

# The Messenger



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## The Kenyans Are Here!

Five leaders from the Kihumo Presbyterian Parish in Nairobi will arrive September 23 and be with us for two weeks. An earlier letter details the opportunities to meet them – more opportunities are listed on page 7.

Church-wide opportunities –

- Men's and women's breakfasts on October 1
- Moses Ndegwa preaching on Sunday, October 2 at both services – World Communion Sunday
- Lunch at church on Sunday, October 2 – call the church to RSVP

Please keep our guests in your prayers during this significant time, that our relationships may grow and bear fruit.

Additionally, be sure to visit the Third Church Gallery for a photo exhibit of life in the Kihumo parish. Thanks to Peg Rachfal for curating this exhibit.



**Third Church Hosts  
Regional "Next" Church Gathering  
Wednesday, November 9  
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

*See page 7 for details*

## East Avenue Grocery Run is coming—November 5

Have you registered yet? Visit [groceryrun.org](http://groceryrun.org) for details, or sign up on Sundays during coffee hour. All who register by October 1 are eligible for early-registration prize drawings!



Help spread the word to friends, neighbors and co-workers. Visit [www.groceryrun.org](http://www.groceryrun.org), find us on Facebook, or stop by the information table after worship throughout October.

See details on page 6 for the various volunteer opportunities.

*Let's all get moving and help to feed the hungry in Rochester!*



*"together you are the body of Christ..."*  
Third Presbyterian Church  
**STEWARDSHIP 2012**

"Together..." will be the theme of the 2012 Stewardship effort. With this year's overall theme of "connecting" as our backdrop, "Together..." will remind us of many things, including the ways that all of us are bound together in the life of the church, and therefore committed as we can to offer support to our mission and ministry.

Watch your mail in October for the annual "In Touch" stewardship newsletter, and for your annual stewardship mailing in early November. Stewardship Sunday will be November 13.

# THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

September began joyously and movingly on Rally Day, as we came together and commemorated the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. The candle-lighting was meaningful to many. By now, programs have been launched and our already fast-moving train is gaining momentum!

October will offer many good programmatic opportunities, and I hope you will take advantage and find ways to get connected. In worship, education and outreach, your spirits will be renewed and your faith deepened as you reach out to connect – remember that this is the year of connections!

Most significantly, though, will be the arrival of five leaders from the Kihumo Presbyterian Parish in Nairobi, Kenya. As you know, our guests will be with us for two weeks, arriving September 23 and heading home on October 7. The Kenya team has organized a diverse and ambitious schedule, filled both with opportunities to see and experience our church and region and to make connections with many, many Third Church-ers and beyond.

The schedule is located on page 1 of this Messenger. I do hope you will find ways to participate and to get connected with Jayne, George, Mary, Eunice and Moses. They are sisters and brothers in Christ and we have much to receive from their visit.

Why do we do this? Why did we make this Kenyan relationship a central aspect of our capital campaign?

There are many reasons, of course – some theological, some social and cultural, some personal.



While Christianity is North America is facing its challenges, it is growing rapidly in what some call the “global South.” Our Kenyan visitors will bring much energy and spirit to life at Third Church. Though our contexts and approaches are very different, perhaps some of that energy and spirit can rub off on us. I hope so.

Additionally, God calls us into community, and it’s good anytime we can expand our reach and broaden our horizons. Just as we have much to learn and receive, so perhaps – in the right way – we have much to offer. Faith at heart is about building relationships, with God and with others, and what a tremendous opportunity to build relationships with partners from another part of the world. The body of Christ is strengthened everywhere when it is nurtured anywhere, and this mutual opportunity will certainly nurture the body.

I am grateful to Rod Frohman and the Kenya team for organizing this important time. Some of them have travelled to Nairobi, with more travel to come.

I do hope you will take advantage of this important opportunity. I know that as you connect with these five friends, your own spirit will be nurtured, as our sense of connection – among and beyond ourselves – will grow.

Faithfully,

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30AM CHAPEL, 10:45AM SANCTUARY

### OCTOBER 2

#### WORLD COMMUNION

Moses Ndegwa, pastor,  
Kihumo Parish, preaching



### OCTOBER 9

John Wilkinson preaching  
“Golden Calf, Fatted Calf”  
Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22:1-14

### OCTOBER 16

John Wilkinson preaching  
“Who We Are and Whose We Are”  
Exodus 33:12-23; Matthew 22:15-22

### OCTOBER 23

John Wilkinson preaching  
“Back to Basics”  
I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46  
New Members Received at 10:45

### OCTOBER 30

John Wilkinson preaching  
“The Heart of Reformation”  
I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

## News from the Personnel Committee

Consistent with Third Church’s human resource guidelines, which offers a three-month sabbatical after seven years of service, John Wilkinson has requested a short sabbatical leave of absence. The Personnel Committee enthusiastically supports his request, and the Session has heard a preliminary report. Pending Session approval, the leave will take place from January 1 through March 31, 2012. John will use this time for professional and spiritual renewal and refreshing. He will communicate details of his plans in future Messengers. While the timing is never perfect, the Committee believes this is an excellent opportunity to show our support of John. More news will be provided before his sabbatical begins.

