

The Messenger



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New Partnership in Nairobi, Kenya Created



Kihumo Presbyterian Church

On March 20, 2007, the Session approved the formation of a partnership with the Kihumo Presbyterian Parish of Nairobi, Kenya. This is a very exciting time for future mission directions for our congregation.

See page 6 for further details

World Religion Series
See page 4 for details

“M” is for May—and Music!

Bell Choir Concert—May 1 at Cloverwood

Residents of Cloverwood will be treated to a Bell Choir Concert on Tuesday, May 1. The choirs participating in the 7:00pm event are the Third Church Ringers, Freedom Ringers and Chapel Bells. They are all under the direction of Associate Director of Music Christina A. Lenti.



“Music & Worship Recognition Service” Will Be Held May 13

The 10:45am worship service on Sunday, May 13 will be a time when the many Third Church choirs will come together in worship. Sharing their gifts will be the Junior Choir, Carol Choir, Covenant Singers, Third Church Ringers, and of course, The Chancel Choir.

Director of Music/Organist Peter A. DuBois and Associate Director of Music Christina A. Lenti will direct the various groups.



It is also a time when we celebrate the talent, dedication and commitment of the many children, youth and adults who have participated in the worship ministry of Third Church this year through vocal choirs, handbell choirs and worship preparation. We will thank them all for sharing their gifts in the leadership of our worship of God. We will recognize those high school seniors graduating from the youth music programs.

And finally, we have an opportunity to express our thanks to the many parents, grandparents and other congregation members who have provided support in countless ways throughout the year. Third

Presbyterian Church has a rich heritage of worship; music has always played a significant part in helping this congregation celebrate and sense God’s presence. In addition, there are many, many others who have enriched our worship experience through their participation in planning worship components, greeting, ushering and serving as acolytes.

Assistant Organist Ruth Draper Selected for International Competition

Assistant Organist **Ruth Draper** is one of nineteen young organists from around the world (and one of only two Americans) selected to compete in the Odense International Organ Competition and Festival to be held in Odense, Denmark next month. The Festival will run from May 28—June 8, and the competition itself will be conducted in three rounds. It is indeed a great honor and accomplishment for Ruth to be selected for this high-profile competition, and we send all best wishes for success with her! In preparation for her appearance at the festival, Ruth will be performing a recital of works from the competition here at Third Church on (date/time TBA before Messenger publication.) It will be free and open to the public, and members and friends of Third



Church are cordially invited to attend!

Third Voice

Dear Friends,

We are blessed by many things at Third Church. One of our clearest and most important blessings is the leadership gifts of so many. The church is the people, as the old song reminds us, and that is certainly true around here.

On April 22, we ordained and installed a new set of officers, and in May we will say farewell to the class of 2007. On your behalf, allow me to extend a word of gratitude to those who are willing to serve and to those whose service has been so valuable.

NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Session: *Betty Iwan, Susan Locke, Dale Maddock, Stephanie McClure, Robert Norton, Rodney Perry, Kevin Solomon, Amy Stratton-Smith, Carmen Timberlake*

Deacons: *David DuBois, Susan Eckhardt, Ike Neilson, Jeffrey Sprague, Beth Struever, Lynne Tobin, Elizabeth Woodard, Lynne Young*

Trustees: *Linda Adams, Beth Aten, Bill Chase, Duane DeHollander, Robert Pethick*

RETIRING

Session: *Joan Fisher, Janet Jones-Brower, Ron Hansen, Suzy Hengerer, Jane Liesveld, Jan Salzer, Kathy Schumacher, Abbie Stevens, Lea Theuer*

Deacons: *Nancy Adams, Hope Herting, Susie Jacobs, Tomas Klaseus, Seasson Vitiello, Evelyn Roland, Anne Sievers, Jean Whitney*

Trustees: *Jim Chisholm, Ruth Fleischmann-Colgan, Jacquelin Kennedy, Rose Peet, Brad Rye*

And some not-so-random thoughts...

- Easter was glorious. Thanks to the many who contributed to make it so – ushers, greeters, choir members, the staff. It can snow anytime given what we experienced that day!



