

# The Messenger



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## Deborah Mullen is 2007 Hudnut Preacher, March 25 and 26



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*Third Presbyterian Church, Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Downtown United Presbyterian Church and The Program for the Study of Women and Gender in Church and Society, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School present the series **Christian Faith and LGBT Experience** and the keynote speaker, Deborah Mullen. Plan to join us for as many of the events that you are able.*

- **Sunday Morning, March 25 8:30am and 10:45am Worship Services**  
**"Witnessing in the Wilderness"**

All are encouraged to attend the Children's Concert following the 10:45am worship service. (See page 5)

**Keynote Address Sunday Evening, March 25 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary**  
**"A Place at the Table"**

*(Free Admission; Reception to follow the presentation)*

- **Lecture with Deborah Mullen Mday Morning, March 26 at 10:30am**  
at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School  
**"Peace of My Heart... Coming OUT:  
A Womanist Reading of Texts and Testimonies"**

The Hudnut Preacher, established following the death of William H. Hudnut, Jr., brings annually a preacher of note to the Third Church pulpit. Hudnut served as pastor of Third Church from 1946-1964.

## Interfaith Events – March 9-March 11



**Are you looking for peace in Israel and Palestine?** Please join members of Temple B'rith Kodesh and the Islamic Center of Rochester as we seek greater understanding through *storytelling*.

**Our leader** – Internationally recognized Israeli Storyteller **Noa Baum** began a heartfelt dialogue with a Palestinian woman while living in the United States. Ms. Baum has been teaching and performing for audiences of all ages since 1982. Born and raised in Israel, living in the US since 1990, she holds an MA in Educational Theater from N.Y.U. and B.F.A. in Theater from Tel Aviv University.

*(Please see page 7 for program details)*

## Annual Meeting of Congregation Sunday, March 4

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the corporation and congregation of Third Presbyterian Church will take place **Sunday, March 4**, following the 10:45am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the past year, set the budget for the coming year and elect a new slate of officers.

Copies of the 2006 Annual Report are now available in the Chapel, Sanctuary and Church Office.

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting Reception following the meeting.

# Third Voice

Dear Friends,

We are not always sure what to do with Lent. We wrestle with the notion of “giving something up,” and have replaced that with “taking something up.” I actually prefer that dynamic. Faith is not about punishment, but rather growth and development.

How does that development happen? Lent is often characterized as an opportunity for inward introspection. I like that as well, but only insofar as such introspection leads to outward action – whether in personal relationships, the church or the world. At Third Church, we endeavor to provide more opportunities for study and worship during the Lenten season. I would encourage you to take advantage of these – both to deepen your own sense of faith and to connect you with others on the journey.

A recent tradition has been to offer a Thursday noontime series that reviews sermons by other preachers. (You can read the sermons, available in the office, even if you cannot attend the sessions themselves.)

One of the sermons we will read this time around is by the writer Lauren Winner, a newcomer to the Christian faith. She writes about three Lenten practices, and it might be valuable to allow that sermon to spill over to a wider audience. Winner describes Lent this way: “Lent is simply a longer season in which we reflect on that most revealing story about Jesus’ life that tells us about who he is and what he came to do.”

Practice 1: *Inhabiting the church calendar*. Winner suggests that either the January to January or the school-year calendars govern much of our lives. What would it be like, she wonders, if we were intentional



about the orientation and perhaps re-orientation of our time? From Advent to Christmas to Epiphany to Lent to Easter to Pentecost and so on and so on. Winner writes that “practicing this annual cyclical church calendar is one of the ancient practices of the church that I think can ground us in a more generous and godly sense of inhabiting time.” I agree, even when my practices suggest otherwise.

Practice 2: The *practice of regular, daily prayer*. Prayer confuses us and intimidates us, or at least it does that to me. Rather than setting lofty goals, Winner suggests, commit yourself to pray just one minute three times a day. “That counts,” she says, and it does.

