

The Messenger

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Concert of Gospel Music—February 11 at 7:00pm



Keith Hampton

TWO special gospel music events will take place on Sunday, February 11 at Third Church. In morning worship, at 10:45am, the Chancel Choir, with soloists and instrumental ensemble, will present Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass* under the direction of distinguished guest conductor **Keith Hampton**.

That evening at 7:00pm, Dr. Hampton will lead the Chancel Choir in a **Concert of Gospel Music** for our congregation and the larger community in our sanctuary. It will be a great celebration of faith through music! Appropriate for all ages, this one-hour concert will again feature the **Gospel Mass**, as well as several compositions by other gospel and spiritual composers, including Keith Hampton's popular **Praise His Holy Name**. The music is infectious, and we hope you will invite others to join you for this uplifting evening. There is no admission charge for this event. An offering will be received to support future concerts.

Scott Stratton-Smith will provide a preview of these special musical events during Adult Education on the morning of February 11 at 9:30am in Johnston Hall.

Keith Hampton is Founder and Artistic Director of the Chicago Community Chorus

and is Director of Music Ministries at Park Manor Christian Church in Chicago. He has published many compositions and arrangements, including several favorites of the Third Church choir. He is widely in demand as a conductor and clinician. During his time with us, area choir directors will have the opportunity to observe him in rehearsal with our choir, and engage in discussion around techniques for leading authentic gospel singing.

Dr. Hampton's residency is made possible in large part by the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

Temple B'rith Kodesh/ Third Church Exchange

February 2 and 4

As has become the tradition, members of the Third Church community are invited to join members of the Temple B'rith Kodesh congregation for dinner on **Friday, February 2 at 5:45pm.**, 2131 Elmwood Avenue. The Shabbat (worship) service will follow at 7:00pm., featuring Rabbi Kotok and John Wilkinson. Cost for the buffet chicken dinner is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children under 10. Reservations must be received at Third Presbyterian Church by Monday, January 29. A check sent to Dona Summers serves as your reservation.

On Sunday, February 4 at 9:30am., Rabbi Kotok will participate in an Adult Faith Development program and share a dialogue sermon with John Wilkinson at 10:45am.

"Fat Tuesday" at Third Church, February 20 at 6:00pm



On the Tuesday evening before Lent begins, we gather together in the Celebration Center for a pancake supper. The Meigs Street Ramblers greet us with their lively Dixieland Jazz.

This year's after-dinner entertainment will take place upstairs in the sanctuary. "Les Mardiettes," a group of our young people and adults will entertain us with a half-hour revue that will offer something for every age group.

This happening takes place on the eve of our third relief trip to New Orleans! Tickets will be on sale before and after worship beginning February 4, and in the office during the week. Individual tickets are \$5.00, with a \$25.00 family maximum.

Begin Lenten Season with Worship Ash Wednesday, February 21 worship will take place at 7:00pm in the Chapel, with Roderic P. Frohman preaching. Begin the Lenten Journey with us on Ash Wednesday for a service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Third Voice

Dear Friends,

Earlier in January, the officers of the church (Session, Deacons, Trustees) and the program staff gathered for a day-long retreat. We shared a good day together of community building and visioning. All of us need to know what a dedicated and gifted group of officers is guiding Third Church in the present moment. I am grateful for their commitment.

In the course of the day, we spent a little time looking at the "big picture" of Third Church. Here are some of the themes we explored and affirmed:

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

- A church rooted in the history of Rochester, Western New York and American Presbyterianism
- A church committed to faithful worship and excellence in music and arts
- A church committed to social justice, public faith, service to those in need
- A church committed to education for all ages that nurtures the spirit and leads to service

WHERE WE ARE

- A metropolitan congregation with an urban focus
- A diverse and inclusive congregation in a variety of ways, including age, family and life situations, geography
- A growing and evolving membership
- A growing and evolving programmatic life
- A voice in the Rochester community and the broader Presbyterian church
- Committed to our traditions and open to new forms of experience

In a 1999 mission and ministry statement, we said we sought to be a church where "faith, worship and life intersect to develop a sense of community and mission. Our faith is informed through Biblical study and preaching of our Judeo-Christian heritage, Reformed liturgy and excellent music. We seek to integrate all ages in worship, where we encounter and celebrate our faith. Thus inspired, our relationships grow within a Christian context, requiring us to be at peace with our brothers and sisters, coming to know them in ways that uplift, console, encourage and support. Nurtured by the Holy Spirit, we are challenged to seek



justice and reconciliation in the world with our hands and our hearts."

