

# The Messenger



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Stewardship 2012

- Stewardship Sunday is November 13
- See In Touch insert for details



Wednesday,  
November 9  
8:30am-4:45pm

Third Church is hosting a regional gathering that will expand the grassroots conversation started at the first national *Next* conference this past spring. That gathering ranked for many who attended as the most dynamic and potentially transforming "church meeting" in a long time.

Through small group discussions on a wide range of topics as well as uplifting and hope-filled worship, we will gather to discern God's leading at this urgent and exciting moment in our denomination. Visit the Third Church website (<http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/nextchurch.shtml>) for more information or to register. All Third Church members are encouraged to attend.

## Support the East Avenue Grocery Run November 5!

It's not too late to come out and support this terrific family friendly event. Race day registration and packet pick up will begin at 7:00am in the Celebration Center. Whether you are racing to win, or winning by challenging yourself to finish, we have an event for you:

- A certified 5K run or walk
- One mile run and fitness walk
- Children's Fun Runs—including a 25-yard Radish Dash and a 100-yard Boogie for Broccoli.

If you can't participate, come out and cheer! Let's show the community what a warm, hospitable church we are, and that together we can help feed the hungry in Rochester! Visit [www.groceryrun.org](http://www.groceryrun.org) for information.



## A Year of Connections

One area *inReach* is focusing on is connecting with others. For many of us, it's our relationships that make Third Church a home. Our relationships with God, family, friends and staff can enhance our time together. But, on Sunday mornings in coffee hour it may be hard to start a conversation with someone you haven't talked to before. Or, maybe when you do gather with others, it is at a committee meeting that is so focused on your task that there isn't enough time for fellowship.

To foster an environment of meaningful conversations we are introducing the "Question of the Month." Each month *inReach* will post a new question in various areas. Look for it. Consider it. And maybe ask the person next to you to answer it. You'll be surprised at what you will learn about each other.

**November's question is: *How is your faith reflected during your Thanksgiving holiday celebration?***

Thank you to all who have shared your thoughts with us in the congregational survey. We are hard at work reviewing each and every one and will be ready to share some results in the coming months.

*Deb Bishop*

# THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

## Two Big Topics...

### Stewardship

We've included this year's "In Touch" newsletter within the pages of this *Messenger*. I hope you will read it carefully and prayerfully. The words and figures and photographs make a good case for your financial support of our common ministry. I am as mindful as anyone about the needs. And I am mindful about our economic realities, individually and as a society.

Because this is a year of connection at Third Church, the Stewardship Committee has lifted up the theme of "Together" for our stewardship efforts. That word—*together*—affirms that we are all in this ministry together, and that together we have the gifts to make it happen. It also underscores the need for all of us—at whatever level—to participate in this effort...together.

I hope you will bring your pledge card to church on November 13, or mail it to church before or after. If you are currently pledging, I hope you will consider responding as you are able, with an increased pledge if possible. If you are not currently pledging, now is the time to get in the game.

I am more convinced than ever that the ministry we offer is needed in our city and region and broader church. I am more convinced than ever that we face an extraordinary moment in the life of this congregation. I am more convinced than ever that we are in this together – in our mission, in our mission, in our financial support. Together...

### Sabbatical Plans

As reported in last month's *Messenger*, the Session granted me a three-month sabbatical leave from January 1 to March 31, 2012. Third Church's personnel policy offers a three-month sabbatical to full-time Program Staff employees after seven years of service – given our capital campaign and construction schedule, it seems appropriate to take this time during my eleventh year of service.

*What will I be doing? Plans are coming into focus for me to do several things.*

- I will be spending time working on my PhD dissertation to see if it can be turned into publishable form. The



topic was the Presbyterian Confession of 1967, which focused on the church's theological and social stances in that era. Many themes remain highly relevant today, and I have received some encouragement to pursue this task. I will likely visit some theological libraries beyond Rochester to gather some of the resources I need.

- I will also do some other reading and perhaps writing on the future of the church, with a look toward theological identity and leadership needs for the 21<sup>st</sup> century church.
- I will visit a handful of churches across the country to do some benchmarking of best practices, particularly around the areas of "inreach," a key component of Third Church future planning. I will visit churches who are finding ways to have members connect with one another, building communities of spiritual nurture and service. I hope to discover some approaches and practices that we can import to Third Church.