- As I write this, the children are preparing for a wonderful trip to Pittsburgh and the youth are on the home stretch of preparations for "10th and Luke." How blessed we are for such fine traditions and for the current versions of our music programs.
- We tolled the bells at 12:00 noon on April 20, at Governor Spitzer's invitation, to remember the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy. Thanks to Linda Adams. Many groups are thinking about our continued response to these issues. I would be glad for your input.
- The Cubs are currently in last place! It's nice to have some foundational realities to rely on.
- May at Third Church will be a wonderful month – lots of celebrations, lots of recognitions, lots of interesting program opportunities. Invite a friend to join us.

Continue to practice resurrection, and I will see you in church.

Faithfully,

Worship Schedule

8:30 and 10:45am

May 6

Holy Communion at 8:30am
"All Things New"
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
John Wilkinson preaching

May 13

Worship, Music and Arts Recognition,
Baptism at 10:45am
"Open Hearts"
Acts 16:11-15
John Wilkinson preaching

May 20

New Members received at 10:45am
"The Cost of Discipleship:
Acts 16:16-34
John Wilkinson preaching

May 27

The Day of Pentecost
"The Grammar of the Spirit"
Acts 2:1-21
John Wilkinson preaching

Third Church Receives Recognition

Third Church was recognized at the March 27 meeting of presbytery for its participation in the Theological Education Fund, which supports our ten Presbyterian seminaries and the seminary in Puerto Rico. We are one of sixteen congregations in the Presbytery of Genesee Valley to have contributed to the Fund, the only denomination-wide source of financial support for our seminaries.

Milestones

Born

- A son, **Miles Flynn McGuire**, born March 9, 2007, to Jennie Vigianni and Kevin McGuire (*Central Brighton Parish*) delights his parents and older brother Liam.
- A daughter, **Anna May Colaluca**, born March 29, 2007, to Richard and Christine Colaluca (*East Rochester Fairport Parish*); sister Erin rejoices in welcoming her new sister.
- A daughter, **Priyanka Thiagarajan**, on April 5, 2007, to Joanna Whang Thiagarajan and Krishna Thiagarajan, in Arkansas. Grandparents Tab and Jo Whang (*East Penfield, South Wayne Parish*) rejoice in her arrival.
- A son, **Robert Michael Wolff**, born April 5, 2007, in Portland, Maine, to Craig and Sara Schumacher Woolf. Grandparents Jon and Kathy Schumacher (*East Brighton 1 Parish*) rejoice in his arrival.
- A daughter, **Lily Elizabeth Hall**, born April 12, 2007, in Rochester, to James and Amy Pollack Hall (*North Pittsford Parish*). Lily's parents and older sister Avery rejoice in her arrival!
- A daughter, **Campbell Kathleen Pelton-Cairns**, born April 17, 2006, to Jim and Leslie Cairns, in NYC. Grandparents John and Betsy rejoice in her arrival!

Married

- **Dona Summers** and **Dan Culhane**, on April 13, 2007.

Congratulations

- **Dick** and **Ginnie Eisenhart**, (Pittsford South Parish) on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary!

Sympathy is expressed to

- Earl and Ginny Wensel (*City Southeast Parish*) on the death of Earl's mother, **Catherine Marie Harmon**, in March 24, 2007 in Meadville, PA.
- Ruth Lauterbach (*Central Brighton Parish*) on the death of her husband, **Herbert A. Lauterbach**, on April 11, 2007.
- Carol and Roland Zavada and family (*North Pittsford Parish*) on the death of Carol's mother, **Laura A. Wadleigh**, on April 15, 2007.
- Margaret, Jenna and Abby Lindsey on the April 17, 2007 death of Margaret's mother and the girls' grandmother.

"Untangling the Money Knot" - Pastoral Care Luncheon Sunday, May 20

Join us following worship, for a home-cooked meal prepared by Paul Jonasse and fellow Deacons. Church member Lia Sprague will introduce us to services in the community for folks dealing with money issues for themselves or their loved ones. Lia is Director of Financial Educational Services at the Rochester Housing Counsel. Her talk will include how to access resources, hidden costs of reverse mortgages and how to avoid loan scams. Contact Dona (Summers) Culhane at dculhane@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 101 to reserve your place.