Practice 3: The *practice of keeping Sabbath*. Change the rhythm of your week, she suggests, around Sunday, instead of having Sunday be the exception to a week that is oriented around work and commerce. She goes on to say that she refrains from using e-mail and her cell phone on Sundays. What a challenge!

Winner's suggestions resonate with me, because they make us look at time differently. There are certainly other Lenten practices that would have meaning, whether it's taking up or giving up. But I would encourage all of us to make some Lenten commitment – perhaps around time – and see what a difference it might make in our lives.

Lenten blessings to you all – see you in church.

## Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:45am

**Sunday, March 4-Lent II**

Communion at 8:30

“The City in Lent”

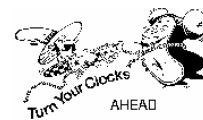
Philippians 3:1-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

John Wilkinson preaching

**Monday, March 5 at 7:00pm**

**First Monday Evening Prayer**

*See below.*



**Sunday, March 11-Lent III**

“A Bigger Picture”

I Corinthians 10:1-13; Isaiah 55:1-9

John Wilkinson preaching

**Sunday, March 18-Lent IV**

“Prodigal Re-Visited”

II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

John Wilkinson preaching

**March 25-Lent V**


“Witnessing in the Wilderness”

Isaiah 43:1-5a, 15-21

Deborah Mullen preaching

### First Monday Evening Prayer

March 5 at 7:00pm in the Chapel



The March Evening Prayer service will be a “Healing Service” with the “laying on of hands” and anointing with oil. The liturgy and prayers will be led by Deborah Hughes and Pam Foye with music by Katie Orem, *cantor*, Suzie Kieren, *oboe* and *English horn* and Sandra Gianniny, *harp*. Candle lighters will be Betty Iwan and Gloria Pleger.

# Milestones

## Born

- **Audrey Marie Stout**, January 26, 2007, to Sarah Boyce and Tim Stout, (*Gates, Greece and Hilton Parish*) rejoice in her arrival!

## Sympathy is expressed to

- Fred and Barbara Rich (Webster, North Wayne County Parish) on the death of Fred's father, **Thomas Rich**, on January 24, 2007.
- Heather Ferguson and Peter Lakatos (Southeast City Parish) on the death of Heather's grandmother, **Elizabeth J. Ferguson**, on January 30, 2007, in Victor.
- Former member Mary Allen and family on the death of her husband, **William S. Allen**, on January 28, 2007, in Rockport, Massachusetts.

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## Summer of Opportunity

Third Church employers who would like to take advantage of screened youth for summer jobs may contact Rod Frohman for the application form at [rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## Do You Own a Cell Phone?

Is the church programmed into your cell phone?

- Have you ever gotten held up on your way to pick up your child from Qabats
- needed to get a message to a member of staff or
- wanted to share a pastoral concern while you were away from home?

For these and other times when you need to call the church, be sure to program the church's number (271-6513—direct, 271-6537—voice mail) into your cell phone today!

## Save the Date!

Congregational Fellowship is planning a "Niagara-on-the-Lake" day trip on **July 28** to see "The Philanderer." The trip (USD \$129.00) includes transportation, tickets and buffet lunch at the Pillar and Post. Please call Lila at Gallery of Travel (427-0920) for details and deposit requirements.

## Schedule Your Portrait Sitting at Third Church

- **Sign up online.**  
Go to [www.thirdpresbyterian.org](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org) and click on What's New? Follow the links to the sign-up page.
- **Sign up on Sunday mornings.**  
Come to the Church Library between services or during coffee hour and schedule a time on the computer there. Volunteers will assist you.
- **Call the Church Office.**  
Have your calendar handy with a couple of dates and times to propose from the schedule below, and call Cindy Mark at 271-6513.

