

# The Messenger



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## CELEBRATING JOHN CALVIN

Who is John Calvin and why are we celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth? Good questions.



Calvin was – in many ways – the theological visionary who gave birth to Presbyterianism. His vision of who God is, who we are in light of who God is and how that matters in the church and in the world continue to make an important difference today. Calvin has been the topic of articles in *Time* and the *New York Times*, as well as the subject of numerous articles and conferences over the past few months.

Third Church will do its part in remembering and celebrating Calvin. In an Adult Faith Development series in October and November, and in sermons throughout the season, we will consider Calvin's vision, mission and legacy.

Here is what we should know in a nutshell.

- Calvin was born in Noyon, France in July 1509 – his father wanted him to enter the priesthood, but after a conflict with the church, Calvin studied the law.
- Calvin thought of himself primarily as a biblical interpreter, not a theologian. His great work, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, was an effort to provide a roadmap for readers to understand the Bible.
- His leadership included churches in Strasburg, but his real impact was established as he led the church in Geneva, a vital metropolitan center that welcomed many refugees, including Calvin himself.

- While we often stumble over Calvin's doctrine of predestination, we do well to remember that it was set in a broader and deeper context, an absolute insistence on the sovereignty of God and the good news of grace. God is involved in all of history and in every human life. Grace – God's gift to us – means that we are not to be anxious about our life or our future.
- Calvin's theology was inherently political, though not political in the way that we would understand. Since Calvin would understand that God is active in and concerned about all of life, that would include the political and economic and cultural, as well as the religious. In fact, Calvin believed that the politician (to him, the "civil magistrate") was the highest calling!

Come to worship and learn more, not for its own sake, but to see how Calvin's vision informs our church and lives today. Attend an adult class. Visit [www.pcusa.org/calvinjubilee/](http://www.pcusa.org/calvinjubilee/) to learn much more. Want a book to begin your journey with Calvin? Try Stacy Johnson's *John Calvin, Reformer for the 21st Century* or *Calvin for Armchair Theologians* by Christopher Elwood.



### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 FOLLOWING 10:45AM WORSHIP
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 FOLLOWING 8:30AM WORSHIP

# THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

Why should we pay attention to John Calvin? Read this morning's paper, watch your favorite cable news outlet, log onto your favorite website. You will encounter story after story about our inability as a people to engage in civil discourse about nearly almost everything.

Now read Paul's words to the Corinthians church:

*17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (1 Corinthians 5:17-20)*

John Calvin called this passage "an illustrious designation of the gospel." (Later, Karl Barth valued 1 Corinthians 5:19 in a similar way, and we Presbyterians based our Confession of 1967 on this text.)

Calvin took this reconciliation stuff seriously. So should we.

What does that look like? From Calvin's perspective, it looks like many things...

- **Individually and personally**, it means that each of us has been made whole through Christ. Theologians use terms like "atonement" and "justification," but in my mind, *reconciliation* works the best. It signals the bringing together of that which was broken or estranged in our own lives. If one of Calvin's watchwords was "grace," here is what grace looks like – the restoration of our primary relationship with God. And because our relationship with God is restored, reconciliation has many other trajectories as well.



- **In our relationships** – Being reconciled with God means that we are also called to be reconciled with one another. That includes family members, co-workers, neighbors. The now-frayed ties that once held us together are healed. We can live at peace with one another because we are at peace with God and ourselves.
- **In the church** – Church conflict is not a recent invention. Remember that Calvin's ministry unfolded in the context of Reformation battles. Yet Calvin, as feisty as he was, placed a high value on the unity of the church as a natural outcome of our reconciliation with God. As denominations, including ours, continue to fuss over well-known issues, perhaps we might do well to attend to his call for church unity as a reflection of our reconciliation in Christ.
- **In the world** – This was Calvin's singularly unique theological contribution, an insistence on the sovereignty of God in all of life, and not just the private or religious. One simple way to think about this is "horizontal" reconciliation along with "vertical" reconciliation – Calvin accepted no dichotomy between the two. That means that we were called to civic and public and political reconciliation. Reconciliation does not just operate in our interior life, or even in our life at church, but in political, business, social, cultural and economic realities – and so much more.

