coordinators will be in a designated sections of the church waving banners with your "NCN letters" on them to welcome you.

You will also receive a postcard with your NCN on it. It is designed to post on your refrigerator to remind you of your NCN designation and keep your Deacon/Coordinators' names and phone numbers handy. Attendance at our neighborhood gatherings so far this year has been wonderful! This is yet another way for you to get to know the Third Church members in your neighborhood.

The sanctuary will be divided by regional areas, so if you live in the north, you'll find your NCN closest to the pulpit, while the southern neighborhoods will be closer to the East Avenue entrance.

We hope that you'll enjoy this added feature of our joyous Rally Day celebration.

- Susan Lipari

## Post Card Tour of England!

Click on and enjoy the Chancel Choir's tour of England at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org). You will find pictures and text in the Music/Arts section -- their first performance (on board the planet), dinner with the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester, and rehearsal at Rochester Cathedral, and much more!

## Nominating Committee Begins its Work

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

I Corinthians 12:4-7

The election of church officers is at the heart of what it means to be Presbyterian. Please give prayerful thought to any individuals you feel have demonstrated a commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation and possess gifts for leadership.

Members of the Nominating Committee will soon begin to prepare the slates of officers for election in November and your help is needed! Informational brochures/nomination forms can be found Sunday mornings in the Friendship pads or in the church office during the week. Nominating forms will be enclosed with the August 28, 2001 Messenger. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, or left in Peg Rachfal's Session box.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### Welcome

A son, **Joseph Alexander Meyers**, born June 15, 2001, to James and Jennine Meyers (NCN/P). Grandparents David and Carol Meyers (NCN/P) rejoice in his arrival.

A son, **Angus Boyd Schwaneflugel**, born June 29, 2001, in Ferrisburgh, Vermont to William and Sheila Schwaneflugel. Grandparents Sally and Frank Schwaneflugel (NCN/J) rejoice in his arrival.

### Baptism

We celebrate the August 12, 2000 baptisms of

- **Matthew McFarland Bay**, born December 18, 2000, son of Walter and Linda McFarland Bay. Eugene C. Bay, Matthew's grandfather and former pastor of Third Church, participated in the baptism.
- **Michael Jeffrey Thompson**, born June 2, 2001, son of Jeffrey and Anne McComb Thompson (NCN/S)

### Marriages Celebrated

- **Renee Glancaterin** and **Jeffrey Stanley**, on July 14, 2001
- **Sara Shumacher** and **Craig Wolff**, on July 21, 2001
- **Paulette Grace Muller-Grard** and **Daniel Jacob Farkas**, at the Vassar Alumnae House on July 21, 2001
- **Kathryn Mumford** and **Nathan Moore**, on July 28, 2001
- **Elizabeth Mathai** and **Timothy Ryan**, on July 29, 2001
- **Jason Duerr** and **Shannon Kress** on August 11, 2001

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to

- **Dorothy LeFevre** (NCN/T) on the death of her daughter, **Phyllis H. Ide**, on July 9, 2001.
- The family of **Elizabeth M. Hedges**, on her death on August 10, 2001. A memorial service for Mrs. Hedges will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2001 at 1pm in the Chapel.



### Welcome!

Welcome **Myron Shaw**, who united with Third Church on July 29, 2001. Ron, 278 Meadowdale Drive, Gates (NCN/O), was born and reared in Canton, Ohio. He attended Kent State University and the University of Michigan. After a time in the Air Force, Ron completed his masters degree in speech and began doctoral work in mass communication. From 1964-1990 he taught mass communication in Geneseo. Ron, a widower, is the father of two adult children. He transferred his membership from Lakeville United Church of Christ where he was president of council, sang in the choir, served as a Deacon and taught church school and confirmation. Locally Ron has been engaged in volunteer activities at Reachout Radio, ushering at the RPO and the Channel 21 Auction. His hobbies include golf, bridge and collecting books.



Grateful Thanks to **Helen Meyer** and **Sabine Snavelly** for sprucing up the gardens around the church. You have given them a wonderfully manicured look!

### New Address

Virginia and Janelle Brown's new address is:  
6997 Paradise Valley Road - #138  
San Diego, CA 92139



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**August 19**  
10:00am in the Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching  
Sacrament of Baptism

**August 26**  
10:00am in the Sanctuary  
Aaron Doll preaching

**September 2**  
10:00am in the Sanctuary  
Roderic Frohman preaching

**Sunday, August 19**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship/Baptism  
10:15 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am Refreshments  
7:00pm Camp Cory Meeting/St. Thomas

**Monday, August 20**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Departure for Camp Cory  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support

**Wednesday, August 22**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting

**Thursday, August 23**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
3:00 pm Return from Camp Cory

**Saturday, August 25**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Salzer

**Sunday, August 26**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am Refreshments  
12:00 n Youth Advisor Day Retreat  
1:00 pm Chancel Choir Picnic

**Monday, August 27**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
12:00 n Logo Team  
5:30 pm Music and Arts Committee  
7:30 pm Worship Committee

**Tuesday, August 28**  
9:00 am Staplers and Stuffers

**Wednesday, August 29**  
9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting

**Thursday, August 30**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
**Saturday, September 1**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Theuer Team

**Sunday, September 2**  
9:45 am Child Care  
10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 am Church School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

**Monday, September 3 - Labor Day**  
Office Closed

Next Messenger will be mailed August 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Deadline is August 16<sup>th</sup>.

John Wilkinson, Pastor  
Aaron R. Doll, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Peter A. Dubois, Director of Music/Organist  
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SUN. SEPT. 9 10<sup>00</sup> AM

ONE worship service at 10:00 a.m. on this very special Sunday.  
Don't miss it!

*Bring your family and friends.*

The Deacons are making arrangements for Neighborhood Care Networks (NCN's) to be seated together -- and they and the Ushers will make sure that our visitors feel very welcome, too. Children's programming, both church school and music, will be launched on Rally Day.

*Following the service there will be refreshments and fellowship time under the tent.*

A printed "invitation" telling about Rally Day at Third Church is available for you to pick up and mail to your friends. They are available during coffee hour.

Remember -- **RALLY DAY at 10am on September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
ONE great service  
for old friends and new.

### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

Perhaps the wisest words in the Bible come from the ancient poet of the Book of Ecclesiastes: "To every thing there is a season." That notion of rhythm, whether it be in our own lives or in the lives of the institutions to which we are committed, means that the cycle of "up" time and "down" time is natural; and, in many cases, it is a gift from God.

And so into this sense of rhythm and this gift of seasons we would commit these very last days of summer. Several Sundays ago we considered the notion of time. God's rhythm of creation includes a seventh day for resting, codified in the Ten Commandments. Our Hebrew forbears used that invitation both as a time for worship and as a Sabbath time for laborers and animals. Jesus would later scandalize some by healing on the Sabbath. His response, that the Sabbath was a gift of God to promote human rest and to allow for the worship of God, was echoed in his own pattern of retreating, of getting away in order to be re-energized, refreshed and rejuvenated for his own work.

To every thing there is a season. And now Third Church is gearing up for a new church program year. I am personally very excited about what lies ahead. Committees are back

together and meeting at furious paces. Staff people are preparing for fall programming. Rally Day is upon us, and soon to follow will be renewed volunteer opportunities, church school for children and adults (*note the new 9:00 a.m. starting time for adult education*), music programs for all ages and the return to two Sunday morning services. Budgets are being prepared, stewardship efforts are getting organized, building needs are being attended to.

After a bit of family time away, I am in the midst of sermon preparation for the fall, deeply thankful as always for the gift of being here. I am also working with many groups on visioning and programming issues. These are long-term conversations to be sure, but they also testify to the vitality and wealth of resources that has been Third Church's hallmark for 175 years, and to our sense of hope for our future together. These conversations are a vivid reminder of the nature of seasons, and that we are called – in new ways and in former ways – to imagine the church God would want us to be on this corner of the city at the dawn of a new millennium.

Faithfully,

*John Williams*

### Education News!

Church school programs begin on Rally Day, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Aaron Doll (271-6513) with questions about Church School, Sunday evening programs, Church Buddies, and Commissioning class. Qabats begins October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Lynette Emerson (323-9334) with questions about Qabats.

#### Preschool - Sixth Grade

Church school classes on Sunday mornings from 10:45am until 12:00 noon.

#### Qabats

##### First - Sixth Grade

(beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm)

A multi-generational midweek program geared toward Christian fellowship for elementary age children with their families and other members of the congregation.

##### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Church school class on Sunday mornings from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Youth Lounge.

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A variety of musical and fellowship opportunities for youth in grades 7-12.

#### Wednesday Evening Church Buddies 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm dinner, discussion about a Bible passage and then rap wherever the Spirit leads... confidences strictly held!

#### Wednesday Evening Commissioning Class

##### Youth in Grades 9 and up

6-7:30pm Wednesdays for dinner, study and discussion.  
Develop faith statement and opportunity to become members of the church

#### Junior Choir

All children, grades 3-6, are invited to sing in the Junior Choir. This wonderful choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:15am, and Wednesdays at 3:30pm. The choir sings each Sunday in church during the program year. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 9 at 9:00am. (*Note: This first Sunday rehearsal will be at 9:00am because of the Rally Day schedule*). Contact Chris Lenti at church Office: 271-6513 or email: [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org) for more information.

### Youth Advisors and Assistant Church School Teachers needed!

The perfect chance to bond with our youth and children and to watch your own faith grow is available to you this fall. We are in need of 3 assistant Sunday school teachers, a male advisor for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Commissioning Class on Wednesday nights, and 2 Sunday evening youth advisors. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time in this way. There are few things as rewarding as the personal investment we make in the lives of our young people! Please contact Aaron Doll at 271-6513 or [aaronr@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:aaronr@thirdpresbyterian.org) with questions.



## Eagle Scout Clothing Drive

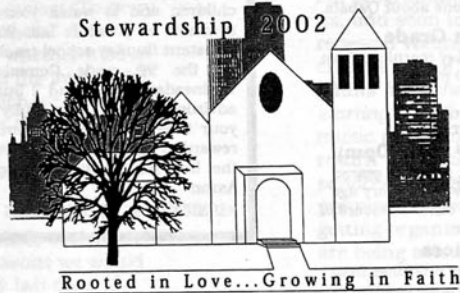
### Tom Aten's Eagle Scout Clothing Drive has started.

Please bring your clothing to either service. I will be in Johnston Hall before and after the 10am service, and at the main entrance to the chapel before and after the chapel service. The drive will continue through Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your support. Please remember the needy in our community as the cold months approach.

Tom Aten  
271-4407

**ROOTED IN LOVE, GROWING IN FAITH:**

A Preview of Stewardship 2002



This past year witnessed Third Presbyterian Church rising to the stewardship challenge. Thanks to the generosity and commitment of Third Church's members and friends, the year 2001 enjoyed "record" levels of support to the annual stewardship campaign.

Based on that commitment and the positive energy and enthusiasm it evoked, the Stewardship Committee lifts up "Rooted in Love, Growing in Faith" as its theme for the 2002 Stewardship campaign. "Rooted in Love, Growing in Faith" has many implications for our life together:

- It invites us to consider the many ways that we are rooted in the love of God, and how those roots of love grow and expand in our lives and in the life of this faith community. As love takes root in our own lives, our faith can grow as we care for one another and share God's love with the world.
- It suggests both the grand heritage of Third Presbyterian Church in the city of Rochester and the glorious future to which God is calling us. As Third Church approaches its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have an important history to celebrate, a celebration that can lead us into a bold and faithful future.

The Nominating Committee

Peg Rachfal, chair  
Beth Alletto  
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Alan Illig  
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Chuck Lewis  
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## Third Presbyterian Church









### Church Officer Nomination Form 2001-2002

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| <br>10:00 Worship<br>10:30 Child Care                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br> | 12:00 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee<br>7:00 Congregational Fellowship | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:30 Budget Formation Comm.<br>7:00 Deacons<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                                         | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:00 Budget Formation Comm.<br>6:30 Mission Interpretation<br>7:00 Education Sub-Comm.<br>7:00 Peace and Justice<br>7:00 Meigs Street Ramblers | 9:45 Sisters in Spirit<br>5:00 Jr. High Retreat<br>5:30 Nelson/Bilow Wedding Rehearsal<br> | 9:00 Coptic Church Dining Room Ministry-<br>Theus Team<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>9:00 Church School Set-Up,<br>Training & Orientation<br>9:00 Nominating Committee<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Muller-Girard Team<br>2:00 Nelson/Bilow Wedding |
| <b>RALLY DAY</b><br>9:00 Church School Open House<br>9:00 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 Child Care<br>10:00 Worship<br>10:15 Church School<br>11:00 Rally Day Celebration                                                                                                                    | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells                                                                  | 9:00 Stuffers and Staplers<br>12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon<br>7:00 Session      | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 Qabats Planning Comm.<br>7:15 Chancel Choir<br>7:30 Membership Committee | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>2:30 Outreach Committee<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers                                                                                           | 5:00 Jr. High Retreat                                                                                                                                                         | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Coons Team                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9:00 Worship<br>9:15 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 Worship<br>10:45 Church School<br>12:15 Nominating Committee<br>3:00 Evening & High Tea<br>4:00 Covenant Ringers<br>8:00 Youth Dinner<br>8:30 CHADS<br>7:30 Sr. High Ensemble                                   | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>7:30 More Light<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group             | 6:30 Finance Committee<br>7:30 Trustees                                         | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:30 Qabats Parent's Mtg.<br>5:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>6:00 Calvin Guild<br>7:15 Chancel Choir          | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>6:00 Church & Society<br>Chairpersons Meeting<br>7:00 Personnel Committee                                         | 9:45 Sisters in Spirit                                                                                                                                                        | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Hammerton Team                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:00 Worship-Chapel<br>9:15 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship-Sanctuary<br>10:45 Church School<br>12:00 Older Adult Luncheon/Church Life Celebration<br>12:15 Nominating Committee<br>4:00 Youth Program<br>5:00 NCNP Gathering<br>5:00 Youth Parents' Meeting | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>5:30 Music & Arts<br>7:30 Worship Committee                   | 9:00 Stuffers and Staplers<br>4:00 Presbytery at Mendon Presbyterian Church     | 9:15 Staff Devotions/Meeting<br>5:30 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 Qabats Planning Comm.<br>7:00 NCNP Gathering<br>7:15 Chancel Choir       | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>3:00 Heers/Dack Pre-Rehearsal<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>7:00 NCNU Gathering                                                              | 6:00 Heers/Dack<br>Wedding Rehearsal<br>                                                   | 10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Malach Team<br>2:00 Heers/Dack Wedding                                                                                                                                                                               |
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☉ is the symbol for "If needed, child care will be provided." Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance.

\*PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL RESUME THE TWO WORSHIP SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>. 9:00AM IN THE CHAPEL AND 10:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY.

- The strong roots of our stewardship program and the faithful oversight of our endowment will allow our financial commitments to grow to meet our mission and ministry needs. As God has blessed us with resources, so we, too, are called to share those resources to meet the needs of the church and the world.

One way to claim the good news that we are “rooted in love and growing in faith” will be the opportunity to gather and celebrate our life together. These **Church Life Celebrations** will be held on five Sundays (and one Tuesday evening) in the fall. You are encouraged to attend as many as you can, but please do attempt to be present for at least one or two. These will be wonderful opportunities to meet friends old and new and learn more about the vision of ministry at Third Church. Each gathering will include a meal and a participatory presentation by representatives of each program area.

**September 23** – Congregational Life, Care and Nurture

**September 30** – Worship, Music and the Arts

**October 7** – Education

**October 21** – Mission and Outreach

**October 28** – Facilities and Finance

**October 30** – Focus on the Budget (Tuesday evening)

A separate invitation will arrive in your homes in early September. Mark the dates on your calendar for what will surely be a great way to celebrate life at Third Church.

In the meantime, and as the summer months draw to a close, reflect on your own vision of being rooted in love and growing in faith. How has God’s love claimed you, and how has the mission and ministry of Third Church invited your faith to grow? It is these very profound questions that our stewardship conversation will address this fall.

**ROOTED IN LOVE, GROWING IN FAITH**



**Adult Education Programs**  
will begin September 16<sup>th</sup> at the new  
9:00am starting time.  
Information will be included in the  
September 11<sup>th</sup> issue of the  
Messenger.

#### New Handbell Choir

A new, beginning handbell choir for adults will start up on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This choir is ideal for retired folks or for stay-at-home moms looking for some musical fun and challenge. Eight ringers have already committed; there is room for 3 more ringers. If you are interested, please contact Chris Lenti as soon as possible by calling the church office, 271-6513, or at [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).

#### Great News from SEM/SEAFISH

The Southeast Ecumenical Ministries-SEM/SEAFISH has provided FOOD and TRANSPORTATION relief to the poor, elderly and ill in the greater Southeast area of Rochester for over 32 years. Last month SEM piloted a new program called the PHARMACY assistance program and is working closely with senior citizens and medically disadvantaged individuals to ensure they receive necessary medicine and or items available through the pharmacy. SEM feels there is a great need for this new program in the Southeast Area and would greatly appreciate donations to this relief effort. For information, call Laurie Jenkins at 271-5350.

#### Nominating Committee Begins its Work

Members of the Nominating Committee will soon begin to prepare the slates of officers for election in November and your help is needed! An informational brochure/nomination form is included with this Messenger. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, or left in Peg Rachfal's Session box.

#### Ushers Needed

Usher captain Van Van Zanten is looking for a few new members for the ushering teams. Ushers serve one week a month. If you would like to offer your services, please call Van at 271-7649.

#### Chancel Choir to Present Choral Evensong Sunday, September 16 at 3:00pm

The Chancel Choir, fresh from its recent tour to Great Britain, will kick off the fall season by leading the congregation in a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday afternoon, September 16 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary, followed by High Tea in Johnston Hall.

The 45-minute service of prayers, scripture psalms and anthems will follow the format which the choir experienced daily during its residence at Rochester Cathedral in Kent, and which comes from the Book of Common Prayer. Sometimes called Evening Prayer, the service is centuries old, and has been said or sung in some form daily in many of the cathedrals and collegiate churches in England for over 1000 years. It is a beautiful liturgy of quiet devotion, and one in which the members of the touring group found great meaning. It is our hope to share some of that beauty with the congregation and Rochester community.

The High Tea following in Johnston Hall will provide an opportunity for fellowship with the choir members, and a time for sharing pictures, experiences, and even access to the web site information that was posted throughout the tour - not to mention delicious baked goodies and, of course, tea! Invite your friends, neighbors, and music lovers to join you for this unique service and to welcome the choir home from their wonderful and significant tour abroad.

#### Chancel Choir rehearsals begin...

The Chancel Choir will begin regular rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:15 - 9:15pm in the Choir Room on the first floor. New members are always welcome, and now is a perfect time to join! Please speak with Peter DuBois (271-6513 or [pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org)) before the first rehearsal.

#### CHURCH FAMILY

We celebrate the August 19, 2001 baptisms of

- Sarah Anne Hentschke, born April 2, 2001, daughter of Peter and Amy Liebert Hentschke (NCN/E)
- Maeve Henderson Reed, born February 7, 2001, daughter of Todd and Susan Henderson Reed (NCN/P)
- Hope Elizabeth Wilder, born June 8, 2001, daughter of Peter and Anne Ferguson Wilder (NCN/K)

**Birthday congratulations to Frederic W. Bush (NCN/JA)** who has just celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday and Anniversary congratulations to Fred and Eva on the occasion of their 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Cards may be sent to them at Sutton Place, 1400 East Avenue, Apartment #407, Rochester, NY 14610.

#### Marriages Celebrated

- Taimi Marple and Michael Holm, on August 18, 2001
- Kristin Nelson and William MacDonald, on August 18, 2001
- Catherine Gardner and Steven Brennan, on August 25, 2001

#### Sympathy

We express sympathy to

- The family of Elizabeth McAdam Hedges, on her death August 10, 2001
- Carol Ann Cook (NCN/K) on the August 6, 2001 death of her mother, Margaret Cupples, in Rochester

Laura Collins, former associate pastor at Third Church, will be installed as the pastor of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, on the edge of Washington, D.C., on September 23. We wish God's blessings on Laura as she begins this new ministry.

#### Retired Men's Opening Luncheon

Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
12 noon in Johnston Hall

Donald Hall, former head of the Strassenburgh Planetarium, will speak on his experiences there. Anyone who has heard Mr. Hall speak can attest that he will bring his wit and humor! Those wishing to attend are asked to call the office (271-6513) by noon Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calvin Guild Opens Season! "Chessnut" Will Be the Topic of Discussion

All Third Church members and friends over 50 years of age are invited to attend Calvin Guild's opening potluck supper and meeting on

Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 6pm

in the Celebration Center  
If you bring a dish to pass (to serve 8), there is a \$2 charge; if you do not bring a dish to pass, there is a \$4.50 charge.

Sandy Gianniny will speak about our horse "Chessnut" following the covered dish supper.

#### Newsletter Schedule

The Messenger will be published every two weeks. The deadline for submitting articles is two weeks prior to the publishing date. The schedule for the coming year is as follows:

September 11 and 25  
October 9 and 23  
November 6 and 20  
December 4, 18  
January 8 and 29  
February 12 and 26  
March 12 and 26  
April 9 and 23  
May 7 and 21  
June 4 and 18  
July 16  
August 13 and 27

**Sunday, September 2**  
 9:45 am Child Care  
 10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:15 am Church School  
 11:00 am Coffee Hour  
**Monday, September 3 - Labor Day**  
 Office Closed  
**Tuesday, September 4**  
 7:00 pm Congregational Fellowship  
**Wednesday, September 5**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 7:00 pm Deacons  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, September 6**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 6:30 pm Mission Interpretation Committee  
 7:00 pm Education Committees  
 Peace and Justice Committee  
 7:30 pm Outreach Committee  
**Friday, September 7**  
 9:45 am Sisters in Spirit  
 5:00 pm Senior High Kick Off Retreat  
**Saturday, September 8**  
 9:00 am Nominating Committee  
 9:00 am Teacher Set-up Day  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry-Muller-Girard Team  
**Sunday, September 9 - Rally Day!**  
 8:00 am Senior High Retreat ends  
 9:00 am Church School Open House  
 9:00 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:15 am Church School  
 11:00 am Rally Day Celebration  
**Monday, September 10**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Halls  
**Tuesday, September 11**  
 9:00 am Stuffers and Staplers  
 12:00 n Retired Men's Luncheon  
 7:00 pm Session  
**Wednesday, September 12**  
 9:15 am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 5:30 pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Qabats Planning Committee  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:30 pm Membership Committee  
**Thursday, September 13**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
**Friday, September 14**  
 5:00 pm Junior High Kick-off Retreat  
**Saturday, September 15**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry-Coons Team  
**Sunday, September 16**  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:00 am Child Care  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:15 am Junior Choir  
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 12:15 pm Nominating Committee  
 3:00 pm Evensong and High Tea  
 4:00 pm Covenant Ringers  
 5:00 pm Senior High Ensemble  
 6:00 pm Youth Dinner  
 6:45 pm Covenant Singers

**September 2**  
 10:00am in the Sanctuary  
 Roderic Frohman preaching  
**September 9**  
 Rally Day!  
 10:00am in the Sanctuary  
 John Wilkinson preaching

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## Choral Evensong & High Tea

Sunday,  
 September 16  
 Sanctuary  
 3pm



The Chancel Choir will commence the fall season by leading the congregation in a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday afternoon, September 16 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. The service will be followed by High Tea in Johnston Hall.

The 45-minute service of prayers, scripture, psalms and anthems will follow the format which the choir experienced daily during its residency at Rochester Cathedral in Kent. The service comes from the Book of Common Prayer. Sometimes called Evening Prayer, the service is centuries old, and has been said or sung in some form daily in many of the cathedrals and collegiate churches in England for over 1000 years. It is a beautiful liturgy of quiet devotion. Members of the touring group found great meaning in the service. It is the hope of the Chancel Choir to share some of that beauty with the congregation and Rochester community.

The High Tea following in Johnston Hall will provide an opportunity for fellowship with the choir members, and a time for sharing pictures and experiences. There will be access to the web site information that was posted throughout the tour. There will be delicious baked goods and, of course, tea!

Invite your friends, neighbors, and music lovers to join you for this unique service and to welcome the choir home from their wonderful and significant tour abroad.

Child Care will be available.

Next Messenger will be mailed September 11<sup>th</sup>.  
 Deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

## THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

September is "busting out" all over. In fact, this newsletter is overflowing with offerings that invite you to nurture your faith, serve your neighbor, learn and worship. The church office has been bustling with Rally Day preparations in anticipation of a wonderful menu of opportunities for the fall. Allow me to use this space to highlight a few - please read further in this *Messenger*, in the Sunday bulletin or at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org) for more information.

You will have received a brochure (with further information on pages 6 and 7 of this *Messenger*) about the series of Church Life Celebrations sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. These luncheons promise to be great fun as well as a time to learn more about our mission and ministry. Come for one or all five. Thanks in advance to those who are organizing these events.

The choral evensong on Sunday, September 16 will prove to be a musical and liturgical gift. I remain grateful for the terrific choir tour to England, both as a time for making music in praise of God and in building community. The evensong here at Third Church will be a great celebration of that experience. It also might be a nice way to introduce a friend to Third Church.

We will be offering a new worship opportunity called First Monday Evening Prayer beginning on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This time of worship will be more contemplative (lasting 30-40 minutes) and will feature a variety of music from various traditions and eras, plus prayer and poetry reflecting many voices.

