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*"Greatness is not where we stand, but in what direction we are moving...
We must sail, sometimes with the wind, sometimes against, but sail we must,
And not drift nor lie at anchor."*

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Throughout the Bible, and throughout Christian history, nautical images have been used to describe the church itself. The symbol of the World Council of Churches is a ship, upon which travelers of many types sail together on a journey. The portion of a sanctuary where the congregation sits is called a *nave*, indicating a naval understanding of a church's life.

A year ago, the Stewardship Committee's imagination led it to focus on this image – the StewardSHIP – as it invited the Third Church family into a conversation about stewardship and the financial support of the church's mission. We had lots of fun with the nautical imagery, but we also realized it was a creative way to focus our thinking, with images of passengers and crew, voyages and destinations, the resources needed to keep a complex vessel ship-shape and sea worthy.

And so the Third Church StewardSHIP is ready to sail again – **November 8** is the launch date. This time around, we are focusing on three "C's" – not the seven seas of our childhood geography classes. Those "C's" are ***culture, community and connecting***. Each "C" describes an element of what is needed to prepare this ship for its voyage, and each "C" describes a way that each of us – all of us – is called (there's another "C"!) to support its passage.

The wonderful quotation from Oliver Wendell Holmes above provided us with inspiration a year ago, so it is worth retrieving. Holmes is correct, whether he was talking about how we live our lives, or how a church perceives its mission. In this season where we are considering John Calvin (yet another "C"!) so regularly, the theological word for this is "vocation." We have been given – each of us, and all of us together – a mission, a calling, a journey. Sail we must, to use Holmes' phrase. And sail we are called to do.

The Stewardship Committee is grateful for your consideration. We hope you will prayerfully consider your role in all of this, and your call to participate. If you are able, please bring your pledge card to worship on **November 8** and place it in the offering plate. Or mail it to church. However you respond, respond with the hope that together we are on a joyful journey, with untold adventures on the horizon.

ADVENT FOCUSES ON HOSPITALITY

Advent, the four week season anticipating Christmas, begins on Sunday, November 29. This year we will focus on the theme of "hospitality," in worship, education and fellowship. Watch for your December Messenger and visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org for highlights.

New this year will be church wide Advent event on December 13, featuring "La Posada," a Christmas Eve re-enactment. And visit our Advent blog at www.thirdpresbyterian.org/advent for daily Advent devotions by church members and staff.

Deepen your holiday preparations by considering the true meaning of "hospitality" in this important season.

THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

Having grown up in the Midwest, I swam a little, but the nautical imagery that our Stewardship effort is embracing is mostly foreign to me. I didn't sail or water ski or spend much time on the water at all. I appreciate its power and beauty – whether the Genesee River flowing through downtown or a hike around the Finger Lakes or Lake Ontario, or an ocean visit when I see my parents when they are in North Carolina.

Even in the face of my inexperience, I've been struck with this connection of imagery and stewardship, of the challenges and joys of sailing a boat, or preparing a ship for a cruise, and our money. It's been fun, and also instructive, and I hope it's been a creative time for you as you consider all of the ways you support the life of Third Church, including with your financial resources.

What would John Calvin think about all of this? Good question! Calvin, more than any theologian of his era, and perhaps more than any theologian ever, thought long and hard about all of this. Calvin is often criticized as one who set the "Protestant work ethic" into motion, with his emphases on vocation, hard work and frugality. That may be.

But at a deeper level, Calvin knew that two things were going on:

- His clear understanding, as one who was so devoted to the study of scripture, that because money was so important in the Gospels and throughout the Bible, it had to be important to us.
- His absolute insistence on the sovereignty of God, that God was the God of all of life, meant that economics were a part of God's world. Unlike some that shunned politics and economics, Calvin embraced the notion that money – and how we interacted with it – was an important aspect of our vocation. As Fred Graham writes: "The pay that everyone received – master and servant alike – is a sign of the unmerited grace of God."

Those two understandings combine powerfully to give us a notion of stewardship, that because the Bible takes

the earning and sharing of money so seriously, we should too. That's true of every aspect of life – our time and abilities and commitments. But it's certainly true about our money.

So back to the boat. I don't know how the past year has been for you or for your family. We've all experienced the seas a bit differently. And I don't know where all of this is going – the market is up a little, but jobs are still disappearing and our confidence is still shaky.

People ask me how the church is doing. It's a good question. Third Church is hanging in there. We've experienced several personal transitions that have been challenging, as you know. But your giving has been sustained remarkably throughout all of this, and our endowment, even at a reduced level, provides its own support.