*What about life at Third Church? The Personnel Committee and I are working hard on a plan for these three months. Pieces include...*

- Contracting with a part-time administrative coordinator who will coordinate programming, preside at staff meetings, work with several committees and provide overall administrative leadership. We are in discussions with a person whose experiences would serve this position well. Stay tuned.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30AM CHAPEL, 10:45AM SANCTUARY

### NOVEMBER 6

#### COMMUNION AT 8:30

John Wilkinson preaching  
"Staying Awake"  
I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### NOVEMBER 13

#### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

John Wilkinson preaching  
"Together..."  
I Corinthians 12:12-31

### NOVEMBER 20

Music and Prayers for Thanksgiving at 8:30am  
John Wilkinson leading

"A Service of Giving Thanks to God"

Psalms 100  
Youth led Worship at 10:45am

### NOVEMBER 27—ADVENT I

John Wilkinson preaching  
"Watchfulness"  
Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

## Monday Night Evening Prayer All Saints— A Service of Remembrance Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7pm in the Chapel.



During this candlelight prayer service there will be a time of remembrance for those in our congregation who have died in the past year. The liturgy will be led by John Wilkinson and Martha Langford. Musicians for the service are Katie Orem, cantor, Susan

Kieren, oboe and Sandra Gianniny, harp. Come for a time of reflection, remembrance and prayer in the beauty of the Chapel. Candle lighters are Jo Whang and Linda DelMonaco Willard.

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service November 24, 11:00am Third Church Sanctuary

Third Church will host this year's gathering in which nine congregations from various faiths will participate. The first such interfaith worship service was presented in 1874.

# Milestones

## Born

- **Kevin Samuel McCrosson**, on July 18, 2011, to Uma and Michael McCrosson. The very proud grandparents are Om and Pam Sud (*L West Parish*)

## We express Sympathy to

- Cynthia Capps (*K-West Southwest Parish*) on the death of her sister, **Roxanne Wallace**, on October 2.
- David Gripe, Riki Connaughton, Alexander, Amanda and Andrew (*Parish H South*) on the death of David's father, **The Rev. Alan Gripe**, on September 28
- Bob and Marion Stowell (*E East Parish*) on the death of their daughter, **Linda Stowell**, on October 8

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## Advent Wreath Making Sunday, November 20

Following 10:45 worship you are invited to make an Advent wreath to enhance your celebration of the Advent season at home. The Congregational Fellowship Committee will provide supplies to craft your wreath (*free of charge*) and will also have candles available (*for purchase*). Join us in coffee hour in the Celebration Center to take part in this tradition!

## Deacons' Bench



Last May, the Deacons hosted a dinner to bid the graduating seniors "Good Bye!" and "Good Luck!" This month they will be marking another milestone for this group of 17 Third Church college students – their first exam week! To help them get through this stressful time, the Deacons will be sending "care packages" to all of the students. The care packages will consist of office supplies, delicious treats, and other helpful items. The care packages are one way that the Deacons continue to show support to the youth of our church. We wish the students the best of luck on their exams!

## Call for Nominations

Every year the congregation of the Third Presbyterian Church elects a group of wonderful people who share their God given gifts as elders, deacons or trustees.

These three groups require members with different skills and abilities to help guide Third Presbyterian Church as a community and to help every church member.

- Deacons take on the responsibility for caring for our community, helping those in need, visiting friends in hospital or at homes and bringing a meal.
- Trustees help keep the church and church building on a straight and narrow path dealing with the financial needs and physical needs of the building
- Session members (Elders) seek to keep the church balanced between InReach and outreach, worship and education, children's and youth activities, evangelism and the many different music offerings, providing overall program oversight for the congregation.

If you are aware of people with gifts to serve, or if you yourself have felt the call and have interest, please share your name(s) by sending a confidential e-mail to [jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jwilkinson@thirdpresbyterian.org), or be in touch with a committee member (listed below). In the coming weeks, the Nominating Committee will profile the tasks of each office. Thanks you for your assistance in this important work.

### Nominating Committee Members:

Deb Allyn	Mary DuBois	Pam Foye	Betty Iwan	Susan Kieren
Chuck Lewis	Candice Lucas	Christie Lutzer	Helen Tiss	Robert Veitch

## Third Church Gatherings

### Yoga at Third Church

**Mondays,**  
**November 7, 14, 21, 28**      **6:45-8:00pm**  
 Johnston Hall. Contact Lynn at [llambert6212@yahoo.com](mailto:llambert6212@yahoo.com) or Becky at [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org).

