

# The Messenger

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## Connecting at Third Church: Small Groups

It is exciting to be a part of a large, thriving church. It can also be intimidating. On Sunday mornings, there are a few hundred new people to meet. Lots of them seem to know each other already. Even if you've been here for a long time, there are always new faces.

You may be wondering, "How can I even *begin* to get connected?"

At Third Church, people get connected with others by joining a smaller group. It's a way to meet a few people at a time and develop relationships around common interests.

We have lots of different kinds of small groups here:

- **Covenant Groups**
- **Outreach Groups**, such as Dining Room Ministry, Hurricane Relief



- **Study Groups**
- **Music Groups**, like choirs, Meigs Street Ramblers
- **Fellowship Groups**, such as  
*Presbyterian Men*  
*Twenties and Thirties at Third*  
*Sisters in Spirit*  
*GLBT Support*  
*Over-the-Hill Gang*

- **Leadership Groups**, such as Deacons, Trustees



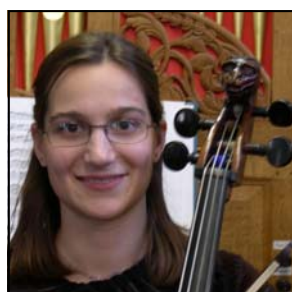
Look for special opportunities in the worship bulletin or the *Messenger* newsletter.

If you need some assistance, contact Deborah Hughes: 271-6537, ext. 108 or [dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org).

**Start the new year right. Join a fellowship group!**

## Chapel Concert by Candlelight Thursday, January 25, 7:30pm

"Music for Viola da Gamba and Cello" featuring Nika Zlataric, viola da gamba and cello, accompanied by Manuel Minguillon, archlute. Both Nika and Manuel performed to enthusiastic audiences in last year's series and return for this wonderful concert. Plan to attend and bring your friends! There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted to ensure future concerts in this series. The series is made possible in part by the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.



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# Third Voice

Dear Friends,

Even as scholars and pundits write about the "secularization" of American culture and the "decline" of the Protestant mainline, I would like to believe otherwise, and not just for reasons of survival! More than ever, who we are and what we do matters to the world beyond the walls of the church, which means that we need to pause every once in awhile to ponder who we are and what we do. The beginning of a new year, though an artificial marker, may provide such an opportunity.

And so some big questions for the new year...

- **Faith and science.** The old dichotomy between faith and science seems to be crumbling away, led, in part, by the scientists, while the theologians are working to catch up. It seems that the more we know – about the universe, about the human body, about atoms – the more mystery we discover. How can we sustain a healthy, challenging dialogue between science and religion that enhances both and threatens neither?
- **Role of religion in public life.** Churches like ours simply need to do more and to do better to bring our visions and hopes to a broken world. This is not about advancing a theologically-baptized political agenda. It is about taking what is important to us – justice, peace, reconciliation – to their natural trajectories. The recent interaction between Senator Barak Obama (who may be a candidate for president by the time you read this!) and well-known evangelical minister Rick Warren on AIDS in Africa indicates that while there is much about which we disagree, there is much about which we do agree, and much work to do.
- **How we get along with other religions.** The recent event in the Seattle airport, focusing on Christmas trees and menorahs, reminds us that as the United States becomes more pluralistic, issues become more complex. There are two issues at play: how we understand our own core truths and how we understand those truths to interact with others. A Chicago rabbi friend once said that it was much more important for him to



hear from us what we believed, rather than for us to gloss over our beliefs in a weak attempt to find common ground. I believe that. We are being presented with great opportunities to come to know and work with others – we do so at work and our children do at school.

These big questions cannot remain simply theoretical for us. They must permeate all that we do: our worship, our education, our outreach, our fellowship. And perhaps they can help guide us, even, as we continue to think about a funds campaign for the future of Third Presbyterian Church.

At any rate, I would welcome your comments about how we may seek ways to address these things together – book groups, lectures, forums, etc. And as you encourage me, let me encourage you to engage ever more vigorously about who God is calling you to be and what God is calling you to do – in 2007 and beyond, and at Third Church and beyond.

New year blessings to you, with great hopes for our life together and gratitude for the ministry we share.

Faithfully,

## *In Touch/Forward in Faith*

Thanks to all those who have made their financial pledges for 2007. As of December 17, 429 households have pledged \$814,963 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](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org). Again, thank you for your commitment and support.

## Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:45am

### January 7

Communion at 8:30  
Psalm 72; Matthew 2:1-12  
"Starry Nights"  
Deborah L. Hughes preaching

### January 14

Joshua 1:1-9; Luke 4:14-30  
"A Dream Deferred"  
Roderic P. Frohman preaching

### January 21

I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21  
"Fundamentals"  
John Wilkinson preaching

### January 28

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30  
"Vocation"  
John Wilkinson preaching

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship service

On Monday, January 15, 2007, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission of Greater Rochester will be sponsoring its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communitywide Interfaith Worship Celebration from 9:00 to 10:30am at the Eastman Theatre. The keynote speaker for this event will be Rochester's former Mayor, William A. Johnson, Jr.

Ruth Fleishman-Colgan and Rod Frohman are members of the MLK Commission.

## First Monday

### Evening Prayer

January 8 at 7:00pm in the Chapel



This service will focus on Epiphany and the coming of the Wise men to the baby Jesus. Jeanne Fisher will serve as liturgist with musicians Glenna Curren (*cello*), Rosie Curren (*violin*), Sandy Gianniny (*harp*) and Tina Curren, *cantor*. Candle Lighters will be Betty Iwan and Ellen Foster. Come for a time of prayer and meditation in the beauty of the Chapel.

# Milestones

## Born

- **Braden Forrester Bellizzi**, on November 12, 2006, to Kellin King and Matthew Bellizzi (*South Wedge Parish*).
- **Owen Zachary Ralph**, on December 2, 2006, son of Jennifer Glanton and Zachary Ralph, grandson of Ann and Dennis Glanton (*South Pittsford Parish*) and great grandson of Olive ("Brownie") Hoffman (*North Pittsford Parish*).

## Baptized

December 10, 2006

- **Clement Ren**
- **Christopher William Ren**, born May 28, 1997, and
- **Emily Elizabeth Ren**, born December 16, 2001, children of Clement Ren and Carolyn Ling (*Pittsford-West Henrietta Parish*).

December 17, 2006:

- **Cooper Everett Higley Ossont** (*East Penfield, South Wayne County Parish*) born September 28, 2006, son of Sean and Dawn Nobles Ossont.

## Sympathy is expressed to

- Kristen Halligan (*North Pittsford Parish*) and Betty Gocker (*East Avenue Area Parish*) on the death of Kristen's grandmother, **Mary Clem**, on November 17, 2006.
- Albert Z. Seymour (*City Southeast Parish*) on the death of his wife, **Abigail A. Seymour**, on November 29, 2006
- Joy Beale (*West Penfield Parish*) Randy Beale (*West Penfield/South Wayne County Parish*) and Robert Beale (*Pittsford/West Henrietta Parish*) on the death of her husband, his father and brother, **Arthur W. (Bill) Beale, Jr.** on December 10, 2006. A memorial service for Mr. Beale, a member of Third Church since 1946, was held December 18.
- Paul and Lisa Henry and family (*Central Brighton Parish*) on the recent death of Lisa's father, in Florida.

## Pension Protection Act of 2006

Did you know? The Pension Protection Act of 2006 presents an opportunity for people age 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 tax-free from an IRA to a charity. This transfer may be done only in 2006 and 2007. You will not obtain a charitable deduction for a transfer from your IRA to a charity, rather the amount of your transfer will never be included in your gross income. We encourage you to contact your financial advisor or your tax advisor before year-end to determine if this is appropriate for you.



Please be careful crossing East Avenue... Be sure to look for oncoming traffic and take the shortest route across!

## Lenten Covenant Groups

Are you interested in getting to know a small group of new people at Third Church on a deeper level? Instead of "giving up" something during the season of Lent in 2007, consider joining a Covenant Group. Registration will begin in January and groups will meet between February 18 and April 8, 2007. Plan to make room in your calendar now!

## 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, January 15** 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, January 5 & 19 9:30-11:00am**  
The group will select the next book on January 5. 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.

### Potluck Women's Brunch and Fellowship

**Saturday, January 13** 10:00am  
All Third Church women are cordially invited to come for a potluck brunch at the home of Chris Stevens. Please RSVP to Chris at 242-8778 or christena789@yahoo.com.