Seminary Graduates



Sarah Walker Cleaveland



Lindsay Harren-Lewis

It is hard to believe that three years have gone by since **Sarah Walker Cleaveland** and **Lindsay Harren-Lewis** entered seminary. They both are now graduating,

both have gotten married and both are off to new adventures. Sarah has been accepted in a Masters of Theology program at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. She will be joining her husband Adam Cleaveland at Princeton this coming fall as he will be completing a dual degree program at the Master of Divinity level. A Th.M. is an advanced degree beyond the Master of Divinity degree which Sarah will be receiving from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia this May.

Lindsay is graduating in May from McCormick seminary in Chicago and is currently looking for post-seminary chaplaincy intern positions in either Albany or Atlanta, depending on where her husband relocates. "It's my turn to follow him," Lindsay reports.

Third Church is very proud of these two accomplished young women who have been in our care process for almost four years. Both will continue under the care of the Session and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley for at least another year until they discern where God is leading them to accept a call. In the Presbyterian system one is not ordained until one receives a specific call to ministry. We continue to wish Sarah and Lindsay Godspeed and we know that their parents, Tracy and Karen Walker and Charles and Diana Lewis, are very proud of them. Third Church can also be proud of these two young women because over the last 25 years our congregation has created the kind of environment which nurtured them to hear God's call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Both Sarah and Lindsay specifically cite the support of Mary Stoops and her ministry with us as highly motivating for them.

Gatherings

Presbyterian Men

Mondays, May 7 & 21 7:30pm
Paul Bishop, host on May 7
Host TBA for May 21
Contact Pete Weishaar at 218-9891 or send an email to:
TPCmen-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Shawl Ministry

Monday, May 7 & 21 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, May 4 & 18 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) for more information.

Song Fest at Valley Manor

Thursday, May 10 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).

Women's Potluck Brunch

Saturday, May 12 10:00am
This brunch will be held at the home of Rebecca Schichler. Please contact Rebecca at 473-6283 for details and location instructions.

Calvin Guild

Wednesday, May 16 6:00pm
Annual Picnic time! This meeting will take place at the Brighton Town Park. Muffy (Mary Louise) Meisenzahl will speak on "Emergency Preparedness." 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

Date and Location TBA
The Poet and the Murderer by Simon Worrall is the book the group will be exploring. Contact Jenny Hutkowski (264-1157) or hutkowski@yahoo.com or Candice Lucas (473-4679) or clucas@rochester.rr.com.

Sunday Morning Knitters

Sundays in May 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/educaton/>

Covenant, Community and the Common Good

Sundays, May 6, 13

Johnston Hall

Covenant: a basis of Reformed theology and ethics. **Common Good:** a category of Catholic moral thought. **Community:** a term for social concord used by everyone from politicians to religionists. What do these terms mean? How are they misused? How can they be recovered? This class will consist of dialogues with Rochester area people who are attempting to implement these values in our community.

The Gospel of Luke in Context

Sundays, May 6, 13, 20

Anne Meridith

Celebration Center



Anne Meridith is leading an examination of the *Gospel of Luke*, highlighting those features that are unique to this Gospel and those aspects of Jesus' ministry that receive special attention by the evangelist. In particular, we will focus on Luke's portrait of Jesus, the role of women in the Gospel and Luke's theology of salvation history.

Anne Meridith joined the University of Rochester faculty in 1995 and is Assistant Professor of Religion. She teaches courses in the Old and New Testaments and Ancient Christianity and is a frequent participant in programs sponsored by the Interfaith Chapel. A veteran of the University's excavations in Israel, she has lectured in the Rochester community about the archeological digs and other topics.

Truth is Multifaceted: A Study of World Religions

Fridays 7:00-9:00 p.m.

April 27; May 11, 18;

June 1

Sinnathamby

Thevanesan

Gather in Johnston Hall



This course will feature presentations about Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism, coupled with some field trips to the worship centers of these religions in the Rochester area. (*Note that the last class has been changed from June 8th to June 1 to accommodate the presenter.*)

Sinnathamby Thevanesan, "Pastor Theva" as he is known by his congregation of the Brockport United Methodist Church, was born and raised in Sri Lanka. He has a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the University of Serampore, India, an M.Div from United Theological College in Bangalore, India and an M.A. from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, and is an ordained United Methodist minister. He is an adjunct faculty member of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, teaching world religions. Pastor Theva is the author of two books in his native Tamil language: *Following Jesus* and *Christian Maturity*.