### Song Fest at Valley Manor

**Thursday, November 3**      **7:15pm**  
 Please join us for a musical treat of sacred and secular songs. Whether you sing or listen, you will be enriched by the experience. Call Joanne Anderson for further details, 734-1307.

### Moms' Group

**Friday, November 18**      **7:30pm**  
 Home of Sarah Boyce. The group will be discussing *Everyday Sacred: A Woman's Journey Home* by Sue Bender. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, 271-6537, ext. 118.

### Out to Lunch

**Sunday, November 13**      **12:00noon**  
 The Country Club Diner (*East Avenue*) is the destination for all who would like to gather after 10:45am worship for lunch!

### Sisters in Spirit

**Fridays, November 7, 21**      **9:30am**  
 Sisters in Spirit meets in the Third Church Parlor and is reading *Celebration of Disciplines* by Richard Foster. Come share reflections on the reading, personal experience, prayer, in a supportive environment for exploring your faith. Contact Amy Stratton-Smith (224-9051 or [ameliajean123@gmail.com](mailto:ameliajean123@gmail.com)).

### Shawl Ministry

**Mondays, November 7, 21**      **5:00pm**  
 Contact Nancy Adams at 889-4055. The group meets in the Parlor.

### Born This Way!

**Mondays, November 7, 21**      **7:30-8:30pm**  
 A support group for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, TTs or Questioning and their families and friends or if you want to learn more. We meet at 34 Meigs Street, next to Third Presbyterian Church. For more information please call Caryl Qualich (482-3832) or email Jim Gage at [jameshgage@yahoo.com](mailto:jameshgage@yahoo.com).

### Calvin Guild

**Wednesday, November 16**      **12:00noon**  
 Peter DuBois will speak about his nationally broadcast WXXI show, "With Heart and Voice" and give a Christmas preview. There will be a simple soup and sandwich lunch at a cost of \$5 per participant. If you have not received a phone call and would like to attend, please call Cile Rice (461-3813) or Lois Stevens (271-6668).

# 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/>

First Sundays of the month will be "hot topic" Sundays. The purpose of "Hot Topic Sunday" is to create opportunities for dialogue regarding the crucial church and society issues of our time.

## Hot Topic: A Faith Perspective on Homelessness in Monroe County Sunday, November 6, Johnston Hall

Nancy Elliott

Join Nancy Elliott, Network Director of the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN), in a discussion about homelessness in Monroe County. Hear how Nancy understands her role in the context of her own Christian faith.



Nancy Elliott, LMSW, began at RAIHN as an MSW Intern from Roberts Wesleyan College in April 2008. She graduated with an MSW in May of 2009, and has since been RAIHN's Network Director. She completed social service internships at House of Mercy, Hillside Family Service of Rochester, Highlands of Brighton, and Family Resource Center. Nancy worked as a Preventive Social Worker at SPC of Rochester for three years, and as a Community Based Clinician at Hillside Children's Center for one year.

## Jesus to Constantine Johnston Hall

Roderic P. Frohman

October 30: Session #4: *Review of June, 2011 First Three Sessions*

November 13: Session #5: *The Diversity of Early Voices: Paul and John*

November 20: Session #6: *the End of the Christian Synagogue: 70 A.D. — 135 A.D.*

November 27: Session #7: *Religious Conflict—Marcion and the Rise of Gnosticism: 135—200 A.D.*

Complete texts of each presentation will be available at the end of each class and back copies will always be available.



Roderic Frohman, a fourth generation pastor, is Third Church's Associate Pastor for Church in Society.

## Planned Giving: The Future of Third Church

You recently received a letter and brochure requesting your consideration of a planned gift to Third Presbyterian Church. Because of the foresight of those who came before us, Third Church remains a vital influence in the Rochester area, providing a spiritual as well as a strong outreach presence. Our Endowment continues to support our annual budget and makes possible many of the wonderful things we do. We hope you will consider some way that you could help assure the ongoing future of Third Church, as so many have done before us. You may return the planned giving card or contact [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Maryjane Link and George Gotschik, for the Planned Giving Committee

## An Advent Feast: Small Group Opportunity

You are invited to take some time for spiritual nourishment in a season that tends to excess. Find your place at the table among our Advent devotional groups. Groups of 6 to 8 will dig-in to the scripture for the coming Sunday, spend time in conversation about the intersection of faith and life, enjoy the fellowship of a small group setting.