On October 14, plan to join thousands of Presbyterians from across the Presbytery of Genesee Valley for "Gather at the River" at Blue Cross Arena. Presbyterian poet Ann Weems will be the preacher for the day, which will feature the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as well as combined vocal and bell choirs. Third Church is helping to sponsor this important gathering. We will hold one service of worship here at the church on that day at 9:00 a.m.

Third Church is co-sponsoring a conference on the issues surrounding ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo on November 9 and 10. Speakers will include Barbara Wheeler from Auburn Theological Seminary and Jack Haberer representing the Presbyterian Coalition. For more information give me a call or visit [unity@westminster-bfo.org](mailto:unity@westminster-bfo.org).

I am honored to have been asked to co-teach a course on Judaism and Presbyterianism with Rabbi Laurence Kotok of Temple B'rith Kodesh, with whom Third Church has a long and valued relationship. Registration is open to Third Church members, as well as to the entire community. The class will happen over five Tuesday mornings in October and November. Please note that offering as well as the other adult learning offerings in this newsletter, including the new 9:00 a.m. starting time for adult education on Sunday mornings.

Are you out of breath yet? There is so much more going on around this place - for children and youth, for adults and families. Please do get involved as you are able and as the Spirit leads you. You will be blessed and our community will be strengthened along the way.

Faithfully,

*John Williams*

## Church School News

Church School programs have begun! Contact Aaron Doll (271-6513) with questions about Church School, Sunday evening programs, Church Buddies, and Commissioning Class.

### Junior Choir

All children, grades 3-6, are invited to sing in the Junior Choir. This wonderful choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:15am. and Wednesdays at 5:30pm. The choir sings each Sunday in church during the program year. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 16 at 9:00am. Contact Chris Lenti at Church Office: 271-6513 or email: [lenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:lenti@thirdpresbyterian.org) for more information. There will be a Junior Choir Parents' meeting on Sunday, September 16th at 10:00am in the Celebration Center.

### Qabats

There will be a parents' meeting on Wednesday, September 19th at 5:30pm. Qabats begins October 3rd. If you haven't already signed up, now is the time to do so. Contact Lynette Kenerson (323-9334) with questions about Qabats.

## 2001-2002

### Church School Faculty

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Nursery:</b>                   | LuAnna Dugan                        |
| <b>Three- and Four-Year Olds:</b> | Beth Laidlaw-Santana                |
| <b>Kindergarten:</b>              | Julie Kopp, Sue Joseph, Julie Rapp  |
| <b>First Grade:</b>               | Bethany Rague, Barbara Brown        |
| <b>Second Grade:</b>              | Marcia Frohman, Sara Maskell        |
| <b>Third Grade:</b>               | Dale VanOcker                       |
| <b>Fourth Grade:</b>              | Helen Witt                          |
| <b>Fifth Grade:</b>               | Gretchen Smith and Christy Northrup |
| <b>Sixth Grade:</b>               | Mary DuBois and Stephanie Post      |

Watch this space for further details of our Fall Family Festival, Saturday, October 13th at the church!

## youth@thirdpresbyterian

### 2001-2001

#### Sunday, September 16

Plan to attend the Choral Evensong and High Tea at 3pm. Our youth program will begin next week!

#### Sunday, September 23

4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)  
4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)  
4:00pm Parent's Night  
5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
6:00pm Youth Supper  
6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)  
7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

### Youth Program Parents' Night

Parents are invited to an important informational meeting at 4pm on Sunday, September 23rd as the youth begin bell practice. Meet this Fall's youth advisors and find out how you can support your child in their participation with the program!

### Church Buddies

#### Wednesday Evenings - 6-7:30pm

Get involved with fellow youth in grades 10-12 on Wednesday evenings for dinner, discussion about a Bible passage brought by someone and then rap wherever the spirit leads... confidences strictly held!

### Commissioning Class Youth in Grades 9 and up

#### Wednesday Evenings - 6-7:30pm

The Commissioning Class meets during the school year for dinner, study and discussion. Participants explore the Bible and its relationship to individual faith journeys. The youth develop a personal faith statement and, in late spring, are given the opportunity to become members of the church. Contact Aaron Doll to sign up for this year's class.



The Corner Place has just completed a very successful summer arts and reading program. This year the summer reading program is especially grateful to two neighborhood businesses. Corky's Craving Parlor, a newly opened deli and ice cream bar located at 1136 Monroe Avenue provided a free ice cream cone each time a student completed five books and passed an accelerated reader test on them.

Jeremiah's Tavern located at 1104 Monroe Avenue provided dinner for the four participants who came ten or more times to Readers Club over the course of the six weeks along with the four adults who accompanied them. For some it was their first experience eating out in a restaurant and ordering from a menu. In both cases these businesses donated their services and made a point of personally congratulating the participants on their achievements.

While we have thanked both businesses for their graciousness, a true sign of our thanks would be to patronize their establishments. If you have reason to buy a deli sandwich, a hand-scooped ice cream cone or a good lunch consider, taking your business to Corky's Craving Parlor or Jeremiah's Tavern, and surprise them by thanking them for their support of the Corner Place summer program.

### Fran Bracken - Volunteer Extraordinaire

Recently, Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr. acclaimed **Fran Bracken** as one of Rochester's "Unsung Heroes" for the 30 years of volunteer tutoring she has done at School #6. Fran volunteers four days a week and works with one to four students each day. She has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of students. Congratulations, Fran, and thank you!

You, too, can make a difference in the life of a child. Volunteer at School #6. Most tutors come once a week and work one-on-one with two or three students on teacher-directed assignments. Substitute tutors are also appreciated.

With the school year just getting started, this is a great time to think about tutoring. Scheduling will begin soon and tutoring will start in mid-October. Call Susan Crego, Tutor Coordinator, for more information at 442-4191.

### 2001/ 2002 Youth Advisors

#### Junior High Advisors

Mary Cowden  
Rachel Doll  
Katie Orem  
Jeff Stanley  
René Stanley

#### Junior High Church School

Ryder Foye  
George Gray  
Sandra Gianniny  
Paul Jonasse

#### Senior High Advisors

George Gray  
Susie Jacobs  
Bob Parrett  
David Stimson  
Susie Jacobs

#### Church Buddies

Rachel Doll  
Bob Parrett  
Ann Sievers

#### Commissioning Class Advisors

Sally Dieterich  
Roxanne McClure

### FAITH EDUCATION AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FALL 2001

A variety of education offerings are available throughout the week and month. For general information, call Aaron Doll at 271-6513 or visit [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)

#### Sunday Mornings

##### Track 1: Essential Questions of Faith

Johnston Hall - 9am  
September-October: "What is Reformed Faith?"  
This six-week session is designed to equip participants to write their own faith statement.  
November: "What is a Presbyterian?"  
December: "What Child is This?"

##### Track 2: Worship Enrichment Seminar

Church Parlor - 9am  
An every-week exercise in preparing for and getting the most out of worship, including a study of the scripture passages for the day.

#### Fellowship, Study and Service

##### Sisters in Spirit

First and Third Friday mornings  
Church Parlor - 9:45-11:45am  
Contact: Amy Stratton-Smith at 224-9051 or email [astrattonsmith@aol.com](mailto:astrattonsmith@aol.com)

##### Presbyterian Men

First and Third Tuesday evenings at 7pm at various homes  
Contact: Aaron Doll at 271-6513 or email [aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org)

##### Twenties and Thirties at Third (T3)

Meets at various times and places for fellowship and service.  
Contact: Aaron Doll at 271-6513 or email [aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org)

#### Life Issues

##### Parents as Primary Sexual Educators

Friday/Saturday Workshop, October 19-20 at Asbury House, 1010 East Avenue  
Friday: Session I: 6-9:30pm  
Saturday Sessions: 2-4: 9am-7:30pm; \$5 fee  
Pre-registration required  
Contact: Marcia Frohman at 461-3364 or email [mfrohman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mfrohman@rochester.rr.com)  
Child Care Provided

#### Interfaith

In partnership with Temple B'rith Kodesh  
Religious School  
2131 Elmwood Avenue

##### Judaism and Presbyterianism in Conversation

with John Wilkinson, Laurence Kotek  
Tuesday Mornings at the Temple, 10:30am-12n  
October 16, 23, 30, November 13, 27  
Call 244-7060 to register, or visit [www.TBK.org](http://www.TBK.org)

#### Spiritual Formation

##### Listening: The Pulse of Faith

Day Retreat on November 3 - 8:30am - 12noon  
Facilitator: Amy Stratton-Smith  
Pre-registration required by calling Amy at 224-9051 or email [astrattonsmith@aol.com](mailto:astrattonsmith@aol.com)

In partnership with Life Listening Resources at  
Labyrinth House  
2071 Westfall Road, Brighton  
256-3384 or [www.lifelisting.com](http://www.lifelisting.com)

##### Days of Listening

9:30am-8pm  
One Friday each month:  
September 21, October 26, November 16,  
December 21

Drop in at Labyrinth House for as long as you like or for directed prayer at 10am, 3pm, and 6:30pm

##### Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

October 2001 - May 2002  
Informational meeting: Monday, September 24, 7pm.  
Please call ahead: 256-3384.



## ROOTED IN LOVE, GROWING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP 2002



Can you imagine a time when Third Presbyterian Church had no building, no committees, no meetings?? (Well, maybe a few meetings; but you get the picture!) How easy it is for us to forget or ignore our roots, and yet all that we have at Third Church—all that we so often take for granted—is a direct result of seeds that were sown, sacrifices that were made, and roots which have grown and been cared for throughout many generations of those who preceded us.

All because of the love of God for us, and the example and sacrifices made by Christ on our behalf. And all because of the vision of a few people who formed a congregation and arranged for a church building to be erected in one week almost 175 years ago! Although there have been two moves since then, that congregation, and that building, are now Third Presbyterian Church. And the church has been sustained for all those years because of the love, caring, support, and contributions of many kinds from thousands of faithful members over the years. Indeed, our legacy, our roots at Third Church, are incredibly strong and deep.

Those roots have grown many flowers, many branches over the years. The rich and varied array of programs, worship, music, educational offerings, community ministries, and congregational caring that we so often just blithely accept almost as our birthright are the wonderful branches that have resulted from tending and caring by those who have preceded us.

## THIRD CHURCH'S NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

After many months of researching and planning, Third Church will implement a new telephone system on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This new system will make it easier for church members to communicate with the church, as well as enhancing inter-office communication. We want to maximize the capabilities of this new system, and hope that the following instructions prove helpful.

When you dial 271-6513, you will speak to a "live" person, when one is available. This person will handle your call in the same manner it is currently handled. If the office is closed or other calls are being taken, the automatic attendant will answer and direct you through the system described below.

If you know who you wish to speak with, you may dial **271-6537**. Your call will be answered by the automatic attendant and you will have the option of listening to the message or dialing a specific person's extension, which are listed on the back of this page. Please keep this page in a handy place for your use when calling the church. You may also dial 271-6537 after office hours and use the automatic attendant to reach voice mailboxes.

We hope you will find the system easy to use but if you have any problems, please let us know!



From 8:30AM to 4:15, call 271-6513 to reach a member of the support staff. After 4:15PM, the number will automatically transfer into voicemail. Dial 271-6537 at any time to access directly the staff voice mail.

### STAFF EXTENSIONS

- 100 Cindy Mark
- 101 Dona Summers
- 102 Beth Williams
- 105 John Wilkinson
- 106 Roderic Frohman
- 107 Aaron Doll
- 108 Judy Pidcock
- 109 Peter DuBois
- 110 Chris Lenti
- 111 Carol Foster
- 112 Cheryl Battaglia
- 113 Jim Goldsmith
- 114 Drake VanDyne
- 115 Dan Culhane
- 116 Joey Becerril
- 117 Rose Palermo
- 201 Pamela Foye
- 202 Christian Lane
- 203 Qabats Hotline
- 204 Youth Hotline
- 205 Chancel Choir Child Care Hotline

## Third Presbyterian Church Welcomes its New Members!

September 9, 2001



Bonnie Claxton was born in Georgia, the middle of five children. Her parents were United Methodist missionaries, and she grew up in Congo, Costa Rica and Bolivia. Bonnie graduated from Asbury College with a BA in Accounting. She worked for the Salvation Army Central Territory for 17 years, serving as Auditor and then Controller. She moved to Rochester with her husband, the Rev. Dr. John Wilkinson and their two children, Kenneth (8) and Ann (5)

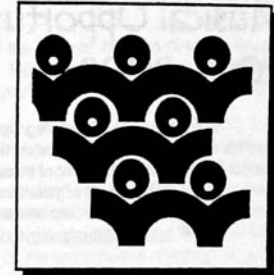


William A. Hawley is a graduate of the University of Scranton, Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. Degree in Accounting and a 1983 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Currently he is in the midst of a career change. Bill volunteers for the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley, supports the Image Out Film Festival and has recently joined the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus. He enjoys reading; especially fiction, history and biographies. He also enjoys going to movies and walking around the city, especially along Lake Ontario. Bill is a member of Front Runners/Front Walkers.



Deborah Packard Shuey is currently in the final semester of her studies at CRDS. Her life is in transition as she begins this final year of study particularly because her daughter Elizabeth has begun her first year of college! Joining Third after working in Christian Education here for four years feels like a homecoming and Deb is looking forward to reconnecting with people and being a member of this community of faith.

## *Musical Opportunities*



*at  
Third  
Church*

## *2001-2002*

### *Music Staff*

Peter DuBois, *Director of Music/Organist*  
Christina Lenti, *Associate Director of Music*  
Christian Lane, *Assistant Organist*  
Jeanne Fisher, Jr. *High Bell Director*

### **Third Presbyterian Church**

John Wilkinson, *Pastor*  
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Rochester, New York 14607  
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## Musical Opportunities at Third Church: 2001-2002

The sharing and building up of our faith through music is an important part of our life together at Third Church. Opportunities exist for persons of *all* ages and abilities to participate in musical groups - from preschool through older adult. Please look through this brochure and find where you and/or members of your family fit in - and join a singing or ringing choir this fall! For more information on any of the music and arts programs, contact Peter DuBois or Christina Lenti at 271-6513 or e-mail [pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org).

### Children

Group opportunities encourage the young to be involved in the service-oriented aspect of the church and encourage life-long commitment. They also provide a pool of peers that fosters friendship and a sense of acceptance into the larger "Family of God." At Third Church we encourage all children and youth to participate in programs designed to build their self-esteem and broaden their faith.

**Carol Choir** (Preschool and Kindergarten) meets on Sunday mornings during Church School from 11:40 - 12:00 a.m. The children will learn simple songs, play rhythm instruments, and explore musical ideas using movement and games. The Carol Choir traditionally sings in worship in Christmas Eve and Mothers' Day. Chris Lenti leads this choir.

**The Glorious Things!** (1st and 2nd grades) meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00- 7:30 p.m. as part of the *Qabats* program, which is a mid-week program of music and fellowship for children. The music portion of the evening is a multi-activity program designed to introduce early elementary children to basic musical ideas through games and songs. Emphasis will be on exploring the voice, pitch matching, and developing musical sensitivity. Chris Lenti directs this group, which will sing in worship 4 times during the year. They will participate in the children's musical in April, 2002.

**Junior Choir** (3rd - 6th grades) rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. as part of the *Qabats* program, which is a mid-week program of worship and fellowship for children that runs from 5:30-7:30 each week. Junior Choir also rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in preparation for worship. The choir participates weekly in worship in a variety of leadership roles. A more advanced choir, this group continues music training through vocal warm-ups, rhythmic games and choral anthems which reflect a variety of musical styles and traditions. In April 2002, the Junior Choir will present the musical *"The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit"* by Allen Pote. An annual summer choir camp is also a highlight of the year. Chris Lenti directs this group.

**Children's Bell Choir** (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades) rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. This newly formed choir learns the basics of handbell ringing utilizing music and exercises that are particularly appropriate for children. Last summer the choir attended a handbell festival in Geneva, NY. Chris Lenti directs this group.

### Youth

As youth mature and grow into faithful members of the church, they continue to have opportunities to serve through both singing and ringing groups. This year, the groups will participate frequently in worship, be involved in a mid-winter retreat and youth worship service in the spring.

**The Covenant Singers** (7th-12th grades) meet on Sunday evenings from 6:45-7:30 p.m., following fellowship groups and dinner. The group sings regularly in worship throughout the year. Membership is open to *all* youth of the church - whether they have previous experience in choirs or not. Peter DuBois will direct this group in September, and February-May. Carrie Hesketh will direct during his sabbatical: October 1 - February 15.

**Sr. High Ensemble** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Now in its third year (!), this ensemble is designed to give high school singers an opportunity to be in a smaller group focused on singing music from a wide variety of styles and traditions. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. immediately following Covenant Singers. The ensemble will participate in worship regularly throughout the year. Peter DuBois will direct this group in September, and February-May. Carrie Hesketh will direct during his sabbatical: October 1 - February 15.

**Junior High Bell Choir** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades) meets Sunday evenings from 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. This choir is primarily a training choir. Ringers will learn the basics of handbell techniques, through exercises and repertoire, and will participate in worship regularly. Jeanne Fisher directs this choir.

**The Covenant Ringers** (9th - 12th grades) meet Sunday afternoons from 4:00- 4:50 p.m. This choir continues the work of the Junior High Bell Choir with more sophisticated ringing techniques and more challenging repertoire. Beginning ringers are still welcome. Chris Lenti conducts this group.

### Adults

**Chancel Choir** - The cornerstone of our music ministry, the Chancel Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 7:15-9:15 p.m., September through June, and provides inspiring musical leadership for our worship each week. In addition to regular services, the choir also sings several major works each year with orchestra. Peter DuBois conducts the Chancel Choir. Robert McIver of the voice faculty of the Eastman School of Music will conduct in October through mid-February, while Peter is on sabbatical.

**Third Church Ringers** - This group of enthusiastic adults is in their 9<sup>th</sup> year of ringing together. They meet on Thursday afternoons from 5:30-6:45 p.m., and play periodically in worship, and also travel to area retirement and nursing homes to provide musical entertainment for residents. Membership is open to all. Chris Lenti provides leadership for this bell choir.

**The Chapel Bells** are four enthusiastic handbell ringers who rehearse together on Monday mornings. The group explores the challenges and fun of ensemble ringing and provides occasional music for the Chapel service. Christ Lenti coaches this group.

**The Adult Bell Choir** is a newly formed handbell choir for beginning adults. It rehearses on Thursday mornings from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and provides an opportunity for daytime involvement in the music program. Membership is open to all, though the ability to read music is a requirement. Chris Lenti directs this group.

## Intergenerational Groups

**Dixieland Band - "The Meigs Street Ramblers"** - This group has a great time preparing and playing music for the annual Mardi Gras pancake supper - a festive tradition of Third Church! Clarinets, tenor saxes, trumpets, trombones, tuba, bass, piano and drums make for a fun time playing familiar Dixieland favorites. Rehearsals begin January 14, 2001 in preparation for Mardi Gras, which this year is on February 27<sup>th</sup>

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If you have questions about any of the programs listed, or would like to participate in any of the groups presented, please feel free to speak with either Peter DuBois or Chris Lenti by calling them at 271-6513, or by email: [pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org) or [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org)

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## Fall Start-Up Schedule

**Carol Choir** begins September 16 at 11:40 a.m.

**The Glorious Things!** begin on Wednesday October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

**The Junior Choir** begins Sunday rehearsals on September 9 at **9:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday rehearsals** begin on **September 12 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Children's Bell Choir** rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m.

**Junior High Bell Choir** begins on Sunday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.

**The Covenant Ringers** begin on Sunday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.

**The Covenant Singers** begin on Sunday, September 23 at 6:45 p.m.

**Sr. High Ensemble** begins on Sunday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 5 at 7:15 p.m.

**Third Church Ringers** rehearsals begin Thursday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m.

**Chapel Bells** rehearsals begin on Monday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adult Bell Choir** rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m.

And now it is our turn. How will we continue the wonderful legacy we have been given? What can each of us do, what can we plant, to strengthen Third Church today, as well as to pass on to the next generation? Each of us and our many talents and resources add to the branches and leaves of the tree of life that is Third Church. What we do with those talents and resources will determine whether the tree withers or flourishes, as we believe it will continue to do, with our continued support.

Over the next several weeks we will have several opportunities to celebrate many of the branches that make up our church life and that enrich the individual lives of each of us. These **Church Life Celebrations** will occur at 12 noon on five Sundays (and one Tuesday evening) this fall, and we expect them to be both informative and fun. Food will be provided at each, and children are welcome and should enjoy the brief festivities and presentations as well as adults. We expect them to last no more than 45 minutes to an hour. We hope you will each be able to attend one or more of these celebrations. You should have received a mailing about these events recently, and information about them can also be found in the pews in church.

The first of our celebrations will be at 12 noon on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. It will focus on ways the church and its members nurture and care for each other. Please join us for the fun presentation and fellowship with your friends and fellow church members. We will celebrate various aspects of our church life on the following dates

September 23 – Congregational Life, Care and Nurture  
September 30 – Worship, Music and the Arts  
October 7 – Education  
October 21 – Mission and Outreach  
October 28 – Facilities and Finance  
October 30 – Focus on the Budget (Tuesday evening)

The Stewardship Committee invites all members and friends of Third Church to join us at these celebrations over the next few weeks, and in reflecting on our roots and how we can individually and collectively nourish each other as we grow in our personal faith and in our collective witness in the larger community.

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## Staff News -

### Peter DuBois to Begin Sabbatical

Having recently marked the completion of ten years of service to Third Church, Peter DuBois has been granted the opportunity for a period of sabbatical by the Personnel Committee and Session. The sabbatical, which will cover the period from October 1 - February 15, will provide the chance to pursue some opportunities and areas of study that are difficult to accomplish in the course of a typically busy church season.

The concept of sabbatical is actually grounded in the biblical idea of Sabbath rest, and creates space for creativity, rest and renewal. In addition to time for study, intensive organ practice, reading and reflection, Peter will take advantage of several unique opportunities during this time.

In October he will travel to Göteborg, Sweden - along with the faculty and students of the organ department of the Eastman School of Music - for two weeks of teaching and study there, where there is a unique collection of organs built on historic European models. In late December, at the invitation of the cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris, he will perform an organ recital in that extraordinary place. He will then stay on in Paris for a few weeks to study organ improvisation, and hopefully to perform several more recitals in that area. He will return to his duties at Third with the beginning of Lent, in mid-February.

During his time away, a number of talented people - several of whom are well known to Third Church - will carry out most of his usual duties. **Christian Lane**, our gifted Assistant Organist, will assume all of the organ playing responsibilities, while **Carrie Hesketh**, a member of the Chancel Choir, and school music teacher, will direct the two youth singing choirs - The Covenant Singers and Senior High Ensemble. **Dr. Robert McIver**, of the Eastman voice faculty, will lead the Chancel Choir during Peter's sabbatical. Dr. McIver has extensive experience as a choral conductor and church musician, and this period promises to be a great time of learning and renewal for the choir, as well. **Chris Lenti** will certainly be continuing her wonderful work with the children's and bell choirs, and will be the primary staff support for Music and Arts activities.

### Peter DuBois Assumes Part time Responsibilities at Eastman

Third Church Director of Music/Organist Peter DuBois was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Sacred Music (part time) and Director of the Sacred Music Diploma Program at the Eastman School of Music. With the permission of the Personnel Committee and Session, he has assumed the directorship of this new and innovative program.

The Sacred Music Diploma is being offered for the first time at the school this fall. The curriculum goes beyond the normal course of study for Masters and Doctoral students at the school, but it can also be added as a fifth year of study following a Bachelor's degree.

The program is somewhat unique in this country, designed to provide a broad range of experiences and study options to students, reflecting the increasingly varied demands of the church music profession in our time and in the future. It is open to keyboard majors, as well as choral conductors, singers and music educators. Included in the curriculum are a core of sacred music skills classes, a course on perspectives in church music focusing on theological issues and different approaches to music and worship, and such varied courses as jazz improvisation and working with elementary and middle school choirs.

Peter's responsibility with the program is to provide overall direction and advising for the students in the program, as well as coordinating a supervised internship component of the curriculum. This is in addition to the one-semester course he currently teaches in Sacred Music Skills. Chris Lenti also teaches an extended segment in Sacred Music Skills geared toward working with children's choirs and handbells. These new responsibilities and the new program provide an exciting opportunity for Peter - and for Third Church - to be involved in the shaping of church music leadership for the future.



# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

## New Sunday Fellowship Time Between Services 10am - 10:15am

Gather in Johnston Hall following the Chapel service and Adult Education for coffee and time to mingle.

## Exciting Outreach Event: Walk-a-Thon Saturday, October 6 11am to 1pm

Join us in raising awareness and funds for the Third Annual Hot Buttons Conference which will be held April 6, 2002. **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** there will be a walk-a-thon beginning and ending at Third Presbyterian Church. The route will take us up East Avenue to the Liberty Pole and return via Chestnut, Monroe and Goodman to Third Church where we will find hotdogs and drinks waiting for us. Sign up to walk - or sign up to sponsor a walker. Forms are available throughout the church.

Action for Peace and Justice Committee

## Wanted

## Memorial Reception Coordinator

Contact person to coordinate set-up, food, servers for memorial receptions.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

To help, please contact:  
Judy Pidcock (385-2709)

or

Marian Ertsgaard (271-7823)

## September Neighborhood Gatherings Scheduled

NCN/P (East Rochester, Fairport)  
Sunday, September 23 - 5pm

Dave and Carol Meyers, hosts  
40 Blossom Lane  
Deacon: Ann Prince

NCN/D<sup>1</sup> (Brighton, East)  
Wednesday, September 26-7pm

Barbara Chamberlain, hostess  
300 Alpine Drive  
Deacon: Bob Terwilliger

NCN/U (Pittsford, South)  
Thursday, September 27 - 7pm

David and Beverly Kluge  
2 Sunrise Hill  
Deacon: Jackie Hultberg

NCN/K (Penfield)  
Sunday, September 30 - 3pm

Bob and Dallas Sterrett, hosts  
73 Winding Creek Lane  
Deacon: Bob Eames



## Eagle Scout Clothing Drive

Please bring your clothing to either service beginning September 16.  
I will be at the main entrance to the Chapel before and after the 9am chapel service and in Johnston Hall before and after the 10:30am service.