New Books in the Church Library



Stephen McCutchan—**Good News for a Fractured Society: Matthew Speaks to Divisions of Power, Wealth, Gender and Religious Pluralism** Author house, IN 2006

The contemporary church must determine the church's response to a world divided between the powerful and the powerless, the Christian faith and other faiths, male and female, and the wealthy and the poor. This book will enable Christians to respond with strength to the challenges of the world and have confidence that their efforts are not in vain.

Marshall D. Johnson—**Psalms Through the Year: Spiritual Exercises for Every Day** Augsburg Books, MN 2007

Johnson brings to the interpretative task all the best gifts of faith, heart, mind, imagination and realism. Every day becomes a day with the Psalter to our benefit, as all 150 Psalms are used, one per day.

N.T. Wright—**Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense** Harper Collins, CA 2006

This book goes beyond C.S. Lewis' classic *Mere Christianity*. Wright writes with clarity and wood-be learners and teachers of the faith will gain hugely from these fascinating pages.

Leslie Cooper and Paul Cotes—**Too High a Price: The Case Against Restricting Gay Parenting**, 2nd Edition, ACLU Foundation NY 2006

This book gets it right, telling stories of how children are harmed by restricting gay parenting. This ban makes it harder to find homes for the many children in need. It details the many social service studies about gay parents and their children, laying to rest any doubts about the ability of gay parents to be good parents.

Third Church Needs You!

We are in search of four or five people willing to come in on a weekly basis to ready the Sanctuary and Chapel for Sunday worship. Responsibilities include ensuring that there are hymnals and Bibles in each pew; pens are in the pew racks; sign-in pads and pens are in the Friendship pads; special offering envelopes are in the Friendship pads when necessary; Welcome cards are in the pew racks; and other similar duties. If you are interested in this new volunteer opportunity, please contact Dona (Summers) Culhane at 271-6537, ext. 101 or dculhane@thirdpresbyterian.org.

Children's Ministry News

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.

Camp Cory Dates are Monday, August 20 through Thursday, August 23



Mark your calendars NOW for Camp Cory. The children of Third Church will again have the opportunity to join with several area churches in an end-of-summer choir retreat held at Camp Cory on beautiful Keuka Lake. This camp is open to all children currently in grades 3-6 interested in singing in the Junior Choir next year. The camp provides a great opportunity to be together, get to know each other, begin singing together, learn some music skills and HAVE FUN! Watch for more details coming in the mail in May.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game—June 15

Third Church's Congregational Fellowship Committee is planning an all-member night at the Red Wings game on **Friday, June 15 at 7:05pm** and invites you and your group to come and join the fun. \$7.50 will get you a reserved seat along the third base line at a game against the Louisville Bats (Cincinnati Reds) with fireworks to enjoy afterwards. Two wheelchair positions will be available.

It's about a month away, so mark your calendars and sign up today. It's a grand opportunity to share an event together and put aside the responsibilities of committee work. We need names now (and money, of course!) Sign up anytime; Congregational Fellowship folk will be outside Johnston Hall on May 27 and June 3 to remind you of this family fun opportunity.



Treasurer's Box

For the first quarter of 2007, current year pledge income exceeded our budget estimate by almost 6%, and contributions from non-pledgers were also slightly higher than the budget estimate. Our prior year pledges (2006) and Sunday plate offering were significantly under our budget estimates. Fortunately, the net total of our income was over budget by about 2%, which is good news.

On the expense side, all of our program committee expenditures are on track.

Concerning our endowment, the first quarterly withdrawal of \$95,007 was made in March. The market value of our endowment on March 31 was \$6,165,318, up from \$6,088,753 at year-end 2006.

It's hard to believe that my first year as treasurer was completed as of April 1! I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about this position, and continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve in it. I'm also very grateful for the patient "tutoring" of Carol Foster. And, as I have said before in this column, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. You can reach me at jan-chis@rochester.rr.com, or at 227-7904.

And I would be remiss if I didn't remind you that if your **2006** pledge commitment has not yet been paid in full, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

our faith with action in Rochester and beyond!