### Mom's Group

**Friday, January (TBA)** 7:00pm  
*Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross is what the Mom's Group will be discussing in January at location to be determined. 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

**Sunday, January 7** 9:30am  
A new Sunday knitting group is forming! Join the group in the Parker Room beginning Sunday, January 7. See page 5 for details.

Come build bridges that span new church friendships.



The Civil Engineers are Congregational Fellowship members.



### Join us! It's fun!

Joan Fisher, Joe Ganley, Leslie Hauser, Chuck Meinhold, Tom Morse, Jan Salzer, Phil Tschorke; Deborah Hughes, Staff. Contact Joan Fisher at 586-6998 or Deborah Hughes (271-6537, ext. 108 or dlhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org).



# 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, January 7-28, February 4**

**Celebration Center 9:30-10:30am**  
These books of the Old Testament are held together by the over-arching theme of God's covenant with Israel. We shall study the origin and nature of this covenant with special attention given to its theological meaning and abiding significance for contemporary faith communities of both Christians and Jews.

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

## Witness in Context 1827-2007: The Third Church Story in the Context of American History

**Sunday, January 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Johnston Hall 9:30-10:30am**

This course will explore the history of Third Presbyterian Church from its formation to the present. We will look at major religious and social movements in America in the last two centuries and consider their contribution to the evolution of Third Church and its sensibility. The weekly presentations will be: The Dominance of Evangelicalism, 1800-1871; Rural Protestants and Urban Protestants, 1871-1925; Fundamentalism and Modernism, 1925-1945; and Conformity and Counterculture, 1946-present.

**Gregg Hamberger**, a Third Church member since 2004, former international banker is currently a teacher of Spanish and social studies in Avon.

**Loren A. Broc**, former U.S. Federal budget officer, is currently a Ph.D. student and part-time instructor in American history at the U. of R. His dissertation, in process, is entitled *Religion and Insanity in the United States, 1820-1880*.

## Wednesday Evening Series: Exploring I Corinthians

Next Session: **Wednesday, January 24**

**Johnston Hall 5:30pm**

*I Corinthians* contains some of Apostle Paul's most familiar and evocative language: about the apostle himself, his understanding of the gospel and his views on the early church. N.T. (Tom) Wright's acclaimed book, *Paul for Everyone: I Corinthians*, an accessible commentary, is being used for this course. You may purchase the book for \$11.00 by contacting Dona Summers at the church office, 271-6537, ext. 101. The book is not required for the sessions and you need not be present for every session. **John Wilkinson** leads this series.



## New Books in the Church Library

### N.T. Wright: *Evil and The Justice of God*

This book unravels the skeptic's doubt that a loving God can exist in a world so full of suffering. Wright offers a breathtaking glimpse into the mind and purposes of God... and a hope-filled plan for how we can reconcile a broken world with the Kingdom to come.

### *The Historic Jesus in Context*, edited by Levine, Allison and Crossan

This is a source book to place Jesus in the Jewish and wider Greco-Roman world of his time. The 28 essays cast the wide net of primary texts which illumine what Jesus and his world were like.

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



Youth dinner and workshop  
**Friday, March 9, 6:00pm**

"A Land Twice Promised,"  
presented for all ages  
**Saturday, March 10, 7:00pm**

Adult community building workshop  
**Sunday, March 11, 3:00pm**

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

## Kenya Trip Informational Luncheon

On Sunday, January 14, 2007, Robert Veitch and Associate Pastor for Church and Society, Rod Frohman, will be sharing the details of their February 5 - 11, 2007, trip to Nairobi, Kenya.

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. Preliminary correspondence has taken place through Rod's lifetime friend, Timothy Njoya, a Kenyan Presbyterian pastor and pro-democracy activist. Rod and Robert will be staying at the General Assembly Guesthouse in Nairobi and attending a conference there sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Kenya Network of Presbyterians to meet members of other Presbyterian congregations who already have mission partnerships established in Kenya. They will also spend some time talking with Kenyan pastors and congregations.

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? All of these and other questions we will explore at the luncheon on Sunday, January 14. To reserve a space please contact Rod Frohman at [rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271-6537, ext. 106.

## News from Earth Keepers



Coffee is the second most traded commodity after oil, in the world. Coffee grown in the sun requires a large quantity of herbicides to kill the weeds and chemical fertilizers to replace fallen leaves and bird droppings. Quality is reduced and prices higher.