In 2000, we said we were committed to:

- Nurturing our life of faith
 - Welcoming all into our fellowship
 - Bringing hope and justice to our city and beyond
- by:
- Gathering to worship
 - Seeking to learn
 - Striving to be inclusive
 - Covenanting to establish a community of care and fellowship
 - Dedicating resources, including our financial resources
 - Educating and nurturing our children

That was then. It's my hunch that though the time and context have evolved, we would make the same claims and express the same aspirations today. Our task, then, is to measure our ministry against this vision, to take stock of where we are and to re-claim and renew this vision for 2007 and beyond.

Using our recent stewardship language, perhaps we are called to be IN TOUCH:

- With the best of our tradition – worship, social justice, education
- With members who seek re-connection
- With new members searching for connection
- With "seekers" longing to connect with a church home
- With those in need – physical and spiritual

So that we GROW:

- In our commitment level – spiritual and financial
- In our membership
- In our ability to reach out

Entirely too many lists, to be sure, but also perhaps a good reminder to pause and take stock as we move ahead, as people of faith and as a community of faith. How are we doing, and how are our gifts – yours and mine – leading us ever forward?

Faithfully,

Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:45am

Sunday, February 4

Communion at 8:30 & 10:45

"What We Need Is A Little Anamnesis"

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Roderic P. Frohman preaching at 8:30am

Dialogue with Rabbi Kotok and John Wilkinson at 10:45am

Monday, February 5 at 7:00pm

First Monday Evening Prayer

See below.

Sunday, February 11

"Rainbow Blessings"

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26

John Wilkinson preaching

Robert Ray "Gospel Mass" at 10:45am

Sunday, February 18

"A Clear Reflection"

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40; Luke 6:27-38

Deborah L. Hughes preaching

Wednesday, February 21

Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm, Chapel

"Lent and Root Canals"

Roderic P. Frohman preaching

February 25-1st Sunday in Lent

"Lenten Abundance"

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

John Wilkinson preaching

First Monday Evening Prayer

February 5 at 7:00pm in the Chapel

The theme of this month's service will be "Peace."

David Gregory will serve as liturgist with musicians Leah Mould and Ann McMican,

cantors, Gretchen Judge,

violin, and Sandy Gianniny,

harp. Candle Lighters will be Jo Whang and Janet Curry. Come for a time of prayer and meditation in the beauty of the Chapel.



Milestones

Born

- **Holly Grace Thompson**, October 27, 2006, to Matt and Meredith Bednar Thompson, in Vero Beach, Fl. Grandparents Harold and Judy Bednar (*Mendon, Rush, Ontario and Livingston Counties Parish*) rejoice in her arrival.
- **Nathaniel Wallace Austin**, January 12, 2007, to Vicki and Andy Austin (*West Penfield Parish*). Brother Eric joins his parents in welcoming Nate.

Baptized

December 24, 2006:

- **Kathrine Locke Bedard**, born June 28, 2003 and
- **Elizabeth Locke Bedard**, born January 9, 2005, daughters of David and Kerry Locke Bedard (*out of town*)

Sympathy is expressed to

- Nora Van der Stricht (*East Avenue Area Parish*) on the death of her son, **Robert Van der Stricht**, on December 18, 2006
- Rod Frohman on the December 19, 2006 death of his sister **Natalie Ottoson**.
- the family of **Betty McKusick**, who died on December 19, 2006, in Hanover, NH. Mrs. McKusick was a former member and Sunday School teacher.