ANNOUNCING: New Recycling Program

As a long term fundraising project, our Youth are now collecting any and all used ink/toner cartridges from printers, copiers and faxes. If it comes out of a printer, it can be recycled and each cartridge is worth \$1—\$7 to our Youth. This program is in conjunction with Monroe County Department of Environmental Services. While it is not practical to have residential curbside recycling for these, their toxic nature makes them inappropriate for the trash and some of the cartridge components can be reused. Rather than send them back to the company or drive them to a big box store, bring them from your home and office to church! Recycling receptacles are outside Johnston Hall and at the Corner Place. Speak to Chris Stevens about having a recycling box placed at your office! Questions to Chris at 242-8778 or stevens35@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry@Third

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

2007 CROP WALK:

Date: Sunday, May 6: Right after church Youth will gather for pizza and then join in the Church World Service CROP walk to alleviate hunger and poverty around the world. This is a GREAT opportunity to do mission and have fun with your friends at the same time.

SILVER BAY PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE AT LAKE GEORGE

(for those entering 9th grade through graduating seniors)

Dates: Sunday, July 8—Friday, July 13

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM

Dates: July 17—22

Four of our youth together with one advisor will be representing our congregation at this special conference held every three years at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

MEETING GROUND Mission Trip

Dates: Sunday, July 22—Saturday, July 28

Open to all who are entering 9th Grade through Graduating Seniors

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—New Life Presbyterian Church

Dates: Sunday, August 5 – Thursday, August 9

This is your opportunity (open to all entering Grade 7 – Graduating Seniors) to do mission here in our own community with children in the vicinity who need just a little extra share of God's love through us. If you have helped before, you KNOW that this is rewarding and lots of fun! If you have not, you have a real treat in store. Program is held in the evening at New Life Church, and if you can help one or two days even, please sign up.

JUNIOR HIGH MISSION DAYS

Dates: Tuesday, August 28—Thursday, August 30

Open to all entering 7th Grade through those graduating from 8th

Youth meet at Third Presbyterian Church each morning and then go out to do mission around Rochester and the surrounding area. Let's combine

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.

CROP events address hunger and poverty, locally and globally--for 60 years Local Group to Walk May 6

Local walkers will join some 2,000 communities across the country participating in this year's 60th Anniversary CROP Walk, raising funds for local hunger-fighting agencies as well as for the international relief and development efforts of CWS. The agency works in partnership in some 80 countries globally, and has offices in South America, East Africa, Southern Africa, Pakistan/Afghanistan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Indonesia.

Encourage your friends and family to join Third Church and Brighton UCC participants on this year's walk. If you cannot walk yourself, consider sponsoring a member of our church family. Contact Sue Del Pozzo at 381-0724 for more information.



Food Cupboard

Thank you for thinking about Food Cupboard. Our neighbors are in continual need of emergency food assistance and we need the congregation's help more than ever! Foodlink, which through grants has provided us with many of the basic items, has not had adequate inventory for several months. We have been buying cases of needed items which is quickly depleting your outreach money. Your weekly donations of peanut butter, cereal, jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned soups, vegetables and fruits, canned spaghetti sauce, 1-pound pasta, stew or hash are desperately needed. Or you might consider writing a check to Third Presbyterian Church designated for the Food Cupboard. Together we can make a difference for our neighbors. Thank you again

Kay Ramsay, Food Cupboard Chair

Partnership Created

(The following is an excerpt from a letter to the pastor of the Kihumo church in Nairobi, Kenya)

Warm greetings to you in the name of Christ our Redeemer.

I am pleased to report that on the evening of March 20, our Session voted to establish a mission partnership with your congregation that will be based on a mutually developed covenant agreement.

As this partnership is mutually developed, we recommend that a covenant document be developed. That covenant document will contain the purposes of our agreement, cite guiding documents for the agreement, establish a pattern of covenant leadership, describe responsibilities for administering the covenant, and itemize the specific areas of the partnership on which we will mutually work.

Further, we feel that this covenant needs to be a two-way street in which both congregations share the gifts God has given us and learn from one another... We have very much to learn from you. So we wish that you would feel especially led by the Holy Spirit to write into this covenant the gifts you will share with us.

Of course accurate communication is central to establishing this mission partnership. Therefore, to enable communication, we are prepared to wire \$1,700 for the purpose of funding your congregation's purchase of a laptop computer, an e-mail configured cell phone, and a printer...

We are very excited about the possibilities of this partnership and look forward to your response.