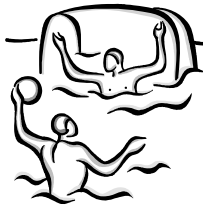
Third Church, on the other hand, buys Fair Trade coffee from Equal Exchange. This company supports sustainable, shade grown farming practices, trading directly with democratic cooperatives. Trees hold water on the land, preventing erosion and providing habitat for birds and small animals, as well as removing carbon dioxide from the air and reducing global warming.

One World Goods carries coffee, tea, and chocolate and cocoa that are Fair Trade certified.

# Children's Ministry News

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

## Third Church Family Swim Night!



Come enjoy a fun evening at the Harley School on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30pm for a refreshing dip in the pool, some games and pizza! Each family is asked to contribute \$5 to help defray costs.

So that we can plan for pizza, it would be helpful if you could RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch by Wednesday, January 24.

## QABATS

Our theme of "Jesus, Prince of Peace" for Qabats will end on Wednesday, January 17. Our next theme, "the Ministry of Paul" will begin on January 24, and will continue on 1/31, 2/7 and 2/14. Members of Session are invited to visit Qabats to see what the program is all about on January 17.

## Youth Ministry@Third

Contact: Bill Taber, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
271-6537, ext. 107 or [wtaber@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:wtaber@thirdpresbyterian.org)

### Winter Retreat

Plans are being made for the annual Winter Retreat which this year will be January 26 – 28 at Covenant Acres with skiing and winter sports at SWAIN.

### Commissioning Class

The 2007 Commissioning Class is underway with instructors E. David DuBois, Sally Dieterich, Bob Parrett, and Bill Taber. The class has eight students who will be exploring faith and church membership together.

### Youth Committee Hard at Work!

The newly formed Youth Committee continues its work in visioning and planning for the remainder of this year and the next program year as well under the leadership of Jennifer Held.



### "10th and Luke"

is a sacred musical retelling the Good Samaritan story found in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10. The story and libretto was written by a team of youth and adults from Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church; the music was written by award-winning composer Andrew Bleckner. Rehearsals for the production begin in January and the congregation will enjoy

their efforts on April 29 with performances at 10:45am and 7:00pm.

### Sunday Morning Knitters

Do you have a knitting project you have been trying to finish (or start)? Are you a beginner knitter that needs a little encouragement? Would you like the chance to sit, chat and connect with people? If so, please join us for some knitting, chatting and community on Sunday mornings at 9:30 starting on January 7 in the Parker Room. Drop in every week, or when you want! We'd love to see you anytime. Questions? Contact Peg Rachfal at [greenengine@frontiernet.net](mailto:greenengine@frontiernet.net) or 271-6417.

### Australia Day Organ Concert!

Friday, January 26, 7:30pm  
in the Sanctuary

Students from the Eastman School of Music will perform music from Australia as a celebration of Australia Day (the equivalent of July 4th for us)! This is part of the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) Community Concert Series. Join these talented students, and experience the musical fireworks on this special day!

**SAVE THE DATE**....February 11, noted composer, arranger and conductor Keith Hampton will be leading the Chancel Choir in Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass" in our 10:45 worship service, and in a full concert of Gospel music that evening at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Other opportunities will be available to interact with Mr. Hampton that weekend... watch the February *Messenger* for full details.

### Treasurer's Box

November was another good month for income from current year pledges and non-pledge contributions. We're also very close to reaching our budget goal for income from prior year pledges and Sunday plate offering. On the "down" side, 17% of the 2006 per capita pledges remain unpaid as of this writing. If yours is among that 17%, please make every effort to honor your pledge before year-end.

Overall, expenses are running slightly under budget predictions—another positive sign for year-end 2006.

The Building, Personnel and program committees, as well as the Joint Budget and Finance Committee, are hard at work developing the budgets for 2007. In order to develop realistic budgets, it's essential to know what pledge income we can count on. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to submit your pledge for 2007 ASAP!

Thank you for your continuing generosity, and Happy New Year!

*Jan Chisholm, Treasurer*

# 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.

## Community Forum on Violence at Third Church January 25 at 7:00pm

The Faith Community Alliance, the Baptist Ministers Alliance and the Greater Rochester Community of Churches are sponsoring a series of five forums as follow-up to the Summit on Violence that was held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on November 15, 2006. One of these will be held at Third Church on Thursday evening January 25 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Members of the community affected by violence will tell their stories and shape "community standards" for responding to violence. These standards will ask the community to play an essential role in reducing violence, along with the police, other community groups and leaders.