Couldn't our world, and nation, and cities, use a healthy dose of reconciliation as an antidote to conflict and brokenness? And who better than us, the grateful recipients of the gift of reconciliation, to be as its ambassadors and trustees?

Faithfully,

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 & 10:45AM

**OCTOBER 4—**

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

"Meeting Jesus at the Table"  
Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
John Wilkinson preaching

**OCTOBER 11**

"Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, Revisited"  
Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Mark 10:17-31  
John Wilkinson preaching

**OCTOBER 18**

"From the Whirlwind, Grace"  
Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Hebrews 5:1-10  
John Wilkinson preaching

**OCTOBER 25—REFORMATION**

"Calvin and Job"  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Mark 10:46-52  
John Wilkinson preaching

## MONDAY NIGHT EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

7:00PM IN THE CHAPEL



This first Candlelight Evening Prayer service of the year will focus on the theme, "God's Gracious Love."

The liturgy will be led by Katie Orem, *cantor*, Lauren Apt, *flute*, Sandy Gianniny, *harp* and Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch, *liturgist*.

Come for a time of quiet prayer and mediation in the beauty of the Chapel.

# MILESTONES

## BORN

- **Jake Hudson Gadney**, born August 17, 2009 to Julia Whitney and Max Gadney, in London. His grandmother, Jean Whitney (*E-E Parish*) rejoices with the family on his arrival.
- **Olivia Peet Brecker** born September 2 in Portland, Oregon to Jarvis and Jennifer Peet Brecker. Grandparents Doug and Rose Peet (*J-SE Parish*) rejoice in her arrival!
- **Ian Thomas Hengerer**, born September 15 in Pattenburg, New Jersey, to Amanda and Todd Hengerer. Grandmother Suzy Hengerer (*D-EC Parish*) rejoices in his arrival!

## MARRIED

- **Michelle Hall** and **David Hargrove**, September 19

## SYMPATHY TO

- Betsy and Griff Vinton and family (*I-SC Parish*) on the death of Betsy's grandmother, **Elizabeth Collins**, on September 17, 2009, in Middlebury, Vermont.



## RACF HONORS BRUCE BATES

At its September 23, 2009 Philanthropy Awards and Annual Report to the Community Luncheon, Rochester Area Community Foundation honored Bruce Bates with its Joe U. Posner Founders Award.



The award is the Foundation's highest honor and recognizes champions of philanthropy who generously contribute to the community.

## SONG FESTS RETURN OCTOBER 22

"God gave us music, gave us voice; Sing alleluia and rejoice! We lift in faith secure and strong, the sacred word through sacred song."  
(from Hymn 328)

Once again we will gather at Valley Manor, Music Lounge, located on East Avenue the Thursday evenings listed below. Our tradition of singing both sacred and secular music will continue. Song Fests begin at 7:15pm and end at 8:30. Soloists as well as the ensemble will be present each evening. All are welcome to participate, including families, in performance or as part of the audience. Song Fests are not limited to singing—many instrumentalists, poets, "clowns" and story tellers add to the variety. Joanne Anderson would love to hear from any interested in participating in any way—call her with questions (734-1307). Invite friends, relatives and/or other church members to attend with you.

### SONG FEST DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

October 22  
November 3

December 3  
February 11

March 25  
April 22

May 27  
June 10

## THIRD CHURCH GATHERINGS

### "BEATLES TO BONJOVI" (B2B)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10** 7:00PM  
"Pub Style" Trivia Night  
In Johnston Hall

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. for Trivia Night to 271-6513.

### SISTERS IN SPIRIT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 & 16** 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.

### SHAWL MINISTRY

**MONDAYS, OCTOBER 5 & 19** 5:00PM

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

### OUT TO LUNCH GROUPS—

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18—**  
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)  
Aladdin's on Monroe Avenue

**Empty Nesters**—Aladdin's in Pittsford  
(Schoen Place)

**T3s** (Twenties and Thirties at Third)—this group will be meeting on site with John Wilkinson this month! Please RSVP so that we can plan for food.

