

# The Messenger



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## ADVENT HOSPITALITY

To summarize faith in one word is a tricky proposition, but here's one suggestion: HOSPITALITY. While things like manners and social graces and etiquette are important, the kind of hospitality under consideration goes deeper than that. It is the heart of the gospel. Simply put, it is the act of God welcoming us into God's love and care, and our response, welcoming all of God's children in the same way that we've been welcomed. We could use other words for it – grace, mercy, love. But "hospitality" it is this Advent season.

What does such hospitality look like? Here is how several Third Church officers responded...

- There is that old Southern maxim about hospitality that states you should treat your friends like family and your family like friends. I believe it would work just as well if you substitute the word "guests" for "friends."
- Hospitality looks like people helping people with an open heart. We extend kindness and love to people regardless of their looks or circumstances, privately and publicly. Church programs such as RAIHN, Katrina relief, Dining Room Ministry can connect us to these people.



- Hospitality is extending our arms to all, regardless of religious belief, socio-economic status, or cultural background. We are called to be a welcoming congregation.
- For me "hospitality" goes back to the golden rule. *Do unto others* Welcoming new people to your neighborhood. Bringing flowers to someone in the hospital. Bringing a meal to someone who is having a difficult time.
- Hospitality looks like someone who takes a moment-or more-to really register the presence of another person, in all his or her complexity, and reach out to connect with an open heart that's ready for the surprise of what that encounter might yield.

Hospitality is at the heart of the Christmas story—God opening God's heart to the world to share God's love. The rubber meets the road in all this in an unlikely way, the Christ child being born in a stable when no other place could be found.

We will explore "hospitality" in many ways throughout Advent. Sunday morning sermons will focus on it, as will several adult faith development offerings. Our "La Posada" event—intended for the *entire* church—will include lots of fun as well as a re-enactment of that first Bethlehem journey. And every day you can read about hospitality at our blog, <http://thirdpresbyterian.blogspot.com>.

Open your heart to God's hospitality this Advent season, as we prepare for the birth of the Christ child. And practice hospitality—to stranger and friend alike. It will transform your holiday, and your life. Merry Christmas!

## ADVENT CELEBRATION: "LA POSADA"

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 5:30PM**

Come to the church-wide Advent Celebration. This event for the *entire* congregation will begin with a gathering and potluck meal at 5:30pm. The youth will join at 6:00pm.



We will then experience our version of the traditional Mexican "La Posada," which re-enacts Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

We will conclude with a time of worship featuring carol singing and handbell choirs. All are encouraged to attend. R.S.V.P. to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537, ext. 118 or [rvetch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rvetch@thirdpresbyterian.org).



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# THIRD VOICE



Dear Friends,

Perhaps you have discovered this phenomenon: six word stories, or memoirs.

The online magazine *Smith* asked readers to write the story of their own lives in a single sentence. The result was a book, *Not Quite What I Was Planning*, a collection of six-word memoirs by the famous and not-so-famous.

Here are a couple from *Smith*: writer Dave Eggers (*Fifteen years since last professional haircut*); singer Aimee Mann (*Couldn't cope so I wrote songs*); comedian Stephen Colbert (*Well, I thought it was funny*).

Try it for your own life. Write a six-word memoir. Keep it to yourself or post it on the Third Church Facebook page.

Or try it for Advent. If you do it for Advent, send it to me (jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org) I would love to read it.

Here is one for Advent: *People get ready – Christmas coming soon. Or: Expect. Prepare. Baby on the way.*

Or try one for *hospitality*. As you can tell, we will focus on hospitality a great deal in this Advent season. You may get tired of the word "hospitality," but I hope you won't get tired of the concept.

Here is my hospitality one. *God welcomes us. We welcome others.*

I know you can do better than that. Try it. Send them to me.