The drive will continue through Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Thanks for your support.  
Please remember the needy in our community as the cold months approach.  
Tom Aten -271-4407

## CHURCH FAMILY

### Welcome

A daughter, **Georgia Anne Lillian Marie Ahumada**, born August 1, 2000, to Sheryl and Julio Ahumada (NCN/O). Grandparents Fred and JoAnne Smith (NCN/D<sup>2</sup>) rejoice in her arrival!

### Marriages Celebrated

- **Darcy Jones** and **Luts Ormaechea**, on August 5, 2001, in Ithaca
- **Jill Nelson** and **Steven Billow**, on September 8, 2001

Please remember **Betsy Hudnut** in your prayers. May we write her at

McGaw Care Center, Room 335,  
3200 Grant Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to

- Will and Carol Ruby and family (NCN/D<sup>1</sup>) on the death of Will's father, **Leland T. Ruby** (August 19, 2001) and his uncle **Herman Lilley** (August 20, 2001)
- Mary and Bill Leist (NCN/D<sup>1</sup>) on the death of Mary's mother, **Marian Kendall**, on September 4, 2001
- Paul and Beth Wlodarczyk (NCN/P) on the death of Beth's grandmother, **Mary Richwine**, on September 4, 2001



## Calvin Guild Opens Season! "Chessnut" Will Be the Topic of Discussion

All Third Church members and friends over 50 years of age are invited to attend Calvin Guild's opening potluck supper and meeting on

**Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

in the Celebration Center  
If you bring a dish to pass (to serve 8), there is a \$2 charge; if you do not bring a dish to pass, there is a \$4 charge.

Sandy Gianniny will speak about our horse "Chessnut" following the covered dish supper.

## www.thirdpresbyterian.org

How did you like the post card tour of England? This was made possible by our very own Bob Parretti! Did you know that our website is maintained by a committee of volunteers?

The Third Church Website Committee is looking for more people to help keep our site up to date. The committee meets informally 2-3 times per year - and we use email a lot! It's a great way to become involved in this vital church ministry and work with a talented and dedicated group. Contact Beth Adams (eadams01@rochester.rr.com)

## Newsletter Schedule

The Messenger will be published every two weeks. The deadline for submitting articles is **two weeks** prior to the publishing date. The schedule for the coming year is as follows:

September 25, October 9 and 23  
November 6, 20, December 4, 18  
January 8, 29, February 12, 26  
March 12, 26, April 9, 23  
May 7, 21, June 4, 18  
July 16, August 13, 27

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## PRAYING IN COMMUNITY



Third Church Gathers for  
Times of Prayer and Reflection

### FIRST MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

A time for introspection and reflection using  
music and liturgy from many traditions

Monday, OCTOBER 1  
Monday, NOVEMBER 5  
Monday, DECEMBER 3

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### FRIDAY NOONDAY PRAYER

12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary

A time to pray for peace in our hearts, community,  
nation and world

Friday, SEPTEMBER 28  
Friday, OCTOBER 5  
Friday, OCTOBER 12  
Friday, OCTOBER 19  
Friday, OCTOBER 26

Call 271-6513, ext. 105 for further information,  
or visit thirdpresbyterian.org

**Gather at the River II - Presbytery-wide Worship**  
**Sunday, October 14, 2001 at the Convention Center**  
see page 6 for details

**September 16**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
John Wilkinson preaching  
3:00 pm in the Sanctuary  
Choral Evensong and High Tea

**September 23**  
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**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
John Wilkinson preaching

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John Wilkinson, Pastor  
Aaron R. Dohi, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
Rodere P. Pothman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Judy E. Plodock, Parish Associate/Congregational Care  
Christina A. Jurek, Assistant to Pastor/Organist  
Pamela T. Foye, Parish Visitor

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9:00 am Adult Education  
9:15 am Junior Choir  
10:15 am Fellowship Time in Johnston Hall  
10:30am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
11:45 am Coffee Hour  
12:15 pm Nominating Committee  
3:00 pm Choral Evensong and High Tea  
**Monday, September 17**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00am Chapel Bells  
7:30 pm More Light  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
**Tuesday, September 18**  
6:30 pm Finance Committee  
7:00 pm Trustees  
**Wednesday, September 19**  
9:15 am Morning Prayer/Stall Meeting  
5:30 pm Qabats Parents' Meeting  
5:30 pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Calvin Guild  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, September 20**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
11:00am New Singers Group  
5:30 pm Third Church Singers  
5:30 pm Stewardship Committee  
7:00 pm Personnel Committee  
**Friday, September 21**  
9:45 am Sisters in Spirit  
**Saturday, September 22**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry-Hammerton Team  
**Sunday, September 23**  
8:45 am Child Care  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:00 am Adult Education  
9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 am Fellowship Time in Johnston Hall  
10:30am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
12:00n Rooted in Love, Growing in Faith Luncheon  
Congregational Life, Care and Nurture  
4:00 pm Youth Bell Choirs  
4:00 pm Youth Parents' Meeting  
5:00 pm Youth Fellowship  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

Next Messenger will be mailed September 25th.  
Deadline is September 12th

### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

"Nothing will ever be the same again." That seems to be the consensus, does it not. We have certainly been living into a new reality, and the tragic, awful, obscene events of September 11 are now emblazoned onto our spirits and psyches for this generation and the ones to follow.

Our hearts are broken and aching and wandering. As people of faith and as American citizens, we are confronting and living with many emotions: grief, despair, anger, bewilderment. And we are filled with every kind of question: how? why? what now?

A partial answer to the "what now?" question will be prayer. Prayer, in this case, takes on the aura of hope. We who believe that God's heart is breaking over these events seek ways to become connected to the very heart of God. We further seek ways to become connected to one another, to the grieving ones in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. and New York City, to those in countless U.S. cities and global cities whose world was changed inalterably when they said good-bye to the ones they loved that Tuesday morning.

We found great meaning in this place during that awful week when we came together in prayer, and so we will continue to do so. We were already planning to gather in prayer on the first Monday evening of each month (October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel). We will now also gather for at least five consecutive Fridays at 12:10 p.m. for noontime prayer in the Sanctuary, beginning September 28.

We are also being called to the roles of peacemakers and reconcilers because of the faith we claim and because of the life, death and resurrection of the one who claims us. That means we take our citizenship very seriously, and our participation in civic and public discourse. It also means that we can model for our nation the ways we find unity in our religious and ethnic diversity. We will be exploring ways in which we build relationships within our community over the coming months.

In the meantime, pray without ceasing. We need prayer. Those who grieve need prayer. Our President and his advisors need prayer. Our global community needs prayer.

This wonderful, awful, electronic world in which we live has allowed us to live in closer proximity to everyone than ever before. And so to close, I am grateful to share a prayer I discovered very late one evening at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website, prayed by colleagues and friends at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

*Gracious God, tonight we speak with one voice as members of congregations representing the glorious diversity of religious life in this city, to thank you for the precious gift of life.*

*Together as one, we seek to console one another and the people of our land who have lost so many they have loved.*

*Together as one, we thank you for all public servants who remind us of the dignity of the human spirit and whose acts of heroism and service are an example to us all.*

*Together as one, we are thankful for the rescue workers, fire fighters, nurses, doctors and civil leaders who have worked tirelessly in this crisis and who themselves have suffered tremendous loss.*

*Together as one, we are grateful for the guidance, support and courage shown by our leaders.*

*Together as one, we pray this prayer of hope:*

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night and give your Spirit charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O God, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake. Amen.*

Faithfully,

*John McKinley*

### Church School News

**Third Graders Will Receive Bibles**  
**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Parents of Third Graders are asked to check the list below for the correct spelling of their child's name. If your child's name was inadvertently omitted, please call the Church Office (271-6513) as soon as possible.

|                 |                  |                     |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Margaret Angus  | Taylor Henry     | Alexander Pochodylo |
| Yakim Dak       | Sterling Jonasse | Andrew Primerano    |
| Andrew Dietrich | Micah Joseph     | Al Seoud-McKee      |
| Ryan Drake      | Mollie Kenerson  | Leah Shahrin        |
| Kathryn         | Leah Mould       | Mary Smith          |
| James           | Caitlin Murphy   | Emily Stevens       |
| Marianne Heath  | Austin Pelletier | Kenneth Wilkinson   |
| Johnstone       |                  |                     |

### Junior Choir

Junior Choir anthem, Sunday, September 30: "Carol of Creation" by Shirley McCrae.

### Qabats

**Kick-off Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**5:30-7:30pm**

Theme: Football

Qabats is a mid-week Christian program for children in grades 1-6. Contact Lynette Kenerson (323-9334) for more information.

The **Glorious Things** (choir for grades 1 & 2) meets for the first time during Qabats on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Contact Chris Lenti for information (clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 110)



### Family Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 13 - 1-3pm**

We will meet on the church grounds (inside in case of rain) for a fun time of games, story-telling, face-painting, crafts and snacks.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Garth on September 30 and October 7. Contact Kris Pochodylo (377-6699 or [kpochodylo@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kpochodylo@rochester.rr.com)) or Leah Shahrin (223-1322 or [leahshahrin@frontiernet.net](mailto:leahshahrin@frontiernet.net)) or Lisa Henry (256-1661 or [lah247@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lah247@rochester.rr.com)). Don't miss a great day of fun for the entire family.

### youth@thirdpresbyterian

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**Sunday, September 30**

- 4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)
- 4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)
- 5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho
- 6:00pm Youth Supper
- 6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)
- 7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

### Church Buddies

**Wednesday Evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6-7:30pm**

Get involved with fellow youth in grades 10-12 on Wednesday evenings for dinner, discussion about a Bible passage brought by someone and then rap wherever the spirit leads... confidences strictly held!

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)
- 4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)
- 5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho
- 6:00pm Youth Supper
- 6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)
- 7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

### Commissioning Class

**Commissioning Class Day Retreat -**  
**October 6**

9:30am - 5pm at Rush BOCES Campus  
Cost: \$10; bring a bag lunch

Commissioning Class will begin with a day retreat at Down to Earth, BOCES #1 Rush campus. We will participate in fellowship and teambuilding events from 9:30am to 5pm. Watch the mail for registration information, or call Aaron Doll at 271-6513, ext. 107.

All youth entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited to join us on Wednesday nights starting October 17<sup>th</sup>. Commissioning class explores scripture, church history, questions of faith and church membership. In the spring each participant will write a personal statement of faith and be given the opportunity of joining Third Presbyterian Church as an adult member.

The class will meet on Wednesday nights from October 17<sup>th</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a parents' meeting from 6-7pm on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Beginning October 24<sup>th</sup>, each class will begin promptly with dinner at 6pm and run until 7:30pm. We will NOT meet on Halloween.

## ROOTED IN LOVE...GROWING IN FAITH



Once upon a time there was a church, and a man with a vision for that church. The church had some members, but no building. And so the man arranged for a church building to be erected. There were no committees, no meetings, no zoning approvals. The new church was built in one week. That church was built almost 175 years ago. That congregation moved twice in those years and is now known as Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY. Those are the 'roots' of our Church, our past.

Today Third Church has 1400 members from many different nearby towns and the City of Rochester. Our members are men, women, black, brown, white, gay, lesbian, young, old and in-between. We have enthusiastic, committed members with many skills and gifts to share.

Why did you join Third Church? What do you receive from this Church? What keeps you a member of this congregation? What do you give to this Church -- Your time? Your talents? Your commitment? Those are the "trunk" or "stems" or "branches" of our Church, our present.

Looking ahead, Third Church wants to grow, to attract more members, to create new programs which answer the call of Christ to help the down-trodden, strengthen the weak-hearted, uphold and celebrate those beaten down by life, educate the uninformed, give hope to the weary. This is the "leafing-out" or "bearing fruit" of our Church, our future.

We will continue to celebrate various aspects of our church life on the following dates with Church Life Celebration luncheons following the 10:30am worship service. You may register by calling 271-6513 or [dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org). The first luncheon, celebrating congregational care and fellowship, was a great success.

September 30 - Worship, Music and the Arts  
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We need the commitment of each member to meet these new challenges, many of which will require "new" financial support, as well. The Stewardship Committee invites you to participate in luncheons following worship during September and October this fall. Each will explain a part of this Church's ministries and show the many ways you can help to support visions of new program ideas.

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## Robert McIver to Serve as Guest Conductor



Robert McIver, Professor of Voice at the Eastman School of Music, and a respected choral conductor, will lead the Chancel Choir in rehearsals and services during Peter DuBois' sabbatical this fall. Dr. McIver will work with the choir beginning with rehearsal on October 3, and will continue through the middle of February 2002.

Bob has extensive experience not only as a teacher of voice, but for many years served as Director of Music in several Presbyterian churches. Before joining the faculty of the Eastman School four years ago, he was on the faculty at Kentucky Wesleyan College for sixteen years, heading the music department there, and conducting the Kentucky Wesleyan Singers. During that time he was also Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Owensboro, Kentucky. Prior to his time in Kentucky, he served on the faculty of the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ for nine years, and served First Presbyterian Church in Cranford, NJ during that time.

His extensive experience as a choral conductor and voice teacher makes him a wonderful and natural person to lead the choir in Peter's absence. It should prove to be a great learning experience for the choir singers as they experience Bob's leadership. Bob is very excited about working with our Chancel Choir, and serving the ministry of Third Church. And, we are fortunate to have the benefit of his gifts in the months ahead! Please welcome him warmly as he begins his work with us.



## Feadan Or Pipe Band in Concert October 14 at 3:00 p.m.

The Music and Arts Committee of Third Church is proud to present a concert by the **Feadan Or Pipe Band** and Highland Dancers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. A special highlight of the program will be the addition of Assistant Organist Christian Lane combining the pipe *organ* with the pipe *band* in a performance of "Highland Cathedral"

The **Feadan Or Pipe Band**, based in Penfield, New York, performs a wonderful blend of traditional, contemporary and Celtic folk music on the Great Highland Bagpipe, High Tension Snare Drum, Tuned Tenor Drum and Bass Drum. Pipes, drums and dancers add to the performance spectacle of this award winning pipe band. The band sports the MacMillan tartan, swaths of maroon and gold on a field of green, which creates a visual explosion to accompany this band's music. Kevin Angus of our congregation is one of the group's leaders.

Plan to attend this free concert at Third Church on the afternoon following the great Presbytery celebration "Gather at the River" at the Blue Cross Arena - make a day of it, and invite your friends to join you!

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## GATHER AT THE RIVER II

### SING A NEW SONG

**GATHER AT THE RIVER II – SING A NEW SONG** is a gathering for everyone in the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, our members, friends and the community, to celebrate our life together in Jesus Christ.

**Sunday, October 14, 2001**  
**11:00am**

at the **Blue Cross Arena** in Downtown Rochester  
Handicapped Accessible – Plenty of Parking

#### Featuring

#### The Mission of GATHER AT THE RIVER II IS

- Guest Speaker Ann Weems, noted poet, author, creative worship designer and Presbyterian elder
- Joyful music – traditional and new
- Combined choirs of 500 or more adults and youth
- Bell choirs
- Offering totally dedicated to supporting NEW Mission!
- Workshops at 9am, repeated at 1pm
- Food available
- Plus "Mission NOT Impossible!" – a special youth event in the main arena from 1-3pm
- to express the joy of singing, praying, gathering at the Table in a vast outpouring of our love of God in Jesus Christ
- to proclaim in our community that Presbyterians share God's love by inviting our friends and the public to join us in a wonderful worship event.
- to share our mutual love of Christ honoring our various theological and musical gifts.
- to become a community of mutual interdependence in which diversity contributes towards wholeness.
- To make possible mission outreach through our joint offerings.

Please note that there will be one service of worship in the Third Church Chapel at 9am on October 14<sup>th</sup>, with Rod Frohman preaching. Church School and Adult Education programs will not meet on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## Sunday Fellowship Time Between Services

10am - 10:15am

Gather in Johnston Hall following the Chapel service and Adult Education for coffee and time to visit.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education this fall has two ongoing offerings:

### Worship Enrichment Seminar

Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parlor  
An every-week exercise in preparing for and getting the most out of worship, including a study of the scripture passages for the day. Led by Aaron Doll.

### Key Words For A Reformed Faith: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, Sacraments, Church

Sundays through October 28 - 9am in Johnston Hall

This six-week session is designed to equip participants to write their own faith statement. Led by Rod Frohman.

## Judaism and Presbyterianism in Conversation

Tuesday mornings October 16, 23, 30,  
November 13, 27

### Temple B'rith Kodesh

2131 Elmwood Avenue  
John Wilkinson, Laurence Kotok  
Call 244-7060 to register or visit [www.TBK.org](http://www.TBK.org)

## Parents as Primary Sexuality Educators

October 19-20 at Asbury House, 1010 East Avenue  
\$5 fee; pre-registration required.

This is an opportunity for parents of children from infants to age 12. The workshop provides

- Practical suggestions and guidelines to communicate accurate information to children about sex and sexuality
  - Information about how children develop and how they mature sexually through puberty
  - Methods for handling issues and topics within the family
  - Encouragement to examine your own values and positive ways to convey them to your children
- Childcare will be provided at Third Church.  
Contact: Beth Sieber-Ford (442-3172) or  
[bsieberford@uno.com](mailto:bsieberford@uno.com)

## New Member Orientation

These classes will include discussions on being Presbyterian, volunteer opportunities at the Church, and the like. Those interested in attending are invited to call Judy Pidcock (271-6513) or John Anderson, chair of the Membership Committee (381-9723) or [jba1934@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jba1934@rochester.rr.com)

Saturday, October 20 - 9-11:30am

Sunday, October 21 - 8:30 - 10:15am

Sunday, October 28 - 9-10:15am - Breakfast with Elders

**On Display in the Library:** An autumn scene in a medieval German town, Dinkelsbühl, is now on view in the church library. Harry Hart photographed this scene in 1972 and it was enlarged from a transparency. We are grateful to him for sharing this view with us.

My people will abide  
in a peaceful habitation  
Isaiah 32:18

2001  
Peacemaking Offering  
Sunday, October 7, 2001



## Memorial Reception Help Needed

Contact person to coordinate set-up, food, serve for memorial receptions.  
To help, please contact:

Judy Pidcock (385-2709) or  
Marian Ertsgaard (271-7823)

## NCN October Gatherings

Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - 4-6pm

NCN/D<sup>2</sup> (Brighton/East)

Deacon: Nancy Mayne  
115 Pickwick Drive

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

NCN/N & NCN/O

Johnston Hall at Church  
Gates, Greece, Hilton, Brockport,  
City (w & sw), Chili, Spencerport, Scottsville)  
Deacons: Nancy Adams, Cathy Norton

## CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome

Mr. McMillan Calkins, born September 16, 1901 to Gina Jennings and Brad Calkins (NCN/E).

James Neil Rice, born September 14, 2001, to John and Melissa Rice in NYC. Grandmother Cile Rice (NCN/A) rejoices in his arrival

April Alice Stratton-Smith, born September 21, 2001 to Scott and Amy Stratton-Smith (NCN/JB). Brother Jeremy joins in rejoicing with his parents on her arrival

Marriage Celebrated

Amie Scarpulla and Robert Liming, on  
September 22, 2001

Sympathy

We express sympathy to

Evelyn Roland (NCN/K) on the death of her daughter-in-law, Susan Roland, on July 23, 2001;

Rusty and Jeanette Olson (NCN/A) on the death of Rusty's father, Harold B. Olson, in his 99<sup>th</sup> year on September 13, 2001, in Mechanicsburg, PA. Services for Mr. Olson will be held in Mechanicsburg on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dorothy and Neal Madden (NCN/K) on the death of Dorothy's mother, Ruth Costle, on September 11, 2001, in Oneida, NY.

Wayne Norton (NCN/K) on the death of his wife, Elizabeth (Lee) Norton, on September 22, 2001.

New Address:

Mary Stoops and Trace Haythorn have a new address:

941 Percy Warner Boulevard  
Nashville, TN 37205

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## A Note of Thanks...

On behalf of the congregation, I'm writing to express thanks to the entire staff—pastors, music staff, office/support staff, and sextons—for the part each played in the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening prayer services, and the Friday service of prayer and remembrance, which were offered in the wake of the horrible tragedy that occurred on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It was very comforting to have a place to come to where we could pray, and cry, and talk, and sing, and just be together.

We at Third Church are blessed with extraordinary people who make up our staff. In the days and weeks ahead, let's make sure that they know how much they're appreciated.

Faithfully,

Jan Chisholm, Chair  
Personnel Committee

## Your Help is Needed!

### Do You Have a New Email Address?

We try diligently to maintain close links to members and friends of our congregation. Please let us know if you have a new email address by sending a note to [cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cmark@thirdpresbyterian.org). We also endeavor to make information posted on the website ([www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)) as quickly as possible. Both of these means allowed us during last week's events to maintain open communication with you.

A message of unpublicized events, such as the worship services during the time of the terrorists attack, will be put on the Church's voice mail (271-6513).

## Calvin Guild October Meeting Covenant Network of Presbyterians John Wilkinson

All Third Church members and friends over 50 years of age are invited to attend Calvin Guild's opening potluck supper and meeting on

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
in the Celebration Center

If you bring a dish to pass (to serve 8), there is a \$2 charge; if you do not bring a dish to pass, there is a \$4 charge.

## Presbyterian Men

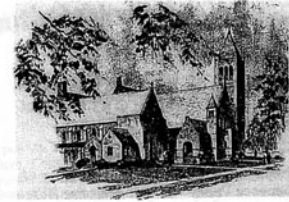
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings  
7pm at various homes

The Presbyterian Men's Group is open to all men of faith and gladly welcomes new members. Group activities will include some reading, sharing of joys and concerns, enjoying a dessert together and perhaps even a mission project to finish out the year. We are reading Anne Lamott's, *Traveling Mercies*. Our next two meetings are on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Gary Stevens' and October 16<sup>th</sup> at Elmer Dustman's. Please call Aaron Doll at 271-6513 ([aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org)) or Scott Stratton-Smith at 224-9051 for more information.

## [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)

The Third Church Website Committee is looking for people to help keep our site up to date. The committee meets informally 2-3 times per year - and we use email a lot! It's a great way to become involved in this vital church ministry and work with a talented and dedicated group. Contact Beth Adams ([eadams01@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eadams01@rochester.rr.com)).

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### GATHER AT THE RIVER II SING A NEW SONG

A Prayer and Worship Celebration for Everyone!  
Sponsored by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley

#### Sunday, October 14

Blue Cross Arena, Rochester, NY

Gathering Music at 10:40 a.m.

Call to Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible - Plenty of Parking



Speaker -  
**Ann Weems**  
Noted Poet and Author

See page 1 for more information....



John Wilkinson, Pastor  
Arlene R. Dool, Music Director  
Judy E. Pothman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
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10:30am in the Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching

October 7  
World Communion Sunday  
9:00am in the Chapel  
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John Wilkinson preaching

**Sunday, September 30**  
8:45 am Child Care  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:00 am Adult Education  
9:15 am Junior Choir  
9:15 am 7th & 8th Grade Church School  
10:00 am Coffee Moment  
10:30am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Church School  
11:45 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 n Church Life Celebration  
12:15 pm Nominating Committee  
3:00 pm NCN/K Gathering  
4:00 pm Covenant Ringers  
4:00 pm Junior High Bells  
5:00 pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble  
**Monday, October 1**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
7:00 pm First Monday Evening Worship  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
**Tuesday, October 2**  
7:00 pm Congregational Fellowship  
**Wednesday, October 3**  
9:15 am Morning Prayer/Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 pm Qabats  
5:30 pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Church Buddies  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, October 4**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
11:00 am Adult Bell Ringers  
5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
6:30 pm Mission Interpretation  
7:00 pm Education Committees  
7:00 pm Peace and Justice Committee  
7:30 pm Outreach Committee  
**Friday, October 5**  
12:10 pm Noonday Prayer  
5:00 pm Commissioning Class Retreat  
**Saturday, October 6**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry-Stewart Team  
**Sunday, October 7 - World Communion Sunday**  
8:45 am Child Care  
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7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble  
**Monday, October 8 - Columbus Day - Office Closed**

Next Messenger will be mailed October 9th  
Deadline is September 25th

### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

Allow me to use this space to make two commercials with a bit of a theological "nudge" to them.

This coming Sunday, October 14, Presbyterians across the Presbytery of Genesee Valley will gather at the Blue Cross Arena for "Gather at the River." It is estimated that several thousand people will attend this service, which will feature massed vocal and bell choirs and a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

We will hold worship here at Third Church at 9:00 a.m. "Gather at the River" will commence at 11:00 a.m. You could make a tremendous day of it and attend worship twice! At least come to one of the services! Thanks to many of you who have or will contribute to the success of this day. I am grateful that Third Church can continue to offer important leadership to the life of our presbytery.

Noted Presbyterian poet Ann Weems will be the preacher for the day. Many of you know her works, including *Kneeling in Bethlehem* and *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. I am sure that she will inspire us on that morning. I am also sure that we will find comfort, somehow, in a gathering of many of us at a time like this. The music will be great. The preaching will be great. Communion will be great. But the greatest of these will be the simple gathering of men and woman, young and old, all stripes, all types, from throughout our presbytery.