### MEN'S GROUP

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8** 12:00NOON  
"PERSONAL FINANCIAL STRATEGIES"  
(NOT, HOW TO PICK WINNERS!)

**Clifford W. Smith**  
Louise and Henry Epstein  
Professor of Business  
Administration and Professor  
of Finance and Economics,  
Simon School of Business,  
University of Rochester



All men of the church are welcome to attend this timely lunch. Drawing on his vast background and expertise, Cliff Smith will lead us in a discussion of trends and directions. Join us – and invite a friend.

The cost is \$6 per person for a sandwich lunch. So that we can adequately prepare for food, please RSVP to 271-6513 no later than Tuesday, October 6.

# 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/>

## MORE LIGHT SPECIAL EVENTS

Paul Capetz

- SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 9:30-10:30AM: CELEBRATION CENTER
- SUNDAY OCTOBER 18—7:30PM: FORUM AT DOWNTOWN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: "CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE LGBT EXPERIENCE: THE SOURCES AND THE NORMS"
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 19—10:00AM LECTURE AT COLGATE ROCHESTER CROZER DIVINITY SCHOOL: "THE REFORMATION POLEMIC AGAINST CLERICAL CELIBACY AND THE PLIGHT OF GAY PROTESTANTS TODAY"

What do Matthew Shepard and Paul Capetz have in common? What can we learn from the tragic death of Matthew Shepard that can help us in our discussion of being an inclusive and reconciling church? Paul Capetz will be speaking in Rochester on October 18 and 19. In preparation for his talks, the More Light Committee will introduce you to Paul through a speech he delivered in 2002 entitled *The Gospel According to Matthew Shepard: The Theme of Reconciliation in "The Confession of 1967" from the Perspective of the Unreconciled*.



Paul E. Capetz is Professor of Historical Theology at the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and recently had his ordination status restored after earlier setting it aside. His teaching and research focus on the historical interpretation of Christianity, Reformation, and modern Protestant theology and theological ethics. Among his works are *God: A*

*Brief History*, and *Binding and Unbinding the Conscience: Luther's Significance for the Plight of a Gay Protestant*.

## WATER AVAILABILITY, QUALITY, AND POTABILITY

KIMIE ROMEO, JAMIE ROMEO, AND ANDREW SANSONE

October 4, 11, 18

Johnston Hall

OCTOBER 4: OVERVIEW



Less than 1% of the Earth's water is fit to drink. This presentation will provide an overview of water availability, quality, and potability from a global and local perspective. Learn about simple changes that will enable each of us to think globally and act locally. Kimie Romeo was formerly Environmental Educator at the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services. In that role as "Recycling Queen of Monroe County," she spoke at an Earth Keepers program at Third Presbyterian Church in December 2007. She left the Department of Environmental Services to become Environmental Coordinator at Sunnking, Inc., a recycler of electronics and textiles with a focus on sustainability.

OCTOBER 11: STUDIES OF LAKE ONTARIO'S WATER QUALITY



What is the future of Lake Ontario? Local and regional studies shed new light on the quality of a major source of Rochester's water supply. Jamie Romeo is Deputy Director for the Minority Office of the Monroe County Legislature. She is responsible for the International Coastal Cleanup efforts locally, and has delivered study results at the International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes and at the

Geological Society of America. Study co-author Mark Noll, Ph.D., SUNY Brockport, will assist in the discussion.

OCTOBER 18: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



What is stormwater pollution and what are its impacts? Are there local efforts to study and improve water quality? What do we mean by "Green Infrastructure?" This presentation will review simple things we can do around our homes to help improve water quality. Andrew Sansone is Senior Industrial Waste Technician at Monroe County Department of Environmental Services. He is considered our local expert on stormwater management with a wealth of practical as well as local information to share.

## DECENTLY AND IN ORDER: A PRESBYTERIAN WAY TO READ THE BIBLE

MARTHA LANGFORD

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 11, 18

Celebration Center  
Some folks believe the literal truth of the Bible, while others believe that the Bible speaks infallibly to issues of faith and practice. Most folks distinguish between accuracy and truth when they read its pages, but how do we — as Presbyterians — read this complex and ancient and holy book?