In the meantime, we will continue to seek to practice hospitality around this place. Teachers teaching children and children teaching teachers. RAIHN guests being sheltered from the elements, and sharing their lives with our members. Deacons will deliver flowers and meals and have their own lives enriched along the way. Dining Room Ministry guests enjoying a meal, and, in turn, providing an opportunity for our volunteers to have their lives opened up in new and unexpected ways.

Hospitality is surely a two-way street, where the giver and receiver are both transformed. It is God's way.

Practice hospitality this Advent. Come to church in a new way. Open your heart. Invite a friend to join us.

And as an old year passes and 2010 comes into view, I wish for you and yours a blessed Christmas, filled with joy and hope, and every blessing in the new year.

Faithfully,

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 & 10:45AM

### NOVEMBER 29—ADVENT I

"The Hospitality of Watching"

John Wilkinson preaching  
Jeremiah 33:14-16, I Thessalonians 3:9-13,  
Luke 21:25-36

### DECEMBER 6—ADVENT II

Communion at both services  
John Wilkinson preaching  
"The Hospitality of Preparing"  
Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6

### DECEMBER 13—ADVENT III

John Wilkinson preaching  
"The Hospitality of Expecting"  
Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* at 10:45am  
Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Luke 3:7-18

### DECEMBER 20—ADVENT IV

John Wilkinson preaching  
"The Hospitality of Blessing"  
Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:26-56

### DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY

4:30pm in the Sanctuary

### CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

8:00pm in the Chapel

### LESSONS AND CAROLS

11:00pm in the Sanctuary

### DECEMBER 27

John Wilkinson preaching

## MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

DECEMBER 7, 2009

7:00PM IN THE CHAPEL



This service will focus on Advent as a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord. Amy Stratton-Smith will serve as liturgist with musicians Matthew Swensen, *cantor*, Joy Wessler, *flute* and Sandy Gianniny, *harp*. Candle lighters will be Linda DelMonaco Willard and Jo Whang.

Come for a time of quiet prayer and meditation in the beauty of the Chapel.

## WORLD AIDS DAY MEAL, WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7:00PM

Immanuel Baptist Church  
815 Park Avenue, Rochester

You are encouraged to attend this year's **World AIDS Day service**. Prince Singh, Bishop of the Rochester Episcopal Diocese, will speak on the theme, "Sharing the Gift of Love." The service will be preceded by a meal



starting at 5:15pm. All are invited. Third Church planned and hosted the first Rochester ecumenical World AIDS Day service in 2004. Visit [www.CelebrationOfLife.groupsites.com](http://www.CelebrationOfLife.groupsites.com) for more information.

# MILESTONES

## BORN

- **Keeler Wahl Adams**, son of Jamie Adams and wife, Shana Behan, and grandson of Linda and Bill Adams (*L-W*), on October 20 in Kings Beach, CA

## BAPTIZED

- **Ryan Benjamin Balsamo**, born August 10, 2009, son of Mark and Heather Holloway Balsamo (*F-SSE*), on November 8, 2009

## SYMPATHY TO

- Gary and Chris Stevens, Abby, Emily and Peter (*K-WSW*) on the death of Gary's father, **Don Stevens**, on October 24
- Bob and Cathy Norton, Sarah (*L-W*) and Rachel (*OT*) on the death of Bob's brother, **Todd Norton**, on October 24
- Gregg and Janey Miller (*K-WSW Parish*) on the death of Janey's brother, **Donald Hockenberry**, on October 26
- Carol Jones (*E-E*) on the death of her mother, **Louise Jones**, on October 22
- Jane Carden (*Staff*) on the death of her uncle, **Bill Conrad**
- Leila and Mounir Nassar (*G-CP*) on the death of Leila's brother, **Ramzi George**
- The family of **Barbara Vayo**, on her death November 6, 2009
- Carol Foster (*Staff*) on the death of her mother-in-law, **Marjorie Foster**, on November 9, 2009
- Becky D'Angelo-Veitch (*Staff*) on the death of her grandmother, **Antonia D'Angelo**, on November 21

## THIRD CHURCH MEMBERS HELP REHABILITATE NEW ORLEANS HOMES

Three Third Church members joined nine others from Rochester Presbyterian congregations from November 15-22 in New Orleans and rehabilitated a home devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Third Church members were **Ken Herting, Karl Pleger** and **Nancy Watson**. "I've never done this before," said Ken. "My wife has been urging me to do this. It was a life-changing experience."