Cordially yours in Christ,

*Christopher Bensch
Clerk of Session*

Low Carbon Diet

Lose 5,000 pounds in 30 days!

The Low Carb(on) Diet, David Gershon, the Empowerment Institute

American households are a significant contributor to the global warming crisis, adding an average of 55,000 pounds of CO₂ to the environment every year. This is also a social justice issue because changing weather



causes drought in farm areas and flooding in coastal areas. Many lives have already been hurt by these changes. Because of our impact, we also have room to be part of the solution. This workbook lists ways to change our current habits for the better. Some habit changes are in lifestyle, easy once you know how (don't wash dishes in running water); and some require a bit of effort only annually (tune up your car and your furnace yearly). By making specific changes to daily habits we can significantly reduce our carbon emissions. The book also shows how to create a team, all doing actions and supporting one another. Many of us need to change to create a real change. See if you can lose a few thousand pounds, and then empower others to do the same!

Earth Keepers

Channel 13 Television Featured RAIHN April 16

Channel 13's "Bright Spot" segment showcased McKesson workers volunteering at the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network. The broadcast included an interview with Erica Vera, coordinator of the program. To view the short broadcast online, connect to the WHAM website at www.13WHAM.com, scroll down until you find Bright Spot, and then the IHN piece appears in the little box under the title "McKesson Workers Volunteer" (9/16/07).

Commissioning Class—2007



front row: Brett Klaseus; Amanda Gripe; Jamie Hospers; second row: Caroline West, Ben Thompson, Rory Gillett; Jenna Lindsey, not pictured: Peter Stevens

RORY GILLETT is the son of Kim and Tom Gillett and lives in Brighton with his parents and sister. He also has two older brothers who live in West Irondequoit. Rory is a freshman at Brighton High School where he plays bass in the band and enjoys writing and listening to music, art, and snowboarding. Rory has participated in the Meigs Street Ramblers, the Covenant Singers, and various musicals at Third Church.

AMANDA GRIPE is the daughter of Riki Connaughton-Gripe and David Gripe and the sister of Alex, 20, and Drew, 13 in May. She is a freshman at Bloomfield Middle/High School and plays piano and flute as well as enjoying singing. She is also a member of the drama club. Amanda has attended Third Church "ever since I was born." She says that she has "participated in every musical possible since third grade." She currently shares her talents as a part of Covenant Singers and loves to read, sing, and "be on the computer."

JAMIE HOSPERS is the son of Bob and Karen Hospers and the brother of Rachel. He is a freshman at Penfield High School where he is a member of the Track Team and Ski Club. Jamie has been at Third Church since the summer of 2003 and regularly attends the Sunday morning class as well as 10:45 worship. His hobbies include playing both the guitar and violin and enjoying baseball as part of the Penfield Little League.

BRETT KLASEUS is the son of Sue and Tom Klaseus and brother of Ryan, a freshman this year at Pepperdine College. Brett is a fresh-

man at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School where he is a member of the junior varsity tennis and cross country skiing teams as well as a member of the varsity tennis team. He plays saxophone in the High School Concert Band. His hobbies include watching and attending sports events, enjoying movies and television, as well as playing saxophone. At Third Church, Brett has participated in Dining Room Ministry on Saturdays, served as an acolyte and assists Dale VanOcker with third grade Sunday school. He was also an active participant in Youth Fellowship during his Junior High years.

JENNA LINDSEY is the daughter of Margaret Lindsey and sister of Abby. She is a freshman at Allendale Columbia School where she plays the flute and participates in junior varsity volleyball and softball. She is also a member of the Drama Club, which recently performed *A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD*. Jenna first started attending Third Church in the fifth grade and since then has been an active participant in everything from retreats to Camp Cory. She had a solo in *ONCE UPON A PARABLE*, was in *PIPPIN*, and performed this year in *10TH AND LUKE*. Her hobbies include singing, musical theatre, and coming to Youth Fellowship. Jenna lives in Brighton with her mother and sister, and would like to thank everyone around her who has been supportive and helpful throughout the years.

PETER STEVENS is the son of Gary and Chris Stevens and brother of Abbie and Emily. He is a freshman at Wilson Magnet High School where he plays soccer and likes spending

time with his friends. Peter enjoyed the youth mission trip to the Meeting Ground in Elkton, Maryland last summer where he assisted in tearing down an old farmhouse to make way for newer transitional housing for the homeless.