Secondly, you all know that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is involved in a rigorous debate regarding its ordination standards and their relationship to human sexuality. Voting has now commenced on what is known as Amendment 01-A, which seeks to delete G-6.0106b from our Book of Order, the so-called "fidelity and

chastity" provision. There will be much more in these pages and in our life together over the next several months in terms of the debates around Amendment 01-A and the role Third Church has to play.

In the meantime, please consider attending a very important conference that we are co-sponsoring with Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo. We will gather in Buffalo on November 9 and 10 around the topic of "living with or without the current constitutional standard."

The fact of the matter is that faithful Presbyterians disagree on this issue, and the conference in Buffalo will attempt to place that disagreement in a faithful context. Speakers will include Barbara Wheeler (known by many of us as a friend of Third Church, President of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City) and Jack Haber, who serves as a pastor in Houston and who has served as moderator of the Presbyterian Coalition, a group promoting our current guideline.

Beyond living with or without the current Book of Order provision, we are also called more deeply than ever to live together in order that we seek ways to share the love of God with an aching world.

So if you are so led and so able - come to "Gather at the River" on October 14 and come to Buffalo on November 9 and 10. Please do give me a call if you'd like information on either of these.

We need each other these days more than ever, and the world needs us. I am grateful for our long tradition and our present commitment to put our arms around one another in order that we may embrace the world.

Faithfully,

*John Wilkins*

### Church School News

#### Third Graders Will Receive Bibles Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Parents of Third Graders: please check the list below for the correct spelling of your child's name. If your child's name was inadvertently omitted, please call the Church Office (271-6513) as soon as possible.

|           |                  |                     |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| Angus     | Taylor Henry     | Alexander Pochodylo |
| Dak       | Sterling Jonasse | Andrew Primerano    |
| Dietrich  | Micah Joseph     | Al Seoud-McKee      |
| Drake     | Mollie Kenerson  | Leah Shahin         |
| Gibson    | Leah Mould       | Meredith Smith      |
| Hernandez | Caitlin Murphy   | Emily Stevens       |
| Heath     | Austin Pelletier | Kenneth Wilkins     |
| Johnstone |                  |                     |

#### Junior Choir

Junior Choir will not meet on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> because of the Gather at the River worship service.

#### Qabats

Qabats is a mid-week Christian program for children in grades 1-6. Contact Lynette Kenerson (323-9334) for more information.

**Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-7:30pm**  
Theme: Joseph (Wear tie-dye)

**Be Glorious Things** (choir for grades 1 & 2) continues to meet Qabats at 7:00pm. Contact Chris for information (clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6513, ext. 110)

**Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-7:30pm**  
Theme: Ezekiel and the Dry Bones



#### Family Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 13 - 1-3pm**

Meet on the church grounds (inside in case of rain) for a fun time of games, story-telling, face-painting, crafts and snacks.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Garth on September 30 and October 7. Contact Kris Pochodylo (377-6699 or kpochodylo@rochester.rr.com) or Kathy Shahin (223-1322 or kshahin@frontiernet.net) or Lisa Henry (256-1661 or lah247@rochester.rr.com). Don't miss a great day with fun for the entire family.

### youth@thirdpresbyterian

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**Sunday, October 14**  
**No Youth Program today**

#### Sunday, October 21

- 4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)
- 4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)
- 5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho
- 6:00pm Youth Supper
- 6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)
- 7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

#### Church Buddies

**Wednesday Evening, October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**6-7:30pm**

Get involved with fellow youth in grades 10-12 on Wednesday evenings for dinner, discussion about a Bible passage brought by someone and then rap wherever the spirit leads... confidences strictly held!

#### Commissioning Class

The class will meet on Wednesday nights from October 17<sup>th</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a parents' meeting from 6-7pm on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Beginning October 24<sup>th</sup>, each class will begin promptly with dinner at 6pm and run until 7:30pm. We will NOT meet on Halloween.



#### Dining Room Ministry - Youth Team

**WHEN?**

Date: Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10am - 1pm

**HOW?**

Call Taylor or Morgan Smith (461-0859) or Des Rague (426-3549) by Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> to let them know you're coming!

#### Feadan Or Pipe Band in Concert Sunday, October 14 at 3pm

The Music and Arts Committee is sponsoring a concert by the Feadan Or Pipe Band in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, October 14. The band, under the leadership of Third Church member Kevin Angus, will present a fascinating program, complete with Highland dancers and including a piece for organ and bagpipes! There is no charge.



## ROOTED IN LOVE.....GROWING IN FAITH



Stewardship took on a new meaning on the morning of September 11, didn't it? The tragic events of that day plunged us into a new world, where earthly safety was no longer guaranteed, where sorrow united us, and anger threatened to overcome our good judgment. A sign on an Episcopal church on Lake Avenue displayed only two words, "Jesus Wept," a reminder that God is with us in our deepest need and suffers with us all. During that week, we needed to weep, to hug our loved ones and to ask "Why?" and "What can we do?" and "Where can we turn?"

Thanks to the support of our members throughout the years, Third Church was there for us, reaching out to us in special prayer services, reminding us of familiar biblical passages of reassurance, respecting our doubts and fears and challenging us to reach out to those of other faiths and ways of life who are blamed and misunderstood.

Stewardship, especially this year, is not only about money: it is about preserving and growing a church faith community. We had no idea that our Church Life Celebrations would come to be so important. For, as we have gathered after church for lunch, as we have greeted our friends, enjoying laughter, conversation and good food, we have also been reminded about the wonderful church heritage which we sometimes take for granted and our connection with the people who have loved and supported each other and the church throughout its history.

During the past three Sunday lunches, we have celebrated our life as a congregation, our music, art and worship traditions and the new directions envisioned for Christian Education for all ages. All these aspects of our church life are important in themselves: however, they are also preparation for reaching out into the world in God's name.

On Sunday, October 21, the Church Life Celebration will center on our Mission and Outreach programs. A typical Dining Room Ministry lunch will be served, and the Dining Room Ministry teams will be honored.

In addition, the Outreach Commission will bring you up to date on all the current developments in Third Church's ministry to the city and the world. They promise to do this in an entertaining way, and everybody is welcome, including kids.

Two other Church Life Celebrations are planned:

- Sunday, October 28 luncheon after church - Facilities and Administration
- Tuesday Evening, October 30- Focus on the Budget.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend as many of these events as possible. Then, do your part to help our church continue to "grow in love" and thrive in the next year and the years to come.

ROOTED IN LOVE...GROWING IN FAITH



## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

Sunday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m.

### Choral Evensong and High Tea

Come to this wonderful service celebrating the Chancel Choir's wonderful tour to Great Britain this past summer. Patterned after the services they sang daily at Rochester Cathedral as they served as choir-in-residence, this reflective liturgy, full of music, scripture and prayer will be a fitting beginning to the new season of music and arts events at Third Church. A splendid tea, with all kinds of goodies will be served following -- you may also view scrapbooks, pictures, and even the Third Church website at the gathering following. Invite your friends and neighbors to join!

Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m.

### The Feadan Or Pipe Band in Concert

The Feadan Or Pipe Band, based in Penfield, New York, performs a wonderful blend of traditional, contemporary and Celtic folk music on the Great Highland Bagpipe, High Tension Snare Drum, Tuned Tenor Drum and Bass Drum. Pipes, drums and dancers add to the performance spectacle of this award winning pipe band. A special highlight of the program will be the addition of Assistant Organist Christian Lane combining the pipe organ with the pipe band in a performance of "Highland Cathedral!" Come and enjoy this free concert!

Sunday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m.

### Readers' Theatre and Dessert

Join us for an unusual evening of Readers' Theatre, dessert and discussion, celebrating the award-winning radio drama written by our own Jeanne Fisher entitled, "The Voice in the Wilderness"

At the dawn of the first millennium, the world stood on the brink of great social change, and the remarkable events in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago have puzzled humanity for centuries. In this century, radio and television news brings world events into our cars and our homes as they happen, but in Biblical times news traveled slowly, by word of mouth. In the information age, we have come to rely on instant communication to keep us informed about the issues and events of our times.

What if the information super-highway had been in existence two thousand years ago? If there had been a "Sixty Minutes" or a "Morning Edition" in 6 B.C.E., the world would have been aware of the political issues in Roman-occupied Israel, even if they didn't hear or read about the young woman from Nazareth, who came to Bethlehem with her husband for the census, and had to give birth to her first child in a stable because there was no place else available.

"The Voice in the Wilderness" is a dramatic proclamation for 6 to 7 readers, based on Micah 5:2-5a & Luke 1:67-79, that is presented in the form of a radio news broadcast.

Sunday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m.

### Adult Education with Lucy Durkin

Once again, art historian Lucy Durkin will present for us insights into historic artistic expressions of religious events and teachings. As part of a larger Adult Education series during December, Lucy will show pictures and discuss a section of the famed Giotto frescos. The section under discussion will be on the Annunciation of Mary -- and explores the lore surrounding Mary's parents and just who Mary was. Come and learn about this "illustrated legend" as Lucy describes it. These are always fascinating and enlightening sessions!

Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

### Chancel Choir Special Music

#### TWO Glorias!

by John Rutter and Robert McIver

The Chancel Choir accompanied by organ, brass and percussion, will present TWO twentieth-century settings of the ancient text of the *Gloria in excelsis*. The first is by well-known British composer John Rutter. Paired with it will be a wonderful addition to the repertoire, composed by our guest conductor, Robert McIver of the faculty of the Eastman School of Music. Come and experience the joy and freshness of these two great pieces!

Christmas Eve -- Monday, December 24

**4:30 p.m. -- Festival of the Nativity** This traditional candlelight service, incorporating narration, carols, and tableaux illustrating the Nativity will be our early Christmas Eve service for families of all kinds. The Junior Choir, The Glorious Things, The Carol Choir, and the Junior High Bells will participate, as will many of Third Church's senior high youth.

**11:00 p.m. -- Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols** Once in *Royal David's City*, led by children, and joined by choir and congregation, opens this beautiful candlelight service which portrays in scripture and music the wondrous story of our Savior's birth. The

Chancel Choir provides musical leadership for the service, which includes much congregational singing, as well.

Friday, January 18 at 8:00 p.m.

### Organ Recital by Christian Lane

Assistant Organist Chris Lane will present a rousing organ recital in the Third Church Sanctuary on the magnificent 4-manual Austin organ. Included will be works by Vincent Lübeck, César Franck, Franz Liszt and George Shearing. Chris will be joined by some friends for what may be the highlight of the evening -- selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," accompanied by the organ. Don't miss this night of great organ music!

Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m.

### REQUIEM, Op. 9 by Maurice Durufé

The Chancel Choir will present this 20<sup>th</sup> century masterpiece of choral literature by one of the leading French composers of his day. This intensely moving and personal setting of the requiem text is entirely based on plainchant, but richly adorned with sumptuous harmonies and gorgeous orchestration.

Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.

### The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit

The Junior Choir will present this energetic and wonderful musical by Allen Pote and Tom Long as our morning worship...we'll let you guess the story line! Join us for a wonderful presentation by our children.

Sunday, May 5 at 12:00 p.m.

### Third Church Handbell Festival

Join us after worship for a wonderful program featuring the talents of all of the bell choirs of Third Church in concert! This promises to be a unique and thrilling event.

Sunday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

### Music Recognition Sunday

This service is the annual celebration and recognition of the many persons who participate in the music ministry of Third Church, and serves as the culmination of the year's program for children's youth, and handbell choirs. Many of the musical groups will participate as we celebrate the talent and dedication of so many persons in our congregation sharing their gifts to the glory of God.

## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

### *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! ...Celebrate the Journey*

✚ These words written in 1988 by Brian Dill, and found in our hymnal, set the stage for our Music and Arts programming at Third Church for the coming year.

✚ Throughout human history, God's people have been blessed with many and varied gifts.

✚ Our faith often finds its most powerful and profound expression through creative gifts which include art, music, drama and literature.

✚ We hope you will join us in "singing" our praise to God through sharing our gifts in this series of arts events! The extraordinary variety of programs, and the substantial gifts and talents of our members, will help us expand and enlarge our praise beyond what words can express.

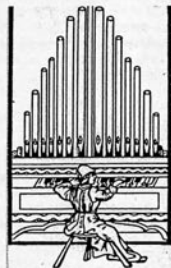
#### MUSIC & ARTS STAFF

Peter DuBois, *Director of Music/Organist*  
Christina Lenti, *Associate Director of Music*  
Christian Lane, *Assistant Organist*  
Jeanne Fisher, Jr. *High Bell Director*

#### Throughout the year...

##### Compact Discs of Third Church Groups on Sale (available in the Church Office)

- **A Voice for God:** Favorite Hymns and Anthems for Children
  - recorded by our Junior Choir in 2001 - \$13
- **Calm on the Listening Ear of Night:** Music for Advent and Christmas
  - recorded by the Chancel Choir in 2000 - \$16
- **i thank You God**
  - anthems by the Youth Choirs of Third Church - \$13
  - recorded in 2000
- **Shout Joy!**
  - the Chancel Choir's debut CD from 1997 - \$13



### *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! ...Celebrate the Journey*



#### MUSIC & ARTS EVENTS AT THIRD CHURCH

2001 — 2002

presented by  
The Music and the Arts Committee

Third Presbyterian Church  
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Rochester, NY 14607  
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## *Listening: The Pulse of Faith*

- *What: Third Church Retreat*
- *Who: Members of the congregation  
Led by Amy Stratton-Smith  
Sponsored by the Board of Deacons*
- *When: Saturday, November 3, 2001  
8:30—registration and coffee  
9:00—12:00—program  
12:00-1:00—lunch and conversation  
(Lunch will be provided.)*
- *Where: 1010 East Ave. (next to Asbury First Methodist)*
- *Pre-registration required: call Amy Stratton-Smith at 224-9051*
- *Attendance limited to 30*

*In our fast-paced, busy lives it's easy to forget or overlook the value of cultivating "ears that hear." Explore the art of listening to God, each other, and ourselves in a Saturday morning retreat. The morning will include both a presentation on the role of listening in our Christian heritage and time for prayerful reflection on its continuing relevance for our daily lives.*

*Amy Stratton-Smith, a member of Third Presbyterian Church, will lead the retreat. Amy is a graduate of the College of Wooster and The Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She is currently studying the Art of Spiritual Direction at San Francisco Theological Seminary.*

### **Lilian Hert Alexander Endowment Leadership Circle**

Lilian Alexander (1891-1987) was one of the first women elders at Third Presbyterian Church. She initiated and championed the national church legislation that led to the ordination of women to ministry in the Presbyterian church. A portrait of Lilian Alexander hangs in the Meigs Street foyer.

The Session and Trustees have established the Lilian Alexander Endowment Leadership Circle to become Third Presbyterian Church's means of identifying and recognizing gifts to the Third Church endowment. To date, 40 families and individuals have indicated that they have remembered Third Church in their wills.

If you have not included Third Church in your Will or considered a Planned Gift to the Church, please give some thought to doing so at some future date. Such a precious gift can make an enormous difference to future Third Church members and the many people it serves, much as we have been empowered by the gifts from those who have gone before us.

If you would like to discuss gift planning and estate planning options with the Third Church representative or would like to receive some information regarding life income plans and gift planning, please contact John Wilkinson (271-6537, ext. 105).

### **Peacemaking Offering 2001**



Although the Peacemaking Offering was received on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2001, there is still time to make a contribution. Keep in mind that 25% of the Offering will be used in our congregation to support our peacemaking activities. The remainder of the funds (75%) will help support our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly as they continue to work on behalf of God's peacemaking throughout the world. An envelope is inserted in this issue of the Messenger for your use. Please be generous as you are able.



### **Expanded Prayer Opportunities**

Members and friends of Third Presbyterian Church are welcome to come to a time for prayers for peace at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary each Friday throughout the month of October. On Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. all are invited to come to the Chapel for evening prayers, a service lasting between 30-40 minutes that features special prayers and music that will set an introspective and contemplative tone.

**Remaining October NCN Gathering**  
**Monday, October 22, 2001 - 5:30pm Buffet Supper**  
NCN/S -(Penfield, Macedon, Walworth)  
The Harris Whalen Park Lodge  
Deacon: Susan Hill  
Coordinator: Susie Jacobs

### **Email System Upgrade**

Our email system was upgraded over the weekend and we were not able to receive or send emails from Friday afternoon until Tuesday morning. If you sent email and were not able to deliver it, please resend your message. Thank you!

### Sunday Fellowship Time Between Services

10am - 10:15am

Gather in Johnston Hall following the Chapel service and Adult Education for coffee and time to visit.

### ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education this fall has two ongoing Sunday morning offerings:

#### Worship Enrichment Seminar

Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parlor

An every-week exercise in preparing for and getting the most out of worship, including a study of the scripture passages for the day. Led by Aaron Doll and others.

#### Key Words For A Reformed Faith: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, Sacraments, Church

Sundays through October 28  
9am in Johnston Hall

This six-week session is designed to equip participants to write their own faith statement. Led by Roderic Frohman.

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### Judaism and Presbyterianism in Conversation

Tuesday mornings : October 16, 23, 30,  
November 13, 27

#### Temple B'rith Kodesh

2131 Elmwood Avenue

John Wilkinson, Laurence Kotok

Call 244-7060 to register or visit [www.TBK.org](http://www.TBK.org)

### Parents as Primary Sexuality Educators

October 19-20 at Asbury House, 1010 East Avenue  
\$5 fee; pre-registration required.

This is an opportunity for parents of children from infants to age 12.

Childcare will be provided at Third Church.  
Contact: Beth Sieber-Ford (442-3172) or  
[bsieberford@uno.com](mailto:bsieberford@uno.com)

### Islam and Christianity In Dialogue

Tuesday Evening, October 23 at 7pm  
in Johnston Hall

An introductory exploration at a time of national and religious challenge.

Ali Nahas - Rochester Islamic Center

### Listening: The Pulse of Faith

Day Retreat on November 3 - 8:30am-12noon  
See insert in this Messenger.

### New Member Orientation

These classes will include discussions on being Presbyterian, volunteer opportunities at Third Church, and the like. Those interested in attending are invited to call Judy Pidcock (271-6513) or John Anderson, chair of the Membership Committee (381-9723) or [jba1934@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jba1934@rochester.rr.com)

Saturday, October 20 - 9-11:30am

Sunday, October 21 - 8:30 - 10:15am

Sunday, October 28 - 9-10:15am - Breakfast with Elders

### New Library Items

Several new items related to the Chancel Choir's recent tour to Great Britain have been added to the church library. Stop in and check them out!

*Faith and Fabric: A History of Rochester Cathedral* 604-1994, edited by Nigel Yates and Paul A. Welby, is a wonderful look at the history of the place where the choir was in residence for the first week of their trip. It was recently published by the University of Rochester Press, and is a gift from Betsy Mann. Also given by Betsy is another charming book entitled *Kent and Sussex*, which gives a good overview of the southeastern part of England which includes Rochester and many of the sites visited by the choir.

A complete set of compact discs of the choir's singing in England this summer has been placed in the library for individuals to check out and listen. Seven of the CDs include complete services which the choir sang in Rochester and Salisbury; one CD of the choir's concert at St. Luke's Parish in Sevenoaks, Kent; and two CDs which are compilations of music from the various services. The CDs may be checked out just as books are, and may be checked out individually, rather than as a complete set.

Copies of the booklet including the complete e-mail updates from the tour, as well as many of the choir members' reflections on the trip, are available for individuals to pick up in the library and several other places throughout the building.

Please note: The Church Library is always open! Located between Johnston Hall and the Church office, the Third Church Library strives to offer new and relevant books for your personal and spiritual enrichment. Drop in and sign out a book this Sunday!

### CHURCH FAMILY

**Baptized**  
Nathan William Weis, born November 9, 2000, son of Jeffrey and Ann Margaret Wilcox Weis, on September 30, 2001.

**Marriages Celebrated**  
Kristin Heers and Russell Dack, on September 29, 2001

**Sympathy**  
To express sympathy to David and Carol Meyers (NCN/P) on the death of David's father on September 22, 2001 Bill and Betty Powell (NCN/M) on the death of Betty's brother, Bruce Wilson, in Turkey. A service was held for Mr. Wilson in New Jersey. Dona Summers on the death of her step-father, on October 3, 2001, in Florida.

### John White Circle Meeting Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon Celebration Center

John Wilkinson will be the guest speaker for the John White Circle's October meeting. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert will be provided.

### Calvin Guild October Meeting Covenant Network of Presbyterians John Wilkinson

All Third Church members and friends over 50 years of age are invited to attend Calvin Guild's opening potluck supper and meeting on

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
in the Celebration Center

If you bring a dish to pass (to serve 8), there is a \$2 charge; if you do not bring a dish to pass, there is a \$4 charge.

### Presbyterian Men 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings 7pm at various homes

The Presbyterian Men's Group is open to all men of faith and gladly welcomes new members. Group activities will include some reading, sharing of joys and concerns, enjoying a dessert together and perhaps even a mission project to finish out the year. October 16<sup>th</sup> at Elmer Dustman's. Please call Aaron Doll at 271-6513 ([aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org)) or Scott Stratton-Smith at 224-9051 for more information.

### Eagle Scout Clothing Drive

Dear Third Churches,

Thank you so much for your incredible support of my Eagle Scout Clothing Drive. Through your generous help, I was able to collect over 100 large boxes of clothing for this important ministry at the Asbury Storehouse. Your donations will help the less fortunate members of our community for many months to come.

Again, thank you very much.

Tom Aten



### Dining Room Ministry Volunteers

To All Dining Room Ministry Volunteers,  
Past and Present,

Please be our guest at a party celebrating 10 years of the Dining Room Ministry and the efforts of all the volunteers.

Date: October 21, 2001  
Time: Right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service R.S.V.P. by calling Dona Summers at 271-6537, ext. 102 or [dsommers@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dsommers@thirdpresbyterian.org) by October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch and entertainment will be provided. This celebration will occur as an important part of the Church Life Celebrations sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. Questions only to Otto Muller-Girard, Jr., 467-2029

\* **All** means everybody who has ever been involved, bakers, subs, team members, shoppers and planners, past and present, we want to honor your efforts.



**October 14**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**Presbyterian HIV/AIDS Awareness Sunday**  
 Roderic P. Frohman preaching  
 Annie Long, AIDS Rochester, liturgist

**11:00am at Riverside Convention Center**  
**Gather at the River II**

**October 21**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
 John Wilkinson preaching  
 Judging and Persevering  
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
 Luke 18:1-8

**Sunday, October 14**  
 9:00 am Nursery Care  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 11:00am Gather at the River II  
 3:00 pm Faedon Or Pipe Band Concert  
**Monday, October 15**  
 9:00 am Kerygma Program  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
**Tuesday, October 16**  
 12:00 n John White Circle  
 12:00 n Senior Visitor Luncheon  
 12:00 n Mary Paris Strayer Circle  
 7:00 pm Presbyterian Men (Dustman's)  
**Wednesday, October 17**  
 9:15 am Morning Prayer/Staff Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
 5:30 pm Qabata  
 6:00 pm Church Buddies  
 6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
 6:00 pm Calvin Guild  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, October 18**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:45 am Adult Bell Ringers  
 12:00 n 175th Anniversary Committee  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
**Friday, October 19**  
 12:10 pm Noonday Prayer  
**Saturday, October 20**  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry-Youth Team  
**Sunday, October 21**  
 8:30 am New Member Class  
 8:45 am Child Care  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 am 7th & 8th Grade Church School  
 10:00 am Coffee Moment  
 10:30am Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 12:00 n Church Life Celebration - Mission and Outreach  
 4:00 pm Covenant Ringers  
 4:00 pm Junior High Bells  
 5:00 pm CHAOS/Cali Rite  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Ringers  
 7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

Next Messenger will be mailed October 23rd  
 Deadline is October 9th

John Wilkinson, Pastor  
 Adam R. Doll, Pastor/Christian Nurture  
 Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
 Judy E. Pittcock, Parish Associate for Congregational Care  
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### November 4 is Stewardship Sunday

Bring your  
 pledge card  
 to either service of worship

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### Congregational Meeting

will take place following the  
 10:30am worship service  
 to hear a report from the  
 Nominating Committee.  
 Slate of Officers is on page 5

### ROOTED IN LOVE, GROWING IN FAITH

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### Church Life Celebrations

**Sunday, October 28**  
 following 10:30am worship (lunch)  
 Focus on Facilities and Administration

**Tuesday, October 30**  
 7:00pm (dessert)  
 Focus on Budget and Finance

Call the church office or email dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org for  
 reservations

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Watch your mail this week for your stewardship  
 materials - letter, brochure and pledge card.  
 Prayerfully consider this information and bring your  
 pledge card to worship on November 4th.

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See page 1 for reflections on the  
 theme "Rooted in Faith, Growing in  
 Love."

### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

Each year, stewardship committees in churches great and small wrestle with finding just the right way to try to communicate the financial needs of the church and the call to support those needs. Sometime in early summer, our Stewardship Committee landed on "Rooted in Love, Growing in Faith" as its theme for the 2002 stewardship effort. Little did we know how prescient that decision would be.

The visual image for this stewardship season has been a tree, a tree whose roots represent God's love and whose branches represent the ways we respond to that love in faith. This fall, a wonderful series of Church Life Celebration luncheons have highlighted in creative ways those branches – the programmatic ways that this congregation has sought to live God's love out in the church and world. I like to think of it as faith in action: congregational care and fellowship; worship, music and arts; education for all ages; outreach and mission and service. All of these branches are, of course, nurtured as well by a church building that shelters us and a staff that labors faithfully and well on our behalf.