	March	
3/14,15 & 16 (Wednesday-Friday) Church Parlor		3pm-9pm
3/20,21,22,23 (Tuesday-Friday) Church Parlor		3pm-9pm
3/24 (Saturday) Church Parlor		10pm-4pm

You are welcome to bring loved ones who are not church members for extra portraits (or even your well-behaved pet). For the church directory, we will use portraits of immediate (human) family only.

If you have more specific questions about your photo session, pictures, or to arrange a sitting at a location outside of Rochester, please contact our *Lifetouch* representative, Linda Cefaratti, at 716-634-8430 or [lcef86@aol.com](mailto:lcef86@aol.com).

# Gatherings

## Presbyterian Men

**Mondays, March 5 & 19** 7:30pm

March 5: Andrew Elder, host  
March 19: Robert Veitch  
Contact Pete Weishaar at 218-9891 or send an email to:  
[TPCmen-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:TPCmen-subscribe@yahoo.com).

## Shawl Ministry

**Monday, March 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, March 2 & 16** 9:30-11:00am

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.

## Song Fest at Valley Manor

**Thursday, March 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, March 21** 12:00pm Noon

Kevin Williams, chief meteorologist for Channel 10 (and for Rochester) would like to have open dialogues with all who would like to discuss weather forecasting. He's friendly, well-informed and enjoyable. Contact Ed King (342-2736) or Pat Burnett (381-6349) if you would like to attend. The charge if you bring a dish to pass is \$2.00; \$5.00 if you don't.

## Mom's Group

**Friday, March** TBA

*Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life* by Queen Noor is the book the Mom's Group will discuss in March. Contact Jenny Hutkowski (264-1157) or [hutkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:hutkowski@yahoo.com) or Candice Lucas (473-4679) or [clucas@rochester.rr.com](mailto:clucas@rochester.rr.com). An e-vite with all the details will be forthcoming.

## Sunday Morning Knitters

**Sundays in March** 9:30am

All would-be knitters are welcome!

## Tax Information

Effective January 1, 2007, taxpayers may take a tax deduction for charitable donations only if they can prove they made the donation. (The contribution statement Third Church sends each January provides proof.) Donations in the form of cash can only be reported on your contribution statement if you place the donation in a numbered offering envelope or if you write your name on a plain envelope. Please contact Diane Ruggiero (271-6537, ext. 112, or [druggeio@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:druggeio@thirdpresbyterian.org)) if you would like numbered offering envelopes.

# Adult Faith Development

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

**March 4** 9:30-10:30am

## **The African-American Family**

Richard M. Williams, author and lecturer on the health and well-being of African-American families, will conclude this series, looking at the Civil Rights Movement, to its opportunities and challenges of today.  
*Johnston Hall*



## **Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality; Explode the Myths, Heal the Church**

by Jack Rogers

Members of the pastoral staff and the More Light Committee will guide you through Roger's plain-spoken book during this 4 part series. As the book jacket comments say, this is an "extraordinary book, arguably the best to appear in the long, drawn-out debates within the churches over homosexuality; ...This book is a page turner!" Having read the book is not a prerequisite for attending this series.

*This series will take place in Johnston Hall.*

**March 11** 9:30-10:30am

## **How I Changed My Mind about Homosexuality.**

Betty Iwan, Rob White and John Wilkinson will introduce the series and lead a discussion on chapters 1 and 7. We will see a short clip from Jack Roger's video "How I Chanted My Mind about Homosexuality" and talk about changes of heart that some of us have experienced.

**March 18**

## **Misusing the Bible to Justify the Suppression of Women, Blacks, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People.**

Ralph Carter and Caryl Qualich will be guided by chapters 2 and 3 as they lead the group in examining the amazing parallels in the patterns of oppression.

**March 25**

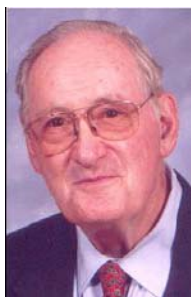
## **Interpreting the Bible in Times of Controversy and What the Bible Says and Doesn't Say about Homosexuality**

Jim Stewart and Gloria Pleger will be accompanied by John Wilkinson as we discuss chapters 4 and 5, in which Jack Rogers explains how he engaged the Bible in discerning his position.