Plans are underway for groups which will meet on weekdays, week-nights, and weekends during the weeks of November 27, December 4, and December 11. Look for sign-up information in the November bulletins and Thursday updates. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch ([rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271-6537, ext. 118) or for more information.

### \*\*\*Third Voice

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- Sunday morning preaching will be offered by a combination of guest preachers and by Rod Frohman and Martha Langford. We are working that schedule out.
- I will essentially be out of contact for these three months in terms of regular church business. It will seem odd to me – and perhaps to you – to be out of touch, but we also desire to honor the nature of the sabbatical. I will be in occasional contact with Beth Williams, the administrative coordinator, and the church staff, but I will generally be "off the (church) grid."

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and will use this time well – both to do the reading, writing and traveling that I want to do, as well as to re-charge myself. Even though my energy does not feel depleted in any way, I am convinced by others who say it's good to take a step back every once in a while to recharge, refresh, rejuvenate. Once I am back, I will find ways to report on my experience.

Again, while it will seem odd to be away, I know that the church's life will hum right along. The Personnel Committee has worked out a very good plan, and I know what you know – that our superb staff will keep doing what they do so well.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

# *In Touch*



*Seeking the Light*

An Occasional Newsletter  
from the Stewardship Committee

Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, New York

*November 2011*



**Budgets.** The whole world is consumed with budgets: Greece, Spain, Italy, U.S.: budget deficits, budget shortfalls, on and on it goes. Government budgets, large corporations' budgets, small business budgets, your budget, my budget. And, for purposes of this article, Third Church's budget.

It would be difficult for you to plan how much to spend for rent, or the mortgage, or the car payment, or the TV, internet, your phone, food, clothing, RG&E, etc., etc. every month if you did not know what your income was going to be. The same is true for Third Church. Our expenses include, but are not limited to:

1. Salaries and benefits for our staff of 15 people
2. RG&E for heat and light
3. Books and supplies for the Church School programs
4. Food for the Dining Room Ministry program
5. Lumber, etc. for both Habitat houses and New Orleans houses
6. Support for our sister Church in Kenya
7. Books for the tutors at Schools #6 and #35
8. Supplies for The Corner Place Arts and Music programs
9. Per Capita payments to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly
10. Music for the Choir and instrumentalist and singer stipends

Third Church's budget for 2011 is \$1,339,229. Of that, 61% comes from the pledges of support from its members, 26% is earmarked to come from its endowment (which is shrinking rapidly just like the income from your 401-K, if you're lucky enough to have one), and the other 13% comes from various other sources.





You can see that the church budget depends heavily on the support of its members. And while it is wonderful if you say, "I'll put something in the plate on Sunday," it would be even more wonderful if you would take the amounts you plan to put in each Sunday, multiply it times 52 Sundays, write it down on a pledge card, and send it to the church office. That way, the Church knows what income it can expect for the coming year and can set its budget accordingly. And you can still put it in the plate every Sunday (*be sure to include your name or ask for envelopes*).

Suppose you went to a concert with professional musicians and choir? It would probably cost about \$35-50 for a ticket. Suppose you wanted your child to have singing/choral lessons each week? It would probably cost about \$40 per lesson. Suppose you attended a lecture/speech which left you feeling uplifted, educated and fulfilled? It would probably cost about \$25 for a ticket. So if you did all these things, once a week, that would be about \$100 each week. That's what you get on a typical Sunday at Third Church! No one ever gets to church every single Sunday, so multiply by 26 weeks and you'd make an annual pledge of \$2,600 per year (\$50 per week). Or how about \$25 per week (\$1,300 per year). Or even \$10 per week (\$520 per year). And, you don't have to pay it all at once!



You will receive your pledge card in the mail early in November. Please return the card to Third Church, or, if you prefer, you can email your pledge (confidentially) to [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org). You can tell us how you want to pay it. We'll even deduct it from your checking account in small amounts each month, if that's what you prefer. Third Church knows you want to help us financially and we want to help you by making it as convenient as possible for you to do so.