- Rudy and Meg Warren (*Southeast City Parish*) and family on the death of Rudy's father, **William C. Warren III**, a member of Third Church for nearly 50 years, on December 22, 2006.
- **Pamela Harvey**, who served as an associate pastor at Third Church in the 1980's, died December 28 following a fall. Having served in pastorates in Hudson River and Long Island Presbyteries, she most recently served as interim pastor of Middle Island Presbyterian Church on Long Island. We mourn her death and remember with gratitude her ministry. If you would like family contact information, please contact Beth Williams at the church office.
- the family of **Eleanor T. Batty**, on her death on December 30, 2006. Mrs. Batty had been a member of Third Church since 1980.
- The family of **Lois V. Lunger**, a 60-year member of Third Church, on her death January 5, 2007.
- Brooke and John Durland (*West Brighton Parish*) on the death of Brooke's father on January 5, 2007.

Lenten Covenant Groups

We will be offering a new round of Covenant Groups during the coming Lenten season. A Covenant Group is a gathering of six to eight people who make a short-term commitment to meet together once a week or so to experience Christian community through Biblical reflection, prayer, and honest, personal conversation that is relevant to daily living. These groups have proven to be a great way to meet new people, explore faith and build community.

Each group will meet five times during Lent (from the week of February 17 through Easter, April 8, 2007). Groups usually agree to meet in someone's home. Meetings last approximately ninety minutes, and each group will have a facilitator who will help stimulate discussion and encourage participation.

The Biblical focus will come from the lectionary readings for that week—the same texts that will be read on Sunday mornings during worship. Since the primary purpose is to develop community, there will be no lecture! The group will explore the text together to discern what meaning it might have to offer. (For those who want to explore the text from a more academic angle, there will be online resources available between group meetings.)

Are you looking for a way to connect with others and deepen your faith experience? A Lenten Covenant Group might be exactly the right thing!

Register now! Forms are available in the Church Office, or you can register online on the church website: www.thirdpresbyterian.org

Are you interested in being a group facilitator? Contact Deborah Hughes (dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537 ext 108), David Stimson (stimson88@aol.com), or Amy Stratton-Smith (strattonsmith@frontiernet.net)

Yes! I would like to be part of a Third Church Lenten Covenant Group. I understand that each group will meet five times during Lent (the week of February 18 through Easter, April 8, 2007). Groups will meet for about ninety minutes each session. I understand that every attempt will be made to match my time schedule with an available group and facilitator. Here is my contact information and the days/times that I am most likely to be available.

Lenten Covenant Group

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Email address: _____
 Phone: _____

Mornings
 ___Tu ___Sat
 Afternoons:
 ___Mon ___Wed
 Evenings (after dinner)
 ___Sun ___Mon ___Wed ___Th ___Fri

Gatherings

Presbyterian Men

Mondays, dates TBD 7:30pm
 Contact Pete Weishaar at 218-9891 or send an email to:
TPCmen-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Shawl Ministry

Monday, February 5 & 19? 5:00pm
 Work and conversation goes until 6:00 or 6:30. If you have questions, feel free to call Pat Rumbold at 288-8142 or Nancy Adams at 889-4055.

Sisters in Spirit

Fridays, February 2 & 16 9:30-11:00am
 The group is currently finishing up reading "The History of God" and will start a new book (TBA) on February 16. All women are welcome to join the group for book study, fellowship and prayer. Contact Amy Stratton-Smith (224-9051 or strattonsmith@frontiernet.net) for more information.

Song Fest at Valley Manor

Thursday, February 15 7:15pm
 Refreshments will be served. All welcome! Please call if you would do a solo (vocal or instrumental), quote poetry, clown, whatever your talent. Contact: Joanne Anderson to offer your talent or if you need a ride (734-1307).

Calvin Guild

Wednesday, January
 Chuck and Carolyn Merriam will present a slide show entitled "Pasqua," a Sicilian Easter. Contact Ed King (342-2736) or Pat Burnett (381-6349) if you wish to attend. Charge for those bringing a dish to pass is \$2.00; if you do not bring a dish to pass, the charge is \$5.00.