Yet as much as this story is about the branches, our faith response, it has seemed to me focused in these weeks in profound and poignant ways on the roots, God's love. In the face of unspeakable tragedy and in the face of continuing fear and anxiety and uncertainty, we have held on to one another as a community of love. We have turned to words in the pages of the Bible that have articulated in old, old ways about the love of God that we discover most hopefully in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. We have looked one another in the eye or held a hand or shared an embrace, and by so doing have shared the love of God in extraordinary ways.

Church historian Martin Marty writes that one of the unsung heroes of this fall has been the church itself. That is to say, when people turned to the church, there it was, open, ready to provide sanctuary, ready to provide words and music to begin seeking meaning for all this, ready to be a community of love and hope for those who sought it out and for a nation that needed its message more than ever.

We are rooted in God's love. That is the best news of all. We respond to God's love by building the church of Jesus Christ, whose best days would have it resemble a growing, thriving, flourishing tree that provides shade and anchor and strength and hope.

And now we are called to celebrate that love and support that tree and its growing branches with our financial resources. Much has been written these days on these things, about how we will respond in the face of economic uncertainty. Last year, the Third Church congregation responded magnificently to increased need by pledging in record-setting ways. This year, as we have moved through a time of transition into a new time in our life together, the need remains very real. We have a great story to tell one another and a world that so needs God's love. The tree that is Third Church matters, and it matters deeply, and it needs our tending. So thank you now, in advance of Stewardship Sunday on November 4, for your support of this place and all that it means to us and our community.

Thank God for love beyond love. Thank all of you for living that love out in community, for roots that run deep and for branches that nurture and challenge and give hope, now, more than ever, when we need it most.

Faithfully,

*John Williams*

### Church School News

#### God's Rainbow of Promise!

Special worship service for the Church School will take place October 28<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel following the Children's Message in the Sanctuary. Each class is preparing a part of this special service as its gift of worship to God. Children will go to their classrooms as usual following the Children's Message and follow their teachers instructions from there. Parents who have not signed up as volunteer help for the week are welcome to join the service. Go directly to the Chapel after the children's message.

#### Junior Choir

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

The Junior Choir will sing *Loving Hands* by Cary Katoff during 10:30am worship. Warm up at 10:00am.

#### Save the Date/Time for

Camp Reunion and Evening Prayer Service  
Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Camp Cory Reunion and Evening Prayer Service will take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Newport. All choir members who participated in Camp Cory last August are invited to come to this event. The rehearsal will begin at 5:00pm at Bethlehem. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend the service which begins at 7:00pm.

#### Qabats

Qabats is a mid-week Christian program for children in grades 1-6. Contact Lynette Kenerson (323-9334) for more information.

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Halloween – No Qabats today!

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Theme: All Saints (El Dia de los Muertos)

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#### Food Cupboard Calls for Help

Food Cupboard volunteers are looking for donations of:

Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Lotion  
Toilet Paper, Women's Personal Hygiene Items  
Food donations of

Complete Dinners (Beef Stew, Corned Beef, etc.)

Crackers, Cereals

Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Juices

are also gratefully appreciated! Direct questions to Lisa Henry (256-1661) or lah247@rochester.rr.com.

### youth@thirdpresbyterian

2001-2002

GOD IS GOOD.....ALL THE TIME!

#### Montreat Stockholders Breakfast

November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Celebration Center.

All Montreat 2000 Stockholders are invited with their families to attend this breakfast. RSVP to Aaron at 271-6513, ext. 107, or aaron@thirdpresbyterian.org by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please indicate the number of people attending.

**MONTREAT YOUTH:** We need to set up for the Stockholders Breakfast on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3pm. Please make every effort to come and help. Suzie needs us again Sunday morning, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8am to help cook and serve. Can't wait to see us together again!

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Senior High Ensemble Warm up  
10:00am Covenant Ringers Warm up

Afternoon/Evening Program  
4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)  
4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)  
5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
6:00pm Youth Supper  
6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)  
7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

1:00pm Set up for Stockholders Breakfast  
Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am Prepare Stockholders Breakfast  
10:00am Jr. High Bells Warm up  
Afternoon/Evening Program  
4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)  
4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)  
5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
6:00pm Youth Supper  
6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)  
7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

#### Church Buddies

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

We will not meet on Halloween, but will meet again on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm

#### Commissioning Class

Beginning October 24<sup>th</sup>, each class will begin promptly with dinner at 6pm and run until 7:30pm. We will NOT meet on Halloween.

# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

## Church Officer Nominations

The following names will be placed in nomination for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large at a meeting of the congregation at 11:45am on Sunday, November 4, 2001. Thanks to these men and women for their willingness to serve Third Church in such an important way. Thanks also to members of the Nominating Committee for their faithful work in preparing such a strong slate. Its members include: Peg Rachfal, chair, Beth Alletto, Sally Dieterich, Bobbie Gardner, Alan Illig, Betty Iwan, Chuck Lewis, Rose Pethick, Bethany Rague and Lynne Tobin. The Committee is still at work and the complete slate will be available soon.

### Youth Elder, Class of 2003

Sarah Stimson

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Pam Apt  
Donald Boyd  
George Gray  
David Gregory  
Nelly Kutchukian  
Maryjane Link  
Gale Myers  
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Taimi Marple Holm  
Pat Rumbold  
Beth Tschorke  
Claire Van Arsdale

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## UniTY IN DIVERSITY CONFERENCE 2001

November 9-10



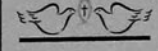


Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo


### It's not too late to register!

Third Presbyterian Church will co-sponsor a Unity in Diversity Conference November 9-10 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo focussing on ordination issues in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) This will be a great opportunity to learn more about this issue and to make connections in the broader church. For further information call John Wilkinson (271-6537, ext. 105, [jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org)) or visit [unity@westminster-bflo.org](http://unity@westminster-bflo.org).

## No Committees! No Meetings! Hands-on Help Needed!

Saturday, November 3rd is the date. The Corner Place at 983 Monroe Avenue is the place. We will also work on the New Life Presbyterian Church building. The time is between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (or any hour you can spare within those hours). The task could be to put up a shelf, wax a floor, wash a window, organize books or art supplies, install some hooks, or some similar, hands-on activity. We will hope to have folks from Third and New Life Presbyterian Churches, people from the neighborhood, parents of our Corner Place kids, any and all willing hands. We'll even provide some cider and doughnuts! Can you help? If so, please e-mail the Melechs at [rsmelech@aol.com](mailto:rsmelech@aol.com) or call us at 546-3564 to say you're ready, willing and able!

| WEDNESDAY                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                               | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                 | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|                                                                        | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br/>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br/>7:00 Education Sub-Comm.<br/>7:00 Peace and Justice<br/>7:30 Outreach Committee</p> | <p>9:45 Sisters in Spirit<br/>5:00 Cross/Ciabarra<br/>Wedding Rehearsal</p>                         | <p>8:30 Listening: The Pulse of<br/>Faith Retreat<br/>9:00 Work Day at New Life Presbyterian Church<br/>9:00 Coptic Church<br/>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Bachelor Team</p>                                  |
| <p>Prayer/Staff<br/>Bell Choir<br/>Rehearsal<br/>Buddies<br/>Choir</p> | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br/>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br/>6:30 Mission Interpretation<br/>7:00 NCN/N &amp; NCN/O Gathering</p>                | <p>5:00 Noble/Ossant<br/>Wedding Rehearsal</p>  <p>Unity in Diversity<br/>Conference in Buffalo</p> | <p>9:00 Coptic Church<br/>10:00 Bell Tolling &amp; Community Prayer Service<br/>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Salzer Team<br/>3:00 Noble/Ossant Wedding</p> <p>Unity in Diversity<br/>Conference in Buffalo</p> |
| <p>Prayer/Staff<br/>Bell Choir<br/>Rehearsal<br/>Buddies<br/>Choir</p> | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br/>5:30 Third Church Ringers</p>                                                                                     | <p>9:45 Sisters in Spirit<br/>5:30 Forth/ Mormon<br/>Wedding Rehearsal</p>                          | <p>9:00 Coptic Church<br/>9:00 Set-Up for Alternative Christmas Market<br/>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Thauer Team<br/>4:00 Forth/ Mormon Wedding</p>                                                         |
| <p>Prayer/Staff<br/>Bell Choir<br/>Rehearsal<br/>Buddies<br/>Choir</p> | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br/>5:30 Third Church Ringers</p>                                                                                     | <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>                                                                                | <p>9:00 Coptic Church<br/>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Muller-Girard Team</p>                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Prayer/Staff<br/>Bell Choir<br/>Rehearsal<br/>Buddies<br/>Choir</p> | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br/>5:30 Third Church Ringers</p>                                                                                     | <p>6:30 "Voices in the Wilderness" and Potluck Dinner</p>                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                          |

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b> 4<br>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br>9:00 Montreat Stockholders Brkfst<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Church School<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary<br>10:45 Church School<br>11:45 Congregational Meeting<br>4:00 Youth Program | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>5:30 Evangelism Committee<br>7:00 Worship- Chapel<br>7:00 Personnel Committee<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group<br>7:45 Worship Committee | 9:00 Stuffers and Staples<br>7:00 Congregational Fellowship<br>7:00 Presbyterian Men's Group                                                          |
| 9:00 Worship- Chapel<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Church School<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary<br>10:45 Church School<br>3:00 Youth Program<br>3:00 NCN/C Gathering                                                                             | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>7:00 Amendment A Discussion at<br>Downtown United Presbyterian Church                                                                     | 10:30 Judaism and Presbyterianism in<br>Conversation<br>12:00 Retired Men's Luncheon<br>7:00 Session with Deacons                                     |
| 9:00 Worship<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>9:00 Alternative Christmas Market<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ch. School<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:45 Church School<br>4:00 Youth Program<br>5:00 Children's Evening Prayer<br>Rehearsal<br>7:00 Children's Evening Prayer            | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Group                                                                                                            | 9:00 Stuffers and Staples<br>6:30 Finance Committee<br>7:00 Presbyterian Men's Group<br>7:00 Thanksgiving Worship<br>Service at Incarnate Word Church |
| 9:00 Worship<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ch. School<br>10:30 Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>5:30 Music & Arts Committee<br>7:30 Worship Committee<br>7:30 More Light Committee                                                        | 10:30 Judaism and Presbyterianism in<br>Conversation<br>4:30 Presbytery Meeting at<br>Summerville Presbyterian Church<br>7:30 Trustees                |

is the symbol for "If needed, child care will be provided." Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours

## Session Meeting Highlights

At its October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Session:

- Met jointly with the Trustees to review plans for the fall stewardship campaign, receive updates on finances, and hear status reports on property matters
- Approved three special offerings for Music & Arts events
- Endorsed the hiring of Nancy Gee as interim director of the Corner Place through August 2002
- Authorized the Outreach Committee to send contributions to the General Assembly Theological Education Fund, Union Seminary, Auburn Seminary, and McCormick Seminary
- Approved the adoption of a building use agreement with the Task Force to Reduce Violence to occupy the first floor of 34 Meigs Street
- Voted to approve the candidacy of Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch as Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Recognized and sent correspondence to the 107<sup>th</sup> More Light church, Church of the Pilgrims, in Washington, D.C.

Chris Bensch, Clerk of Session

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## Gather at the River II

Thanks to the many Third Church members who participated in the Presbytery of Genesee Valley's Gather at the River on October 14. We were well represented by ushers, communion servers and our great musicians. This was an important event in our life together, and Third Church's leadership and support were very important.

## First Monday Evening Prayer on November 5 - Remember the Saints

The November 5 First Monday Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel will focus on All Saints Day. This service will provide a special opportunity for all of us to remember loved ones who have died, whether in the past year or in the more distant past. Prayers and music will focus on the communion of the saints, inviting us to remember with thanks those who have gone before us. All are welcome to this service, a time for remembering and hope.



## Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday, November 18, 2001  
9am until Noon

Back by popular demand...it's the Alternative Christmas Market in Johnston Hall. You'll feel great supporting the many charitable groups with gifts for sale, and your friends and family will love receiving these "Gifts that Give Twice." Consider crèches, angels and ornaments from One World Goods; CD's from our Junior and Chancel Choirs "Dining in Style" cards to support AIDS Rochester; holiday cards from UNICEF; books for students at School #6 and more!!

## Transmitting Tradition

Celebrating the Rich Inter-Generational Relationships of Women  
November 8-10 at Colgate Rochester Divinity School

This year's Helen Barrett Montgomery and the J.C. Wynn Conferences examine the role that tradition, as it is passed down from generations, exists and works in the lives of women. The keynote speakers are Margaret Kornfield, President of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and author of "Cultivating Wholeness: A guide to Care and Counseling in Faith Communities" and Karen Baker-Fletcher, author of "My Sister, My Brother" and "Sister of the Spirit, Sister of the Dust."

The Conference begins at 4:30pm on Thursday and ends at noon on Saturday. Full conference fee is \$50 with Thursday dinner and Friday lunch included. Contact [ssauve@crds.edu](mailto:ssauve@crds.edu) or call 271-1320, ext. 254. Betty Iwan at [bettyiwan@aol.com](mailto:bettyiwan@aol.com) or 442-3655 can answer questions.



# Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

## ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays at 9am

### Track 1: What is a Presbyterian?

Johnston Hall  
Nov. 4: No Bishops, No Idols: Polity, Life and Scripture  
Gail Ricciuti, Professor at Colgate Rochester Divinity School  
Nov. 11: Confessional, Connectional, Constitutional:  
The Presbyterian Past and a Vision for the Future  
John Wilkman

Nov. 18: Down in the Dumps or Soaring in the Spirit?  
Spiritual Disciplines  
Aaron Doll

Nov. 25: Meddling in Politics: Sticking our Presbyterian  
Necks Out  
Rod Frohman

Dec. 2: Finding Middle Ground in the Ordination  
Controversy  
Tricia Dykers Koenig, Covenant Network of Presbyterians

### Track 2: Making Sense of Sunday: Worship Enrichment Seminar

Church Parlor  
Weekly preparation for worship, including a study of the  
scripture passages for the day.

## Spiritual Formation

Life Listening Resources at Labrynth House  
Listening Days are opportunities to retreat in quiet space  
for silence, prayer, and reflection.

2071 Westfall Road, Brighton  
256-3384 or www.lifelistening.com  
9:30am-5pm on Friday, November 16  
(one Friday a month, directed prayer at 10am, 3pm, 6pm)

Listening: The Pulse of Faith - Day Retreat  
Saturday, November 3, 8:30am-12 Noon  
Pre-registration required by calling Amy Stratton-Smith at  
224-9051, or sstrattonsmith@aol.com

## Sisters in Spirit

First and Third Friday mornings  
Church Parlor: 9:45am-11:45am  
Women of all ages and vocations are welcome to explore  
questions of faith together in conversation and fellowship.  
Contact Amy Stratton-Smith (224-9051) or  
sstrattonsmith@aol.com.

## Corner Place Volunteers Needed

Do you have two hours a week to share with a child?  
The time is 3:00-5:00pm. You can choose:  
➤ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday  
➤ Once a week, once a month, or twice a month  
The children are in grades 1-6 and arrive at The  
Corner Place at 983 Monroe Avenue (near Cobbs  
Hill) at 3:15pm with their homework. You will be  
working one-on-one with a child until the homework  
is finished. Then you might read stories or play  
board games with the children until 5:00pm. The  
kids go home at 5:00. Please call Sue Melch at 546-  
3564 or e-mail her at RSMelch@aol.com. Thank  
you for thinking of this volunteer opportunity.

## Staff Notes: Welcome Becky D'Angelo-Veitch Children's Ministry Coordinator



Third Church is very pleased to welcome Rebecca  
D'Angelo-Veitch as its new Children's Ministry  
Coordinator. Becky comes to Third Church with a  
wealth of educational experience, both in education  
and children's/youth ministry. She has served  
several churches in the Buffalo area, and spent a  
year as a Presbyterian young adult in mission in  
Birmingham, England, where she also met her  
husband-to-be, Rob Veitch. Along with her skills  
and experiences, Becky brings a wonderful attitude  
and perspective to her work.

Third Church's children's and family ministry is  
growing and thriving. Becky's major responsibilities  
will be to work with the Children's Ministry  
Committee, particularly supporting Sunday church  
school and related programs and the Wednesday  
evening Qabats program. She will also help us think  
creatively about the future vision of children's  
ministry at Third Church.

Welcome, Becky, to our congregation. May God bless  
your work among us.

## NCN Gatherings

NCN/N & NCN/O (Gates, Greece, Hilton, Brockport,  
City (W & SW), Chili, Spencerport, Scottsville)

Thursday, November 8 at 7pm

Johnston Hall at Church

Nancy Adams, Cathy Norton, Deacons

NCN/S (Brighton - Central)

Sunday, November 11 at 3pm

136 Southwood Lane

Tina Jones, Deacon Brooke Durland, Coordinator

## Noted Writer to Speak

Gary David Comstock, Protestant chaplain at  
Wesleyan University, well-known writer in the field  
of LGBT Liberation Theology, will be the next  
speaker in the "Christian Faith and LGBT  
Experience" series. He will speak on "More Than a  
Place at the Table: GLBTQ Folks Co-creating a Just  
World" on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Avenue  
Baptist Church. For further information, contact  
Caryl Qualich at 482-3832.

## CHURCH FAMILY

April on October 21, 2001:

Ariana Madeline Bell, born September 18,  
1997, daughter of Michael and Mia Schnabel  
Bell (NCN/K)

Alexander Jay Bishop, born April 13, 2001,  
son of Paul and Debra Yandow Bishop  
(NCN/JB)

Emily Nan and Madeleine Ann Shepard,  
twin daughters of Charles and Laura Cochran  
Sheppard

## Marriage Celebrated

Cheryl Hessel and Christopher Arnold  
(NCN/J), on October 13, 2001

## Sympathy

We express sympathy to

The family of Dorothy M. LeFevre, on her  
death October 7, 2001

Helen Tiss (NCN/M) on the death of her  
mother, Esther Adams Vanderbilt,  
on October 8, 2001, in Clyde, NY

Tom and Rooney Hargrave (NCN/T), on the  
death of Tom's brother, Alexander D.  
Hargrave, on October 12, 2001

Ned and Beth Adams and family (NCN/D) on  
the recent death of Ned's mother, Antoinette  
Adams

Dick and Ginnie Eisenhart and Eleanor Morris  
(NCN/T) on the death of Dick and Eleanor's  
brother, Edward C. Eisenhart, on October  
18, 2001, in Charlottesville, VA.

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My Third Church Friends,

I want to thank you for providing green  
pastures and a safe haven during these last five  
months. Over the summer, I have been  
photographed and greeted by hundreds of visitors  
from all over the country. It has been a heady  
experience!

Earlier this month, I was in an auction with  
many of my pals from the herd. I was fortunate that  
the Ginnings's, my sponsors, were the winning  
bidders. Their generosity will allow me to graze at  
221 Morris Drive, the Rochester Chess Center. I hope  
you will come and visit once I arrive there. Thank  
you for accepting me so warmly and for supporting  
"Horses on Parade".

Sincerely,  
Horse Chess-nut

We are grateful to the Ginnings's for allowing us to  
participate in this unique opportunity to support  
the arts, increase civic awareness, and raise funds  
for Rochester charities. One million dollars was  
generated by this event. What a feat!!!

- The Music and Arts Committee

## Calvin Guild - November 14<sup>th</sup>\*

Jane Greenlaw will speak on "Ethical Problems in  
Medicine" at the next meeting of the Calvin Guild.  
All Third Church members and friends over 50  
years of age are invited to attend the potluck  
supper which begins with refreshments at 6pm. If  
you bring a dish to pass (to serve 8), there is a \$2  
charge; if you do not bring a dish to pass, there is  
a \$4 charge. Please note that the meeting will take  
place on the second Wednesday instead of the third  
because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Parking Alert

If you park in the Century Club lot on Sunday,  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, please move your car before noon.  
The club is having a brunch and needs the parking  
space. Thank you!

## In Support of Amendment 01-A.

The 213<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian  
Church (U.S.A.) passed a proposed amendment  
that would delete G-6.0106b (the "fidelity and  
chastity" provision) from the Book of Order. This  
proposed amendment, known as 01-A, is now  
being voted on by the 173 presbyteries in our  
denomination. The Presbytery of Genesee Valley  
will vote on the amendment at its November 27<sup>th</sup>  
meeting. Third Church, along with other More  
Light congregations in our presbytery, will sponsor  
a gathering in support of 01-A on Monday,  
November 19 at 7pm at Downtown United  
Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to this time  
of information sharing and support.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service



Third Church, along with our East Avenue partner  
churches Incarnate Word Lutheran Church, St.  
Paul's Episcopal Church and Asbury-First United  
Methodist Church, will hold a joint ecumenical  
Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at  
7:30pm at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church. Mark  
your calendar now. Please plan to attend this  
important service as a way of celebrating  
Thanksgiving and demonstrating unity in our  
community.



**Sunday, October 28**  
 9:00 am Nursery Care  
 9:00 am New Member Breakfast  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
 10:00 am Coffee Moment  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:45 am Coffee Hour  
 12:00 pm Church Life Celebration -  
 Facilities and Administration  
 12:15 pm Nominating Committee  
 4:00 pm Junior High Bells  
 4:00 pm Covenant Ringers  
 5:00 pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Slingers  
 7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

**Monday, October 29**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
**Tuesday, October 30**  
 10:30 am Judaism and Presbyterianism in Conversation  
 7:00 pm Stewardship Gathering

**Wednesday, October 31**  
 9:15 am Morning Prayer/Staff Meeting  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, November 1**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:45 am Adult Bell Ringers  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers

**Friday, November 2**  
**Saturday, November 3**  
 8:30 am Listening: The Pulse of Faith Retreat  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Bachelor Team  
**Sunday, November 4 - Stewardship Sunday**  
 8:45 am Child Care

9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:00 am Montreat Stockholders Breakfast  
 9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
 10:00 am Coffee Moment  
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 11:45 am Congregational Meeting  
 4:00 pm Junior High Bells/Covenant Ringers  
 5:00 pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Ringers  
 7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

Next Messenger will be mailed November 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Deadline is October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Notice is hereby given that a congregational meeting will take place at 11:45am on Sunday, November 4, 2001, for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.

**October 28**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
 9:00am in the Chapel  
 10:30am in the Sanctuary  
 John Wilkinson preaching  
 On Being Presbyterian  
 Joel 2:23-32  
 Luke 18:9-14

**November 4**  
**Stewardship Sunday**  
 9:00am in the Chapel  
 10:30am in the Sanctuary  
 John Wilkinson preaching  
 Rooted in Love, Growing in Faith

John Wilkinson, Pastor  
 Aaron R. Doll, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
 Rodere P. Prohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
 Peter D. Dierbeck, Parish Associate for Congregational Care  
 Christina A. Lenti, Assessor of Music/Organist  
 Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
 Pamela T. Foy, Parish Visitor  
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**"Now Thank We All Our God"**  
 East Avenue Churches Gather  
 for Thanksgiving

Third Church, along with our East Avenue partner churches Incarnate Word Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Asbury-First United Methodist Church, will hold a joint ecumenical Thanksgiving service on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church. Plan to attend this important service as a way of celebrating Thanksgiving and demonstrating unity in our community.

### Coming Events

#### Church Tour

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 Sunday, November 11 - 11:45am. Meet Bob Eames under the Meigs Street balcony for a tour of Third Church.

#### Alternative Christmas Market

See details on page 8.

Sunday, November 18 - 9am - 12noon

#### Informational Meeting About Amendment O1-A

See John Wilkinson's column on page 1

Monday, November 19 at 7pm at  
 Downtown United Presbyterian Church

#### Annual Christmas Box Collection

See details on page 8.

Collection has begun! Boxes will be delivered Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

Many of you know the history better than I, but the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is again voting on its ordination standards with respect to human sexuality. The current proposed Amendment O1-A, approved by the 213<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, is now before the 173 presbyteries of our denomination. Our presbytery, the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, will hold its vote on November 27 in Summerville.

If passed, Amendment A would remove the current Book of Order requirement, known commonly as the "fidelity and chastity" provision, which effectively prohibits gay and lesbian persons from being ordained or installed to church office - minister, elder or trustee. O1-A would also erase the previous "definitive guidance" regarding this issue.

Depending on your vantage point along the spectrum, O1-A would either allow for the ordination of people who live contrary to biblical guidelines or it would allow responsible governing bodies (presbyteries and sessions) to make decisions about who it discerns that God is calling to leadership in the church.

I firmly support O1-A. It is not a perfect solution, by any means, to the thorny issues of ordination and human sexuality, nor the deeper divisive issues facing the Presbyterian family.

Though some would surely disagree with my perspective, I believe that O1-A provides the church with the "middle ground" it so urgently needs. It neither requires nor prohibits sessions or presbyteries from ordaining leaders as they see fit. Church "A" could make decisions based on their discernment; church "B" could make the opposite decision based on an equally valid discernment.

Presbyterians, in generally equal numbers, disagree on these issues. In my mind, O1-A creates an atmosphere of "mutual forbearance" so that faithful, committed Presbyterians can live together, seeking to engage in ministry and mission while sharing differences of opinion on this non-essential matter of faith.

These are challenging times for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), perhaps as contentious as any in recent memory. Our ordination standards are the presenting issue, but divisions run deeper than that. Debates such as Christology (what we say and believe about Jesus Christ) and the authority of scripture tear at our fabric. More so, however, than particular theological topics, we seem to be struggling to discover ways to trust those with whom we disagree, to forge new ways of being the church in an ever more complex social and cultural environment.

