

# The Messenger



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## SPRINGTIME 2010 AT THIRD CHURCH



Easter Celebration  
at Kodak Hall  
April 4, 2010



New Celebration Center  
Takes Shape



Hallelujah!



Easter Dinner  
at Cameron Community  
Community Ministries



Cast of "The Living Water Works"  
April 11, 2010

# THIRD VOICE



Dear Friends,

Easter at the Eastman – who woulda thunk it!?!?

I continue to have many conversations with you – and friends in the community – about our Easter experience at the renovated Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre.

I must confess that I did not quite know what to expect. We planned and planned and planned – special kudos to the ushers and greeters, flower arrangers, staff, plus all the fabulous musicians. But we wondered what it would be like. Would anyone show up? Would anyone from the community check us out? Would it feel worshipful?

I am grateful to say that all of those questions were answered in the affirmative, and then some. People did show up. Visitors showed up. And best of all, it felt like church. OK, perhaps not entirely like church, what with the dazzling chandelier, the cozy seats, and Bach and Beethoven staring down upon our proceedings. But worshipful, and spirit-filled – very close to church.

What I was reminded of – and what I am constantly reminded of as we live a bit nomadically these days is that the church is about a story and the church is about a people. What happened at the Eastman Theatre is that the people of God gathered to encounter the Easter story. It was compelling not so much because of the place – though the place was pretty spectacular. No, it was compelling because of the nature of the story itself. Resurrection. New life. God's profound love for us and for all the world. That can happen in a cathedral, a storefront church, a New England meeting house... anywhere. It can happen in a theater, and it can certainly happen at the corner of East Avenue and Meigs Street.

But the Eastman Theatre experience also reminded me of some other things. It reminded me how important it is to take our story and our experience beyond our

walls. That might be a theater. But it might also be a park, or a hospital, or a neighborhood, or anyplace where people gather. We did some modest advertising, but what was more effective was you all inviting people. We should remember that. Inviting is evangelism for us – not proselytizing or forcing, but gently inviting people to share.

Some people commented to me that we should do this every year. After I picked myself off the floor, I said that that's an idea worth contemplating. At the same time, I cannot wait until we get back in our sanctuary. Work is progressing nicely. Our experience at Incarnate Word has been tremendous, but Dorothy was right – there's no place like home.

Perhaps Easter 2010 will be a one-time thing, a wonderful story that we will remember years from now when a whole bunch of us gathered in one place at one time and shared the story and shared wonderful music and had a wonderful, uplifting time. But perhaps it can also help us re-orient our thinking a bit, how we engage one another, how we engage the community, how we are a public presence whether in our building or beyond it.

And while planning was important, and the setting mattered a great deal, what made the day special was the message. That continues to make each new day powerful and hope-filled. We don't just claim "Chris is risen!" one day of the year. We practice resurrection each day, each moment.

See you at church – wherever we gather – to share the good news of resurrection.

Faithfully,

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:00AM CHAPEL**

**11:15AM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATE WORD (IW)**

### MAY 2

John Wilkinson preaching  
Communion at 9:00am

### MAY 9

John Wilkinson preaching

### MAY 16

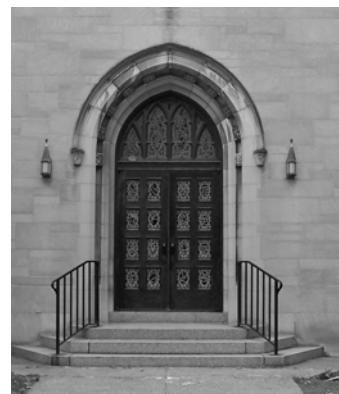
John Wilkinson preaching  
Commissioning Class at 11:15am

### MAY 23—PENTECOST

John Wilkinson preaching

### MAY 30

John Wilkinson preaching



## MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

**MAY 3**

**7:00PM**

**"THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD"**



Evening Prayer this month will incorporate music and prayers from the "Celtic" tradition. Leadership will include Bill Hockey and John Wilkinson, *liturgists*, Taylor Henry, *cantor*, Susan Kieren, *oboe*. Members of the "Celtic Seekers Community" will also participate. Come

for a time or prayer, renewal and meditation in the beauty of the Chapel.