Susan Orr, organizer for RH2NO, "Rochester Help to New Orleans," arranged the trip. This program is funded in part by our recent Capital Campaign. This particular trip was coordinated through the national organization of More Light Presbyterians. Our three members were joined in New Orleans by 50 others from around the United States and worked under the auspices of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 13 during coffee hour, the children of the Junior Choir will sell Christmas cookies as a fund-raiser for our Spring musical "The Living Water Works" and other special projects.

## MEIGS STREET RAMBLERS

The Meigs Street Ramblers will organize again this year to provide Dixieland music for the Mardi Gras pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 16. The band is looking for trumpets, trombones, tenor sax, clarinet, drums, tuba or bass and banjo. Players of high school age and older are welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays at 12:15pm, beginning January 17. The group is always looking for new members. Contact Chris Lenti if you are interested and for further information (271-6537, ext.110 or email: [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org))



## LIBRARY NEWS

The books in our church library are now on a database. You can search for a book either by title or by author by looking in the notebook on the library desk and finding the color code. We hope this will make the library more accessible. (Checkout is the same as before—just sign your name on the card at the back of the book and leave the card on the desk or in the little wooden box.) Browsing, is of course, always welcome. **Please note: Signed out and unreturned books are causing a hardship for the Library Committee. If the books are not returned, the Committee must use its limited budget to replace the missing books.**

# THIRD CHURCH GATHERINGS

## SISTERS IN SPIRIT

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 & 18 9:30AM**

All women are welcome to join the group for book study, fellowship and prayer. Contact Amy Stratton-Smith (224-9051 or [strattonsmith@frontiernet.net](mailto:strattonsmith@frontiernet.net)) for more information.

## SHAWL MINISTRY

**MONDAYS, DECEMBER 7 & 21 5:00PM**

Contact Pat Rumbold at 288-8142 or Nancy Adams at 889-4055.

## MOM'S GROUP

**TBA**

Watch your email from TPC Moms about the December activity, date and time.

## SONG FEST

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 7:15PM**

You are invited to come at 7:15pm to the Music Lounge of Valley Manor for an evening filled with enrichment as we join in song, both sacred and secular. This will be the Christmas Caroling event when we will sing all the familiar carols. Call Joanne Anderson, 734-1307 for

## T3<sup>S</sup> (TWENTIES & THIRTIES AT THIRD)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 12:00PM**

The T3 will have lunch at Sinbads, then walk to "Bisque and Brush" to paint some pottery. R.S.V.P. to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch (271-6537, ext. 118 or [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org)) by December 9.



## DOCTORS HONORED

Jane Liesveld, M.D., and Deepak Sahasrabude, M.D., received Gilda's Club's highest award, the Jacob Gitelman Award, for outstanding care to people with cancer. The award, presented November 6, recognizes outstanding, meritorious service by a medical professional working with oncology patients associated with Gilda's Club. They provide expertise to people with cancer in our community and give generously of their time volunteering to speak with patients at the Clubhouse.

# ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday morning classes take place from 9:30-10:30am

The full Adult Faith Education program can be found at <http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/education/>

## ADVENT 2009 THEME: HOSPITALITY

The all-church Advent theme for 2009 will focus on hospitality as a Christian value. Hospitality has deep biblical roots going back to the Old Testament which had a very specific ethic of comforting the "sojourner." In the New Testament hospitality is ultimately illustrated at the Lord's Table. This Advent season many programs of Third Church will focus on this theme.

### SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC:

## ANTONIO VIVALDI'S BAROQUE MASTERPIECE *GLORIA*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 10:45AM

PREVIEW: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30AM IN JOHNSTON HALL



The Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra, will present Antonio Vivaldi's baroque masterpiece *Gloria* in worship on Sunday, December 13, at 10:45 a.m. Justin Lundberg, Chancel Choir member and Eastman PhD theory candidate, will present a preview of this vibrant and engaging work during the adult education hour that same morning in Johnston Hall.

## TREASURER'S BOX



Through October, higher-than-anticipated income in current year and prior year pledges helped to offset the less-than-anticipated income in contributions with no pledge and Sunday plate offering. Overall, YTD income in these four categories was 3% higher than our budget prediction. Per capita contributions are 95% complete—if you haven't yet made your contribution for 2009, it's not too late! Finally, our capital campaign income exceeded expenditures through October by almost \$2,024,904.

For the operating budget as a whole, year-to-date income of \$1,209,240 exceeded year-to-date expenditures of \$1,067,087.

Our endowment had an investment return of 15% for the third quarter. Following the quarterly withdrawal of \$94,949 and a contribution of \$9004, the market value of the endowment as of September 30 was \$4,195,097, an increase of more than \$464,382 over the June 30 total.

Concerning the Paybooks situation, the Joint Budget & Finance Committee approved Carol Foster's recommendation that \$21,000 of the almost \$44,000 lost be taken as an expense in 2009. We may receive some restitution from the Attorney General's investigation, but that won't come before year-end and it won't exceed 50% of our loss. The balance of the loss not received in restitution will be taken as an expense in 2010.

As of this writing, we've just launched our StewardSHIP campaign, and I want to emphasize how important your pledge is to Third Church. We need our commitment to be 100%—so if you haven't yet made your pledge for 2010, please do so! Let's all get aboard the "Spirit of Third Church"!

It's hard to believe that 2009 is quickly coming to a close. May you have a blessed Christmas, and may 2010 be a healthy and happy year for each of you.

Jan Chisholm

## ADVENT LECTIONARY

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

12:00PM, JOHNSTON HALL

This Thursday "brown bag" gathering will explore the Bible passages for the next Sunday.

## HOSPITALITY AS A CHRISTIAN VALUE

CELEBRATION CENTER

SUNDAYS DECEMBER 13 AND 20 AT 9:30AM

So, having someone over for dinner is an act of Christian faith? What about serving a meal in our Dining Room Ministry program? What about having that grumpy brother-in-law over for Christmas dinner? "All are acts of Christian faith!" says Rod Frohman, our Associate Pastor for Church in Society. These two classes, based on Rod's Princeton Seminary Doctor of Ministry thesis, *Pastoral Hospitality With Worship Visitors in a Multi-Racial Setting*, will examine the biblical and theological roots of hospitality, this Advent's Church theme.



## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 CLASS AT CLOVERWOOD

Roderic Frohman will be presenting a program, "Hospitality as a Christian Value" Wednesday, December 16 at 3:00pm at Cloverwood. This will be a condensation of the two classes being presented Sundays as part of Adult Faith Development, since some Cloverwood residents are not able to attend the Sunday morning classes. All Third Church members are invited, regardless of whether they live at Cloverwood or not.