So we – the Stewardship Committee and me – know that we are extending this invitation at a crucial time in our economic life, and perhaps in your own life. It certainly is a crucial time in this church's life. We are growing and evolving, doing the things we are called to do a bit differently, caring for people, welcoming people in, serving our community.

A year ago, we discussed whether we were passengers or crew on this ship – and we answered that both images are valid. We are traveling together, but we are also preparing our ship so that others may join us. Passengers and crew – together.

I am grateful for that. I am grateful for our life together, our shared vocation. I am grateful for your financial support of the mission and ministry of this vessel. I am grateful that we have been given a ship – let's call it Third Presbyterian Church – and for a season, at least, we are called to get it ready for its voyage, and to sail together, on whatever seas the Holy Spirit may call us.

Faithfully,



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AND 10:45AM

NOVEMBER 1—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Communion at 8:30am
John Wilkinson preaching
"In Life and in Death"
Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

NOVEMBER 8—STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Baptism at 8:30am
John Wilkinson preaching
"Stewardship as Navigation"
Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

NOVEMBER 15

John Wilkinson preaching
"The Future of Faith"
Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8

NOVEMBER 22—CHRIST THE KING

New Members Received at 10:45am
John Wilkinson preaching
"Kingdom Expectations"
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

NOVEMBER 29—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John Wilkinson preaching
"The Hospitality of Watching"
Jeremiah 33:14-16; I Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

NOVEMBER 2

7:00PM IN THE CHAPEL



November's Candlelight Evening Prayer service will focus on the theme, "All Saints: A Service of Remembrance."

During this candlelight prayer service there will be a time of remembrance for those who have died. The liturgy will be led by John Wilkinson and Martha Langford. Musicians for the service are Chris Mould, *cantor*, Susan Kieren, *oboe* and Sandra Gianniny, *harp*. Candle lighters are Janet Curry, and Melissa and Molly Carlson. Come for a time of reflection, remembrance and prayer in the beauty of the Chapel.



135th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 26

11:00am

First Baptist Church of Rochester

175 Allens Creed Road

All welcome to this tradition started in 1874.

MILESTONES

BAPTIZED

- **Oliver Raymond Rounds**, born May 26, 2009, son of Jessica Mary Wojcik-Rounds and Lisa Jean Rounds (*E-Parish*) on September 27
- **Eleanore Katherine Derthick and Ethan Henry Derthick**, born February 14, 2009, children of Mark Derthick and Katherine Orem-Derthick (*A-NC Parish*) on October 18
- **Kate Lucile Moore**, born August 1, 2009, daughter of Andrew and Nicole Carges Moore (*C-NE Parish*) on October 18

MARRIED

- **Molly Erickson** and **John Childs**, October 3
- **Kara Kruchten** (*C-NE Parish*) and **Andrew Torres**, October 10
- **Briana Kenerson** (*A-NC Parish*) and **Kenneth Zeiner**, October 17

SYMPATHY TO

- Former member Carol Crain, Will Crain and family (*HS Parish*) and Mary Ellen Knickerbocker and family (*HS Parish*) on the death of her husband and their father and former Third Church member, **William C. Crain**, September 22
- Betty Chase (*D-EC Parish*) and Nancy Adams and family (*LW Parish*) on the death of Betty's husband and Nancy's father, **William M. Chase**, September 23
- Betty Lou Fisher and family (*G-CP Parish*) on the death of her husband, **Donald C. Fisher**, September 24
- The family of **Harriet Gramlich**, on her death, September 27
- Melanie Savidis and family (*B-NW Parish*) on the recent death of her father, **Walter Cookenham**
- Griff and Betsy Vinton and family (*I-SC Parish*) on the death of Betsy's grandmother, **Elizabeth Collins**

SAVE THE DATE! THIRD CHURCH ADVENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY DECEMBER 13—

5:30-8:00PM

Gather with us for a potluck dinner at 5:30pm, then join us on "La Posada," a journey in the Mexican celebration that traces Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. We will end in the sanctuary with a time of worship, carols, reading and the wonderful music of our bell choirs. We are looking for four or five families to help us with La Posada journey. If you are interested in being a "host" around the church for the La Posada, contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch. Watch the bulletin, website and December *Messenger* for more detailed information about this event.