# Milestones

## Born

- **Gavin Tyler Dixon**, on September 10 to Brandi Newton and Robert Dixon. Great Grandmother Helen Witt (*L West Parish*) and siblings Rilee and Braden rejoice in his arrival!

## Baptized

- **Abraham James Rounds**, born April 11, 2011, son of Jessica Wojcik-Rounds and Lisa Rounds (*D-East Central Parish*), on August 28, 2011

## Married

- **Victoria Tomkinson** and **David Brugger** (*K West Southwest Parish*) on August 26
- **Carey Ruckert** and **Chad Carta** (*Out of Town*) on August 27
- **Rachel Simmons** and **Todd Hafer** on September 10

## We express Sympathy to

- Melanie and Michael Savidis, Adonis, Walter and Yianni (*B Northwest Parish*) on the August 28 death of Melanie's mother, **Coralie Cookenham**
- Karen and Bob Hospers and family (*E-East Parish*) on the September 4 death of Karen's father, **David Reaves**
- Chrissy, Al, Josh and Lily Seoud (*B Northwest Parish*) on the September 6 death of their grandfather, **Seoud Helmi**
- Jim, David, Bruce, Edward and Will Rumbold on the September 10 death of their mother, **Patricia Y. Rumbold**
- Carol and Bill Coons (*B Northwest Parish*) on the September 12 death of Carol's sister-in-law, **Dorothy Young**

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# Heritage Members' Lunch Sunday, October 23

Have you attained seventy-five or more years of life experience? Then, the Heritage Members' Lunch is intended just for you. The Board of Deacons cordially invites all our Heritage members and their companions to the Heritage Members Luncheon. We will gather in the Celebration Center on Sunday, October 23, following the 10:45 am worship service. Please let us know your plans to attend by contacting the church office: 271-6513 or sending an email to Martha Langford (mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org). We hope to see you there!



Deacon Carolyn Merriam and Ken Donmoyer swap stories at last year's Heritage Luncheon. Bring your stories to share on October 23.

# Campus Church Connection Sunday, October 16 5:00pm

Join us for worship and to share a meal with the Protestant Chapel Community at the University of Rochester. We will be responsible for providing the dinner for 25-30 students and ourselves. Please be in touch with Paul Bishop at papohsib@yahoo.com by October 9 if you are available to help and attend. UR alumni and staff are particularly encouraged to join us.

# Deacons' Bench



## When do you call your Deacon?

As Earl S. Johnson, Jr. (2008) writes, "Deacons' hearts go out to those in distress, to members who have suffered loss, to neighbors in the hospital, to prisoners, to friends who have lost their jobs, to new parents who are confused by a wonderful, sudden, and challenging change in the responsibilities of life, to new members who need a word of welcome, to members who are shut-in and lonely and cannot leave their homes, to people in the community who have lost their way and can no longer find God, to those who are economically oppressed and do not have adequate places to live or enough to eat, to any people who need to experience the love of Christ in concrete ways."

Third Presbyterian Church Deacons are available to support you in a variety of ways. On a weekly basis they provide prayers, deliver flowers, and provide a time of fellowship through coffee hour. If you, or a neighbor or loved one, find yourself in need of support or need assistance with one of life's challenges, please reach out to your parish Deacon. Deacon information can be found on the Third Church website (www.thirdpresbyterian.org) or by calling Martha Langford at (585)271-6513, extension 108.

# Third Church Gatherings

## Yoga at Third Church

**Mondays,**  
**October 3, 17, 24, 31** 6:45-8:00pm  
Johnston Hall. Contact Lynn at llambert6212@yahoo.com or Becky at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

## Moms' Group Mission Project

**Friday, October 21** 7:30pm  
The Moms' Group will meet to create fleece blankets for children in the Rochester School District. The blankets, together with a new book, will be presented to the children as a holiday gift in December. You will need 1 3/4 yards of polar fleece (45" or 54" wide), sharp fabric scissors or a rotary cutter (preferred), a fabric cutting board (if you have one) and one new, age-appropriate book for a child in grades Pre-K through 2. After our blankets are

completed, all are welcome to join the group for coffee/desserts at Starry Nights. Direct questions to Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at 271-6537, ext. 118 or rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org.

## Out to Lunch

**Sunday, October 23** 12:00noon  
Hogan's is the destination for all who would like to gather after worship for lunch!

## Sisters in Spirit

**Fridays, October 7, 21** 9:30am  
The group meets in the Third Church Parlor. Contact Amy Stratton-Smith (strattonsmith@frontiernet.net or 224-9051).