Martha Langford began her service as third Church's Associate Pastor for Congregational Care in August 2007.

## JOHN CALVIN: AN INTRODUCTION TO HIS LIFE AND LEGACY

SUNDAYS OCTOBER 25 (JOHN WILKINSON),  
NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 (DANE GORDON)

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 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calvin's birth (July 10, 1509) provides a compelling opportunity to re-examine his life and thought.

John Wilkinson will open this series on October 25 with an introductory presentation. Then, using the video *John Calvin: His Life and Legacy*, Dane Gordon 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/calvinjubilée/dvd.html>.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Contact: Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
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Lenti, Associate Director of Music at 271-6537, ext. 110 or  
[clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org).

## CHILDREN COMMUNION WORKSHOP SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9:30-11:00AM LED BY BECKY D'ANGELO-VEITCH AND JOHN WILKINSON

Families, here is an opportunity to prepare your children for communion with a workshop designed to introduce your child to the meaning of and reasons we celebrate the Lord's Supper. There will also be a chance for parents to have their questions about communion answered and to address children's questions in a developmentally appropriate way.

## QABATS begins on Wednesday, October 7

Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch if you have not yet registered! Parent meeting September 27 at 12:00pm in the Moot Room.

## THIRD GRADERS WILL RECEIVE BIBLES Sunday, October 25.

Third Grade families should receive a letter in the next week or so—be sure to contact the church office if you have not received a letter so that we can be sure to have a Bible for everyone!

## CAMP CORY EVENING PRAYER AND REUNION

**Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 7:00pm**  
Saint Thomas Episcopal Church  
(corner of Highland Avenue and Winton Road)  
The children and youth of three area churches who participated in the August Camp Cory Choir Retreat will join together to present a beautiful service of Evening Prayer. Liturgy, psalms, readings, anthems and prayers will be led by the children and youth choirs. All are welcome.

## CAMP CORY JUNIOR CHOIR RETREAT

32 children, 25 youth and 9 adult chaperones from Third Church spent four wonderful days at Camp Cory on Keuka Lake. The children and youth spent their time singing, playing, ringing handbells swimming, kayaking, worshipping and having fun together.



# THE B.E.A.T. BOX

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



## WORLD ON FIRE!

In the wee hours of July 11, 26 youth and adults piled into four vans and headed for a youth conference in Montreat NC. What a week we had! Through fun and fellowship, we explored what our response should be to the world's fires; *Homelessness, Hunger, Prejudice, Racism, Greed, Disease, Pollution, Violence, Slavery, War, Intolerance, Hatred*. One of our youth described his Montreat experience this way. "It inspired me to think in such a way that I normally wouldn't. I think I will live differently after having experienced Montreat." Thank you to all who helped to make this trip a reality. We will be sharing our experiences at our stock holder luncheon on October 4 following the 10:45 am worship service. Be there!

## CELEBRATE THE MONTREAT EXPERIENCE WITH US!

Who: Everyone is invited  
What: Stockholder Luncheon  
When: October, 4, 2009, immediately following 10:45 worship  
Where: The Celebration Center  
Cost: \$5/meal *Shareholders receive one meal for each share of stock*  
Tickets: Available at the door, but pre-sale tickets appreciated.

## COMMISSIONING CLASS NEWS

A Parent and Participant information meeting will be October 18 at 9:45am in the Chapel. Our first class will start the following Sunday, October 25 at 9:30am in the Youth Lounge. Contact Jane Carden for more information.