NOVEMBER 7 MEN'S BREAKFAST FOCUSES ON HEALTH CARE

All men of the church are invited to breakfast on Saturday, November 7 at 8:15am. As the nation is focusing on the health care debate, we will hear from a local practitioner, Third Church Elder and pediatrician, Ry Foye. This will not be a political debate so much as a personal consideration of the complex issues before us. Following Dr. Foye's presentation, we will have time for group discussion.



A specialist in child behavior and development with more than 30 years of experience, Ry Foye graduated from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and served on the school's faculty. He completed a two-year fellowship in Child Development under the direction of Dr. T. Berry Brazelton at The Children's Hospital of Boston, affiliated with Harvard University.

This is the first men's breakfast of the year, and we hope all men will consider attending. The cost is \$5.00. We need your reservation by November 4 to order food. Reserve by contacting Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at the church office.

THIRD CHURCH GATHERINGS

"BEATLES TO BONJOVI" (B2B)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 7:00PM

John Wilkinson will lead us in exploring "The Spirituality of U2"—based on the new book by Greg Garrett, "We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel According to U2." We will meet at the church. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch (271-6537, ext. 118), Lori Gilley (461-1051) or Peg Rachfal (271-6417) for more information. R.S.V.P to 271-6513.

CALVIN GUILD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 12:00PM

Chris Bensch, Vice President for Collections at The Strong National Museum will speak on the "Toy Hall of Fame." Please call Cile Rice (461-3813) if you wish to attend and no one has called you. If you bring a dish to pass, the cost is \$2; if you do not bring a dish, the cost is \$5.

OUT TO LUNCH GROUPS—

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15—

Join Third Church friends as we continue the tradition of group lunches on the third Sunday of the month!

HAPPY BUNCH: (LGBT members & friends)—

Country Club Diner, East Avenue

SINGLES OVER 40: Bruegger's Bagels at Monroe & Goodman

THE OPEN TABLE: (All are welcome—no specific theme)—Aladdin's on Monroe Avenue

EMPTY NESTERS: Aladdin's in Pittsford (Schoen Place)

T3s (Twenties and Thirties at Third)—

Potluck at member's home. Call Becky for information.

SONG FEST

7:15PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 VALLEY MANOR

Come to the Valley Manor Music Room for an evening of musical entertainment.

SHAWL MINISTRY

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 2 & 16 5:00PM

Contact Pat Rumbold at 288-8142 or Nancy Adams at 889-4055.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 & 20 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) for more information.

MOM'S GROUP

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 7:30PM

The Mom's Group is currently reading *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse and will meet at the home of Robin Flanigan for discussion. Please bring a snack to share. Contact Becky, Candice or Jenny for more information.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday morning classes take place from 9:30-10:30am

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

CALVIN: AN INTRODUCTION TO HIS LIFE AND LEGACY

DANE R. GORDON

SUNDAYS NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22

Johnston Hall

More than 30,000 English-speaking congregations around the world trace their lineage through John Calvin. He is a figure of remarkable significance in the history of the Reformed tradition. The 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth (July 10, 1509) provides a compelling opportunity to re-examine his life and thought. Using the video *John Calvin: His Life and Legacy*, this class will combine insightful interviews with well-known Calvin scholars with creative and stunning visuals from such historical places as Geneva and Paris. Even if you have never read or understood Calvin, this class will be a great introduction. A three-minute video introduction to the course is available online: <http://www.pcusa.org/calvinjubilee/dvd.html>.



Dane R. Gordon is a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, London University and the University of Rochester, receiving degrees in history, theology and philosophy. He taught philosophy for over 35 years at RIT and is now Professor Emeritus of its College of Liberal Arts.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: THE RUSH TO DO THE INADEQUATE

Timothy H. Engström

Sunday, November 1

Celebration Center

Our health care system fails miserably by all international standards—longevity, infant mortality, accessibility, cost-containment, etc—despite increased corporatization, increases in insurance company control, and technological innovation.

- Will the Obama plan provide a good remedy?
- Is it the best alternative available?
- Are we rushing too quickly to do the wrong thing?
- How will the options being considered affect you?



Timothy Engström, Professor of Philosophy at Rochester Institute of Technology, originally from New York State, studied initially in New York, then in Sweden, Britain and Germany, and received his Ph.D in Edinburgh. He taught first at the University of Hawaii before coming to RIT in 1988.

Hunger Programs "Show and Tell"

The Hunger Outreach Team

Sunday, November 29

Celebration Center

- What is the shape and future of Third Church hunger programs?
- What specific needs are we addressing by our projects?
- What have we done over the last ten years?