Mom's Group

Friday, February 9 TBA
 A movie night is planned for February 9. For details contact Jenny Hutkowski (264-1157) or hutkowski@yahoo.com or Candice Lucas (473-4679) or clucas@rochester.rr.com. An e-vite with all the details will be forthcoming.

Sunday Morning Knitters

Sundays in February 9:30am
 All would-be knitters are welcome!.

Adult Faith Development

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

The Formation of God's Covenant People: A Study of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy

Sunday, February 4

Celebration Center

9:30-10:30am

These books of the Old Testament are held together by the overarching theme of God's covenant with Israel.

Werner Lemke,

Professor Emeritus of Biblical Interpretation at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School leads this five-part series.



The African-American Family Celebration Center: February 11 Johnston Hall (18, 25)

This course will cover the development of the African American family from its origins in Africa, through slave trade, the Jim Crow era, the Civil Rights Movement to its opportunities and challenges of today

Richard M. Williams,

author and lecturer on the health and well-being of African-American families and guest on more than 70 radio and television programs discussing his views on black family stress, the need to value one another and putting an end to self-defeating behavior which leads to cultural and economic hardship leads this course.



"Out of the Comfort Zone"

Sunday, February 11

Johnston Hall
9:30-10:30am

Scott Stratton-Smith

will give a preview of Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass" that will be performed as part of the 10:45am worship service and again at 7:00pm under the direction of Keith Hampton.



Witness Without Parallel: Eight Biblical Texts that Make us Presbyterian February 18, 25

Using the book of the same title by Earl S. Johnson, Jr., this class will cover eight significant passages of the Bible. Topics covered include: Jesus, justification by faith, predestination, male and female, judging others. You may purchase the book for \$11.00 by contacting Dona Summers at the church office, 271-6537, ext. 101. Purchase of the book is recommended.

Charles Stratton returns in this popular teaching role.



Books for February and March Adult Faith Development Classes

Now would be a good time to call the church office to order the books needed for upcoming classes. For both books, contact Dona Summers in the church office, 271-6537, ext 101.

Witness Without Parallel: Eight Biblical Texts That Make us Presbyterian

(Earl S. Johnson) Cost is \$12.00

Classes: February 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25

Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality

(Jack Rogers) Cost is \$15.00

Classes: March 11, 18, 25; April

Save the Date!

GEVA at Third Church, Friday, March 30, 7:30pm

Skip Greer, Director of Education/Artist in Residence at Rochester's GEVA Theater will be "in residence" at Third Church on Friday evening, March 30. It will be the second of our "Parlor Conversations" with Skip and other staff and actors he may bring. Skip will have just concluded acting in Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, which runs from February 13 through March 25.



New Books in the Church Library

William Stacy Johnson: "A Time to Embrace: Same Gender Relationship sin Religion, Law and Politics"

Peter Gomes says "What a welcome contribution to the vexed debate on same-sex marriage, where passion, paranoia and prejudice have ruled out conversation for far too long. Johnson leaves no angle of the issue unconsidered here, and anyone from whatever position who takes this debate seriously will be obliged to read this book."

Katharine Rhodes Henderson: "God's Troublemakers: How Progressive Women of Faith Are Changing the World"

Through probing interviews with 21 changer-makers, Henderson illumines the path to ethical action. One person can change the world by empowering, advocating and igniting passion in others.

David Ray Griffin, John B. Cobb, Jr, Richard A. Falk and Catherine Keller: "The American Empire and this Commonwealth of God: A Political, Economic, Religious Statement"

Harvey Cox says, "This is an enormously urgent and important book. It builds on the finest new biblical scholarship in viewing the sculptural setting of the reign of God against empire and suggests how all the religious traditions can — and must — contribute to an unprecedented civilizational transformation."