So, please consider, this year, making a pledge to the Church. Fill out the pledge card and send it in. Just Do It!

## 2012 Budget Information Impacting Stewardship

### Imputed Income from Endowment

This year (2011) our endowment provided \$344,082 (25.7%) of our total budgeted income. This amount is based on the average ending endowment balance for the previous five years. For 2012, the 2007 ending balance of \$6.2 million will be dropped and the 2011 ending balance (unknown, but hopefully no less than \$4 million) will be added to the calculation. Our best guess at this time is that our imputed income from endowment for 2012 will decrease at least \$25,000.

### Income from Charitable Lead Unitrust

Fifteen years ago a church member established a charitable unitrust. The income from this trust has benefitted Third Church by \$17,000 to \$19,000 each year. This trust terminates in November this year. Beginning in 2012, we will not have the benefit of this income.

### Income from RAIHN

The Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network occupies the church-owned house at 34 Meigs Street. Due to increased building costs to Third Church, RAIHN has agreed to increase the monthly contribution to us by about \$6,000 annually.

**Taken together**, these three items will result in a net loss of income of about \$37,000 in 2012. We are not anticipating any other major changes in income. To make up this \$37,000 loss via stewardship pledging, an increase in 2011 pledging of about 4.4% would be needed. This assumes no increase in expenses.

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*The preliminary budget shown on the next page shows a still unfunded amount of \$42,455, after adding 4.4% to pledges, and accounting for the losses and gain noted above. To also make up the unfunded amount via pledging alone would require 2011 pledges to increase by about 9.6%. In recent years, these unfunded amounts have been covered by surpluses in income vs. expense for the previous year, as was done for 2011, using \$46,377 of the surplus in 2010. It is inappropriate to budget surpluses when so many unknowns still exist for 2011, including Grocery Run results, end-of-year pledging results and final capital campaign costs. Based upon year-to-date data, it appears possible that there will be a modest surplus in 2011, but the amount will not be known until January. Therefore, no carryover has been included in the income estimate for 2012. Expenses have been held unchanged or reduced due to interest on a smaller-than-expected draw on our line of credit to fund the gap in campaign income vs. expenses. This budget shows no change in the amount of personnel expenses from 2011. Personnel costs for 2012 are dependent on a number of factors unknown at this time.*

*No pledge goal is shown for 2012. It is clear that every member needs to recognize that a significant increase in the amount pledged will be needed to fund operations in 2012. While percentages are given above in this preliminary budget, they represent increases in the total pledge amount. That is both challenging and realistic at the same time. We recognize that some current pledges may be lost for a variety of circumstances and others may not be increased by the noted percentages. Therefore, larger increases for those in a position to do so and any pledge from those who do not presently pledge will be most welcome.*

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### The danger in the "Same as last year" pledge

It is very easy to answer the request for a pledge with "Just make it the same as last year." 25% of 2011 pledges were the same as 2010. Please understand that with a loss of income and a probable increase in expenses, "same as" puts us farther behind in our effort to finance our staff and programs. Will those of you who are able prayerfully consider a pledge increase for 2012?

## Stewardship Sunday is November 13

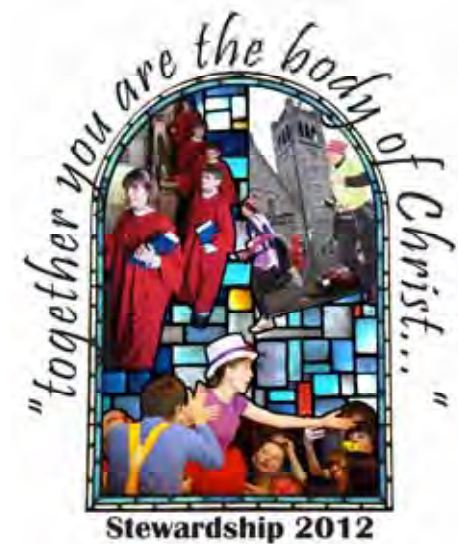
During October you will receive your pledge cards and additional information about the "Together you are the body of Christ" campaign and the Church's financial needs for 2012 and beyond.

Please bring your completed pledge cards to church where we will present them during worship. If you are unable to be in worship on November 13, you may mail your pledge cards to the church office, or submit a confidential pledge to Carol Foster at [cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:cfoster@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Please faithfully consider your pledge for the coming year and plan to give as generously as you can.