There is much more to come on all this. We will continue to communicate as the vote on Amendment O1-A unfolds. At some later point, we will also start sharing a conversation about a General Assembly Theological Task Force to which I have been appointed that will address the broader issues facing the church over the next four years. I continue to be grateful, and hopeful, that Third Presbyterian Church has a leadership role to offer to our beloved Presbyterian community.

In the meantime, pray for the church, for Presbyterian brothers and sisters on all sides of this issue. Pray for our peace and unity, that God's spirit might work through us so that we can be the body of Christ to and for one another.

Faithfully,

*John Williams*

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### Church School News

#### God's Rainbow of Promise!

##### Junior Choir

#### Camp Reunion and Evening Prayer Service Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Camp Cory Reunion and Evening Prayer Service will take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Martin Street, Fairport. All choir members who participated in Camp Cory last August are invited to come to this event. Please let Chris Lenti know if you will be singing in this event so that she can have robes and music for each child. Sign up at Qabats, and an email (clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org or leave voice message (271-6513, ext. 110). The rehearsal will begin at 5:00pm at Bethlehem. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend the service which begins at 7:00pm. Children should bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided.

#### No Junior Choir November 21 or 25 (Thanksgiving holiday)

##### The Glorious Things Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

The Glorious Things will sing "The Giving Song," starting up at 10am. Be sure to let Chris Lenti know if you cannot sing that morning.

##### Qabats

#### Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Theme: Thanksgiving - Lord's Prayer

#### Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

No Meeting today - Thanksgiving

Wreath making will be held Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00noon. A contribution of \$5 per wreath is requested. Sign up tables will be in the Garth and outside of Johnston Hall on 11/11, 11/18, and 11/25. There will be a station for making wreaths and a station for putting together prayers for each week of Advent. Bagels and drinks will be served. Please join us!

##### Teachers Needed!

We still need one co-teacher for each of the following two classes: 4 year olds (the 3/4 class is so big that we are splitting it) and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. If you are interested, please see Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or Peg McPhail. We also need someone to do child care for Qabats the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday nights of each month. If you are able to help, please contact Lynnette Kennerson or Becky D'Angelo-Veitch.

### youth@thirdpresbyterian

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#### ALL THE TIME... GOD IS GOOD!

##### Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon/Evening Program  
3:00pm Volleyball at HotShots  
5:15pm Youth Supper  
5:45pm Covenant Singers  
6:30pm Sr. High Ensemble and Jr. High Bells  
7:00pm Covenant Ringers

##### Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon/Evening Program  
4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)  
4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)  
5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
6:00pm Youth Supper  
6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)  
7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

#### Youth Volleyball at Hotshots

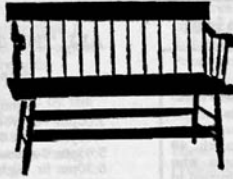
3-5p.m. on November 11<sup>th</sup>  
We will meet AT the courts at 3p.m.  
1046 University Avenue

Hotshots is located in a converted warehouse (opposite side from the Eastman House University Avenue entrance). It is on the right-hand side of the center building near Towne's bike shop.

Hotshots has really nice SAND courts, so wear sweats or shorts under sport pants. There are cubbies for shoes, but no locker rooms. You can bring your own water or soda; drinks are available there. We will carpool from the courts back to the church for supper. Any parents who might be able to provide transportation would be greatly appreciated! (Let Aaron or the Advisors know.) Please note that Church policy is that youth NOT provide transportation for other youth during a Third Church sponsored event.

All music rehearsals will take place after dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**Deacon's Bench**

#### **Rally Day Thanks**

It seems like such a long time ago that we celebrated our Rally Day, but the Deacon's and the NCN Coordinators would like to thank you all for making the celebration such a success. We know that change is difficult, but we were thrilled to see everyone work with us to sit with your respective Neighborhood Care Network Communities! We hope that you were able to meet some new neighbors and get to see some friends from your living area. The feedback was very positive and we hope to try this again in the future.

#### **Neighborhood Gatherings Well Attended**

John Wilkinson has continued to join us in our neighborhood gatherings. We have been so pleased to see the turnouts and the strong response to meetings in our neighborhoods.

#### **Deacon Committees Hard at Work On-Going Care Committee**

Our other committees have been very busy as well. On-Going Care had a wonderful "Older Adult Luncheon" on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with over 140 attending! Future teas are planned for Valley Manor, The Highlands and St. John's Meadows.

#### **Prayer Retreat - November 3<sup>rd</sup> Prayer and Spiritual Life Committee**

Amy Stratton-Smith led a very meaningful retreat on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for 25 people. Thanks to Amy for her gifted leadership.

#### **Christmas Reunion Youth Subcommittee**

The Youth Subcommittee is looking toward a fun Christmas reunion for our seniors and returning college students.

#### **Memorial Reception Coordinator**

We are very pleased to announce that Susie Jacobs has agreed to be our church's Memorial Reception Coordinator. This is a very significant position that we have been anxious to fill and we thank Susie for assuming this role. We now look to all of you to see if you would be willing to help serve at any of these receptions. We would like to have a running list of volunteers, as we never know the timing of the need. If you are willing to help us in this role, please call either Susie Jacobs (315-986-3482) or Judy Pidcock (271-6513, ext. 108) or email [jpidcock@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jpidcock@thirdpresbyterian.org).

*Sue Lipari*

#### **From the Boards**

Earlier this year, the Session, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, approved a plan to enhance the visibility and profile of Third Church as it sits on East Avenue. A large sign and several other architectural features will clearly identify the church and tie our entire facility together.

As a prelude to the design and installation of the new sign and other enhancements, the boards of the church, after constructive and extended discussion, determined that the two trees flanking the East Avenue entrance to the sanctuary, along with other bushes throughout the church grounds, would be removed. These two trees have been removed, and extensive trimming and pruning has occurred as well. Unfortunately, a third tree was inadvertently removed; it will be replaced in the spring.

The boards of the church continue to affirm both the attractiveness of the church buildings and the importance of beautiful church grounds. This project, when completed, will enhance our profile as a visual "gem" along East Avenue.

#### **Community Prayer for Peace**

(Each Sunday School class was invited to write a line for this prayer that was used at the Church School Chapel Service on October 28, 2001)

Thank you God for food, water, animals, flowers, families and homes.

Help us not to hurt each other and to do well in school.

Be with us as we pray to keep America strong and to keep people of other religions and our neighbors, wherever they are, with us in our hearts.

Be with the soldiers in Afghanistan, and be with those who have lost their lives. God, during this time of unrest in our world, we pray for the safety of the Afghan civilians and the American military. We pray for understanding, love and kindness between all people.

May everyone get along and not fight.

#### **Stewardship Update**

As this edition of the Messenger was being prepared, Third Church has just celebrated Stewardship Sunday. Music and liturgy, as well as John Wilkinson's sermon, focused on the theme "Rooted in Love, Growing in Faith." While preliminary figures will not be available until the next newsletter, the Stewardship Committee wants to thank everyone who has responded -- or will respond -- to the stewardship challenge. Thanks also to the many people who hosted or attended one of the Church Life Celebrations.

You may still complete your pledge card and return it to the church on Sunday morning or through the mail.

Thank you again for your support and generosity.

### **Slate of Officers Elected November 4, 2001**

The following individuals for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large were elected at the meeting of the congregation November 4, 2001. Thanks to these men and women for their willingness to serve Third Church in such an important way. Thanks also to members of the Nominating Committee for their faithful work in preparing such a strong slate. Its members include: Peg Rachfal, chair, Beth Alletto, Sally Dieterich, Bobbie Gardner, Alan Illig, Betty Iwan, Chuck Lewis, Rose Pethick, Bethany Rague and Lynne Tobin. The Committee is still at work and the complete slate will be available soon.

#### **Youth Elder, Class of 2003**

Sarah Stimson

#### **Elders, Class of 2004**

Pam Apt  
Donald Boyd  
George Gray  
David Gregory  
Nelly Kutchukian  
Maryjane Link  
Gale Myers  
Beth Struever

#### **Youth Deacon, Class of 2003**

Joe Adams

#### **Deacon, Class of 2003**

Peachey Grace

#### **Deacons, Class of 2004**

Tonya Bartz  
Carrie Haymond Hesketh  
Taimi Marple Holm  
Otto Muller-Girard, Sr.  
Tom Klaseus  
Pat Rumbold  
Beth Tschorke  
Claire Van Arsdale

#### **Trustees, Class of 2004**

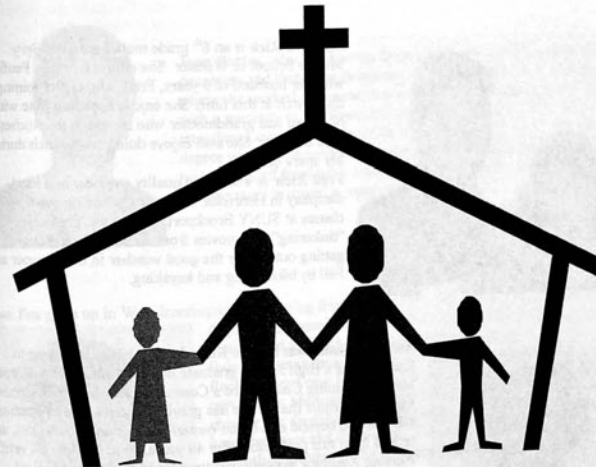
William Bay  
Margaret Lucas  
Jon Sheppard  
Elizabeth Stewart  
Linda Willard

#### **Nominating Committee Members-at-Large (2-year Term)**

Kate Karl  
David Stimson  
Van VanZanten

## **Third Presbyterian Church Welcomes its New Members!**

October 28, 2001



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**Gayle Phillips** was born and raised in Northeastern Ohio. She graduated from Westminster College, in Wilmington, PA. (a Presbyterian school) with degrees in elementary education, and music. Gayle has two children; son Doug lives in Manhattan, and daughter Barbara Rich (and her husband Fred) are also joining Third Church today. She is a computer operator with the postal service, and transferred with the U.S. Post Office from Syracuse 1 year ago. Gayle enjoys needlework, cooking, and tournament duplicate bridge, and recently attained the rank of Silver Life Master at Bridge.



**Barbara Rich** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Spry Middle School in Webster. She enjoys living in Penfield with her husband of 5 years, Fred, who is also joining the church at this time. She enjoys spending time with her mom and grandmother who moved to the Rochester area last year. She also enjoys doing cross-stitch during her spare time.

**Fred Rich** is a software quality engineer at a local company in Henrietta. He is also attending evening classes at SUNY Brockport, after work. Fred enjoys "tinkering" and movies from all eras. He attempts getting outside for the good weather in the summer and Fall by bike riding and kayaking.



"only a life in service of others is worth living!"

**Annie K. Smith** was born in Kennebunk, Maine. She came to Rochester as a High School graduate in 1943 to attend the Harper Method Training Centre to be a Cosmetologist. In 1976 she trained for trichoanalysis (hair). She has gravitated in and out of Rochester, suburbs and beyond as a Salon owner/operator and consultant, and retired from this profession after 40 years. Annie is now a Certified Nursing Assistant working part time for Rural Metro Medical Division. She has one daughter, Rebecca; son-in-law Stephen DeWitt, and Grandson, Jan Kenneth DeWitt. During Rebecca's formative years they lived in Scottsville, NY when Rev. William Young was her pastor. Annie has had many experiences, hobbies, etc, but she says her present purpose in life, to quote Albert Einstein,



**Diana (Dee) Douglas** grew up in Pittsburgh, PA. She has been married to Robert, a retired banker for 34 years, and during that time has moved 12 times. She has lived in upstate New York for the last 20 years and she's glad to call Rochester her home. Dee enjoys decorating, gardening and spending time with her family and friends. Her children both graduated from Princeton. Her daughter lives in Manhattan, and her son and his new bride live in Chicago. Great places to visit!



**June Bartos**, who was born in Syracuse NY, is married and has two daughters and three step daughters. She moved here from Chicago, IL where she worked in Human Resources at the Art Institute of Chicago, with a specialty in Employee Relations and Diversity. She was also attending Loyola University to be a paralegal, and switched to a theology degree with an eye towards pastoral care/counseling. June is currently taking time off from work and school to focus on her new family and become more involved in community work.

**Susan Fox** grew up in West Irondequoit, graduating from IHS in 1985. She received her undergraduate degree in Economics from Smith College in Northampton, MA. And then earned an MBA from the University of Texas in Austin. After living in Texas for a few years she and her husband returned to Rochester and now love living in the city. Susan is currently working part time in Marketing at Sentry Group in East Rochester. While chasing her daughter Celia, who will be two on Pearl Harbor Day, keeps her busy and fit, she also loves to run. She loves to sing and is currently a member of the Eastman Rochester Chorus.





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Joan Sassone was born in Ohio, and came to Rochester in 1959. She has three children, and five grandchildren. Her career was in Broadcasting at WXXI and later in-house television at Xerox. Joan is now retired, and she and her husband purchased an old house in the Village of Webster. They are in the process of restoring it to its 1910 style.



Margaret McIrvine returned to Rochester for the fourth time after living most recently in Virginia for 8 years where she was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. She bought an excellent yard in Brighton, which happened to have a small house on it, for her Border Collie Nym. Margaret has one grandchild, Sara McIrvine, who lives with her parents in Perinton. Most of her volunteer work has been with inner city young children, and she worked here for 13 years with SEAFISH. Other interests include reading Iris Murdoch, classical music, and hiking and vacations in National Parks. She is very grateful that she has returned to Rochester, and is rejoining Third Church.

### Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - 9am - 12noon - Johnston Hall Third Annual Alternative Christmas Market



Come shop with us! You'll feel great supporting these charitable groups - and your family and friends will love receiving these "Gifts that Give Twice."

**One World Goods:** Holiday decorations handcrafted by artisans in developing nations. Much of the retail price is returned to the craftspeople.

**Heifer Project:** Purchase a dairy goat, yak or other farm animal for an impoverished community.

**School #6:** Gift of literacy: books for students at City School #6.

**AIDS Rochester:** Holiday ornaments and "buy-one-get-one free" dinner certificates

**Music and Arts Committee:** Posters, postcards, and CD recordings of the Third Church Junior and Chancel Choirs

**Corner Place:** Note cards and patron certificates to support the neighborhood center for kids in Upper Monroe area

**UNICEF:** Cards, calendars, books and stationery to benefit worldwide children's programs

**Youth Group:** Delicious baked goodies to finance youth mission trip

**Politics of Food:** Books and Gift Certificates

### 2001 Christmas Boxes



As has been the tradition at Third Presbyterian Church, we will once again assemble Christmas boxes for families whose names have come to us through Southeast Ecumenical Ministries. The items listed below will be included, along with a canned ham and fresh produce, in the Christmas boxes. Please note the items and include them on your weekly shopping trip; bring your donations to church on the dates specified. We will be collecting for this year's Christmas boxes over the next six (6) Sundays. Each Sunday has been designated as follows:

|             |                                                            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 11 | Cereal and packets of dry milk, toothpaste                 |
| November 18 | Peanut butter and jelly; soup                              |
| November 25 | Canned fruit, canned vegetables, boxed macaroni and cheese |
| December 2  | Pasta and sauce; toilet paper                              |
| December 9  | Rice, baked beans, canned yams, bar soap                   |
| December 16 | Tuna and other canned meat                                 |

Last year Third Presbyterian Church gave the gift of food to over 80 families! Plan on participating in the success of this year's program by joining your fellow parishioners for the following:

|                       |                                                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday, December 20 | Sort food; take inventory; shop                      |
| Friday, December 21   | Assemble boxes                                       |
| Saturday, December 22 | Pack food baskets (good fun for families!)           |
| Sunday, December 23   | Bring in your ham! Help with the delivery of baskets |

Call Dona Summers (271-6513, ext. 101) or email [dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org) to sign up

1. Bring a ham
2. Offer to help Thursday, December 20 -- Saturday, December 22
3. Sign up to deliver a box or two

Remember, too, that financial donations are gratefully received. Such donations help to fill gaps in food donations. Mark on the check memo that the donation is for "Christmas Boxes."

## ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays at 9am

### Track 1: *What is a Presbyterian?*

Johnston Hall

Nov. 11: Confessional, Connectional,  
Constitutional: The Presbyterian Past and a  
Vision for the Future

John Wilkinson

Nov. 18: Down in the Dumps or Soaring in the  
Spirit? Spiritual Disciplines

Aaron Doll

Nov. 25: Meddling in Politics: Sticking our  
Presbyterian Necks Out

Rod Frohman

Dec. 2: Finding Middle Ground in the Ordination  
Controversy

Tricia Dykers Koening, Covenant Network of  
Presbyterians

### Track 2: *Making Sense of Sunday: Worship Enrichment Seminar*

Church Parlor

Weekly preparation for worship, including a study of  
the scripture passages for the day.

### Spiritual Formation

Life Listening Resources at Labyrinth House  
Listening Days are opportunities to retreat in quiet  
space for silence, prayer, and reflection.

2071 Westfall Road, Brighton

256-3384 or [www.lifelisting.com](http://www.lifelisting.com)

9:30am-8pm on Friday, November 16  
(one Friday a month; directed prayer at 10am, 3pm,  
6pm)

### Sisters in Spirit

First and Third Friday mornings

Church Parlor: 9:15am-11:15am

Women of all ages and vocations are welcome to  
explore questions of faith together in conversation  
and fellowship. Contact Amy Stratton-Smith (224-  
9051) or [sstrattonsmith@aol.com](mailto:sstrattonsmith@aol.com).

### Tolling for Tyshaun and

### Prayer Service

Saturday, November 10 at 10AM

All are invited to come to Third Presbyterian Church  
on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to listen to the "Tolling  
for Tyshaun" and then participate in a short worship  
service to call attention to the continuing violence in  
our city. The tolling by a number of churches was  
inaugurated since the killing of Tyshaun Caldwell  
this past summer.

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## Food Cupboard Calls for Help

Donations needed are:

Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Lotion  
Toilet Paper, Women's Personal  
Hygiene Items

Food donations of

Complete Dinners  
(Beef Stew, Corned Beef, etc.)  
Crackers, Cereals

Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Juices  
are also gratefully appreciated! Direct  
questions to Lisa Henry (256-1661) or  
[lah247@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lah247@rochester.rr.com).

### Corner Place Volunteers Needed

Do you have two hours a week to share with a  
child? The time is 3:00-5:00pm. You can  
choose:

- > Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
- > Once a week, once a month, or twice a month

The children are in grades 1-6 and arrive at  
The Corner Place at 983 Monroe Avenue (near  
Cobbs Hill) at 3:15pm with their homework.  
You will be working one-on-one with a child  
until the homework is finished. Then you  
might read stories or play board games with  
the children until 5:00pm. The kids go home  
at 5:00. Please call Sue Melech at 546-3564 or  
e-mail her at [RSMelech@aol.com](mailto:RSMelech@aol.com). Thank you  
for thinking of this volunteer opportunity.

### NCN Gatherings

NCN/N & NCN/O (Gates, Greece, Hilton, Brockport,  
City (W & SW), Chili, Spencerport, Scottsville)

Thursday, November 8 at 7pm

Johnston Hall at Church

Nancy Adams, Cathy Norton, Deacons

NCN/S (Brighton - Central)

Sunday, November 11 at 3pm

136 Southwood Lane

Tina Jones, Deacon Brooke Durland, Coordinator

## CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome

Lily Crawford and Meghan Digby, twin  
daughters born October 29, 2001, in  
Maine to Mark and Robin Hengerer.  
Grandmother Suzy Hengerer (NCN/JC)  
rejoices in their arrival!

### Marriage Celebrated

Jaimie Cross and Mario Clabarra on  
November 3, 2001

### Sympathy

We express sympathy to

Don and Louise Geiser (NCN/U) on the  
death of their son **Thomas Geiser** on  
October 25, 2001, in Vacaville, CA.

Mary McAmmond (NCN/T) and Kendra,  
Megan, Jordan and Justin McAmmond  
on the death of her son and their father,  
**John F. McAmmond**, on October 26,  
2001. A memorial service for Mr.  
McAmmond, who joined Third Church in  
1950, was held on October 31, 2001.

Bill and Joy Beale (NCN/K) on the death  
of Joy's brother, **Donald Gulling**, in  
Albany, NY, on November 1, 2001

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Congratulations to **Wayne Norton** for  
receiving the First Annual Fraternity Alumni  
Volunteer Service Award for his work with  
Delta Kappa Epsilon at the University of  
Rochester.

### Calvin Guild - November 14<sup>th</sup> Please note new date this month!

Jane Greenlaw will speak on "Ethical  
Problems in Medicine" at the next meeting of  
the Calvin Guild. All Third Church members  
and friends over 50 years of age are invited to  
attend the potluck supper which begins with  
refreshments at 6pm. If you bring a dish to  
pass (to serve 8), there is a \$2 charge; if you  
do not bring a dish to pass, there is a \$4  
charge. Please note that the meeting will take  
place on the second Wednesday instead of the  
third because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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## Third Church Participating in Presbyterian Coffee Project

Third Church is pleased to participate in the  
Presbyterian Coffee Project whose goal is to  
provide a living wage for women in the Third  
World. Project coffee and tea will be used  
during coffee hour on a trial basis starting  
November 11<sup>th</sup>. Information about the project  
will be available at coffee hour.



### Advent Candle Lighters Needed!

The Worship Committee is seeking  
individuals and families willing to lead us in  
the lighting of the candles on the Advent  
Wreath in worship each Sunday during  
Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Those lighting the candle will read a short  
scripture passage, light the candle and read a  
prayer. Singles, couples, families with  
children, even multiple generations of the  
same family are all welcome to participate.  
There are nine opportunities available,  
including Chapel and Sanctuary services  
each Advent Sunday, as well as the 4:30  
Nativity service on Christmas Eve. Persons  
interested in participating should call Beth  
Williams at 271-6513, ext. 102 or e-mail her  
at [bwilliams@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:bwilliams@thirdpresbyterian.org).

### Save the Date!

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Readers' Theatre

("Voices in the Wilderness")  
and dessert/discussion.

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**Sunday, November 11**  
 9:00 am Nursery Care  
 9:00 am New Member Breakfast  
 9:00 am **Worship in Chapel**  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
 10:00 am Coffee Moment  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:45 am Coffee Hour  
 11:45 am Church Tour  
 3:00 pm NCN/C Gathering  
 3:00 pm Youth/Hotshots Volleyball  
 5:15 pm Youth Supper  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:30 pm Sr. High Ensemble/Jr. High Bells  
 7:00 pm Covenant Singers  
**Monday, November 12**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells  
**Tuesday, November 13**  
 10:30 am Judaism and Presbyterian in Conversation  
 12:00 n Retired Men's Luncheon  
 7:00 pm Session with Deacons  
**Wednesday, November 14**  
 9:15 am Morning Prayer/Staff Meeting  
 5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
 5:30 pm Qubats  
 5:30 pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
 6:00 pm Church Buddies  
 6:00 pm Calvin Guild  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:30 pm Membership Committee  
**Thursday, November 15**  
 9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:45 am Adult Bell Ringers  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers  
**Friday, November 16**  
 9:45 am Sisters in Spirit  
**Saturday, November 17**  
 9:00 am Set up for Alternative Christmas Market  
 10:00 am Dining Room Ministry - Thruster Team  
**Sunday, November 18**  
 8:45 am Child Care  
 9:00 am **Worship in Chapel**  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:00 am Alternative Christmas Market  
 9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
 10:00 am Coffee Moment  
 10:30 am **Worship in Sanctuary**  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour/Alternative Christmas Market  
 11:30 am Amnesty Letter Writing  
 11:45 am Congregational Meeting  
 4:00 pm Junior High Bells/Covenant Ringers  
 5:00 pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
 5:00 pm Children's Evening Prayer Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
 7:00 pm Children's Evening Prayer  
 7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

Next Messenger will be mailed November 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Deadline is November 6<sup>th</sup>

**November 11**  
 9:00am in the Chapel  
 10:30am in the Sanctuary  
 Roderic P. Frohman preaching

**November 18**  
 9:00am in the Chapel  
 10:30am in the Sanctuary  
 John Wilkinson preaching

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John Wilkinson, Pastor  
 Aaron R. Doll, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
 Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
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## THE Voice IN THE Wilderness

An award-winning radio drama written by  
 Third Church member Jeanne Fisher

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**7pm**

**Performance will be followed by  
 Dessert and Discussion**

Join us for an unusual evening of Readers' Theatre, dessert and discussion, featuring the award-winning radio drama written by our own Jeanne Fisher entitled "The Voice in the Wilderness."

At the dawn of the first millennium, the world stood on the brink of great social change, and the remarkable events in Bethlehem 2000 years ago have puzzled humanity for centuries. In this century, radio and television news brings world events into our cars and our homes as they happen, but in Biblical times news traveled slowly, by word of mouth. In the information age, we have come to rely on instant communication to keep us informed about the issues and events of our times.

What if the information super-highway had been in existence two thousand years ago? If there had been a "Sixty Minutes" or a "Morning Edition" in 6 B.C.E., the world would have been aware of the political issues in Roman-occupied Israel, even if they didn't hear or read about the young woman from Nazareth, who came to Bethlehem with her husband for the census, and had to give birth to her first child in a stable because there was no place else available.

"The Voice in the Wilderness" is a dramatic proclamation for 6 to 7 readers, based on Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:67-79, that is presented in the form of a radio news broadcast.

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### THIRD VOICE

So fast on the heels of it all comes Advent. So fast on the heels of Thanksgiving (and I hope that yours will be, or was, a blessed one) comes Advent. So fast on the heels of a September that left us mourning and an October that left us in a daze comes Advent.