In Touch/Forward in Faith

Thanks to all those who have made their financial pledges for 2007. As of January 21, 486 households have pledged \$873,272 toward our goal of \$950,000. Pledge cards are available in the chapel, sanctuary and church office. You may also make a confidential pledge by calling Carol Foster at 271-6537, ext. 111 or cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org. Again, thank you for your commitment and support.

Children's Ministry

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

Fundraising for Children's Ministry Trip to Pittsburgh "Sharing Ourselves, Sharing Our Song"

On Sunday, February 11, Children's Ministry will sponsor a Valentine's cookies sale after the 8:30am Chapel and 10:45am worship. Delicious cookies will be available for purchase as well as Valentine's cards that have been made by the children. Be sure to stop by the children's table!

Please be aware that children will not be in worship for communion on Sunday, February 4

The next time children will be in worship for communion will be Sunday, April 1.



On Sunday, February 11th, we will be hosting a teacher appreciation brunch for our teachers. We are grateful for all of the time, energy and love that our teachers put into their important job of sharing the stories of our faith with the children of this church. If you see a teacher this month, be sure to offer your thanks!

Qabats notes:

- There will be no Qabats on Wednesday, February 21st due to the winter break
- The remainder of the Qabats fee is now due. If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch.
- Winter Weather reminder. . . please be sure that we have an e-mail where you can be reached on Wednesday afternoons in case of emergency cancellation. If you are ever in doubt, you can always call the Qabats hotline (271-6537, ext. 203).

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Parent volunteers are still needed in our classrooms! As we reach the mid-year mark, just a reminder that our classes depend on our parent volunteers each week. Please remember to check with your child's teachers to see where they need help. Thanks!

Youth Ministry@Third

Contact: *Bill Taber, Youth Ministry Coordinator*
271-6537, ext. 107 or wtaber@thirdpresbyterian.org

Youth Musical Begins Rehearsals

January was a busy and productive month for Third Church's Youth Ministries. Rehearsals began for "10th and Luke," our youth musical which will be presented on April 29 this year during morning worship and again in the evening. A new Commissioning Class, consisting of eight high school students, and under the direction of E. David DuBois, Sally Dieterich, Bob Parrett and Bill Taber began exploring the meaning of Christian faith and church membership together on Wednesday evenings. Students for this year are Jamie Hospers, Jenna Lindsey, Peter Stevens, Caroline West, Rory Gillett, Amanda Gripe, Ben Thompson, and Brett Klaseus.

Youth Church School

Sunday morning classes under the direction of Sandy Gianniny and Darby Thompson have been viewing "Joan of Arcadia" and relating it to the lives of youth as followers of Christ.



Church Buddies Enjoy Bowling in Formal Attire

On Wednesday, December 27, the Church Buddies (youth in grades 10 – college) went on a holiday field trip to Clover Lanes in fancy dress. Seven current and past Buddies were there for the bowling and another graduated Buddy joined the group for a celebratory dinner afterwards.

Three Great Flicks, Lots of Snacks

Movie Madness, sponsored by the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley, saw 20 of our youth staying up all night at the Greece Ridge Mall Cinema on Sunday, January 14, and watching three movies with other youth from area Presbyterian churches.

Retreaters Welcome Winter Weather!

The annual Winter Retreat was held at Covenant Acres Retreat Center in Pike from January 26 – 28. With a theme of sharing our faith with those who come from different Christian traditions, the youth enjoyed both the outdoors and the fellowship around evening discussion groups and Sunday morning worship.

Seeking the Common Good

- World Peacemaking & Mission**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com
- Economic Development**, Elizabeth Wallace, 271-6807, ewallaceny@earthlink.com
- Hunger**, Carol Coons, 227-5953, cycoons@netacc.net
- Homelessness**, Laurie Mahoney 473-0583, LMahone1@rochester.rr.com

- Louisiana Hurricane Relief Team**, Jean Coco jeancoco@frontiernet.net, 241-9523
- Public Education**, Tom Gillett, 461-4581, tdgillett@frontiernet.net
- More Light**, Gloria Pleger, 461-9605, kpleger@rochester.rr.com
- Earth Keepers**, Melissa Carlson, 442-1364, mcarlson@eznet.net

Contact an Outreach Committee Chair to learn more about a ministry that interests you.