Come and bring your neighbors. The crowd will be divided into smaller groups to facilitate discussion. Rod Frohman is on the planning team for these city-wide events.

## Third Trip Planned to New Orleans

Our third relief trip to the Gulf Coast will be February 25 - March 3, staying at the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans <http://www.fpcno.org>, a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance site. The group will be staying in the First Church building in dormitory style, cooking for themselves. During the day the team will go to an assigned house and do work there as necessary, such as removing soggy furniture, stripping off the plaster and drywall, installing new drywall, etc. Those who are committed to traveling at this point are: Anne Sievers, Sue Spaulding, Jim DiPaola, Toni Gigliotti, Don and Karen Pryor, Janet Jones-Brower, Ronna Grimes, Paul Hutkowski, Carol Jones, Ginger Potter and George Cheate. If you are interested in this trip contact team leader: Deborah Hughes, [dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org) (271-6537 ext. 108).

## Next RAIHN Rotation: January 21-28

Volunteer opportunities are wide open for:

- Set up, tear down
- Laundry
- Shopping
- Dinner Preparation
- Hosts: Dinner/Evening
- Hosts: Overnight

Please call Wendy Shellman at 383-8288 for our continued response to homeless families in Rochester.

If you are interested in joining the leadership team of this dynamic and critical ministry, please contact Laurie Mahoney (473-0583 or [LMahone1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:LMahone1@rochester.rr.com))

And, remember, you may designate gifts to RAIHN via United Way.

RAIHN United Way ID #2435.

## Summer of Opportunity—Jobs for Youth

Even though it is just January, the City of Rochester is making plans now for providing jobs for city youth this coming summer. The program is crucial to the economy's overall health, public safety and providing hope for a better future for our youth. As a Third Church member and employer, this program may be a very specific way to give specific help to a specific young person.

If you are interested, please call Joy M. Witmer, program coordinator for Summer of Opportunity a 428-8812 or e-mail her at: [witmerj@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:witmerj@cityofrochester.gov). To complete the loop of communication, please also let Associate Pastor for Church and Society, Rod Frohman, know of your interest at: [rfrhman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrhman@thirdpresbyterian.org).

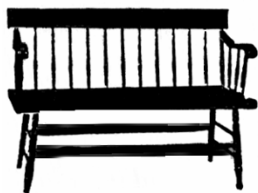
## Food Cupboard News

Once again Food Cupboard needs weekly donations of basic food items. Every Monday and Thursday morning our Food Cupboard provides emergency food 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 packages) spaghetti or other*
- Macaroni & Cheese boxed mixes*
- Peanut Butter 18 oz*
- Jelly 18 oz*
- Canned fruits & vegetables 14-14 oz*
- Soups 10 oz Chicken Noodle or Tomato*
- Spaghetti Sauce in cans*
- Rice 1 lb packages*

The Fall Food Cupboard Meeting was held in October and new volunteers Nancy Carlisle, Terry Ottman (who died unexpectedly in November) & Judy & Don Cumming were welcomed and joined the loyal group of volunteers who have given more than 122 years of collective service to Food Cupboard since its beginning in 1997. Volunteers shared thoughtful responses to the question: "Why do you continue to volunteer for Food Cupboard?" Among the responses: role models such as other Food Cupboard volunteers and **our parents**; sense of gratitude for our own blessings and gratefulness for the opportunity to help others; awareness of the growing needs of our neighbors in the community around church; satisfaction of interacting with guests and other volunteers (who become our friends); support of our Outreach Program. If you would like an opportunity to observe the Food Cupboard and consider volunteering please call Kay Ramsay (544-9022).

# Deacon's Bench



## Alzheimer's Topic of Pastoral Care Luncheon

In November members and friends of Third Church gathered for lunch and a talk led by Todd Goddard, an expert in the field of Alzheimer's and dementia, and an ordained Methodist minister. The focus was on how to recognize early stages of dementia and the impact of the disease on family and friends.

## College Freshmen Remembered

Deacons stuffed 15 "college care packages" full of snacks and small gifts for our college freshman. These well received boxes are sent to freshman each year "just in time" for the first semester of final exams, as a way to remind students that their home church are cheering them on.