Join **Carol Coons**, team leader, and other team leaders to learn what Third Church hunger programs are all about and how new volunteers are needed.

Kenya Lunch

12:00pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Celebration Center
The entire congregation is invited to a special luncheon to receive an update on our partnerships with the Kihumo Presbyterian church in Nairobi and with the Presbyterian University of East Africa. The program will feature slides on several aspects of the partnership, including the micro-enterprise goat project, construction of a manse for the pastor, developing plans for a Presbyterian boys school adjacent to the manse, and developments at the Presbyterian University of East Africa. The catered luncheon with Kenyan food is \$5.00; reserve your place at the church office by calling 271-6513.



SEAN OSSONT CHOSEN AMONG FORTY UNDER 40

Rochester Business Journal, September 4, 2009



The honorees have been selected for the 15th annual Rochester Business Journal Forty Under 40 awards, which recognize professionals younger than 40 years of age for service in their jobs and in the

community.

NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS— SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 OR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Curious about joining Third Church? We ask those who want to become members to join us at a New Member Gathering where we will explore our faith journey and discuss opportunities to participate in the life and ministry of Third Presbyterian Church. Our next gatherings will be held in November, and you may choose from either of the following opportunities: Saturday, November 21 from 9:00–10:30am or Sunday, November 22 from 8:30–10:00am. New members will join at 10:00am on November 22 and be introduced at the 10:45am worship service. Contact Martha Langford to reserve your spot: 271-6537, ext. 108, mlangford@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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have had a wonderful kick-off to our Sunday school program. The children have been learning about the Ark of the Covenant and King David in Sunday School this fall.

We will continue in November with the construction of the temple, and on November 15, our first church school chapel service will explore this theme further.



On Sunday, October 25 we presented Bibles to our third graders: Taylor Ball, Alexander Bishop, Tyler Calkins, Michael Chen, Andrew Hutkowski, Trevor Gauronski, Zachary Gauronski, Jolie Neilson, Olivia Pethick and Julie Wisbey.

We will be beginning our second Qabats rotation focusing on Moses striking water from the rock. This story is one of the many included in this year's children's musical, "The Living Water Works," which will be presented on Sunday, April 11.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

NOVEMBER 22

Join us after 10:45 worship on Sunday, November 22 for the Advent Wreath Making event.

You will be able to make wreaths for your family. We will provide wreaths, greens and devotional materials. Candles will be available for purchase if you do not have your own tapers at home.



FLOWER DONATIONS

We are beginning to schedule flower donations for the first six months of 2010. If you have been kind enough to donate flowers in the past, I will contact you shortly. There appear to be several openings on the calendar. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one or special person in this way, please contact Maryjane Link at 586-1287 or MjLink@earthlink.net



THE B.E.A.T. BOX

BUILDING EXCITEMENT AT THIRD

Contact: Jane Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator
271-6537, ext. 107 or jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org
Website: www.thirdpresbyterian.org/youth

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS... YOUTH SCRIP GIFT CARD SALE RETURNS

Are you traveling to be with friends and family this holiday season? Consider using a SCRIP card to make your travel arrangements.

Do you have a teacher, bus driver, secretary to by for this holiday? Why not give them a gift card!

In fact, why not make all your holiday purchases with gift cards? It's a win-win offer. Purchase your gift cards without fighting the crowds and our youth program earns a percentage of every card sold. The cost to the purchaser is the face value of the card. The business it represents pays a small percentage of the face value of each card sold to us. Many retailers participate in this program; Restaurants, clothing stores, entertainment options, car rentals, and more. Stop by our table in coffee hour to pick up a complete list of participating retailers and an order form.

Information is also available on the website. Purchase all your holiday gift cards through our Third Church youth now. Hurry, sales end December 6 with final delivery December 20.

All proceeds support future summer youth trips.

FALL RETREAT TO WATSON HOMESTEAD

On November 6-8, Third Church youth will "retreat" with youth from other area Presbyterian churches at Watson Homestead in Painted Post, NY. This year's theme is about Authenticity. We leave the Meigs Street parking lot Friday November 6 at 6:00pm sharp and return at 1:00pm on Sunday. For more information contact Jane Carden.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

November 6-8:

Fall Youth Retreat
Watson Homestead

December 5:

Ice Cream Social
Rochester Presbyterian Home

December 11:

Field Trip
Laser Quest

December 13:

All Church Advent Celebration

December 20:

Christmas Caroling
Rochester Presbyterian Home

SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

- **WORLD PEACEMAKING & MISSION**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, Donald Boyd, 248-0657, dlbpop@rit.edu
- **HUNGER**, Carol Coons, 227-5953, cycoons@netacc.net
- **HOMELESSNESS**, Laurie Mahoney, 747-5852, LMahone1@rochester.rr.com
- **LOUISIANA HURRICANE RELIEF TEAM**, Rod Taylor, 271-1436, rtaylor12@rochester.rr.com

- **R-H₂NO**, Susan Orr, 242-0080, Rh2NOLA@gmail.com
- **MORE LIGHT**, Betty Iwan, 442-3655, bettyiwan@frontiernet.net
- **EARTH KEEPERS**, Pat Rumbold, 288-8142, rumboldp@frontiernet.net
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**, Dave Norton, 244-1452, dave.norton@frontiernet.net

- **ADVOCACY**, Vince Tollers, 461-1202, vtollers@rochester.rr.com
- **CORNER PLACE**, Joyce Perry, 244-3125, perryhq@frontiernet.net
- **TUTORING**
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MISSION TRIPS MATTER GO TO NEW ORLEANS!

People of faith have been taking to the road ever since Abraham and Sarah left their home and headed into unfamiliar territory in response to God's call. We are a people on the move. We are a people on a mission.

Over the four years since the devastation wreaked by Hurricane Katrina, many members of the Third Church community have left the comforts of their homes to enter unfamiliar territory. They have shared their hearts and hard work, embodying the opportunity to take up a way of life that reflects Christ's abundant life in and for the world. Traveling away from home, communing with the "saints" of New Orleans, they have returned with transformed hearts.

If you have made this pilgrimage yourself, tell others. If you haven't and feel God tugging at your heart, contact Rod Taylor at rtaylor12@rochester.rr.com or 271-1436.

If you want to support the effort to engage the wider Rochester community in rebuilding New Orleans, contact Susan Orr at rh2nola@gmail.com or 242-0080.

Be in prayer for the members of Third, Downtown United and South Presbyterian Churches who will be the hands of Christ to the people of New Orleans November 15-20. *"As we venture forth to serve in your name, O God, may your strong hand rest upon our shoulder. Amen."*

Susan Orr

GOURMET IHN: MOVE OVER JULIA CHILD!



The New Life Presbyterian/Third Church partnership is important in many programs, but no more so than in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Many families from both churches have nurtured this program since its inception. The experience of two wonderful cooks is a good example. Judy and Bob Wandtke, long-time New Life members, usually work the Wednesday night dinner shift during a rotation. They especially like the bustle of Wednesday nights with the presence of our Qabats youth and cooks.

A memorable meal was meatloaf and mashed potatoes that was so appreciated by our guests. (*Judy says, "You'd have thought we served steak and lobster!"*)

Another wonderful cook is Third Church's Pat Rumbold. Upon hearing that a young girl in the program was pre-diabetic, Pat researched in the public library and made sugarless brownies! The cooks not only make and serve the dinner, but they also dine with the guests and dinner hosts. Judy shared one memory of a guest who told her while she had made some mistakes in her life, that she was so happy to start over in the IHN program.



Please consider volunteering for IHN. As a cook, dinner or overnight host you will need to receive the one night of training. 2010 volunteer training dates are February 9, April 8, August 26, and October 12. Contact Laurie Mahoney if you're interested at 747-5852 or lmahone1@rochester.rr.com.

If you're not able to attend volunteer training, you can help in other ways. IHN always needs help with set-up, take down, laundry, grocery shopping. Our next rotation is January 17-24. Also, IHN has some important events coming up that are open to all. On November 8, spend a **SNAZZY JAZZY SUNDAY AFTERNOON** featuring the JazzDawgs and silent auction at Temple Sinai. If shopping is a good way for you to contribute to IHN, then you can **Shop til You Drop** on Monday, November 30 at Pittsford Plaza) from 6:00-9:00 p.m. A percentage of all purchases made during this time will go to IHN.

**SO MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE,
YOU JUST NEED TO DECIDE!**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

On Monday, November 16, Third Presbyterian Church will host a gathering to explore the formation of a grief support group. We will meet in the church parlor from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Those who are interested in being part of such a support group, are welcome to attend. If you plan to be with us, please contact Martha Langford, our Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at 585-271-6537, ext. 108 or mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org.

THE CHANGING FACE OF COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday, as our 10:45 service concludes, the opportunity for fellowship begins at a thing we've dubbed "Coffee Hour." You may be familiar with the coffee and lemonade, with the cookies and snacks, with the thrum and hum of myriad conversations in Johnston Hall, but amid the familiar is something new.