Katrina III

Our next hurricane relief team will depart for New Orleans on February 25. The group will be staying at the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans (www.fpcno.org), which had 28" of floodwater in the sanctuary after the levees broke following Katrina. While the church has been undergoing their own recovery from the extensive flood damage (their restored pews were just returned a few weeks ago), they have kept their focus on reaching out to others in the New Orleans area by partnering with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They opened the church doors to house a continuous stream of volunteer teams from around the country, and they process requests for assistance and coordinate work sites and assignments for teams.

Our team does not yet know whether we will be "gutting" homes that have *still* not been touched since the original storms sixteen months ago, or whether we will be helping with construction. According to Cliff Nun, pastor, a typical request for assistance "is an elderly widow who owns her home, did not have flood insurance, is on fixed income from Social Security, and needs electrical, plumbing, rewiring of electrical circuits, sheet rocking, finishing sheet rock, and painting in her home." Our team of volunteers is donating their time and energy for whatever work is needed to provide hope in New Orleans.

You can be a partner in this important work by making a donation toward the travel costs (about \$450 per person for airfare, food, and local transportation for the week), and by keeping the team in your thoughts and prayers.

Contact Deborah Hughes (dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org) with your questions or comments.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Some ideas for saving resources and energy-reducing pollution and global warming:



www.Earth911.com –Put in your zipcode and get links to local collection points for cell phones, computers, inkjet cartridges, and TV equipment. Electronics contain mercury, lead, and cadmium that leak into groundwater from landfills or into the air if incinerated. www.eWASTE.com has a drop-off special for electronics in February.

The Seneca Park Zoo collects cell phones and ink cartridges and sells them. Mining for mineral used in cell phones has disrupted gorilla habitat. See www.eco-cell.org

www.HabitatReStore.com is a retail outlet for used and surplus building materials. Profits help to build new Habitat houses. Donations are tax deductible. Phone 585-697-2012

www.FreecycleRochester.org is a free resource for items to receive or donate.

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Ruth Morton, Earth Keepers

Food Cupboard

Food Cupboard Stockers Needed

Looking for a small commitment to get involved? Here's the perfect opportunity! Several two-person teams (or family members) are needed to volunteer to re-stock the Food Cupboard Supply Shelf on Sunday mornings on a rotating schedule about once every eight to ten weeks. This vitally important task, which takes about a half hour either before or after church, makes it possible for the Food Cupboard to have the supplies of food ready to serve visitors on the following Monday morning. Couples, friends, mom and pop and kids, youth, church groups,—this is an easy but important job. Can you help? Contact Kelly Thevenet-Morrison at kthevenet-morrison@catdir.com

Ongoing Food Needs

Donations of basic food items are always needed so that our volunteers can respond every Monday and Thursday morning to 25 to 40 neighbors in need. Please remember these families every time you are shopping and pick up a few extra items and place them in the Food Barrels near the church office and sanctuary.

Cereal large boxes
Pasta (1 lb pkg) spaghetti or other
Macaroni & Cheese boxed mixes
Peanut Butter (18 oz.)
Jelly (18 oz.)
Canned fruits (14 oz.)
Canned vegetables (14 oz.)
Soups 10 oz
(Chicken Noodle or Tomato)
(Spaghetti Sauce in cans)
Rice (1 lb pkg)

Ray Ramsay, Food Cupboard Chair

RAIHN United Way ID #2435.

Discover Third Church -- Sunday, February 25 at 12:15

Join John Wilkinson for an informal conversation following 10:45 a.m. worship on Sunday, February 25. This gathering is primarily for those who have visited Third Church and are considering membership, but all who are interested in learning more or have a burning question are welcome!