## "Home-bound" Friends Remembered

Deacons delivered poinsettias to more than fifty Third Church "home-bound" members. These holiday flowers are a beautiful reminder that our church family remembers them even when they are no longer able to attend church services and events.

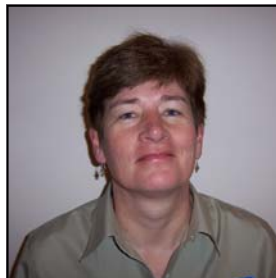
## Be Sure to Share Your Concerns with Your Deacon!

In addition to these special services, your Deacons want you to know that we are here for you: during births, illness, loss; for questions, a meal, a visit, a call, a comforting word. If you have a need and do not know who your deacon is, please call the church office. We are YOUR deacons, here to serve you.

# Welcome, New Members

December 10, 2006

**Carolyn Bower** (West Brighton Parish) is an attorney editor at Thomson-West. She and her partner Carol Eisenman have two children, Zoe



and Alexa. Her hobbies include watching the girls play sports and exploring the county parks with her black lab Bailey.

**Peter Lakatos** (City East Parish) is a graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School, MCC and LeMoyne College in Syracuse. His major was



Care are at the U. of R. Medical Center. His wife's (Heather Ferguson) family (Pamm Ferguson and Betty Edgerton) are long-term Third Church members. Coming from a Catholic background, he is attracted to the ministry of Third Church. Peter enjoys model trains, sports and quilting with his wife.

International Studies and he spent most of his time researching human rights and environmental policy and rights, but now is a lab technician in the Pulmonary/Critical

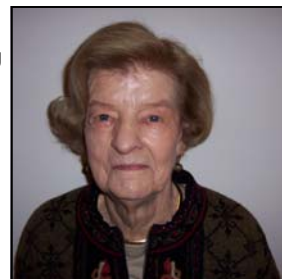
**Carolyn Ling** (Pittsford-West Henrietta Parish) is a board certified allergist/internist, but is currently a stay-at-home mom taking care of her two children, Christopher (9 years old) and Emily (5). Her brother (Fred Ling) and sister (Marilyn Ling) are members of Third Church. She is married to Clement Ren.



**Clement Ren** is a physician at the U. of R. Medical Center. He is a pediatric pulmonologist, specializing in children with respiratory disease. His family moved to Rochester in 2001. Clement grew up in California, went to medical school in Chicago and completed his medical training in Boston and Philadelphia. His work is divided into direct patient care, teaching, administration and research. His hobbies are cooking and reading.

**Suzanne Truesdell** (City East Parish) recently moved here from North Carolina with her

husband to be closer to family. She is transferring her membership from Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. At that church she was a member of the choir, rang bells, led a Brownie Troop and Sunday school.



## New Member Orientation

Everyone is welcome to join Third Church! Our new members come from many different backgrounds. Some have "grown up" in church (perhaps it was a Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Unitarian, United Church of Christ, Roman Catholic or church of another denomination). But for many people, Third Church is their first church experience.

We offer a Member Orientation Class for those who wish to join. Each class meets for two sessions, for two hours each session, from 8:30-10:30am on Sunday mornings. The course includes topics such as Presbyterian beliefs, the meaning of worship, stewardship, sharing our faith journeys, a brief history of Third Church, and how to get involved.