# MILESTONES

## BORN

## BAPTIZED

- **Eleni Reming Duerr**, daughter of Jason and Shannon Kress Duerr (OT), on April 11. Eleni is the grand daughter of Jim and Jan Chisholm (B-NW Parish)

- Maryjane Link (HS Parish), Brian, Daniel and David and families on the death of her husband and their father, **Kenneth R. Link**, on April 3
- The family of **Virginia Haines**, on her death April 6
- The family of **Jean Risley** on her death April 7

## SYMPATHY

We express sympathy to

- The family of **Loma Allen** on her death March 23. Her memorial service will be held Friday, May 7 at 11:00am at Incarnate Word.
- Linc and Sue Spaulding (A-NC) on the death of Linc's mother, **Miriam Spaulding**, on March 29, in California
- Steve and Pam Apt, Lauren, Cameron and Braden (HS Parish) on the death of Steve's mother, **Bette M. Apt**, on March 31, in Pennsylvania



## NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS

The next New Member classes will take place May 20 from 6:00-7:30pm and May 23, from 9:00-10:30am. Please contact Martha Langford if you are interested in attending one of these sessions (271-6537, ext. 108 or [mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org)).

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 25

Our first all-congregation fundraising event will be held Saturday, September 25, featuring dinner in the homes of members, followed by a gathering for dessert and entertainment. We are looking for people to be hosts as well as guests. You don't have to be a gourmet cook—this is about fellowship and hospitality. In fact, there are any number of ways you can participate. Maybe you would like to co-host. Perhaps you like to cook but need a larger venue—we can find you a partner. Just let us know. And of course we're hoping you'll want to be a guest! Although this is a fundraiser, we are not suggesting a price for attendance, but rather encouraging all to be as generous as possible. The proceeds will support our Children's Ministry programs. More information will follow, but feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Pam Foye  
Kathleen Ling  
Sue Locke  
Christie Lutzer  
Susan Rupp, Chair

# THIRD CHURCH GATHERINGS

## SISTERS IN SPIRIT

**FRIDAYS, MAY 7 & 21 9:30AM**

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

## BEATLES TO BON JOVI (B2B)

**SATURDAY, MAY 15 OR 22 6:00PM**

The group will gather at a home (TBA) for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres before heading to the Lilac Fest. Reservations are not required, but requested by contacting Margaret Schwaneflugel through the e-vite. Watch your email for further information.

## SHAWL MINISTRY

**MONDAY, MAY 3 & 17 5:00PM**

Contact Nancy Adams at 889-4055. The group will meet in CE/Room 102.

## SONG FEST

**MAY 27 7:15-8:30PM**

There's one more Song Fest this year after this one, June 10. We will celebrate our fifth year anniversary on one of these dates. It will be a very special event, not to be missed. As always, soloists from the congregation are welcome. Call Joanne Anderson, 734-1307 for details.

## MOM'S GROUP BOOK CLUB

**DATE/TIME/LOCATION TBA**

The group is currently reading *The Lobster Chronicles: Life on a Very Small Island* by Linda Greenlaw. Watch your emails for the date, time and location. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or Jenny Hutkowski for further information.

## CALVIN GUILD ANNUAL PICNIC

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 12:00N**

Calvin Guild's Annual Picnic will take place at Valley Manor. Ann McMican and Jack Mould will again lead the festivities. The cost of the lunch is \$5.00. Contact Cile Rice at 461-3813.

## "OUT TO LUNCH"

**SAVE MAY 16 12:00N**

Mark your calendar now for the "Out to Lunch" gathering. Watch the bulletin for exact location. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537, ext. 118, for more information or to suggest a location!

## G.L.B.T. PEER SUPPORT GROUP

**May 3 and 17 7:30pm**

Caryl Qualich has been leading the G.L.B.T. Peer Support for 38 years. Group is now meeting at New Life Presbyterian Church, 243 Rosedale Street. Contact Caryl Qualich for information (482-3832).

# ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday morning classes take place from 10:00-11:00am at R.M.S.C.

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

## SHALOM, SALAAM, PEACE: THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS SUNDAYS MAY 2, 9, & 23

This course focuses on peace in the three Abrahamic religions, obstacles to breaking cycles of violence, and keys to achieving a world culture of peace. All participants will receive a free copy of the book *Shalom, Salaam, Peace*, commissioned by the Women's Division of the United Methodist church as a spiritual growth study.



**Allison Stokes** is the Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at the Chapel of the University of Rochester. She is founding director of the Women's Interfaith Institute and a pastor for 26 years in the United Church of Christ.