## **March 4, 11, 18, 25 Witness Without Parallel: Eight Biblical Texts That Make us Presbyterian**

Charles Stratton is covering eight significant Bible passages using a book by Earl S. Johnson, Jr. Topics included cover Jesus, justification by faith, predestination, male and female and judging others.

*This series takes place in the Celebration Center.*



## **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 or email [dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org).

***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 1**

## **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. Come to discuss the play.

## **Lenten Lunchtime Series "Other Voices"**

Back by popular demand, this class will read and review a "classic" sermon each week during Lent. Copies of the sermons are available in the church office.

The series will take place at 12:00pm in Johnston Hall. Bring your brown bag lunch, if you wish.

**March 1: "The Radicalism of Jesus"** by John C. Bennett; led by Rod Frohman

**March 8: "Smyrna: The Rich Poor Church, Part I"** by Gardner C. Taylor led by Deborah Hughes

**March 15: "One Stone Upon Another"** by Jana Childers; led by Deborah Hughes

**March 22: "Three Practices for Lent"** by Lauren Winner; led by John Wilkinson.

**March 29: "Remembering the Way"** by James R. Van Tholen; Led by John Wilkinson. Special guest Joseph Wright will share his experience of helping go edit the book "Where All Hope Lies" from which this sermon was taken.

## **Biblical Resources for Daily Living**

At the officer training held in January, the Elders, Deacons and Trustees were asked to bring on of their favorite Bible passages for discussion and sharing. IT was a very enjoyable exercise and many felt it would be nice to have a list of some of the "golden oldies" so people would know where to find them in their own Bibles. We have put together a list of some of these passages and you will find this list in the literature rack outside the main office. This is just a beginning, but we hope you will enjoy this resource in your own meditation time and that you will add your own favorites to the list.

*Pam Foye, Parish Visitor*

# Children's Ministry

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).

## Family Feast and Frolic

March 17

Join us on March 17 from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Celebration Center for potluck supper followed by Scottish Country dancing taught by Third Church member, Ann Haag. This event is sponsored by the Children's Ministry Committee, but is open to all in the Third Presbyterian Church community.

Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring the following: Names, A through M : salad or side dish, N through Z: desserts.

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The second church school chapel service of the year will be held on Sunday, March 11 at 11:00am. Our theme, from Matthew 20:20-28, will focus on servant leadership. As always, all are welcome.



## Junior Choir and Children's Bell Choir Concert

Sunday, March 25

Immediately following 10:45am worship  
"Sharing Ourselves, Sharing Our Song"

Come enjoy the marvelous talents of our young musicians in a concert of the children's favorite anthems. This presentation is a fund-raising event for the Children's Ministry trip to the "Cathedral of Hope," East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. A free-will offering will be received.

Kindergarteners are invited to visit Qabats on Wednesday, March 7. Come and see all the fun you could have as part of the Qabats program next year! Sing with the Glorious Things, eat a yummy dinner, and participate in a workshop on Joseph with the first and second graders. Watch your mailbox for more information.

The final Qabats of the year will be on Wednesday, March 28. Families are invited to join us for dinner to help us celebrate the completion of another great year of Qabats. Please RSVP at Qabats during the month of March with how many from your family will attend so that we can plan for food.

**Camp Cory Junior Choir retreat dates are August 20-23, 2007**  
Mark your calendars!

## Youth Ministry@Third

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

### Annual Winter Retreat

During the winter months this year, youth in grades 7 - 12 have participated in the annual Winter Retreat in Pike with winter sports at Swain, joined with the congregation of Third Church in the celebration of the Gospel Mass with Keith Hampton, assisted in serving at our annual Mardi Gras celebration, and helped prepare ashes for the service of worship on Ash Wednesday.