## SUNDAY EVENTS CALENDAR

|        |                         |
|--------|-------------------------|
| 4:30pm | Bell Choirs             |
| 5:15pm | Covenant Singers        |
| 6:00pm | Youth Dinner/Fellowship |

## OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR

|       |                   |   |
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| 10/4  | 12:00noon         | Montreat Stockholder Luncheon                           |
|       | 7:00pm            | Camp Cory Evening Prayer                                |
| 10/17 | 6:00-9:00pm       | Field Trip:<br>The Amazing Maize Maze                   |
| 10/18 | 9:45am            | Commissioning Parent/Participant<br>Information meeting |
| 10/24 | 8:00am-12:00noon: | Field Trip:<br>The Ronald McDonald House                |

## On the Horizon...

11/ 6-8 Fall Youth Retreat at Watson Homestead



# SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

- **WORLD PEACEMAKING & MISSION**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com
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## WORKDAY AT CAMERON – OCTOBER 24

**Cameron Community Ministries (CCM)** was founded in 1984 as a joint effort by the American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region and the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. The programs include daily hospitality and food for seniors, children's programs after school and in the summer, a Clothing Closet, tutoring, family computer learning, school supply distribution, and six days a week hot meals are all part of the over-all outreach. Third Church member Corni Labrum is the current chair of the Cameron Board of Directors.

A year ago, the eleven urban Presbyterian congregations formed a consortium for joint support, programming and mission. The Urban Ministry Consortium has decided to choose one specific ministry in 2009 as a service project. Cameron Community Ministries was chosen by a team of elders and pastors from the Consortium. The hope is to build relationships among urban church members as we serve Christ by supporting one of our Presbytery ministries.

**The Urban Ministry Consortium is sponsoring a "Project Day" on October 24.** We are in need of skilled workers to help with the projects listed. We are planning on two shifts, afternoon and evening and will be serving lunch to all volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Sullivan at [lciervo@hotmail.com](mailto:lciervo@hotmail.com) or 288-4363 or John Wilkinson at Third Church. Join us for a fun, spirit-filled workday.

### REMINDER:

**OUTREACH VISIONING RETREAT**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
**8:30AM-12:00NOON**  
**JOHNSTON HALL**  
 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

## KENYA NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS

Third Church is a part of The Kenya Mission Network of Presbyterians. It is an interrelated association of Presbyteries, Churches, individuals, and mission agencies that are partnered in missions between the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). There are over 100 such partnerships.

The Network provides a forum to worship together, and exchange ideas, joys, challenges, concerns and vision about cross cultural missions. The work and witness of partnerships are encouraged and fortified through the mutual association that occurs at Network gatherings, which are scheduled on an annual basis.

On October 20-23, Rod Frohman will be traveling to Cincinnati, Ohio for the annual meeting of the Network. Rod is a member of the Board.

The Network has been very helpful to Third Church and its Kenya mission team. In February of 2007, Robert Veitch and Rod attended a special network conference in Nairobi where they learned best practices for mission partnerships including the crucial modern instrument for partnership guidance, the "Memorandum of Understanding." This partnership will be reviewed and celebrated at a special luncheon on November 1. See the adjacent article for details.



## KENYA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE LUNCHEON

**Sunday, November 1, 2009**

12:00Noon Celebration Center

The entire congregation is invited to a special luncheon to update the congregation on our partnerships with the Kihumo Presbyterian Church in Nairobi and with the Presbyterian University of East Africa.

"Although it has been a year since the last trip to Kenya, our partnership has been growing through regular e-mail communication," says Robert Veitch, chair.

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.

"We continue to be joyful and excited about the possibilities of this partnership," continued Robert. "We look forward to the possibility of Kenyans visiting us in the near future." The relationship between the partners, formally established in September, 2007 with a memorandum of understanding, has continued to mature. Regular e-mail is a crucial part of this relationship. Part of the Third Church agreement is our financial support of their computer as well as software and an online service agreement. "Without this kind of technical support, the partnership would be limited to very slow snail mail," added Robert.

This luncheon will be catered with Kenyan food by Susie Jacobs. The luncheon will cost \$5 and a place can be reserved by calling the church office at 271-6513.

"One of the delights of this partnership has been the humor that has developed among the partners. An example of that humor is the naming of goats financed by Third Church in honor of the most recent Kenya visitors. So now there are actually goats in the Kihumo church herd named, Ry, Ronna, Judy, and Rod," concluded Robert.