We Protestants have come to the Advent conversation more recently, in the past several decades or so. It is really only the most recent version of the Presbyterian hymnal that has included more than a handful of Advent hymns. Our awareness of liturgical color, for example, is a fairly new development – we will use purple during the four weeks preceding the birth of the Christ child as an indication of the somber preparation for the arrival of royalty. Advent wreaths are a new phenomenon in Presbyterian circles, and a welcome one.

I am grateful for these more recent developments, because I don't know what we would do without Advent. It is easy to blame the commercialization all around us but we in fact have done as much to shape the culture as it has done to shape us.

My deep gratitude for Advent flows from the very human fact that we so clearly need it. For those of you who have carried children, and for those of you who have welcomed them into your homes, you know that you needed a time of preparation, of physical preparation as well as emotional and spiritual preparation for something new, something different, something altogether life-changing.

So it is for us, and the whole church. We need this time to get ready. You will hear words over and over again in these next weeks: prepare, anticipate, expect. They are very real and very human words. They are also very biblical words. The great words of the prophet Isaiah will ring out again. The songs of witnesses like John the Baptist ("prepare the way") and Mary ("my soul magnifies the Lord") will assist our preparations in wondrous ways. The hymns we sing – "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" – will set the tone.

Just as the world in which we live will get ready for the big day in busy ways, so will this place be a busy one. That is good. We will sing and worship and learn and celebrate together.

But I hope that you will be able to carve out some quiet minutes amid the bustle of it all – even as we will do so at Third Church. This season of preparation is an important one, and will make our celebration of the arrival of the Christ child all the more joyous.

Faithfully,



### Church School News

#### God's Rainbow of Promise!

#### Junior Choir

No Junior Choir November 21 or 25  
(Thanksgiving holiday)

#### Qabats

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
Theme: Rainbow Night – Noah  
(wear your favorite color)

Wednesday, December 5  
Theme: Advent



#### Advent Wreath Workshop Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12noon

Join us for our annual Advent Wreath making event on Sunday, December 2, 2001 at 2:00pm in the Celebration Center. We will share a light lunch (bagels, PB&J, fruit, etc.) and create advent wreaths and calendars to help us mark each week of advent at home. There will be a \$5 per wreath cost for supplies. Please sign-up at the table in the Garth or outside Johnston Hall on Sunday 11/25 or call the church to sign-up.

Questions? See Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or call her at church at 271-6537, ext. 118.

#### Preschool/Kindergarten Nativity Costuming December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Come at 12noon to the Moot Room to pick out an animal costume for the Nativity on Christmas Eve.

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#### GOD IS GOOD... ALL THE TIME!

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

No Afternoon/Evening Program today!

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Afternoon/Evening Program

4:00pm Jr. High Bells (Grades 7-8)  
4:00pm Covenant Ringers (Grades 9-12)  
5:00pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
6:00pm Youth Supper  
6:45pm Covenant Singers (Grades 7-12)  
7:30pm Senior High Ensemble (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Covenant Singers and Covenant Ringers  
participate at 10:30am service.

9:30am Covenant Singers Warm up  
10:00am Covenant Ringers Warm up

#### Sunday Night Music Rehearsals

A friendly reminder: If you have made a commitment to be part of a choir or ensemble, it is important that you be there and be on time for the rehearsals and morning performances. If you need to miss a week please call your music leader (Carrie, Jeanne, or Chris) and let them know you will be absent. New members are welcome to attend choir to "try it out." If you are going to be there, however, you need to participate fully.

#### Nativity Rehearsal and Youth Fellowship Christmas Party Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>

The rehearsal will start at 4pm - the Party and Gift Exchange follows at 5.

### Session Meeting Highlights

- At its November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Session
- Met jointly with the Deacons to hear about recent achievements and future plans
  - Received a report on the successful results to date of the Stewardship Campaign
  - Received two new candidates for membership
  - Heard a presentation from Ed Saphar of the Common Good Planning Center, thanking Third Church for its support
  - Authorized the Outreach Committee to spend \$3,000 in support of the Accelerated Reader Program at School No. 6 and the Corner Place
  - Approved two upcoming baptisms

- Chris Bensch, Clerk

### Update on Work of Covenant Network

**Monday, December 3 - 8pm**

The Covenant Network of Presbyterians was formed with two goals in mind - to work for the removal of G-6.0106b from the Book of Order (the "fidelity and chastity" provision) and to work for the unity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Covenant Network is deeply involved in the effort to pass the current Amendment A in the presbyteries, which would delete G-6.0106b.

On Monday evening, December 3 here at Third Presbyterian Church at 8:00pm, you are invited you to come and hear an update about the work of the Covenant Network and the current state of the presbytery vote. **Tricia Dykers Koenig**, Presbyterian minister and national field organizer for the Covenant Network, will be present to provide information and to reflect on the current situation. John Wilkinson, who has served as a board member of the Covenant Network since its inception, will also make brief comments.



### Deacon's Bench

#### Cassette Tape Ministry Being Formed

The Board of Deacons is anxious to extend our service to the congregation through a new type of ministry. We're looking for a few good volunteers to make a small commitment to help launch a tape ministry. We hope to make morning worship tapes available for homebound or hospitalized members, visitors or members who would like to have copies of a particular sermon. What a wonderful way to save the memory of a baptism! We need volunteers to use a high-speed tape copier during coffee hour (15-20 minutes) on Sunday mornings to make multiple copies of the 10:30am service. Please call Judy Pidcock (271-6513, ext. 108) or Cindy Mark (271-6513, ext. 100) to sign up for a Sunday morning which will work for you. You can also reach Judy or Cindy by e-mail.

#### Volunteers Needed for Senior Visitor Program

We are also looking for special volunteers to expand our senior visitor program. We would look for these volunteers to start, resurrect or establish relationships with our senior members through monthly phone calls and visits. If interested, please call Ann Haag at 381-9738. This is a very enriching experience that we know that you will enjoy.

#### College Students:

Our youth committee is looking for your e-mail addresses so that we can make contact while you are away. Please send your addresses to Ralph Carter at [rcarter@rpa.net](mailto:rcarter@rpa.net) or 271-7649.

#### And, Thanks!




Finally we are so appreciative of the caring books that Caryl Qualich has donated to the Deacons to help us improve our ministry.

Thank you all for helping us to continue to expand our ministry!

-Susan Ward Lipari, Deacon Co-Moderator

| WEDNESDAY                                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                       | FRIDAY                                                   | SATURDAY                                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                          | 9:00 Coptic Church<br>9:00 Chancel Choir<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Coons Team              |
| 5<br>Prayer/Staff<br>Bell Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>Morning Class<br>Judds<br>Senior Meeting<br>Choir  | 6<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>6:30 Mission Interpretation<br>7:00 Education Sub-Comm.<br>7:00 Peace and Justice<br>7:30 Outreach Committee | 7<br>9:15 Sisters in Spirit                              | 8<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Hammerton Team                           |
| 12<br>Prayer/Staff<br>Bell Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>Morning Class<br>Judds<br>Senior Meeting<br>Choir | 13<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers                                                                                                                | 14                                                       | 15<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Stewart Team                            |
| 19<br>Prayer/Staff<br>Rehearsal<br>Rehearsal<br>Choir                                              | 20<br>Christmas Baskets - Set-up<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>7:00 Youth Committee                                                                                    | 21<br>Christmas Baskets - Sort<br>9:15 Sisters in Spirit | 22<br>Christmas Baskets - Pack<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Garber Team |
| 26<br>CLOSED                                                                                       | 27<br>9:30 Food Cupboard                                                                                                                                                                       | 28                                                       | 29<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-<br>Malach Team                             |
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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2</b><br>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Church School<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary<br>10:45 Children's Church in Chapel<br>12:00 Advent Wreathmaking<br>4:00 Youth Program                                   | <b>3</b><br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>5:30 Evangelism Committee<br>7:00 Worship- Chapel<br>7:00 Personnel Committee<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Grp.<br>8:00 Covenant Network Gathering               | <b>4</b><br>9:00 Stuffers and Staplers<br>12:00 Mary Paris Circle<br>11:00 John White Circle<br>7:00 Congregational Fellowship |
| <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9</b><br>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br>9:00 Teacher Recognition Brunch<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Church School<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary<br>10:45 Church School<br>11:45 Nativity Costuming<br>4:00 Youth Program              | <b>10</b><br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>11</b><br>7:00 Session                                                                                                      |
| <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 16</b><br>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ch. School<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary-<br>SPECIAL MUSIC<br>10:45 Church School<br>11:45 Nativity Costuming<br>5:00 Nativity Cast Rehearsal<br>6:00 Youth Christmas Party | <b>17</b><br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:00 Chapel Bells<br>7:00 Caroling- Wesley-on-East<br>7:30 More Light<br>7:30 Gay/Lesbian Support Grp.                                                                              | <b>18</b><br>9:00 Stuffers and Staplers<br>12:00 Staff Christmas Party<br>6:30 Finance Committee<br>7:30 Trustees              |
| <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23</b><br>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:00 Christmas Basket Delivery<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ch. School<br>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary<br>10:45 Church School<br>12:00 Jr. High Bells Rehearsal                                                           | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE 24</b><br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>4:30 Family Nativity Service<br>8:00 Worship- Chapel<br>11:00 Worship- Sanctuary<br> | <b>25</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>               |
| <b>30</b><br>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br>9:00 Child Care<br>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br>9:15 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ch. School<br>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary<br>10:45 Church School                                                                                                                           | <b>31</b><br>9:30 Food Cupboard                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                |

☺ is the symbol for "If needed, child care will be provided." Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance.



### Stewardship Update

The response to the 2002 Stewardship effort has thus far been very gratifying. Currently over 448 of you have pledged more than \$688,786 of a goal of \$803,000 in support of next year's ministry. This commitment to the vision of being "rooted in love and growing in faith" moves us toward reaching our goal for next year. We know that many members who have pledged in prior years have yet to do so but will by the end of the year - we thank you in advance for your response.

If you have not yet pledged, you may email your pledge to [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org) or call her at 271-6513, ext. 111.

We will keep you informed of our progress in the weeks to come. Thank you very much for your support.

### First Monday Evening Prayer

The December First Monday evening prayer will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Chapel. The focus of the gathering will be "Images of Jesus," and will include an extended reflection on the ancient "O Antiphons," on which the great Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is based. All are welcome.



### CALL for DONATIONS for CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our lovely Christmas decorations, please complete the form below and send your check to the Church Office marked "Christmas Flowers" and please note clearly the names that should be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

I would like this gift to be:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of:

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\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ A donation  
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**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for receiving contributions.

### ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays at 9am

#### Track 1: *What is a Presbyterian?*

Johnston Hall

Nov. 25: **Meddling in Politics: Sticking our Presbyterian Necks Out**

Rod Frohman

#### Dec. 2: **Finding Middle Ground in the Ordination Controversy**

Tricia Dykers Koenig, Covenant Network of Presbyterians

#### *Artistic Expressions of Religious Events and Teaching*

Sunday, December 9th at 9:00am

Art historian Lucy Durkin will once again present for us insights into historic artistic expressions of religious events and teachings. She will show pictures and discuss a section of the famed Giotto frescos, The section under discussion will be on the Annunciation of Mary – and explores the lore surrounding Mary's parents and just who Mary was. Come and learn about this "illustrated legend" as Lucy describes it. Her presentations are always fascinating and enlightening.

#### Track 2: *Making Sense of Sunday: Worship Enrichment Seminar*

Church Parlor

Weekly preparation for worship, including a study of the scripture passages for the day.

#### **Sisters in Spirit**

First and Third Friday mornings

Church Parlor: 9:15am-10:45am

Women of all ages and vocations are welcome to explore questions of faith together in conversation and fellowship. Contact Amy Stratton-Smith (224-9051) or [astrattonsmith@aol.com](mailto:astrattonsmith@aol.com).



### New In The Church Library

**"The Battle for God"** by Karen Armstrong is an insightful history of fundamentalism over the centuries in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It is a helpful background for understanding the conflicts in the Middle East, Israel and in our own Presbyterian denomination.

**"Haven"** by Ruth Gruber is a moving and remarkable account of the 1944 arrival by ship of 1000 refugees, mostly Jews, escaping the Holocaust, and their imprisonment in Fort Ontario in Oswego for over a year, as the author worked on their behalf to allow them to remain in the U.S.A. It includes the personal stories of refugees and their eventual major contributions to American life.

Alistar McGrath's **"In the Beginning: The Story of the King James Bible and How It Changed A Nation, A Language and A Culture"** has been perennially misunderstood. McGrath sets the record straight with a sprightly narrative of how this translation was the product of sensibilities honed by the Renaissance and the Reformation, with more than a bit of seventeenth century politics.

### CHURCH FAMILY

#### **Marriage Celebrated**

**Dawn Nobles** and **Sean Ossont** on November 10, 2001

**Lynn Forth** and **Donald Mormon**, on November 17, 2001

#### **Sympathy**

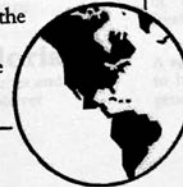
To express sympathy to **Janne** and **Dean Harper** (NCN/C) on the death of **Jeanne's mother, Mildred Acklam**, on November 14, 2001

**Congratulations to Ralph Carter** (NCN/G) for receiving the **Vinnie Wheeler Community Service Award** by the **Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley**

and to **Brad Rye** (NCN/R), named by the **Rochester Business Journal** as one of **"40 under 40 for 2001 – The Next Generation of Leaders."**

### did you know?

Majorities of Presbyterians agree that making peace with the earth should be an urgent part of the peacemaking ministry of the PC(USA).



### PARKING ALERT

Please do not part in the Century Club lot on Sunday, December 2nd. The Club will have a Brunch beginning at 11:30am.

### John White Circle Meeting Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 4th – 11am

The John White Circle will meet in Johnston Hall at 11am on Tuesday, December 4th for a program by the Third Church Chapel Bells. Luncheon will follow at the Century Club. Call Mary Jane Mac Ewen (244-2006) for further information.

### Church Women United Advent Worship

Friday, December 7 – 9:30am

Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue

All women are invited to come and emerge themselves in the joy and peace of this wonderful season. Werner Lemcke, Professor of Old Testament Studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School will lead a Bible study at 9:30am. Those attending are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea and cookies will be served at 2pm. Those attending are asking to bring canned foods for the Community Food Cupboard.

**Sunday, November 25**  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Aaron R. Doll preaching

**Special Advent Events**  
**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Sanctuary)**  
Readers' Theatre Presents  
"A Voice in the Wilderness" (see cover article)

**December 2 - First Sunday of Advent**  
**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
9:00am in the Chapel  
10:30am in the Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching

**Monday, December 3**  
**First Monday Evening Prayer**  
7:00pm in the Chapel  
"Images of Jesus"

**Sunday, December 16**  
Two "Glorias" at 10:30am

**Sunday, December 23**  
Delivery of Christmas Baskets

**Christmas Eve**  
4:30pm: Festival of the Nativity (Sanctuary)  
8:00pm: Christmas Communion (Chapel)  
11:00pm: Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, November 21**  
9:15 am Morning Prayer/Staff Meeting  
**Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving**  
Office Closed

**Friday, November 23**  
Office Closed  
**Saturday, November 24**  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry/  
Muller-Clinard Team

**Sunday, November 25**  
8:45 am Child Care  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:00 am Adult Education  
9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
10:00 am Coffee Moment  
10:30am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45 am Large Group Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

**Monday, November 26**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
5:30 pm Music and Arts Committee  
7:30 pm More Light Committee  
7:30 pm Workshop Committee

**Tuesday, November 27**  
4:00 pm Presbytery/Summerville  
7:30 pm Trustee Meeting

**Wednesday, November 28**  
9:15 am Morning Prayer/Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Qabats  
6:00 pm Church Buddies  
6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, November 29**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:45 am Adult Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Third Church Ringers

**Friday, November 30**  
7:30 pm "Voices in the Wilderness"/Desert

**Saturday, December 1**  
9:00 am Choir Workshop  
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Dining Room Ministry/Coons Team

**Sunday, December 2**  
8:45 am Child Care  
9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
9:00 am Adult Education  
9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
10:00 am Coffee Moment  
10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:45am Church School Chapel Worship

**Monday, December 3**  
11:45 am Coffee Hour  
12:00n Advent Wreath Making  
4:00 pm Covenant Ringers  
4:00 pm Junior High Bells  
5:00 pm CHADS, Chi Rho  
6:00 pm Youth Supper  
6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

**Tuesday, December 4**  
9:30 am Food Cupboard  
10:00 am Chapel Bells  
5:30 pm Evangelism Committee  
7:00 pm First Monday Worship  
7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
8:00 pm Covenant Network Gathering (Tricia Dykers Koenig)

Next Messenger will be mailed December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Deadline is November 20<sup>th</sup>

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John Wilkinson, Pastor  
Aaron R. Doll, Associate Pastor/Christian Nurture  
Rodrigo P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Judy E. Pedlock, Parish Associate for Congregational Care  
Peter A. Dubois, Director of Music/Organist (on sabbatical)  
Christina A. Smith, Director of Music/Organist (on sabbatical)  
Rebecca D'Angelo-Venich, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Pamela T. Foye, Parish Visitor

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## "Joy to the World"



## Advent Gathering

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
3-5pm

## Chancel Choir Special Music

December 16<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am

## TWO Glorias!

by John Rutter and Robert McIver

Join other Third Churchers of all ages for a time of fellowship and tree trimming in the Celebration Center on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. We will make ornaments, decorate the children's tree in the Sanctuary, join in a service project for other Third Churchers, sing Christmas carols and enjoy snacks.

Sign up in the church office, in the Garth after worship, or call the office at 271-6513.



The Chancel Choir accompanied by organ, brass and percussion, will present TWO twentieth-century settings of the ancient text of the "Gloria in excelsis." The first is by well-known British composer John Rutter. Paired with it will be a wonderful addition to the repertoire, composed by our guest conductor, Robert McIver, of the faculty of the Eastman School of Music. Come and experience the joy and freshness of these two great pieces!

A special offering will be received on December 16<sup>th</sup> to help support the cost of this presentation. Your generosity is appreciated.

See inside for information on:  
**Christmas Baskets**  
**The Angel Tree**  
**Christmas Caroling...**

## Third Presbyterian Church Messenger 2001

### THIRD VOICE

At the outset of Advent, I want to share with you news from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to solicit your prayers.

As you may know, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is facing a challenging moment. In many ways, the contentious environment in which we have been living over the past several decades has reached a new level. There is great disagreement over the issues of ordination and human sexuality, but the divisions go deeper than that.

Many of the issues are theological – particularly regarding different thinking within the church about the Lordship of Jesus Christ as well as the role and authority of the Bible as the word of God. These are important issues, and worthy of deep theological reflection and broad dialogue.

Many of the issues, however, are not theological, or aren't theological on the surface. (Every issue is theological at its core, isn't it?) They result from differing approaches and visions about the church. They have to do with power and trust and decision-making. They have to do with an approach that considers everything either left/right or conservative/liberal, and how the church lives with those labels. These, too, are important issues, and deserve careful and sustained attention if the Presbyterian Church has any hope of offering a faithful and authentic witness into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In its wisdom, the 213<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meeting last June in Louisville, called for the creation of a 17-member task force to address the "peace, unity and purity" of the church. Specifically, the task force was chartered to explore issues of "Christology, biblical authority, ordination standards, and power." In essence, this task force was asked to help the church move through, if not propose a solution for, the deep differences it faces. The task force will meet over four years and make a final report to the 2005 General Assembly.

The Theological Task Force was appointed during the week of September 11 by the current General Assembly moderator, Jack Rogers, and his previous two predecessors, Syngmann Rhee and Freda Gardner. The three moderators determined that the task force would need 21 members, rather than 17, to represent fully the many facets of the Presbyterian Church.

Some have asked how the current vote on Amendment A will affect the work of the task force. There are two opinions, at least, on this: one says that the General Assembly was incorrect in proposing Amendment A and that the task force itself should propose a way out of our ordination struggles. Another opinion affirms what the assembly did, that the current G-6.0106b (Amendment B) would need to be removed from the Book of Order prior to the church moving ahead on any resolution to this issue. I happen to concur with that approach. We will wait and see what the church thinks. Either way, the task force will face issues of sexuality and our ordination standards.

So finally, the prayer request. I have been appointed to serve on this task force. I am humbled and honored and just a little bit daunted. And so I ask for your prayers. We meet for the first time this week in Dallas. I will report back to you as this work unfolds, as long as it is appropriate and relatively interesting. I am grateful for the opportunity, and grateful that Third Church takes its role in our denomination seriously and responsibly.

Advent blessings to you all.

Faithfully,



### Church School News

#### God's Rainbow of Promise!

##### Junior Choir

The next Junior Choir anthem will be Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Children's Bell Choir will also play that morning.

**Please note the Nativity rehearsal times below!**

##### Qabats

**Wednesday, December 12**  
Theme: Christmas Celebration

**Wednesday, December 19**  
**Nativity Rehearsal Arrival Times**  
There will be no regular Qabats program on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

5:00 pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:30 pm Junior Choir  
6:00 pm Glorious Things  
6:30 pm Carol Choir  
7:00 pm Rehearsal ends

##### Preschool/Kindergarten Nativity Costuming December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Come at 12noon to the Moot Room to pick out an animal costume for the Nativity on Christmas Eve.

##### Don't Forget!

**Advent Gathering**  
**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
3pm-5pm



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**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Covenant Singers and Covenant Ringers**  
participate at 10:30am service.  
9:30am Covenant Singers Warm up  
10:00am Covenant Ringers Warm up

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Senior High Ensemble participates in worship**  
9:30am Sr. High Ensemble -  
Warm up in Sanctuary

##### Nativity Rehearsal and Youth Fellowship Christmas Party

**Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Costuming will take place at 3:30pm; the rehearsal will start at 4pm - the party and gift exchange follows at 5.

##### Holiday Event for High School Seniors/ Recent Graduates

Graduates, High School Seniors and current/former Youth Advisors are invited for an evening out to renew friendships and catch up with each other. This is REALLY informal - no reservations will be made - just show up at Jack Astor's and grab a table when you arrive. Feel free to contact Amanda Gianniny at if you have any questions. (585-244-1957) or gottaluvhistory@hotmail.com The TPC Deacons will help with the bill!

Jack Astor's  
968 East Henrietta Road  
**Thursday, December 27 at 6pm**

## Abounding in Grace and Joy



### 2001 Christmas Joy Offering

**J**oyful giving has long been a Presbyterian tradition during the Christmas season as we celebrate our fellowship in the family of God. The Christmas Joy Offering provides tangible support to church workers who have faithfully served the church for many years and to the eight Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges where the gifts of students are being developed.

The receipts to the offering are distributed 50% to the Board of Pensions and 50% to the Committee on Higher Education to support the racial ethnic schools and colleges.

The Board of Pensions administers three programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. These programs supplement these individuals' regular benefits when they are inadequate.

**Income Supplements** are available to help retired church workers and their spouses when their total incomes fall below a level established by the Board of Pensions. Income supplements help raise their incomes to a level where they can live modestly and maintain their independence.

**Nursing Home Care Assistance** can help eligible retired church workers and their spouses who need long-term permanent care, but whose incomes and assets are inadequate to pay for the cost of such care, and who are not participating in Medicaid.

**Shared Grants** are provided for any eligible church worker of a surviving spouse in the event of an emergency of special financial need. This grant support is "shared" by the Board of Pensions and either the employing church, or organization, or presbytery.

**The Christmas Joy Offering will be received on  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous as you are able.**



### CALL for DONATIONS for CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our lovely Christmas decorations, please complete the form below and send your check to the Church Office marked "*Christmas Flowers*" and please note clearly the names that should be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

I would like this gift to be:

\_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of:

\_\_\_\_\_ A donation

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for  
receiving contributions.





## **“Peace on Earth”**

### **Advent and Christmas 2001 at Third Presbyterian Church**

|                                                  |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday<br/>December 2</b>                     | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.               | Worship in Chapel with Communion<br>Worship in Sanctuary with Communion                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>December 2<br/>through<br/>December 23</b>    |                                       | Bring food for Christmas Baskets (visit <a href="http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org">www.thirdpresbyterian.org</a> for needed items).<br>Take an Angel from the Angel Tree and bring a gift or two <u>by December 16<sup>th</sup></u> to be added to the Christmas Baskets |
| <b>Monday,<br/>December 3</b>                    | 7:00 p.m.                             | Evening Prayer in Chapel: “Images of Jesus”                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 9</b>                    | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.               | Worship in Chapel<br>Worship in Sanctuary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Saturday,<br/>December 15</b>                 | 3:00-5:00 p.m.                        | Children and Family Advent Gathering for fellowship, trim Children’s tree, Carol singing, snack                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 16</b>                   | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.               | Worship in Chapel<br>Worship in Sanctuary: Special Music:<br>“Gloria” by John Rutter<br>“Gloria” by Robert McIver<br>Chancel Choir, Brass and Organ                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Monday,<br/>December 17</b>                   | 7:00 p.m.                             | Christmas Caroling at Wesley-on-East.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday,<br/>December 22</b>                 | 9:00 a.m.                             | Christmas Basket Assembly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 23</b>                   | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.<br>11:45 a.m. | Worship in Chapel<br>Worship in Sanctuary<br>Christmas Basket Delivery. Call 271-6513 for information.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Monday,<br/>December 24<br/>Christmas Eve</b> | 4:30 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m.<br>11:00 p.m.  | Festival of the Nativity in Sanctuary<br>Communion Service in the Chapel<br>Service of Lessons and Carols in Sanctuary; Broadcast on WXXI 91.5 FM.                                                                                                                       |

For further information call 716-271-6513 or  
Visit [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org)

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## Christmas Baskets



The items listed below will be included in the Christmas baskets, along with a canned ham and fresh produce. Although products have been suggested for particular weeks, donations of all goods are acceptable at any time! Collections to date have been very slow and all of the listed items are urgently needed!