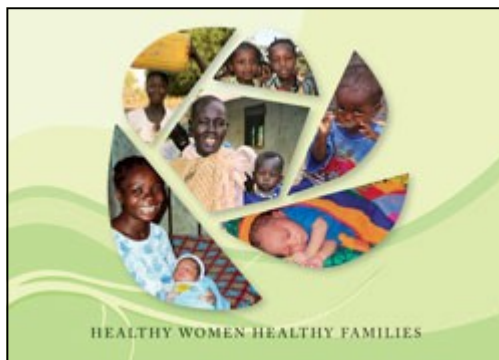
## NOLA REHAB TRIP #6

On Sunday April 25 seven Third Church members joined 15 other Genesee Valley Presbyterians in another rehabilitation trip to repair homes in New Orleans. This group of 22 worked through the Presbytery of South Louisiana's Project Homecoming effort. Our team members are: Rod Taylor, George Cheatle, Don and Karen Pryor, Len Picone, Sharon Kiellach and Nancy Watson.

## MOTHER'S DAY CARDS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Moms Group will be selling Mother's Day cards on Sunday, April 25 and May 2 in coffee hour as part of a PC(USA) "Healthy Women, Healthy Families" Mother's Day project. You are invited to forgo the traditional cards and instead purchase a beautifully designed card from us. Monies raised will go to fund health initiatives in Africa including: malaria prevention, immunizations, health screenings, and obstetrical care. What better way to honor the mothers in your life?

Visit us in coffee hour, or contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch to purchase your cards.



## FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN CITIZEN: ACTING RESPONSIBLY IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY SUNDAYS, MAY 16, 30

What are the values that inform our faith that enable us to act responsibly in a worldwide manner? Using a 2009 interview with Robert Bellah, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, this course will cover two themes:

- May 16: Introduction: From Individualist to Faithful Christian citizen. "Why worry about the world's troubles? I've got enough of my own!"
- May 30: Church and Family as a School of Civic Virtue. "How can we teach citizenship? We don't have time to eat together!"



**Roderic Frohman**, is Third Church's Associate Pastor for Church in Society. He is board chair of the Center for the Congregation in Public Life which produced the interview on which this class is based.

## TREASURER'S BOX



This column is devoted to the subject of "per capita"—an important, but often misunderstood, part of being a Presbyterian!

Per capita is both an income category and an expense category in our church's operating budget. As an expense, it is the amount that is assessed by, and paid to, Presbytery, who then remits proportional shares to Synod and General Assembly. It is a "head tax," if you will, that covers the ecclesiastical expenses of our denomination—judicial, legislative, and related functions of the church. For 2009, that amount was \$27 for each member on the church roll; the total that Third Church paid to Presbytery was \$34,760.

For the past few years, our congregation members have had the opportunity to "reimburse" the church for this expense by making a separate pledge at the same time as stewardship pledges are received. This is the income category. In 2009, 260 members pledged to make this reimbursement to the church. I'm pleased to report that all 260 members honored that pledge, and an additional 18 members paid their per capita amount. While this is a positive statement, please note that only 1 in 5 members made that pledge. My mission this month is to urge every congregation member to make this commitment for 2010. The amount is still just \$27; if every member made this pledge to support Third Church, we would realize more than \$35,000 in income, which would then offset our obligation to Presbytery.

Even if you've chosen, for whatever reason, to not make a pledge to our StewardSHIP campaign, I urge you to consider making your per capita pledge. If you'd like to make a stewardship pledge, a per capita pledge, or both, please contact Carol Foster in the church office at 271-6537, ext. 111 or at [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org).

*Jan Chisholm*

# 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.*

## TEACHER FEATURE: FIFTH GRADE

The Fifth Grade Sunday school class is co-taught by two women who bring a wealth of experience and insight to the classroom.



*Stephanie Post* has taught Sunday School for many years and is inspired to do so by the energy and enthusiasm of the children she teaches.

No doubt her experience as a school librarian is useful when she helps the children review the lessons each week.

*Susan Lipari* brings four years of Sunday School teaching experience to the fifth grade classroom and is constantly amazed by what she learns from the children as they discuss each lesson. Sue's daughter is a member of her class this year, offering Sue a view into her own child's growth. Both women feel that they receive more than they give by teaching the children of Third Church.



## CAMP CORY JUNIOR CHOIR RETREAT AUGUST 23-26

More information will be forthcoming—but save the date!

## Sunday School Spring Theme: "Confessing the Faith"

Do you think that teaching Sunday School could be something for you? As we have featured our Sunday School teachers in this space this year, think and pray if you might be called to join their ranks in teaching, nurturing, and getting to know the children of Third Presbyterian Church. The commitment is real, but the rewards are immeasurable. Contact *Becky D'Angelo-Veitch* or *Griff Vinton* to discuss teaching opportunities further.