Our Stewardship Elves at Work



**PASSENGERS BOOKED: 309 (29% of total)**  
**TOTAL PLEDGED \$699,546 (79% of goal)**  
**GOAL: \$890,000**  
**Average Pledge: \$2,264**  
**Report as of November 23, 2009**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Contact: Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator 271-6537, ext. 118, [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) or Christina Lenti, Associate Director of Music at 271-6537, ext. 110 or [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## TEACHER FEATURE

Each month, we will be highlighting teachers from two of our classes. This month we feature **Shannan Monrad** (3-



year old Class), **Sarah Boyce**, **Tim Stout** and **Andrew Elder** (preschool class). These four teachers are our children's first introduction to a structured Sunday School program. Using the "Wee Believe" curriculum, they teach simple Bible stories and crafts to the children. They all have made a dedication of their time to provide a warm, loving and consistent environment for our kids. **Pre-school teachers Sarah and Tim** (whose older daughter Megan is in their class) share these thoughts. Sarah enjoys the four-year olds' enthusiasm about the Bible

stories; she finds it contagious! Tim finds it a privilege to play such a special role in the lives of the kids. He shares how one of their students told her mom "my Sunday School teachers teach me a lot about God." **Andrew** also serves on this team and shares, "For me, it is about adding to the 'building blocks' of faith that Third Church provides across all age ranges. Cory, my four-year old, was singing "Christmas morning, Christmas morning" in repeat mode all last Sunday afternoon. Lessons learned at Third Church are making their way into her heart and soul! What a privilege to be part of that process."



**Shannan** shares this story about the **three-year old class**: Sometimes we start class by saying 'I am thankful for...' One Sunday a girl replied, 'ponies.' We spent the class studying Moses. Moses as a baby, Moses in the basket, and the burning bush. In comes Mrs. Lenti, who asks, "what did you children talk about today?" "PONIES!" was the enthusiastic response. But the following week, as the children arrive, someone saw a picture of the burning bush and casually says "oh, the burning bush." A rewarding feeling came over me. Yes, this is why I love to teach Sunday School.

## CHURCH SCHOOL IN DECEMBER

In December in Sunday School we will be focusing on all the ways that Jesus is the Son—Jesus, Son of Joseph, Jesus, Son of Mary and Jesus, Son of God. Please note that on December 27, there will not be regular Sunday school—large group church school will be offered for children up to first grade.

# THE B.E.A.T. BOX

BUILDING EXCITEMENT AT THIRD

Contact: Jane Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator 271-6537, ext. 107 or [jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org)



## HAVE YOU HEARD?

- 33 youth and adults joined six other Presbyterian churches for the annual fall retreat at Watson Homestead.
- Church Buddies meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:15pm in the Youth Lounge. If you are in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, bring your dinner and join David Stimson and Lia Sprague for some faith filled conversation.

- The Youth Group will join Summerville Presbyterian and Victor Presbyterian Churches for LaserQuest on Friday, December 11. Details forthcoming.
- The Youth will be playing an integral role in the All Church Advent, "La Posada" on Sunday, December 13. Music rehearsals are as scheduled. Bring your family and stay for dinner, the "La Posada," and a brief service of worship and bells.
- The Youth will be Christmas Caroling at the Rochester Presbyterian Home on Sunday, December 20 at 1:00pm. Everyone is invited to join us. The more the merrier!

## COMMISSIONING CLASS

This year's Commissioning Class is a class of eight youth, eight adult faith partners and two leaders. We meet most Sundays at 9:30am in the Kindergarten room on the third floor of the Education Building. Our first outreach opportunity is coming up December 5. We will be hosting an Ice Cream Social at the Rochester Presbyterian Home.

## SUNDAY DINNER at CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES January 3

The Youth will be preparing and serving dinner for Cameron Community Ministries. Meet at the church at 3:00pm for preparation and the drive over to Cameron to host the meal. Details forthcoming.

# SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

- **WORLD PEACEMAKING & MISSION**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, Donald Boyd, 248-0657, dlbp@rit.edu
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**SCHOOL #35**, Joyce Perry, 244-3125, perryhq@frontiernet.net

## HUNGER TEAM AND ADVOCACY: QUICK ALERT SYSTEM

Almost 200 Offering of Letters signed by members of Third Church on October 19 were hand delivered to the local office of Senator Schumer and our four leading Representatives. The letters urged an overhaul of the Foreign Assistance Act, unchanged since 1961, to speed aid to needy people.