Next Member Orientation Classes are

March 4 and 11, 2007  
8:30-10:30am

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# January Calendar

<b>Monday, January 1</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> Office Closed	5:30pm Joint Budget Finance 5:45pm Third Church Ringers	6:00pm Youth Dinner/Fellowship 7:00pm Hurricane Relief III
<b>Tuesday, January 2</b>	Congregational Fellowship	<b>Saturday, January 13</b>	<b>Monday, January 22</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>	9:15am Morning Prayer 9:45am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Children's Bell Choir 5:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Commissioning Class 6:00pm Church Buddies 7:15pm Chancel Choir	8:00am Coptic Church 10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Bachelor) 10:00am Women's Brunch Group	8:30am Chapel Bells 9:30am Food Cupboard 5:30pm Worship, Music & Arts 6:00pm World Peacemaking & Mission 7:00pm Membership/Evangelism 7:30pm GLBT Support Group 7:30pm More Light
<b>Thursday, January 4</b>	9:30am Food Cupboard 10:45am Freedom Ringers 5:45pm Third Church Ringers 7:00pm Outreach	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>
<b>Friday, January 5</b>	9:30am Sisters in Spirit	8:30am Worship—Chapel 9:30am Adult Faith Development 9:30am Sunday Morning Knitters 9:30am Children's Education Plus 9:30am Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Youth Church School 10:45am Worship—Sanctuary 11:00am Church School 12:00pm Kenya Lunch 12:15pm Meigs Street Ramblers 4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal 6:00pm Youth Dinner/Fellowship	7:00pm RAIHN Board
<b>Saturday, January 6</b>	8:00am Coptic Church 8:00am Officer Training/Orientation 10:00am Dining Room Ministry/(Hammerton)	<b>Monday, January 15</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	8:30am Worship—Chapel/Communion 9:30am Adult Faith Development 9:30am Sunday Morning Knitters 9:30am Children's Education Plus 9:30am Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Youth Church School 10:45am Worship—Sanctuary 11:00am Church School 12:30pm DRM Team Leaders 4:00 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal 6:00pm Youth Dinner/Fellowship	<b>MLK'S BIRTHDAY Office Closed</b> 9:00am MLK Worship Service/offsite 5:00pm Shawl Ministry/offsite 6:00pm Adult Faith Dev./offsite	9:15am Morning Prayer 9:45am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Children's Bell Choir 5:30PM Qabats 5:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Adult Faith Development 6:00pm Commissioning Class/Buddies 6:45pm Glorious Things 7:15pm Chancel Choir
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	8:30am Chapel Bells 9:30am Food Cupboard 7:00pm 1st Monday Evening Prayer 7:30pm GLBT Support Group	<b>Tuesday, January 16</b>	<b>Thursday, January 25</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 9</b>	4:30pm Capital Campaign 7:00pm Session with Deacons	7:00pm Trustees	9:30am Food Cupboard 10:45am Freedom Ringers 5:45pm Third Church Ringers 7:00pm Hearings on Violence (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Chapel Concert by Candlelight
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>	9:15am Morning Prayer 9:45am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Children's Bell Choir 5:30pm Qabats 5:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Hunger Team 6:00pm Commissioning Class/Buddies 6:45pm Glorious Things 7:15pm Chancel Choir	<b>Wednesday, January 17</b>	<b>Friday, January 26</b>
<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	9:30am Food Cupboard 10:45am Freedom Ringers	9:15am Morning Prayer 9:45am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Calvin Guild 5:00pm Children's Bell Choir 5:30pm Qabats 5:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Commissioning Class/Buddies 6:45pm Glorious Things 7:15pm Chancel Choir	5:00pm Youth Retreat 7:30pm Australian Day Organ Recital
		<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	<b>Saturday, January 27</b>
		9:30am Food Cupboard 10:45am Freedom Ringers 5:45pm Third Church Ringers 7:00pm Children's Ministry	8:00am Coptic Church 10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Ward) 5:30pm Children's Ministry Pool Party
		<b>Friday, January 19</b>	<b>Sunday, January 28</b>
		9:30am Sisters in Spirit	(RAIHN Week ends) 8:30am Worship—Chapel 9:30am Adult Faith Development 9:30am Sunday Morning Knitters 9:30am Children's Education Plus 9:30am Junior Choir at New Life Pres. 9:30am Youth Church School
		<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	<b>10:45am Worship—Sanctuary</b> 11:00am Church School 12:15pm Meigs Street Ramblers 4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal
		8:00am Coptic Church 8:30am Earth Keepers 10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Adams)	<b>Monday, January 29</b>
		<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	8:30am Chapel Bells 9:30am Food Cupboard
		(RAIHN Week begins) 8:30am Worship—Chapel 9:30am Adult Faith Development 9:30am Sunday Morning Knitters 9:30am Children's Education Plus 9:30am Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Youth Church School 10:45am Worship—Sanctuary 11:00am Church School 12:00pm Earth Keepers Lunch 12:15pm Meigs Street Ramblers 4:00 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal	<b>Wednesday, January 31</b>
			9:15am Morning Prayer 9:45am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Children's Bell Choir 5:30pm Qabats/Jr. Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Commissioning Class/Buddies 6:45pm Glorious Things 7:15pm Chancel Choir