We will meet in the Parlor and conclude by 1:00 p.m. RSVP's are not necessary, but contact Deborah Hughes (271-6537, ext. 108 or dhughes@thirdprebyterian.org) or Janet Jones-Brower (383-0128 or janet_brower@yahoo.com) for further information. Invite a friend and come discover

Destination: Africa Kenya Trip Advance Report

Robert Veitch and Rod Frohman, Associate Pastor for Church and Society, will be traveling to Nairobi Kenya on February 5 through 12. The purpose of the trip is to explore the possibilities of a church-to-church partnership with one of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa congregations in Nairobi.

Should Third Church establish a mission partnership in Kenya? What should be the guidelines? How shall we go about establishing a partnership? What exactly would be involved in a partnership?

Please keep Robert and Rod in your prayers as they travel. Look for a report in the March Messenger and in an after worship luncheon.

Third Church Member Active in World Mission

Rachel Norton is working with the Presbyterian Church's Young Adult Volunteer Program, with the Roma (Gypsy people) in the Ukraine through this year. All of her letters are linked, so it is possible to go from one to the other easily.

Click here:

<http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/outreach-service/rnorton/rnorton04.shtml> to follow her work.

Save these dates: Interfaith events with Israeli storyteller, Noa Baum

Friday, March 9, 6:00pm

Youth dinner and workshop at Temple B'rith Kodesh

**Saturday, March 10,
7:00pm**

"A Land Twice Promised" at the Islamic Center presented for all ages

**Sunday, March 11,
3:00pm**

Adult community building workshop at Third Church

Sponsored by Third Church, Temple B'rith Kodesh, and the Islamic Center of Rochester



Third Church Youth to Perform with RPO

Nearly 100 performers from 30 high schools participated in the Rochester Philharmonic's first "Search for a Star" Competition. Two of the ten winners are Third Church members:

- **Anna Lenti** - Aquinas Institute Senior; *soprano*
- **Glenna Curren** - Penfield H.S. Senior; *cello*

As their "prize," these student musicians will appear in concert with the RPO and Principal Pops Conductor Jeff Tyzik on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at 2:00pm. at the Eastman Theatre as part of the RPO's Casual Sunday Matinee Series. The Congregational Fellowship Committee encourages you to attend with other Third Church friends. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students, seniors, and subscribers. Make a reservation with the Church Office or contact the RPO ticket office directly

Christmas Baskets 2006

Special thanks to each of the shoppers, packers, sorters, deliverers, sextons and Girl Scouts for all their efforts to make the Christmas Food Basket Project such a great success. We provided for 59 families (36 at School #35 and 23 RAIHN families for a total of 273, including five babies). The "undies tree" far surpassed our hopes: 390 boy's underpants and 48 undershirts and 509 girl's underpants and 27 undershirts plus 80 pair of socks were divided between the school and RAIHN. 25 hats and mittens also went to RAIHN. Each little part that is given equals a special gift for many.

Rose Pethick, Christmas Basket Coordinator



Turkey pans and **Rose Pethick**, 2006 Christmas Basket Chair



Dale Maddock makes sure his order is "A OK"



Youth "elves" prepare to assist deliverers

Third Church Staff Contact Numbers

271,6537, plus extension

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Deborah L. Hughes	Ext. 107
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Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch	Ext. 118
Qabats	Ext. 203
William H. Taber	Ext. 107
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Diane Ruggiero	Ext. 112
Cindy Mark	Ext. 100
Dona Summers	Ext. 101
Beth Williams	Ext. 102

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Third Presbyterian Church Staff

- John Wilkinson, Pastor
- Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor for Church in Society
- Deborah L. Hughes, Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
- William W. Young, Pastor Emeritus
- Peter A. DuBois, Director of Music/Organist
- Christina A. Lenti, Associate Director of Music
- Ruth Draper, Assistant Organist
- Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator
- William H. Taber, Youth Ministry Coordinator
- Pamela T. Foye, Parish Visitor
- To reach any of our staff, call Third Presbyterian Church at (585) 271-6513.