Yours in faith from the Stewardship Committee—

*Timothy Broshears, Bill and Carol Coons,  
Susan Melech, Dick Shellman (Board of Trustees)*



	<u>Preliminary 2012</u>	<u>Budget 2011</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Pledges & Contributions	\$894,000	\$854,850
Endowment Income	\$319,100	\$344,082
Interest & Trust Income	\$100	\$15,100
Rent: Day Care & 34 Meigs	\$33,400	\$27,420
Fundraising/Gifts & Grants	\$43,000	\$43,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000	\$2,000
Fund Transfers	\$0	\$6,400
Balance from previous year	\$0	\$46,377
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,290,600</b>	<b>\$1,339,229</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Staff: Ministry, Building, Finance	\$804,130	\$804,130
Outreach—PC (U.S.A.)	\$86,735	\$86,735
Outreach—Programs	\$102,695	\$102,695
Worship, Music & Arts	\$32,728	\$32,728
Faith Development	\$15,106	\$15,106
Boards & Committees	\$5,273	\$5,273
Office & Finance	\$63,555	\$63,555
Debt Service	\$9,000	\$16,200
Membership/Fellowship	\$5,605	\$5,605
Building Maintenance & Utilities	\$173,000	\$173,000
Support to Presbytery (per capita)	\$35,228	\$34,202
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,333,055</b>	<b>\$1,339,229</b>
Unfunded	\$42,455	
<b>Pledge Goal</b>	<i>See page 3</i>	<b>\$925,000</b>



# Children's Ministry News

Contact: *Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator* 271-6537, ext. 118, [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) or *Christina Lenti, Associate Director of Music* at 271-6537, ext. 101 or [clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## Children's Ministry Update

In the month of November, we will be starting with our first "Church School Chapel" service on November 6. We will continue in Sunday School with a study of the story of Jonah, and then two weeks without regular Sunday School—the children will be present in worship on November 20 when the youth will lead worship and we will hold large group classes on November 27 because of the holiday weekend.

## Qabats

During November we will finish our rotation on "the Church in the World" and begin our second rotation: "Wonderful Worship!"

## Children's Ministry Swim Party

**Saturday, November 19, 3:00-6:00pm**



Save the date! Join the group at the Perinton Rec Center where we can swim beginning at 3:00pm. Participants need only pay the resident rates: (Child 13 and under: \$2.75 instead of \$4.00; Youth 14-18: \$3.25 instead of \$5.00; Adult 19+: \$5.25 instead of \$8.00) Join us for a pizza dinner and crafts beginning at 4:30pm in a party room at the complex. Please RSVP to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at

[rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) so that we can plan for enough food.

*...lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called. . . (Ephesians 4:1b)*



As one who feels deeply called to the work of the church in educating and connecting God's people in this place, I want to express my deep thanks for the celebration held in honor of my tenth anniversary. It has been a great blessing to be in ministry with the families and individuals of Third Church over these past ten years, and very exciting to see infants become toddlers, toddlers become school kids, school kids enter junior choir, and then send them on to their next adventure with Jane and the youth program! I could not ask for a more exciting setting in which to serve, nor could I ask for more dedicated people to serve with—both my staff colleagues and the amazing team of volunteers and committee members that so fully share their gifts. Now, for ten more

vanilla latte-fueled years. . .  
With Love, Becky

# THE B.E.A.T. BOX

**Building Excitement at Third**

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



**NEAR SIGHTED  
OR  
GOD SIGHTED**

## FALL YOUTH RETREAT

- Who:** All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth  
**When:** Friday, November 11—Sunday, November 13  
Leaving at 2:30pm; returning around 12:30pm  
Bring Your Own Dinner  
**Where:** Watson Homestead, Painted Post, NY  
**Why:** Fun and Fellowship  
**Cost:** \$95.00 (Please make checks payable to Third Presbyterian Church) Includes 2 nights, 4 meals, snacks, supplies, activities  
**RSVP:** By October 28 to [jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org)  
**Bring:** Play clothes, sneakers and boots, warm jacket/rain gear, sleeping bag and pillow, swim suit & towel, toiletries, flashlight, Bible games/cards, sack dinner

## A SERVICE OF GIVING THANKS

**A Worship Service  
Led by Youth**

*Enter his gates with  
thanksgiving, and his  
courts with praise. Give  
thanks to him, bless his name.* (Psalm 100:4)

The Youth of Third Church will be leading worship at the 10:45 service on November 20. Join us for this special service!