Women Elders at Kihumo Church

## DEACON'S BENCH



Once again summer has drawn to a close and the onset of fall has brought the resumption of steady routines, group activities, and worship. Rally Day gave opportunity to greet old friends, enjoy a shared meal, and catch up on summer news over hot dogs, beans, and delectable desserts. The glorious weather, with its hint of fall, was perfect for the occasion.

September was also a gathering time for our seniors. Deacons orchestrated the annual Heritage Luncheon, held in their honor, as a time for table fellowship, for renewing friendships, for singing, and for laughter.

Fall always brings renewed opportunities for fellowship, for growing in faith, and for nurturing others. As the season moves on, the deacons wish everyone Godspeed on their journeys of faith

*Ellen Van Ocker.*

## R-H<sub>2</sub>NO RECEIVES SYNOD GRANT

The Western New York Presbytery Partnership Group recently awarded the Rochester Help to New Orleans project (R-H<sub>2</sub>NO) \$7,490 to fund a collaborative urban congregation relief trip to New Orleans this November.

Four members from Third Church will join five members from South Presbyterian and five members from Downtown United churches for a mission week in partnership with More Light field organizer Michael Adee and Rainbow Corps.

The grant seeks to incorporate diversity by recruiting church members who might not otherwise be able to incur the expenses of traveling to New Orleans. The relief effort will empower the church members from these three unique urban congregations to share their energy, passion and will to be the hands, feet, and face of God for those who are underserved and disadvantaged.

R-H<sub>2</sub>NO director Susan Orr will assist the group in its pre-trip and post-trip activities and will accompany the work team to New Orleans.

*Susan Orr*

## FELLOWSHIP SUMMER RE-CAP

In the midst of all of the vacationing, gardening and swimming of the summer, there were lots of happenings at Third Presbyterian Church! In addition to the summer staples for kids like Vacation Bible School with New Life Presbyterian Church, the Montreat trip and Camp Cory, there were a number of events for members of all ages. On the third Sundays of both July and August, the Congregational Fellowship committee sponsored afternoon outings—a round of mini-golf at Whispering Pines, and a walk along the water in Charlotte! Each event attracted over a dozen Third Church members and friends! At the end of August, Kerrie Merz organized a wonderful camping event that brought together more than 10 church families! Didn't get these on your schedule this summer? No worries—repeats of all are planned for next year!



## THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

- **John Wilkinson**, Pastor
- **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
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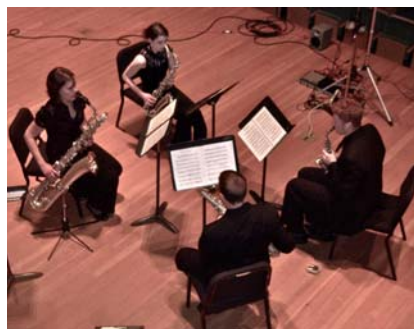
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[www.thirdpresbyterian.org/calendar.shtml](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/calendar.shtml).

### CHAPEL CONCERTS BY CANDLELIGHT KICKS OFF ITS FIFTH SEASON

Thursday, October 15 at 7:30pm, the popular Chapel Concert by Candlelight series will begin its fifth season of bringing interesting musical programs to the intimate beauty and fine acoustic of the Third Church Chapel. The innovative and talented *Erie Saxophone Quartet* will be guest artists for this first program of the year. Members of the quartet are all graduates of the music school at SUNY Fredonia, and bring a fresh approach to an eclectic repertoire.



From standard composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach to more recent composers such as Krzysztof Penderecki, this program spans a broad range of styles and time periods. Other works on the program include a theme and variations by the Russian romantic composer Alexander Glasunow and a rollicking rondo by Hungarian composer Zdenek Lukas. The program will end with a work by contemporary minimalist composer, Philip Glass. Glass' work is filled with both haunting/hypnotic themes as well as excitingly quick paced bursts of energy.

The program is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors to join you for the evening. A freewill offering will be received to support the expenses of the concert series. Additional support for the Chapel Concerts by Candlelight comes from the Janet S. and David B. Reed Fund.