BEN THOMPSON is the son of Darby and Steven Thompson and lives in Irondequoit with his parents and brothers Connor and Andrew, who is a student in college. He is a freshman at Irondequoit High School. Ben has attended Third Church "all my life," and was baptized here as an infant. He has been active in Qabats, Glorious Things, Junior Choir, Covenant Singers, and Youth Fellowship. He has participated in all the youth musicals, most recently *10TH AND LUKE*. When he is not at church, he can be found on a field playing football, lacrosse, or travel soccer for fun. He also enjoys weight-lifting to keep in shape.

CAROLINE WEST is the daughter of Betsy Marvin and Glenn West and sister of Russell West. She is a freshman at the School of the Arts where she has participated in band and many creative writing workshops such as Slam Poetry. At Third Church Caroline has been a member of the youth and bell choirs, participated in numerous youth musicals, and in Qabats and Youth Fellowship, attending retreats and youth activities offered by the church. In her free time, Caroline likes to "write, listen to and play music, hang out with friends, take pictures, and play with animals."

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May Calendar

Tuesday, May 1

6:00pm Session/Commissioning Class
7:00pm Handbell Concert at Cloverwood
7:00pm Congregational Fellowship

Wednesday, May 2

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Church Buddies
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 3

9:30am Food Cupboard
7:00pm Outreach

Friday, May 4

9:30am Sisters in Spirit

Saturday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 6

8:30am Worship—Chapel
8:30am New Member Class
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
1:00pm CROP WALK
2:00pm RAIHN Guests Depart
6:00pm Youth Dinner/Fellowship

Monday, May 7

9:30am Food Cupboard
5:00pm Shawl Knitting Ministry
5:00pm Personnel Committee
7:30pm GLBT Support Group
7:30pm Presbyterian Men

Tuesday, May 8

7:00pm Session

Wednesday, May 9

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
5:00pm Property Committee
6:00pm Church Buddies
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 10

9:30am Food Cupboard
5:30pm Joint Budget & Finance
5:45pm Third Church Ringers

Friday, May 11

7:00pm Adult Faith Development

Saturday, May 12

9:00am Coptic Church
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Salzer)
10:00am Women's Brunch (off-site)

Sunday, May 13

MOTHER'S DAY

8:30am Worship—Chapel
8:30am New Member Class
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

Monday, May 14

9:30am Food Cupboard
7:00pm Membership & Evangelism

Tuesday, May 15

7:00pm Deacons
7:00pm Trustees

Wednesday, May 16

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Calvin Guild
6:00pm Church Buddies
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 17

9:30am Food Cupboard
7:00pm Children's Ministry

Friday, May 18

9:30am Sisters in Spirit
7:00pm Adult Faith Development

Saturday, May 19

8:30am Earth Keepers
9:00am Coptic Church
10:00am Dining Room Ministry (Coons)
2:00pm Memorial Service for Herbert Gazley

Sunday, May 20

8:30am Worship—Chapel
8:30am New Member Class
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
12:00pm Pastoral Care Luncheon
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Monday, May 21

9:30am Food Cupboard
5:00pm Shawl Knitting Ministry
5:30pm Worship, Music & Arts
5:30pm Interfaith Advocacy for Gay & Lesbian Concerns
6:00pm Adult Faith Development Committee
7:00pm Membership/Evangelism
7:30pm GLBT Support Group/34 Meigs St.
7:30pm Presbyterian Men (off-site)

Tuesday, May 22

4:30pm Presbytery at Bethany

Wednesday, May 23

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Church Buddies
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 24

9:30am Food Cupboard
7:00m Session/Trustee/Cabinet

Saturday, May 26

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

Sunday, May 27

8:30am Worship—Chapel
9:30am Youth Church School
10:45am Worship—Sanctuary
11:00am Large Group Church School

Monday, May 28

MEMORIAL DAY

OFFICE CLOSED
7:30pm More Light (Off site)

Tuesday, May 29

3:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session

Wednesday, May 30

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
3:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session
6:00pm Church Buddies
7:15pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 31

9:30am Food Cupboard
3:00pm Pictorial Directory Photo Session