# THE B.E.A.T. BOX

BUILDING EXCITEMENT AT THIRD

Contact: *Jane Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator 271-6537, ext. 107 or jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org.*

## EASTER @ CAMERON

On Easter, the Bay and Pochodylo families, as well as Jane Carden and Martha Langford shared dinner with the guests at Cameron Community Ministry. They planned, prepared and served a ham dinner for 55 grateful diners. The Easter basket centerpiece filled with goodies were sent home with the children. What a great day!



Cooper Bay serving rolls



Martha Langford assists in welcoming guests

## COMMISSIONING CLASS TO JOIN

This year's Commissioning Class will join Third Church on Sunday, May 16. Their journey has been filled with exploration, questions, and hands on mission. These young people have helped with an ice cream social at the Rochester Presbyterian Home, prepared meals at Cameron Community Ministries, served pancakes at our own Mardi Gras, and participated in the presbytery's Mission Madness performing random acts of mission at sites in the community.

Help us to welcome this Commissioning Class to the ministry of Third Church. See you on May 16.

# SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

- **WORLD PEACEMAKING & MISSION**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, Donald Boyd, 248-0657, dlbpop@rit.edu
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- **ADVOCACY**, Vince Tollers, 461-1202, vtollers@rochester.rr.com
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**SCHOOL #35**, Joyce Perry, 244-3125, perryhq@frontiernet.net

## THIRD ROCHESTER ENTERPRISES CORPORATION



Red Gramlich handing gavel to Don Boyd

Third Rochester Enterprises Corporation (TREC) is a 509(a)(2) non-profit organization that provides economic development support services to neighborhood businesses in the City, primarily in the Southeast quadrant.

Third Church members will remember that Red Gramlich started TREC in 1976 to receive, acquire, lease, and administer property of any sort and to use it

exclusively for charitable purposes. Red led members to underwrite low interest loans to persons who could not qualify for bank loans. Many loans were made. On March 10, 2005 Red literally handed the gavel to the current board when the old board resigned. Only Karl Pleger remains from the old board.

At the present time TREC is focusing its 2010 efforts on building a "working partnership" with the South East Area Coalition (SEAC) to more efficiently provide support to this geographic area. During the second half of 2009 a number of different models were investigated and the concept of a "working partnership" was chosen. The basic idea behind this model was to find economic development projects that both organizations supported and that we could work on together. Furthermore, the definition of relevant projects included the ability to substantially complete the defined work in 2010 based on

the strong support for getting things done rather than more planning. Working together, the following has been accomplished to date:

- The two boards appointed a joint Task Force of eight members (four from each board) to select the projects. The Task Force met to develop the selection process and criteria. A sub-group developed a list of projects and related project descriptions
- The Task Force met to review the draft project list, add additional projects and to prioritize the list.
- TREC brought the prioritized list back to its board and asked each member to show their support for various projects by volunteering to work on one or more projects during 2010.
- This list of preferred TREC projects and related volunteers was presented to and discussed by the Task Force.
- This revised list was taken back to the SEAC board for their input and volunteer assignments.

The two boards are in the process of finalizing the project list and volunteer teams with the expectation that work on three to five major economic development projects will begin shortly.

Third Presbyterian Church members are actively involved in the leadership of TREC, including Don Boyd (President): Elizabeth Wallace (Vice President), Chris Stevens (Secretary), Karl Pleger (Treasurer), Bill Jones, Rod Perry, and Laurie Mahoney.

## IHN ROTATION IS ALMOST HERE

Our first Interfaith Hospitality Network rotation at Incarnate Word will be held May 2-9. It's not too late to sign up for various duties including: hosting, cooking, laundry, set up or take down. Volunteers will be notified of a date for an "all hands" tour of the facilities prior to May 2. Please contact Wendy Shellman at shellman@rochester.rr.com or at 383-8288 to volunteer.

After the May rotation, our next two IHN rotations are: August 1-8 and November 21-28.

**Don't forget the RAIHN Interfaith Service on May 16, 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Penfield, 43 Gebhardt Road.**

## WHY THIRD CHURCH HAS A FOOD CUPBOARD

*The following thank you note was received from one of our guests who received groceries at our food cupboard.*

Dear Food Cupboard friends,

Thank you for giving me food when I was needy. It helped me stretch my food budget. Somebody "went to bat" for me in the US food stamp program so that I am receiving \$176 per month now instead of \$16 per month.