### Weekend of Learning...

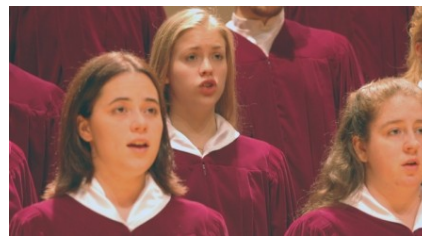
Plans are being made for 15 of our youth to join with groups from Temple B'rith Kodesh and the Islamic Center over the weekend of March 9 to learn more about other faiths and how youth can be instruments of reconciliation in the world.

### "Luke and 10<sup>th</sup>" in Production



Rehearsals for the youth musical to be presented on April 29 are well underway, and the youth from Third Church will be joined by youth from the First Presbyterian Church of Victor to witness their musical on that Sunday morning.

## Houghton College Choir



Thursday, March 29, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

The Houghton College Choir from nearby Houghton, N.Y. will present a wonderful evening of choral music in our Sanctuary, as they begin their annual Spring Tour. The group is under the direction of *Brandon Johnson*, and we are delighted to welcome them to Third Church. A free-will offering will be received.

### Housing Needed for Visiting Choir, March 29

We need to provide host homes for the 75 singers of the Houghton College Choir. Students will be grouped in pairs or fours. If you can offer housing that evening, please contact Peter DuBois as soon as possible at 271-6537, est. 109 or [pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## Final Chapel Concert by Candlelight

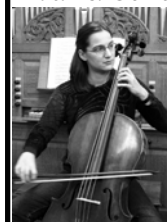
Thursday, March 1, 7:30pm

The final concert in this year's series of Chapel Concerts by Candlelight will feature spectacular solo performances of Bach suites and partitas by baroque violinist Christine Hauptly and baroque cellist Nika Zlaticar. Our beautiful



photo by Renee Moe

Christine Hauptly



chapel, with its glorious acoustics, and lit by dozens of candles, will provide the ideal setting in which to enjoy these timeless masterpieces composed, as was all of Bach's music, to the glory of God. Please join us for this wonderful evening. There is no admission charge. Donations will be accepted to support the series. Additional support is provided by the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.

# 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.

## Outreach Teams Planning Retreat

Saturday, March 31 2007  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00pm  
Continental breakfast provided

Outreach team members especially, but all outreach volunteers, are cordially invited to a planning retreat on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Johnston Hall. The leader of the retreat is Third Presbyterian Church member and Chair of the Board of Trustees, George Gotschik. George is also the director of the Small Business Development Center at SUNY Geneseo.

Why George? And why a small business development in the church?

Because George has been very successful in advising Rochester businesses, particularly in the "South Wedge" area. George is a veteran church participant and has been the moderator of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. George and the Outreach Committee are convinced that there is a specific sense in which a church is a "small business" and therefore business planning concepts applied to our outreach programs can be very beneficial.

Therefore George will introduce business planning concepts to the Outreach teams using criteria developed by the SUNY Small Business Development Center.

Please join us for this new venture in making our outreach programs more faithful and effective. You may call Dona Summers, at 271-6537, ext. 101 or e-mail her at [dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org) to reserve your place.

## Katrina III

As this *Messenger* goes to press, our third team of hurricane relief workers is in New Orleans (February 25 through March 3, 2007).

The group is staying at the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans (FPCNO), sleeping on air mattresses and enjoying all the challenges that "urban camping" and group living afford.

FPCNO was the second Protestant church to incorporate in New Orleans, having their first meetings in 1818. The church building on the original site was destroyed twice, by fire in 1854 and then by hurricane in 1915. Their current building is stately stone and brick edifice built in 1938-39 in the Broadmoor neighborhood, about a mile from Tulane University. Broadmoor was the first neighborhood in New Orleans to become integrated. The church has a commitment to being a diverse and welcoming community for all people.



The church describes itself as a small congregation with a large building that is used by the community for many activities. They sponsor the Child Development Program, a preschool for children starting at eighteen months.