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

We need you for the youth-led worship service on November 20. Please contact Jane Carden ([jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org)) to indicate your willingness to participate.



# SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

•**WORLD PEACEMAKING & MISSION**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com  
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•**HUNGER**, Carol Coons, 227-5953, cycoons@netacc.net  
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•**CORNER PLACE**, Joyce Perry, 244-3125 perryhq@frontiernet.net  
•**TUTORING**  
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## 2011 Christmas Baskets GOAL: 70 Third Church donors helping 70 city families!

Seventy needy families from School 6, School 35 and RAIHN are hoping again this year that 70 Third Church families will adopt a family and provide a Christmas Basket. Sign up to adopt a family and/or to contribute funds for Gift Certificates to purchase turkeys.

Contributions will be needed to subsidize additional food purchases for larger families and to purchase TOPS gift cards. Sweatpants and underwear are also urgently needed by the school children.



Please sign up right away to participate by:

- Visiting the Christmas Basket table after church
- Contacting Rose Pethick (phone: 388-8546, e-mail: rpethick@frontiernet.net)
- Sending donations to Third Church, marking checks for Christmas Basket Program.

If you need more information, or would like to download a sign-up form online, go to [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/outreach-service/basket/xmasbaskets.shtml](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/outreach-service/basket/xmasbaskets.shtml)

## CORNER PLACE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

A Fall Celebration  
Friday, November 11  
7:30—10:30pm

Home of Ike and Misty Neilson  
3541 Elmwood Avenue

RSVP: Joyce Perry (244-3125)  
Suggested Donation: \$25 per person

## Kenyan's Visit Changed Lives

The September 23 through October 7 visit of five Kenyans from the Kihumo Presbyterian Parish in Nairobi has left the hearts of all those who connected with them uniquely warmed. Special thanks go to all those who helped with hosting our new friends.

The Third Church Kenya team is looking for congregational input about how we should shape our future relationship with Moses Ndegwa and the Kihumo congregation. Please stay tuned for a date for a brainstorming meeting in November on how we can develop this partnership. In the meantime, if you are just itching to get your idea or response into the discussion pool, please email Rod Frohman at [rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org) or call him at 271-6513, ext. 106. The team will be keeping notes on all the input.

## RAIHN Shop 'Til You Drop Monday, November 28, 6:00-9:00pm

Pittsford Plaza  
This annual fund raiser has consistently been a successful and FUN RAIHN fundraiser which helps fund RAIHN's operational expenses. Participating stores donate between 10% and 20% of their evening's sales to RAIHN. One World Goods and other stores are waiting for you! Look for updates on the website: [www.raihn.org](http://www.raihn.org). Get your holiday




## RAIHN: Fact

### Did you know...

The Bible says: *Feed the hungry, house the homeless, clothe the naked.* Isaiah 58:7-10

Jean Coco (now living in North Carolina) reports that "Alice and Coco still talk about their IHN nights, and that Coco has become involved with a gardening project at Chapel Hill where she works with the homeless to grow produce that they then sell at a farmer's market. Coco said 'it's like IHN.' Thanks again for planting those seeds many years ago!"

We need your help. Consider volunteering for the next RAIHN rotation at Third Church—January 22-29, 2012. For more information contact Laurie Mahoney (747-5852, [LMahone1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:LMahone1@rochester.rr.com)) or Rod Frohman (271-6537, ext. 106, 727-2676 or [rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org)).



This **MISSION** is yours if you choose to accept it:

**SYNCHRONIZE** your watches and make your way to the Celebration Center. **INVESTIGATE** the mission of Third Church. **EXPLORE** how you can reach out to the community. **DISCOVER** new ways to connect. **SPY OUT** ways to grow your faith.

**UNCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES!**

**MISSION POSSIBLE** NOVEMBER 6  
12:15PM

## Mission Possible—Mission Fair

This mission is yours if you choose to accept it: On Sunday, November 6, attend coffee fellowship after the 10:45 worship service and investigate the ministry, mission, education, and fellowship opportunities open to you at Third Church. At Mission Possible, the mission comes to you...