Unlike past years, when Deacons hosted each coffee hour, this year our coffee hour will have many different hosts. All of our congregations' working groups: ministries, boards, committees and fellowship groups, will have an opportunity to share their passion for ministry with members and visitors and friends during coffee hour.

Imagine the possibilities as this opportunity for conversation also becomes a place to share the rich depth of our congregation's ministry, mission, education, worship, and fellowship opportunities. The goal is to enhance our fellowship with vibrant, visible presentations of our life together that inform, attract interest, stir conversation, and invite people further into the life of Third Church.

As this unfolds, we may experience a few glitches, for which we ask your patience... If you have questions or concerns, we hope to hear from you, so please contact Martha Langford (271-6537, ext. 108).

HELP STEER THIRD CHURCH'S HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

As part of our Capital Campaign, Third Church has committed almost \$300,000 over the next five to six years to support the building of 18 to 20 coalitions which, in turn, will build 18 to 20 Habitat for Humanity homes in the JOSANA neighborhood. The "core" steering committee needs your heads, your hearts and your hands! We are committed and energized but our numbers are few (6+/-) and, even worse, we're all men!

Please contact Tom Gillett (tdgillett@frontiernet.net) or Rod Frohman to find out more about this important group. There are many varied tasks associated with the development of the coalitions and the time investments are similarly varied.

Come to a meeting to learn more about this effort. No reasonable offers will be refused!

BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL SUPPORT SOUGHT

You are invited to help financially support our presentation of the biennial Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on January 9 & 10, as a Patron. The Festival is a wonderful tradition and a gift from our congregation to the larger community of Rochester as we conclude our celebration of Christmas with this great Epiphany event! The costs are substantial to present this festival - for musicians, printing, publicity, props, costumes and costume maintenance, reception - and donations from the audiences cover only a portion of the expenses. Those who contribute in advance as Patrons will be listed in the program, and will help to secure the financial viability of the festival. To help in this way, send a check payable to Third Presbyterian Church with the notation "Boar's Head Patron" clearly marked - or place your check, so marked, in the offering plate. Many thanks for your consideration.

TREASURER'S BOX



My column in August outlined the situation concerning Paybooks, Third Church's former payroll service company that failed to make our payroll tax payments to the federal and state governments. To update you—as of September 30, we've made payments of \$43,940 for the taxes that we owed, plus late-payment penalties and interest. We're in the process of appealing the penalty payments, and have also filed a claim through the NYS Attorney General's office against the Paybooks bond. At this point, the best we can hope for is recovery of 50% of what we've lost; at worst, we'll recover none of what was stolen from us.

The overall financial picture at Third continues to be a "mixed bag." Through September, income from no-pledge contributions and Sunday plate offering were lower than anticipated by approximately 33% and 20%, respectively; income from current year and prior year pledges was higher than budgeted. I'm not surprised at the former, given the fragile state of our economy; what is gratifying about the latter is the fact that those members who made pledges for 2008 and 2009 are continuing to honor those pledges.

This brings me to the real point of this column. Stewardship Sunday is upon us, and I can't stress enough the importance of supporting the day-to-day operations of this church by making a pledge. We've just experienced some painful reductions-in-staff, and we can't assume that the person who sits next to us in the pew on Sunday will continue to provide the income needed to run this wonderful facility and its programs. Each and every one of us needs to support Third Church—and each other—by making a pledge on November 8.

Jan Chisholm

Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network
"Bringing Faiths Together. Keeping Homeless Families Together"
presents a NEW Fund Raiser!

A Snazzy Jazzy Sunday Afternoon



Come dance in a fun, jazzy fall wonderland!
Sunday, November 8, 2009 3:00-6:00pm

Temple Sinai
363 Penfield Road Rochester, New York
Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert Gala
Beverages included

\$50 per person/\$75 at the door Silent Auction
RSVP by October 30th to RAIHN at 506-9050 or online at events@RAIHN.org
Limited Tickets Available

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Former Third Church baritone soloist **John Buffett** returns to present a wonderful vocal recital, accompanied by pianist **Tatiana Vassilieva**. They will collaborate to present two masterpieces of 19th century and early 20th century vocal writing. Robert Schumann's "Dichterliebe" and Gustav Mahler's "Kindertotenlieder" are song cycles not often heard in their entirety. You won't want to miss this special evening in the beauty of our Chapel.



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