Thanks again and God bless you.

*Doug (not his real name)*



On Sunday, May 9 we will be receiving the Homes Offering. In 2010 Rochester Presbyterian Home and Kirkhaven will use the homes offering to continue their quest to refine eldercare and create environments that foster meaningful living in person centered care where each of the residence is truly "at home."

Many of our members make use of the services of Rochester Presbyterian Home and Kirkhaven. Your pastors have long appreciated the collaborative relationship we have with these two institutions. The Homes Offering is a very specific way which we can help to supplement the good care our friends and relatives receive. On May 9, please give generously to the Homes Offering.



## CAUTION, CONSTRUCTION ZONE



The signs are in place, the sanctuary, Johnston Hall and the lower level are official construction zones and hard hat areas. All areas have been gutted and protective plastic on the stained glass windows gives the scene a kind of “underwater” feel. There is mute testimony given by the wooden sub-floor—an arc that shows the shape of the original 1890’s chancel. There is much revealed about what has been, but with Johnston Hall with its ceiling open to the rafters, there is more—there is the promise of the shape of things to come.



It’s a bit of a HOP to the Moot Room at the moment!

## THIRD CHURCH CAMPOUT!

Last year was so much fun, let's do it again! We'll gather with church friends around the campfire **Friday, August 27** at Skybrook Campground in Dansville, NY. Not a camper? Meet us Saturday for a day of hiking, swimming, picnicking and playing in "gorge-ous" Stony Brook State park!

**When:** Friday, August 27. Campers should feel free to stay Saturday night as well if they want a 2-night camping experience with Third Church friends.

**Where:** Skybrook Campground, 10861 McCurdy Road, Dansville, NY 14437, 45 minutes south of Rochester, off 1-390 (skybrookcampground.com)



**What:** Call 335-6880 to reserve a spot with the “Third Presbyterian Church Group.” We have reserved campsites in the “the Cove” (see map at website). They would appreciate firm reservations by August 1, though there should be spaces available somewhere for last-minute planners!



**Why:** Fun, fellowship and s’mores, why not?

Bring your own food to grill and something to pass for a “campers pot-luck.” This is a low-key, hokey kind of place where we can kickback and relax!

- There is a bathroom, picnic pavilion, tiny pool, tiny paddle-boat pond, and playground near “the Cove.” We have water and electric at the sites. Sites are \$24/night, for up to two kids and two adults
- There is a rec hall with games, and KARAOKE, too!
- Saturday night is hay-ride night—at 6:00 for all and 9:00pm for kids only



Stony Brook State Park is about 15 minutes away. Dansville has a grocery store, diner and Subway for stocking up.



\*\*\* If you know for sure you are going, call now! Contact Andrew Elder (Andrew\_elder@pobox.com).

with questions.

## THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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- Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor for Church in Society
- Martha C. Langford, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
- William W. Young, Pastor Emeritus
- Peter A. DuBois, Director of Music/Organist
- Christina A. Lenti, Associate Director of Music
- Jonathan M. Wessler, Assistant Organist
- Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch, Coordinator of Children's Ministry and Congregational Life
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[www.thirdpresbyterian.org/calendar.shtml](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/calendar.shtml).

## CHANCEL & BELL CHOIR CONCERT

### Sunday, May 2, 2:30pm at St. Andrew Catholic Church



The Chancel Choir and Third Church Ringers will present a concert "Music of Praise, Light and Life" at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 923 Portland Avenue, on Sunday, May 2 at 2:30pm. This is an unusual opportunity to hear our choir and bell choir in a concert setting, and it will be held in a wonderfully resonant acoustical environment. Come and hear our ensembles perform choral music by Cary Ratcliff, Morten Lauridsen, Edward Elgar, Keith Hampton and others; and bell music by Fred Gramann, Kevin McChesney and others! St. Andrew is located just a few blocks south of Rochester General Hospital on Portland Avenue—parking is available at the rear of the church.

## MUSIC RECOGNITION—MAY 9 AT 11:15AM

This service is the annual celebration and recognition of the many persons who contribute to the worship life of Third Church, and particularly those who participate in the music ministry of the church. It also serves as the culmination of the year's program for children's youth, and handbell choirs. Many of the musical ensembles will participate as we celebrate the talent and dedication of so many persons in our congregation sharing their gifts to the glory of God.



Musical groups participating in worship May 9 include the Junior High Bell Choir; a combined anthem with the Junior Choir and Covenant Singers; and the Chancel Choir.