We discovered that most Third Church members don't know who represents them in the House. Using the PCUSA website <http://pcusa.capwiz.com>, we created an internal index that will be used for future advocacy actions.

Also, those who included their email addresses to the Offering of Letters have been invited to join Third Church's Quick Alert System through which the Advocacy Committee invites members to immediately act on pressing outreach issues. If you have not received this invitation, please email Rod Frohman at [rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Carol Coons, Chair, Hunger Team

Vince Tollers, Chair, Advocacy Committee

## THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

WONDERFUL GIFTS...  
WRAPPED IN GOOD FEELING



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6  
CELEBRATION CENTER  
9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

TAKE A BREAK FROM SHOPPING AT THE MALL  
SHOP AT THE  
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET!

LET THE YOUTH SERVE YOU  
LUNCHEON (\$5.00)

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOPPING  
TO BENEFIT:

CORNER PLACE HARLEY SCHOOL HOSPICE  
YOUTH MINISTRY HUNGER TEAM  
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK  
EARTH KEEPERS  
THE GOOD BOOK STORE  
GOATS FOR KENYA WATER FOR SUDAN  
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND MORE!

## Christmas Baskets 2009

This year for the first time we will be sharing our Christmas baskets with our two schools and some RAIHN graduates. We will decorate our Angel Tree with



- **Hats** and **Mittens** for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade at School #35
- **Underpants** and **Socks** for age three through Grade 4 at School #6

All food donated through **December 14** will fill the Christmas baskets. And, again this year, in place of turkeys, we will be distributing \$15 or \$20 TOPs gift cards to each family, making it possible for them to purchase the type of meat or other item which fits their family.

Please bring in the following items:

- Week #1 (11/22)—*cereal, soup, large can tuna, boxed Tuna & Taco Helper mixes*
- Week #2 (11/29)—*baked or refried beans, macaroni & cheese, pasta sauce and toilet tissue*
- Week #3 (12/6)—*canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, rice and bar soap*
- Week #4 (12/12)—*canned fruit, LARGE Jello, cranberry sauce and bagged stuffing mix*
- **Sign up to help sort, purchase, pack and deliver food December 17 through 20**—And, bring in hats, mittens, packages of underpants and socks for the Angel Tree. Sign up sheets are available in Johnston Hall each week.
- **Contribute toward the purchase of 70 Tops gift certificates.** Donations will gratefully be received in Johnston Hall each Sunday, and during the December 6 Alternative Christmas Market.



Robin and Annalie Flanigan work on their Advent Wreath, while Abby and Maisie Merz model theirs!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



### **Renee Clark**

Renee Clarke grew up in the Village of Corfu, New York. She was an active member of Corfu United Presbyterian Church where she rang handbells,

chaired the mission committee, was president of the youth group, and served as an ordained elder. Renee moved to Rochester to attend college. She currently lives in Greece with her 4-year-old daughter Caitlin who attends pre-kindergarten at Paddy Hill Elementary School and is a member of the 4-year-old Sunday school class here at Third Church. Renee works at Strong Memorial Hospital in the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Division as a technician in the outpatient treatment clinic. She looks forward to becoming an active member of Third Church and meeting more of her new church family. *(B-NW Parish)*

Benjamin was born in El Paso, Texas as part of a military family that moved around quite a bit. He has lived in Germany, Washington state, South Carolina, and Michigan where his parents currently reside. He is an alumnus of the



American Boychoir School, where he was intensely involved in singing and had the opportunity to travel throughout this country and abroad. He studied cello at New England Conservatory of Music, graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota with an undergraduate music degree in Cello Performance, and then earned his Master's degree in Cello Performance and Professional Studies Diploma from Ohio's Cleveland Institute of Music. Benjamin is currently a member of the cello section of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, which he joined in the Fall of 2008. *(L-W Parish)*

### **and Lisa Rounds**

Jessica Wojcik-Rounds and Lisa Rounds met in 2001 and were married in 2005. They have a son, Oliver, who is five months old.