Interested in “reaching out?” Check out what’s happening with Tutoring, Habitat for Humanity, Hunger Ministries, and more. How about “reaching in?” Spy out the great ways that you might connect through worship, fellowship, and service, and find the many unique opportunities available to you.

We’ll see you on November 6 in the Celebration Center. Uncover the possibilities!

## Thank You to All who Supported Meals with a Meaning

Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> did indeed turn out to be a “Starry City Night”! The Celebration Center was transformed into a big city Night Club complete with skyline, candle light and soft music. A feeling of real fellowship was in the air. Thank you to Sue Locke whose vision it was to create such a warm and delicious (!) atmosphere and to our musicians Glenna Curren and Wyatt Underhill (string duet) and Cecil Buchinger, pianist. During an interlude we were treated to a long-hoped for return engagement of “Presbyterian Pie” by our very own John Wilkinson!

Almost 200 people attended dinners in 16 members’ homes. Maryjane Link recruited our hosts and the committee would like to express its gratitude to those who hosted and those who helped co-host:

*Sarah Boyce & Tim Stout*  
*Joan Fisher*  
*Pam and Ry Foye and Beth Aten*  
*Betty and Larry Iwan and David Tennant and Kathy Eldredge*  
*Joan and Tai Kwong*  
*Kathleen and Fred Ling*  
*Maryjane Link and Jim Moser*  
*Ann McMican and Jack Mould*  
*Carol and Trip Miller, Gloria and Karl Pleger and*  
*Beth and Phil Tschorke*  
*Rose and Bill Pethick and Carol and Bill Coons*  
*Peg and Jay Rachfal and Becky and Robert Veitch*  
*Susan Rupp and George Cheatle*  
*Ellen and Brad Rye and Molly Perry and Stacie Lamont*  
*Kathy and Jon Schumacher*  
*Jim Stewart*  
*Rob White and Cecil Buchinger*



We are still counting expenses and receipts but it looks like we raised close to \$8,000 to support our general church budget!

Committee: *Kathleen Ling, Maryjane Link, Christie Lutzer, Sue Locke, Susan Rupp and Becky D’Angelo-Veitch*

## THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

- John Wilkinson, Pastor
- Roderic P. Frohman, Associate Pastor for Church in Society
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- Peter A. DuBois, Director of Music/Organist
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## Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative Presents FESTIVAL ORGAN CONCERTS: IMPROVISATION NOVEMBER 11-13

Improvisation is normally associated with jazz, but the organ boasts a history of this art that spans hundreds of years. In November, the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) Festival teams up with the American Guild of Organists to celebrate the art of improvisation at the organ. World-renowned organists will treat Rochester audiences to a series of original improvisations. Tickets will be available at the door.

### EROI Concerts at Third Presbyterian Church

Friday, November 11, 4:30pm

**Gerre Hancock**

One of America's greatest masters of improvisation demonstrates his craft in a solo concert.



Saturday, November 12, 8:00pm

**McNeil Robinson, Jeffrey Brillhart and  
Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer-Choplin**

The newly renovated sanctuary provides the perfect backdrop for a program of improvisations on the mighty Austin organ



### "If Music be the Food..."

"If Music Be the Food..." was created and launched in 2009 by Eastman School of Music Associate Professor of Viola, Carol Rodland. Rodland, a passionate and long-time supporter of food banks, joined the ESM faculty in 2009 at the height of the economic downturn. Reports in the news of increased need for food aid in the community inspired her to create the series. Its mission is to increase awareness and support for the hungry in our community through chamber music performances of the highest caliber. Season 3 promises to be as exciting as Seasons 1 and 2.

**Sunday, November 20, 7:30 pm in the Third Church Sanctuary**

**Brandenburg Concerto No. 2**

Juliana Athayde, *violin* Erik Behr, *oboe*  
Rebecca Gilbert, *flute* Wesley Nance, *trumpet* The Ahtay Quartet

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

**Romanzen Suite, Op. 127**

Katherine Ciesinski, *mezzo soprano* The Half-Six Piano Trio

**Dimitri Shostakovich**

**Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81**

Juliana Athayde & Markiyana Melnychenko, *violins* Carol Rodland, *viola*  
Mimi Hwang, *cello* Marcantonio Barone, *piano*

**Antonin Dvorák**

**Admission: Canned or non-perishable food items (cash donations accepted) All contributions to Foodlink)**