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February Calendar

Thursday, February 1

9:30am Food Cupboard
10:45am Freedom Ringers
5:45pm Third Church Ringers
7:00pm Outreach Committee

Friday, February 2

9:30am Sisters in Spirit
5:45pm Temple B'rith Kodesh Exchange

Saturday, February 3

9:00am Coptic Church
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Hood)

Sunday, February 4

8:30am Worship—Chapel/Communion
9:30am Adult Faith Development
9:30am Children's Education Plus
9:30am Junior Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Youth Church School
10:45am Worship—Sanctuary/
Communion, with Temple B'rith Kodesh
11:00am Church School
12:15pm Meigs Street Ramblers
4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal
6:00pm Youth Dinner/Fellowship

Monday, February 5

8:30am Chapel Bells
9:30am Food Cupboard
5:00pm Shawl Knitting Ministry
5:00pm Personnel Committee
7:00pm First Monday Evening Prayer
7:30pm GLBT Support Group
7:30pm Presbyterian Men

Tuesday, February 6

7:00pm Congregational Fellowship

Wednesday, February 7

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
5:00pm Children's Bell Choir
5:30pm Qabats
5:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Commissioning Class
6:00pm Church Buddies
6:45pm Glorious Things
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 8

9:30am Food Cupboard
10:45am Freedom Ringers
5:30pm Joint Budget and Finance
5:45pm Third Church Ringers

Saturday, February 10

9:00am Coptic Church
9:00am Keith Hampton Workshop
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Norton)

Sunday, February 11

8:30am Worship—Chapel
9:00am Teacher Appreciation Brunch
9:30am Adult Faith Development
9:30am Children's Education Plus
9:30am Junior Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Youth Church School
10:45am Worship—Sanctuary: Special Music
11:00am Church School
12:15pm Meigs Street Ramblers
7:00pm Gospel Concert

Monday, February 12

8:30am Chapel Bells
9:30am Food Cupboard

Tuesday, February 13

7:00pm Session/Trustees

Wednesday, February 14

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
5:00pm Property Committee
5:00pm Children's Bell Choir
5:30pm Qabats
5:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Commissioning Class
6:00pm Church Buddies
6:45pm Glorious Things
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 15

9:30am Food Cupboard
10:45am Freedom Ringers
5:45pm Third Church Ringers
7:00pm Children's Ministry

Friday, February 16

9:30am Sisters in Spirit

Saturday, February 17

8:30am Earth Keepers
9:00am Coptic Church
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Muller-Girard)

Sunday, February 18

8:30am Worship—Chapel
9:30am Adult Faith Development
9:30am Youth Church School
10:45am Worship—Sanctuary
11:00am Large Group Church School
12:15pm Meigs Street Ramblers

Monday, February 19 PRESIDENT'S DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm Adult Faith Development (off-site)
7:30pm GLBT Support Group (34 Meigs St.)

Tuesday, February 20

6:00pm Mardi Gras Celebration
7:30pm Deacons (off-site)

Wednesday, February 21 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
12:00pm Calvin Guild
6:00pm Simple Meal
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 22

9:30am Food Cupboard
10:45am Freedom Ringers
12:00pm Adult Faith Development:
Lunchtime Lenten Series
Third Church Ringers

Saturday, February 24

9:00am Coptic Church
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Salzer)

Sunday, February 25 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Katrina III Departure
8:30am Worship—Chapel
9:30am Adult Faith Development
9:30am Children's Education Plus
9:30am Junior Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Youth Church School
10:45am Worship—Sanctuary
11:00am Church School
4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal
6:00pm Youth Dinner/Fellowship

Monday, February 26

8:30am Chapel Bells
9:30am Food Cupboard
5:30pm Worship, Music & Arts
6:00pm World Peacemaking & Mission
7:00pm Membership/Evangelism
7:30pm More Light

Wednesday, February 28

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
5:00pm Property Committee
5:00pm Children's Bell Choir
5:30pm Qabats
5:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm Adult Faith Development—
1st Corinthians
6:00pm Commissioning Class
6:00pm Church Buddies
6:45pm Glorious Things
7:15pm Chancel Choir