Lisa is the lead counselor for the Canandaigua City school district, with a case load at the Academy. She is in her tenth year with the district. She grew up in



Horseheads, New York, the youngest of six girls. Jessica is in her fourth year as a seventh grade English teacher at Calkins Road Middle School in Pittsford. She grew up in West Seneca, New York, with her parents and one sister. Jessica and Lisa enjoy traveling to see their families. They are loving every minute of being new parents. *(D-EC Parish)*

### **Jeff and Lorenda Gauronski**

The Gauronski Family (Jeff, Lorenda, Trevor and Zachary) lives in Penfield. Jeff was born and grew up in the Rochester area; Lorenda was born and raised in



Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Trevor and Zachary are twins and attend Scribner Road Elementary. Although Jeff and Lorenda both work at

Xerox, they met playing volleyball. They enjoy playing games, going to water and amusement parks, taking walks and playing jokes on each other. Jeff enjoys playing fantasy sports and reading. Lorenda enjoys cooking, reading, and doing crafts projects. Eight-year old twins Trevor and Zachary both enjoy singing and playing the piano, and are in their first year with the Bach Children's Chorus. Zachary and Trevor also like doing the many different activities with their Cub Scout Den & Pack. Zachary loves sports. Trevor enjoys reading, drawing, and magic tricks. *(C-NE Parish)*

### **Jessica Wojcik-Rounds**

## Christmas Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to help support the cost of our Christmas decorations, please send your check to the church office marked "Christmas Flowers" and 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 from:*



### **Benjamin Krug**

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[www.thirdpresbyterian.org/calendar.shtml](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/calendar.shtml).

## BOAR'S HEAD—JANUARY 9 AND 10 4:00PM IN THE THIRD CHURCH SANCTUARY

Plan now to attend one or both performances of this great Epiphany Festival—and invite your friends to join you! Pre-festival music will begin at 3:30pm each day, and a festive reception will follow each performance.



**HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL** If you're planning on sending out Christmas cards in the coming weeks to friends and relatives, you can help spread the word about the Boar's Head Festival, as well. Small pre-printed announcements are available in quantities for you to pick up in the church office during the week, or at coffee hour on Sunday mornings. These can be enclosed with your Christmas cards to serve as a personal invitation to come and enjoy the festivities on January 9 and 10!

**BOAR'S HEAD NEEDS YOU!** Many bakers are needed to provide cookies, breads, mince tarts and plum puddings for the festive receptions which will follow both performances of *The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival* on January 9 and 10. Items may be prepared as you do your holiday baking, but need to be delivered to the church by Friday, January 8. *Easy* recipes for mince tarts, plum puddings, and volunteer forms may be found in the church office, on the literature table in Johnston Hall, or online at [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music/BoarsHeadBakers2010.pdf](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/music/BoarsHeadBakers2010.pdf). Please let us know as soon as possible if you can provide baked goods, and also if you are available to help with the reception set-up for either performance.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP** financially support our presentation of the biennial Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on January 9 and 10, as a Patron. The Festival is a wonderful tradition and a gift from our congregation to the larger community of Rochester as we conclude our celebration of Christmas with this great Epiphany event! To help in this way, send a check payable to Third Presbyterian Church with the notation "Boar's Head Patron" clearly marked - or place your check, so marked, in the offering plate.

## NAZARETH LOW BRASS CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 7:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

The Nazareth College Low Brass Choir, directed by Chris Van Hof, will present their Christmas Concert in our Sanctuary on Tuesday evening, December 1 at 7:30pm. This enthusiastic chamber ensemble of tubists, trombonists and euphonium players will perform both sacred and secular works as well as music appropriate for the Christmas season! All are cordially invited to attend this festive program—free admission!