The church collects food throughout the year for Second Harvesters, and books annually for Operation Mainstream. They have a community garden for flowers and vegetables. They are also members of the Jeremiah Group, a grass roots organizing group of congregations seeking the peace of the city. And since Katrina, they have been housing a stream of volunteers who have come to help bring hope to the people of New Orleans.

The church was flooded with water when the levees broke following Katrina. The waterline in the Sanctuary was at 28"—enough to submerge most of the pews, the communion table and the piano. The offices and classrooms were filled, and anything that could absorb or wick water did (like the

choir robes and library books). After the hurricane, the church began meeting in a home on October 2, 2005 and then in a fellowship room on the second floor of the church.

Restoration and rebuilding began right away with the help of gas generators. The pastor, Cliff Nunn, and spouse, Nieta, moved into a trailer on the church property. The first priority was to get the Child



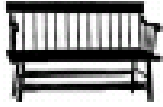
Development Program back in operation to serve the neighborhood. Electricity came back on December 21, 2005, and the preschool reopened on January 18. New subflooring was installed, the pulpit was cleaned, and the congregation was back in the Sanctuary for Easter 2006, though sitting on folding chairs.

After the hurricane, members of the church were scattered across many states, including Maryland, Arkansas, Texas, Massachusetts, Georgia, and Tennessee. An online church directory allows members to find one another and reconnect. Many are still in temporary housing and not sure if they will return. One person is listed as missing, with a request for prayers.

FPCNO will be "base camp" for our Third Church volunteers who will be sleeping in classrooms on the second floor, cooking their meals in the church kitchen, and showering in the temporary stalls that have been set up outside the church. Their work will be coordinated through FPCNO and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The Katrina 3 Team members are: *George Cheatle, Jim DiPaola, Tony Gigliotti, Ronna Grimes, Deborah Hughes, Paul Hutkowski, Phil Lindley, Ginger and Andy Potter, Karen and Don Pryor, Susan Rupp, Anne Sievers, Sue Spaulding, Mike Waller and Betsy Wheeler.*

You can learn more about our Third Church hurricane relief efforts on our church website from the link off the Outreach page, or <http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/outreach-service/katrina/katrina.shtml>.

## Deacons' Bench



Join your Third Church friends and Valley Manor residents in the next Song Fest on March 15 at 7:15pm. Deacon Joanne Anderson, along with Cecil Buchinger and several youth will lead the singing in this well-loved, growing tradition.

On April 29, Deacons will host the next Pastoral Care Luncheon, featuring Third Church member, Lia Sprague. Lia will bring her expertise from the Housing Council to talk on "Untangling the Money Knot." Mark your calendar and look for further details.

A reminder, that if you or a loved one faces hospitalization and would like prayers, assistance with childcare, meals, transportation or housekeeping, please contact your parish deacon. Deacons are equipped to help you arrange assistance from many willing church volunteers. If you do not know who your deacon is, call the church office.

## 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)

For more information about joining, contact Deborah Hughes, 271-6537, ext. 108 or [dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dhughes@thirdpresbyterian.org). To register for the next class, contact Dona Summers, 271-6537, ext. 101 or [dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:dsummers@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## Resource Saturdays

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley offers occasional one time or short-term courses that can serve as good opportunities to learn, grow and connect. The following is a sample of these offerings, with particular Third Church connections. For further information, or to register, visit [www.pbygenva.org](http://www.pbygenva.org) or call 242-0080.