Cereal, Packets of Dry Milk  
Peanut Butter and Jelly; Soup  
Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Boxed  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Pasta and Sauce  
Rice, Baked Beans, Canned Yams  
Tuna and Other Canned Meats  
Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Toilet Paper

Call the church office (271-6513) and sign up to bring a ham and help with the following:

December 20: Take Inventory  
December 21: Assemble Baskets; Shop  
December 22: Load the Baskets  
December 23: Bring Ham;  
Deliver a box or two

Remember, too, that financial donations are gratefully received. Such donations help to fill gaps in food donations. Mark on the check memo that the donation is for "Christmas Boxes."



## Angel Tree is Up!

Pick up an angel and brighten a child's Christmas with a package or two. Please make your selection and place the angel on the corresponding wrapped package.

Angel presents must be returned by **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. The children are in constant need of mittens and hats. Why not attach a pair of mittens and a hat to your gift?

A toy is suggested as a gift for young children -- and please remember, we recommend a \$15 limit for each gift.



## Join the Carolers at Wesley-on-East Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Meet at Wesley-on-East, 630 East Avenue. Third Church bell choirs - Third Church Ringers, Chapel Bells, and making their debut, the new Adult Bell Choir, will assist in leading the singing. We will return to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. All are welcome! Call Liz Montello (586-3624) to sign up.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays at 9am

### Track 1: Essential Questions of Faith

"What Child is This?"

### A Visual Advent Wonderland

A Presentation of the Giotto Frescoes  
Sunday, December 9th

Art historian Lucy Durkin will once again present for us insights into historic artistic expressions of religious events and teachings. She will show pictures and discuss a section of the famed Giotto frescoes. The section under discussion will be on the Annunciation of Mary - and explores the lore surrounding Mary's parents and just who Mary was. Come and learn about this "illustrated legend" as Lucy describes it. Her presentations are always fascinating and enlightening.

### A Contrast of "Gloria's"

Sunday, December 16th at 9:00am

Our own Scott Stratton-Smith will discuss the "Gloria's" of John Rutter and Robert McIver. Come, be enriched by the backgrounds of these two beautiful musical celebrations.

### Track 2: Making Sense of Sunday: Worship Enrichment Seminar

Church Parlor

Weekly preparation for worship, including a study of the scripture passages for the day.

## Stewardship Update:

The response to the 2002 Stewardship effort has been very gratifying. Currently over 480 have pledged \$720,000 in support of next year's ministry. This commitment to the vision of being "rooted in love and growing in faith" moves us toward reaching our goal for next year. We know that many members who have pledged in prior years have yet to do so, but will by the end of the year - we thank you in advance for your response. Pledge cards are available in the Friendship pads and in the church office. Thank you very much for your support.



## More New Books in the Library

"Bridges to Intimacy" by Robert Herron

With 27 years of experience as a Christian marriage counselor, Dr. Herron leads the reader through the problems that often stress marriages, particularly in the middle years. His approach is practical and helpful, and more readable than many "self-help" manuals. The title is taken from Thornton Wilder's "The Bridge of San Luis Rey." *The bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning...*

In "Out of the Depths," the author, Maria Therese Winter, tells the story of Ludmila Javorova, ordained a priest in the underground Catholic church in Czechoslovakia in the period of communist rule. Based on face-to-face interviews with the subject, it goes into great detail about her life under the Nazi occupation and then the Communist rule, the necessity for complete secrecy in the widespread underground group and the refusal of many within the group to recognize her ordination. It is interesting to read in light of the recent ordination of Mary Rammert in the Spiritus Christi Church in Rochester, and to realize that the question of ordination of women in the Catholic Church has been a troubling, but ignored, issue for more than 70 years.

## Update on Amendment A

At its November 27 meeting, the Presbytery of Genesee Valley approved proposed Amendment 01-A by a vote of 89-61-2. The vote followed 30 minutes of debate, which included a presentation by Roderic Frohman who served as General Assembly overture advocate form this presbytery. 01-A would remove G-6.0106b from the Book of Order, which effectively prohibits gay and lesbian persons form being considered for ordained ministry. Currently the presbytery vote stands at 5 yes, 29 no. A majority of the 173 presbyteries in the Presbyterian church (U.S.A.) must approve a proposed amendment. For further information and the latest vote information, visit [www.covenantnetwork.org](http://www.covenantnetwork.org).

## CHURCH FAMILY

son, **Caleb James Moore**, born November 2001, to David and Christine Moore, in the county of Prussia, PA. Grandparents Jim and Shirley Moore (NCN/JB) rejoice in his arrival!

daughter to Werner and Julie Kraushaar on December 1, 2001. Grandparents Barbara and Jack Kraushaar (NCN/DI) and the Heath family (NCN/T) rejoice in her arrival!

## Baptism

will celebrate the November 25, 2001 baptisms of

**Georgia Anne Lillian Marie Ahumada**, born August 1, 2001, daughter of Julio and Sheryl Smith Ahumada (NCN/O) and **Lydia Alice Stratton-Smith**, born September 21, 2001, daughter of Scott and Amy Stratton-Smith (NCN/JB)

## Sympathy

express sympathy to Bill and Tina Jones and family (NCN/C), on the death of Bill's mother, **Jane Jones**, on December 1, 2001, Seneca Falls.



**Mark Clickner** for all the time and energy expended in painting the hallway in the Education Building. It's cheerfully bright and so inviting!

## Attention National Geographic Subscribers—

If you do not plan on keeping your December 2001 issue, please consider donating it to the church school. If you would like to donate your copy, please leave it in Becky D'Angelo-Weitch's mailbox in the office. Thank you.

## New on the Web Page

The Church School Handbook was recently added to the Third Church web page. Check it out at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/kids](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/kids) and teens.

## Limited Alternative Christmas Market Continues

There's still time to purchase items on Sunday mornings in Johnston Hall through Sunday, December 16th (10-10:30am and 11:30-12noon) at the Limited Alternative Christmas Market!

The Music and Arts Committee offers choir CD's, posters, and postcards. You may also purchase UNICEF products, cards from The Corner Place and shares in the Heifer Project. Great for last minute gifts!

## Are You Interested in Joining Third Church?

Prior to joining Third Church, prospective members attend a series of classes. The next class for people inquiring about joining Third Presbyterian Church will take place on

Sunday, January 13, 2002

Sunday, January 20, 2002

and on January 27th, the candidates will enjoy a festive breakfast and meet with Session and Deacons.

There are several ways to indicate your interest in joining Third Church.

- Call Judy Pidcock at 271-6513, ext. 108 or email [jpidcock@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jpidcock@thirdpresbyterian.org)
- Call Jan Anderson at 381-9723 or email [jba1934@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jba1934@rochester.rr.com)
- Leave a message in our website Guestbook ([www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org))
- Check the column "Wish to Join" in the blue Friendship pad found in the pews on Sundays.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Mamma Mia! It's a Go!

A Third Church outing to Toronto to see the hit play "Mamma Mia!" will take place Saturday, April 13, 2002. There are still some places left. A deposit is needed as soon as possible to reserve a ticket, which will include the play, dinner and bus transportation. Call Lila Ford (427-0920) for further information.

**December 9**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
 John Wilkinson preaching

**December 16**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**John Wilkinson preaching**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
 TWO GLORIAS  
 by John Rutter and Robert McIver  
 Chancel Choir, Instrumentalists  
 Directed by Robert McIver

**Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Child Care  
 9:00 am Teacher Recognition Brunch  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 am 7th & 8th Grade Church School  
 9:30 am Covenant Singers Warm up  
 10:00 am Covenant Singers Warm up  
 10:00 am Coffee Moment  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:45 am Nativity Costuming  
 11:45 pm Coffee Hour  
 4:00 pm Junior High Bells  
 4:00 pm Covenant Singers  
 5:00 pm CHAOS/Chi Rho  
 5:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Youth Supper  
 6:45 pm Covenant Singers  
 7:30 pm Senior High Ensemble

**Monday, December 10**

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 10:00 am Chapel Bells

**Tuesday, December 11**

7:00 pm Session

**Wednesday, December 12**

9:15 am Morning Prayer/Staff Meeting  
 5:30 pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 pm Qabata/Christmas Celebration  
 6:00 pm Church Buddies  
 6:00 pm Commissioning Class  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:30 pm Membership Committee

**Thursday, December 13**

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
 5:30 pm Third Church Ringers

**Friday, December 14**

**Saturday, December 15**

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry/Stewart Team  
 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 3:00 pm Advent Gathering

**Sunday, December 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:45 am Child Care  
 9:00 am Worship in Chapel  
 9:00 am Adult Education  
 9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 9:15 am 7th & 8th Grade Church School  
 9:30 am Senior High Ensemble Warm up  
 10:00 am Coffee Moment  
 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary/Special Music  
 10:45 am Church School  
 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
 11:45 am Children Nativity Costuming  
 4:30 pm Youth Nativity Costuming  
 4:00 pm Youth Nativity Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Nativity Cast Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party

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 Deadline is December 4th

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## Christmas Eve Worship at Third Church

### Christmas Eve at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary Festival of the Nativity

The Festival of the Nativity, a traditional candlelight service incorporating narration, carols and tableaux illustrating the Nativity, will be our early Christmas Eve service for families of all kinds. The Junior Choir, the Glorious Things, the Carol Choir and the Junior High Bells will participate, as will many of Third Church's senior high youth.

### Christmas Eve at 8:00pm in the Chapel Communion Service

This is an intimate candlelight Christmas Eve service with communion. John Wilkinson will bring the Christmas message. Special musical selections will be provided by a bell soloist and a vocalist.

### Christmas Eve at 11:00pm in the Sanctuary Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

"Once in Royal David's City," led by children and joined by choir and the congregation, opens this beautiful candlelight service which portrays in scripture and music the wondrous story of our Savior's birth. The Chancel Choir provides musical leadership for the service, which includes much congregational singing as well. John Wilkinson will bring the Christmas message. This service will be broadcast on WXXI-FM, 91.5.





### THIRD VOICE

"O come, O come, Emmanuel." Those words have framed our Third Church December. They are adapted from the 12<sup>th</sup> century "O Antiphons," which use a variety of biblical and liturgical images to speak of Emmanuel - God with us - the promised one sent by God to save the world.

The promise is that we who are in exile will be ransomed. The promise is that death's shadows will be put to flight. The promise is that envy, strife and discord will cease and that the world will be filled with heaven's peace.

These promises are gifts. Like the most cherished gifts that await us under our Christmas trees, we will not fully appreciate them until we live with them for a while, growing into their vision, working with them as they evolve.

Just like every other post September 11 moment in which we live, this Christmas feels different, doesn't it? It has been difficult to describe - at once a lingering sense of anxiety and a deeper sense of longing for community and wholeness. I have been grateful that the church - Third Church and churches everywhere - has been able to provide a Christmas sanctuary, offering news of the vision of that long-ago promise, and offering opportunities to make the promise real in acts of worship and service.

In a sense, Christmas always happens in a moment of crisis. Each new year makes demands for prayers for peace, for acts of justice, for the gathering of the community to bind wounds, for declaring again that the hopes of the world are placed at the cradle which holds a tiny, humble, vulnerable baby.

And each Christmas hope is born. The news of the ancient story never becomes old because its promise is new every day. Incarnation, Emmanuel, "God with us," is needed now more than ever, and the glad tidings we share with angels and shepherds and all those manger animals is that "God with us" has come to us. Rejoice!

Ann, Kenneth, Bonny and I continue to be grateful for your gracious welcome, and we look forward with joy to our first Rochester Christmas. The Third Church congregation has special gifts to share within its walls and for the sake of the city and beyond, and we are grateful to share the journey together.

Wherever you are on Christmas day and the days to follow, may your hearts and homes be filled with the promise around which we gather - joy to the world and peace on earth.

Faithfully,



### Peter DuBois to play at Notre Dame de Paris

Peter DuBois will play an organ recital this Sunday, December 23 at 5:15pm at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris. He received the invitation to perform early this year, and the timing coincided well with his sabbatical. It is indeed a great honor to perform in this historic place! Peter's program will include music by Marcel Dupré, César Franck, Louis Marchand, Max Reger and Olivier Messiaen - all music well-suited to the large and recently renovated instrument in the vast cathedral. Fortunately, Peter's family will travel with him, and together they will celebrate Christmas in Paris. His sabbatical will continue in January as he returns to Paris for four weeks of study with three of the leading organists in France - Philippe Lefebvre of Notre Dame for improvisation, and repertoire with Marie-Louise Langlais and the legendary performer and teacher Marie-Clarie Alain.

Peter would like to express his sincere thanks to all of the members of the Third Church congregation for their prayers and good wishes. And, he feels especially fortunate and blessed to be able to take advantage of these extraordinary opportunities. He continues look forward to returning to service at Third in mid-February, and in the meantime sends his best wishes for a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

### Happy Holidays, Everyone!

This past Wednesday I was a lunch guest of Allendale-Columbia and was presented with a check (for The Corner Place) from the Sophomore class "FUN DAY" fundraiser in the amount of \$2300!!! This is the most that has ever been raised (by \$700) and they were very excited to be giving it to us! I was also asked to describe the program, which I gladly did AND included an invitation for students AND adults to volunteer at Homework Club.

This was a great experience for me as the new director and I thanked them on behalf of the two churches and all of you for their thoughtfulness. They asked that we let them know how the money is spent - if possible.

PEACE and LOVE,  
- Nancy Gee, Corner Place Director

## Church School News

### God's Rainbow of Promise!

#### Junior Choir

The next Junior Choir anthem will be Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Children's Bell Choir will also play that morning.

Please note the Nativity arrival times below!

### Nativity Schedule for Choirs

#### Monday, December 24

3:30pm Junior Choir (Most Room)  
3:45pm Junior High Bell Choir (Bell Balcony)  
4:00pm Youth Arrival at Nativity  
Glorious Things (Chancel Choir Room)  
Carol Choir (344 Church School Room)  
Lighting Crew Arrives  
4:30 P.M. Festival of the Nativity  
Contact Chris Lenti with questions about the Nativity. 271-6537 ext. 110  
clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org.

youth@thirdpresbyterian  
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GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!

### Holiday Event for High School Seniors/Recent Graduates

Graduates, High School Seniors and current/former Youth Advisors are invited for an evening out to renew friendships and catch up with each other. This is REALLY informal - no reservations will be made - just show up at Jack Astor's and grab a table when you arrive. Feel free to contact Amanda Giannini at if you have any questions. (585-244-1957) or gottaluvhistory@hotmail.com

Jack Astor's 968 East Henrietta Road  
Thursday, December 27 at 6pm



**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am**  
**Making Sense of Sunday:**  
**Worship Enrichment Seminar**  
 Church Parlor

Aaron Doll will lead a special reflection on the Christmas season in light of current events.

**Note:** For those who attended the November 25<sup>th</sup> Johnston Hall presentation by Rod Frohman, this bit of news from the Religious News Service makes a connection. "The Presbyterian Church of the Sudan has filed a \$1 billion class action suit against the Talisman Oil Company, accusing the Canadian firm of violating international law by helping the Sudanese government commit human rights abuses against non-Muslims and blacks in the [predominantly Christian] southern state."

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

There will be no Adult Education offerings this week.

**Sunday, January 6**

We will return to weekly preparation for worship, including a study of the scripture passages for the day.

**How Do Presbyterians Relate to Other Faiths?**

"Being Ourselves in Interfaith Dialogue" with Aaron Doll.

**Stewardship Update**

The response to the 2002 Stewardship effort has been very gratifying. Currently over 504 have pledged \$741,500 in support of next year's ministry. We know that many members who have pledged in prior years have yet to do so, but will by the end of the year - we thank you in advance for your response. Pledge cards are available in the Friendship pads and in the church office. Thank you very much for your support.

**Year-End Pledge Contributions**

Please note that **Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** is the last day to mail in your 2001 contributions, if they are not deposited in the offering plate on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Contributions postmarked after this date will be considered donations in the 2002 tax year, but can still be applied to your 2001 pledge, if you clearly mark this on your check.

**Session Meeting Highlights**

At its December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Session:

- Endorsed the theme, concepts, and time period for celebrating the church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with events beginning in January 2002 and concluding in May 2003.
- Received an update from the Stewardship Committee on the success of the fall pledge campaign.
- Approved a concert by the Hampton College Choir in April 2002 and by the Feadan Or Pipe Band in October 2002.
- Authorized the purchase of seven computers to be used at School No. 6 and the Corner Place to further their educational programs.
- Allocated \$10,000 from the Outreach Committee's New Advance in Mission funds toward a joint Habitat for Humanity project in 2002.
- Granted permission for Chris Lenti to teach a course on handbells for the Eastman School of Music and for Deb Shuey to undertake clinical pastoral education work at Third Church as part of her Colgate Rochester Crozer degree program.

**Thursday Morning Play Group**


**A new group is forming!** It is a play group for parents and pre-schoolers and will be held on the first and third Thursdays each month, 9:30-11:30. Children will have time to play together while parents enjoy a time of fellowship. All are welcome and invited to join this new group!

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in the 3- & 4-year old room in the Education Building.



Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator at 271-6537 ext. 118 for more information or email [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org).

**Website News!**

Linc Spaulding and Bob Parrett have put up some new photos on the website (Fellowship and Kids & Teens). Also there is a December newsletter for the Children's program and Junior Choir (Kids & Teens, Music & Arts). Check out [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/Kids](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/Kids) and Teens.

| WEDNESDAY                                                                                    | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                            | FRIDAY                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2<br>Prayer/Staff Mtg.<br>Singing Class<br>Ladies<br>Choir ☺                                 | 3<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br>5:00 Joint Budget<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>6:30 Mission Interpretation<br>7:00 Education Sub-Comm.<br>7:00 Peace and Justice<br>7:30 Outreach Committee | 4<br>9:15 Sisters in Spirit ☺                                         | 5<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Norton Team                                                                               |
| 9<br>Prayer/Staff Mtg.<br>Rehearsal<br>Singing Class<br>Ladies<br>Choir ☺<br>Music Committee | 10<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers                                                                                                                                     | 11                                                                    | 12<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>9:00 Officer's Training<br>Retreat<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Bachelor Team<br>2:00 Children's Musical Auditions |
| 16<br>Prayer/Staff Mtg.<br>Rehearsal<br>Singing Class<br>Ladies<br>Choir ☺                   | 17<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>9:30 Play Group<br>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers<br>7:00 Youth Committee                                                                                          | 18<br>9:15 Sisters in Spirit ☺<br>8:00 Christian Lane's Organ Recital | 19<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>9:00 Presbytery<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Salzer Team                                                           |
| 23<br>Prayer/Staff Mtg.<br>Rehearsal<br>Singing Class<br>Ladies<br>Choir ☺                   | 24<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers                                                                                                                                     | 25<br>5:00 Youth Winter Retreat<br>6:00 B'rith Kodesh Exchange        | 26<br>9:00 Coptic Church<br>10:00 Dining Room Ministry-Thauer Team                                                                              |
| 30<br>Prayer/Staff Mtg.<br>Rehearsal<br>Singing Class<br>Ladies<br>Choir ☺                   | 31<br>9:30 Food Cupboard<br>10:45 Adult Bell Choir<br>5:30 Third Church Ringers                                                                                                                                     |                                                                       |                                                             |

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                     | TUESDAY                                            |
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|  <p><b>EPIPHANY</b></p> <p>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br/>9:00 Child Care<br/>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br/>9:15 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Church School<br/>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br/>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary<br/>10:45 Church School<br/>12:00 Meigs Street Ramblers<br/>4:00 Youth Program</p> | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:00 Chapel Bells<br/>4:30 Children's Musical Auditions<br/>5:30 Evangelism Committee<br/>7:00 Worship- Chapel<br/>7:00 Personnel Committee</p> | <p><i>Happy New Year!</i></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> |
| <p>8:30 New Member Class<br/>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br/>9:00 Child Care<br/>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br/>9:15 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Church School<br/>9:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal<br/>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary- Ordination of Officers<br/>10:45 Church School<br/>12:00 Meigs Street Ramblers<br/>4:00 Youth Program</p>                                                        | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:00 Chapel Bells</p>                                                                                                                           | <p>6:30 Finance Committee<br/>7:30 Trustees</p>    |
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| <p>8:30 New Member Breakfast<br/>9:00 Worship- Chapel<br/>9:00 Child Care<br/>9:00 Adult Ed/Bible Study<br/>9:15 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ch. School<br/>10:30 Worship- Sanctuary- Birth Kodesh Exchange<br/>10:45 Church School<br/>12:00 Youth Return from Retreat<br/>12:00 Meigs Street Ramblers</p>                                                                      | <p>9:30 Food Cupboard<br/>10:00 Chapel Bells<br/>5:30 Music &amp; Arts Committee<br/>7:30 Worship Committee<br/>7:30 More Light Committee</p>                              | <p>9:00 Stuffers and Staplers</p>                  |

☺ is the symbol for "If needed, child care will be provided." Call the Church Office, 271-6513, 48 hours in advance.

## CHURCH FAMILY

passed on December 9, 2001:

**Lauren Tracey**, born July 9, 1994, daughter of Martha Bush and John Tracey (NCN/N)  
**Amanda Rose Willett**, born March 12, 1994) and **Alexandra Lee Willett**, born October 20, 1998, daughters of Richard and Claudia Mejia Willett (NCN/R)

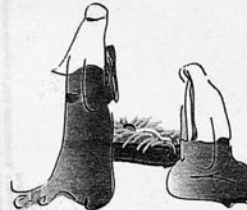
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Jim and Ann Altoonian (NCN/L) on the death of Jim's father, **John Altoonian**, on December 10, 2001, in Rock Hill, South Carolina.  
Ellen Miller and family (NCN/D) on the death of her husband, **Thomas H. Miller**, on December 13, 2001. Mr. Miller was ordained as an Elder at Third Church in 1948; he had been a member of Third Church since 1937.

## Christian Lane in Recital

Friday, January 18, 8:00pm

Assistant Organist **Chris Lane** will present a recital using organ recital in the Third Church Sanctuary on the magnificent 4-manual Austin organ. Included will be works by Nicolaus Bruhns, Frank Bridge, William Bolcom, Franz Liszt and others! In addition, Chris will be joined by friends Michelle Martin, Leah Edwards, and Keith Varney for some spectacular additions to the program -- an energetic organ duet, and selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," accompanied by the organ. Don't miss this night of great organ music!



## 2001 Christmas Joy Offering

This year's offering will be received on December 23 and 24. Please be generous as you are able.

## Meigs Street Ramblers

Once again the Meigs Street Ramblers will be providing entertainment at the Pancake Supper on Mardi Gras, February 12, 2001. The following instrumentalists are needed: **clarinet, tenor sax, trumpet, trombone, tuba, drums, banjo and keyboard.** Rehearsals will begin Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 12noon and will last about an hour. Contact Chris Lenti by phone at 271-6537, ext. 110 or email her at [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org) if you would be interested in participating.

## Are You Interested in Joining Third Church?

Prior to joining Third Church, prospective members attend a series of classes. The next class for people inquiring about uniting with Third Church will take place on

Sunday, January 13, 2002

Sunday, January 20, 2002

and on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the candidates will enjoy a festive breakfast and meet with Session and Deacons.

There are several ways to indicate your interest in joining Third Church.

- Call Judy Pidcock at 271-6537, ext. 108 or email [jpiddcock@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jpiddcock@thirdpresbyterian.org)
- Call Jan Anderson at 381-9723 or email [jba1934@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jba1934@rochester.rr.com)
- Leave a message in our website Guestbook ([www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org))
- Check the column "Wish to Join" in the blue Friendship pad found in the pews on Sundays.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Mamma Mia! Reminder

Saturday, April 13, 2002

Call Lila Ford (427-0920) for further information and to reserve your place.

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Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor/Church in Society  
Judy E. Pidcock, Parish Associate for Congregational Care  
Peter A. Dubois, Director of Music/Organist (on sabbatical)  
Christina A. Lenti, Associate Director of Music  
Rebecca D'Angelo-Velich, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Pamela T. Foye, Parish Visitor  
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**December 23**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
John Wilkinson preaching

**December 30**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**  
**9:00am in the Chapel**  
**10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
John Wilkinson preaching

**Sunday, December 23 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Child Care  
9:00 am **Worship in Chapel**  
9:00 am Adult Education  
9:15 am Junior Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
10:00 am Children's Bell Choir Warm up  
10:00 am Coffee Moment  
10:45 am Church School  
11:45 am Christmas Basket Delivery  
12:00 n<sup>o</sup> Junior High Bell Rehearsal

**Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

9:30 am Food Cupboard  
3:30 pm Junior Choir/Moot Room  
3:45 pm Junior High Bells/Bell Balcony  
3:45 pm Youth Cast Arrives  
4:00 pm Glorious Things/Chancel Choir Room  
4:00 pm Lighting Crew Arrives  
4:00 pm Carol Choir (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Room)  
4:30 pm **Festival of the Nativity/Sanctuary**  
8:00 pm **Christmas Communion in the Chapel**  
11:00pm **Festival of Lessons and Carols/Sanctuary**

**Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas**

Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 26**

Office Closed

**Thursday, December 27**

9:30 am Food Cupboard

**Friday, December 28**

**Saturday, December 29**

10:00 am Dining Room Ministry/Malach Team

**Sunday, December 30**

8:45 am Child Care  
9:00 am **Worship in Chapel**  
9:15 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School  
10:00 am Coffee Moment  
10:30am **Worship in Sanctuary**  
10:45 am Church School  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

**Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

**Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

Office Closed

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