- **Hymnody in the Presbyterian Tradition**, Saturday, March 10, 9:30 -11:00 am, at the Presbytery Office *Vincent Lenti, Eastman School of Music Faculty*  
Presbyterians were relative late-comers to hymn singing. Join us as we explore what and why Presbyterians sang at worship. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, March 8, 2007** (Presbytery Office)
- **Reformed Theology**, April 22 and May 20, 3:00 to 8:00pm, taught by John Wilkinson. The course in Reformed Theology will cover the basics of Reformed Theology and how we think theologically. This course is part of the Commissioned Lay Pastor training but is open to all church members. The tuition is \$30 per session, a total of \$60. **The registration deadline is March 16.** (Twelve Corners Church)

## Noa Baum Events

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**Saturday March 10, 7:15pm**—Performance of *A Land Twice Promised* at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

In her performance, Noa Baum weaves together memories of her own, memories of her Palestinian friend, and memories of their mothers. Her stories create moving testimony which illuminates the complex and contradictory history and emotions surrounding Jerusalem for Israelis and Palestinians alike.

**This family performance is open to the public and is for all ages. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this event. Don't forget to tell your friends!**

**Friday, March 9, 6:00pm–9:30pm**—*Teen Supper and Storytelling to Foster Dialogue*, at the Islamic Center of Rochester. Join youth from the Islamic Center and Temple B'rith Kodesh, seeking peace through understanding.

**Sunday, March 11, 2:00–5:00pm**—Adult workshop, *Storytelling to Foster Dialogue*, at Third Church. Adults from our three faith communities meet to begin the process of understanding one another through storytelling.

**These workshops are by invitation only**, please. This will enable us to provide a balanced experience for Christian, Jewish, and Islamic participants. *Contact: Linc Spaulding, 342-9568 or [Lincoln.Spaulding@yahoo.com](mailto:Lincoln.Spaulding@yahoo.com)*

These interfaith events are sponsored by Third Presbyterian Church, the Islamic Center of Rochester, and Temple B'rith Kodesh. Third Church support for this event comes from our local share of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering.

## News from Earth Keepers



**SUSTAINABILITY**—an attempt to provide the best outcome for the human and natural environments both now and into the indefinite future. What is the proper amount of effort to put into sustainability? More than we are doing or have done in the past.

For example, half a million acres of ancient and endangered Canadian forest are clear cut each year to create disposable paper products. It is possible to buy products containing recycled paper. See [www.nrdc.org/paper](http://www.nrdc.org/paper) For every pound of waste we eliminate by using reusable items, we save energy and resources and reduce the emissions of carbon dioxide by at least a pound. Cutting down garbage by half of one large trash bag a week saves at least 1100 pounds of global-warming carbon dioxide a year. **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** in that order.

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## March Calendar

### Thursday, March 1

9:30am Food Cupboard  
10:45am Freedom Ringers  
12:00pm Lenten Noon Series: Other Voices  
5:45pm Third Church Ringers  
7:00pm Outreach Committee  
7:30pm Chapel Concert by Candlelight

### Friday, March 2

9:30am Sisters in Spirit

### Saturday, March 3

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

### Sunday, March 4

**8:30am** **Worship—Chapel**  
8:30am New Member Class  
9:30am Adult Faith Development  
9:30am Children's Education Plus/Junior Choir Rehearsal/Youth Church School  
**10:45am** **Worship—Sanctuary**  
11:00am Church School  
12:00pm Annual Meeting  
12:30pm Coffee Hour Plus  
4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal  
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

### Monday, March 5

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

### Tuesday, March 6

7:00pm Congregational Fellowship

### Wednesday, March 7

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

### Thursday, March 8

9:30am Food Cupboard  
10:45am Freedom Ringers  
12:00pm Lenten Noon Series: Other Voices  
5:45pm Third Church Ringers

### Friday, March 9

6:00pm Noa Baum Interfaith Event at the Islamic Center of Rochester

### Saturday, March 10

9:00am Coptic Church  
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Coons)  
7:00pm Noa Baum Interfaith Event at Temple B'rith Kodesh

### Sunday, March 11

**8:30am** **Worship—Chapel**  
8:30am New Member Class  
9:30am Adult Faith Development  
9:30am Children's Education Plus/Junior Rehearsal/Youth Church School  
**10:45am** **Worship—Sanctuary**

11:00am Church School Chapel  
12:00pm Children's Trip Parent Meeting  
2:00pm Noa Baum Interfaith Event  
4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal  
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

### Monday, March 12

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

### Tuesday, March 13

12:00pm John White Circle  
3:00pm Library Committee  
5:30pm IHN  
4:00pm Campaign Cabinet/Facilities Committee

### Wednesday, March 14

**9:15am** **Morning Prayer**  
9:45am Staff Meeting  
2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session  
5:00pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:00pm Property Committee  
5:30pm Qabats/Junior Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm Commissioning Class  
6:00pm Church Buddies  
6:45pm Glorious Things  
7:15pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 15

9:30am Food Cupboard  
10:45am Freedom Ringers  
12:00pm Lenten Series: Other Voices  
2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session  
5:30pm Joint Budget & Finance  
5:30pm Reshaping Rochester  
5:45pm Third Church Ringers  
7:00pm Children's Ministry

### Friday, March 16

9:30am Sisters in Spirit  
2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session

### Saturday, March 17

8:30am Earth Keepers  
9:00am Coptic Church  
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Hammerton)  
5:00pm Pot Luck & Folk Dance  
**8:30am** **Worship—Chapel**  
9:30am Adult Faith Development  
9:30am Children's Education Plus/Junior Choir Rehearsal/Youth Church School

### Sunday, March 18

**10:45am** **Worship—Sanctuary**  
11:00am Church School  
4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal/Dinner (until 8)

### Monday, March 19

8:30am Chapel Bells  
9:30am Food Cupboard  
5:00pm Shawl Knitting Ministry  
6:00pm Adult Faith Development  
7:30pm GLBT Support Group  
7:30pm Presbyterian Men

### Tuesday, March 20

3:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session  
7:00pm Deacons  
7:00pm Session, Trustees & Campaign Cabinet  
8:00pm Trustees

### Wednesday, March 21

**9:15am** **Morning Prayer**  
9:45am Staff Meeting  
12:00pm Calvin Guild  
3:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session  
5:00pm Children's Bell Choir

5:30pm Qabats/Junior Choir Rehearsal  
5:30pm AFD: "Exploring 1 Corinthians"  
6:00pm Commissioning Class  
6:00pm Church Buddies  
6:45pm Glorious Things  
7:15pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 22

9:30am Food Cupboard  
10:45am Freedom Ringers  
12:00pm Lenten Noon Series: Other Voices  
3:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session  
5:45pm Third Church Ringers

### Friday, March 23

3:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session

### Saturday, March 24

9:00am Coptic Church  
10:00am Pictorial Directory Photo Session  
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Bacheler)

### Sunday, March 25

**8:30am** **Worship—Chapel**  
9:30am Adult Faith Development  
9:30am Children's Education Plus/Junior Choir Rehearsal/Youth Church School  
**10:45am** **Worship—Sanctuary/Hudnut Preacher**  
11:00am Church School  
12:00pm Deacon Flower Delivery  
12:00pm Children's Concert  
4:00pm Youth Musical Rehearsal/Dinner (until 8)  
7:00pm More Light Event

### Monday, March 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

### Tuesday, March 27

4:00pm Presbytery at Gates

### Wednesday, March 28

**9:15am** **Morning Prayer**  
9:45am Staff Meeting  
2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session  
5:00pm Children's Bell Choir  
5:00pm Property Committee  
5:30pm Qabats/Junior Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm Commissioning Class  
6:00pm Church Buddies  
6:45pm Glorious Things  
7:15pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 29

9:30am Food Cupboard  
10:45am Freedom Ringers  
12:00pm Lenten Noon Series: Other Voices  
5:45pm Third Church Ringers  
7:30pm Houghton College Choir Concert

### Friday, March 30

7:30pm Geva at Third Church

### Saturday, March 31

9:00am Outreach Teams Planning Retreat  
9:00am Coptic Church  
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Adams)