## Shawl Ministry

**Mondays, October 3, 17** 5:00pm  
Contact Nancy Adams at 889-4055. The group meets in the Parlor.

## Born This Way!

**Mondays, October 3, 17** 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.

## Calvin Guild

**Wednesday, October 19** 12:00noon  
Rod Frohman will speak on Kenya at this meeting of the Calvin Guild. 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/>

## Hot Topic: The Future of Kenya

Sunday, October 2, Johnston Hall

Kenyan Guests

Our Kenyan guests will inaugurate our "Hot Topic" series with a discussion on the issues facing Kenya as it attempts to compete in the global economy as a developing country. Hear about Kenya's past and future. The group will also speak about the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and its role in economic development.

## The Church and Dis/Ability Awareness

October 9, 16, 23, 30, Celebration Center

Martha Langford

**October 9: Unexpected Guests: The betrayal of people with disabilities.** A discussion of our congregation's awareness of those with disabilities in our midst, the barriers to full participation in Third Church, the hospitality and inclusivity that we desire to share.

**October 16: What Shall We Call The? The issues of labels and categories.** A discussion that might reveal misconceptions, stereotypes, fears and apathy.

**October 23: Welcoming the Unexpected Guests to the Banquet: God's banquet feast and the church.** A discussion that widens the view of disability vs. ability and encourages us to think of the ways that we live with and love each other as we come.

**October 30: Celebrating the Expected Guests: toward an inclusive congregational life.** A discussion of how we might proceed with the goal of becoming a more inclusive congregation, with the possibility of forming follow-on support groups and or planning groups.

## Kairos Palestine: A Document for the World-Wide Church

October 9, 16, 23, Johnston Hall

The Middle East Travel Team: Rusty and Jeanette Olson, Sue and Linc Spaulding, Ronna Grimes

The *Kairos Palestine* document was released publicly on December 11, 2009, in Bethlehem. The document was released by an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christians, intended as "the Christian Palestinians' word to the world about what is happening in Palestine and requests the international community to stand by the Palestinian people." In July 2010, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) commended for study the *Kairos Palestine* document and endorsed the document's emphasis. This material will be presented for study throughout October. Study guides will be available.

**October 9: A Moment of Truth: Hope for Liberation**

**October 16: A Moment of Truth: Love of Enemy and Nonviolent Resistance**

**October 23: A Moment of Truth: Faith and Reconciliation**

## Jesus to Constantine: An Introduction

October 30, November 13, 20, 27; January 8, 15, 22; February 5, Johnston Hall

Roderic P. Frohman

The Christian movement emerged from its cradle in Judaism and became a successful, established institution in the Roman Empire by the time of Constantine and the council of Nicaea in 325 AD. But it faced a number of challenges. Beside cultural, religious and political competition within the Empire, Christianity rapidly expanded east to Iran, India and China, and south to Egypt and Ethiopia well before it became the Roman state religion. The movement took on forms of self-governance while struggling internally with vast theological diversity, commonly known as "heresy." This class will examine the competition to establish an "orthodoxy" of practice and belief amidst several cultures. Complete texts of each presentation will be available at the end of each class and back copies will always be available.

## Treasurer's Box

This is an update, through the end of August, on the "day-to-day" financial picture at Third Church:



- Income for current year pledges exceeded our budget estimate by ~\$29,000, more than 5%. Prior year pledges were less than our estimate by ~\$11,000, or 65%; contributions with no pledge exceeded our estimate by ~\$2100, or 20%; Sunday plate offering exceeded our budget by ~\$1000, or 23%.
- Expenses through this same period were in line with our budget goals. For the operating budget as a whole, through August, income exceeded expenditures by \$84,542.
- Capital campaign income totaled \$5,464,038; expenditures totaled \$5,808,458. We have drawn a total of \$219,000 from our line-of-credit at HSBC.
- Our endowment had an investment return of 0.6% for the second quarter, a three-month interval when the MSCI All Country World Index returned 0.4%. The market value of the endowment fund as of June 30 was \$4,764,358.

Jan Chisholm



Making connections IS a key component of deepening our faith. Through connecting with others in our church family, we are better able to strengthen and deepen our faith, thus connecting more fully with God. The InReach Task Force will spend the next year gathering information on how people are currently making connections. With that information our task force will recommend ways we might help people to deepen their involvement and relationships at Third Church. Thank you for completing the survey on September 18, we are hard at work as we look at our next steps.

~the InReach Task Force

# 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).

**What a fantastic start we had to our program year!** Many thanks to our wonderful teachers and many teen helpers. Our Fall theme for Sunday School is "God's People Together" and it will focus on stories from the Old Testament.

**Parents: don't forget to sign up to be a classroom helper and/or to bring in a healthy snack to share.** You can sign up by clicking the link on the children's page on the website.

**Qabats begins on October 5,** and what an exciting start it will be! On that night, we will launch our first theme, "the church around the world," with our Kenyan visitors. If you have not yet registered for Qabats, you can do so via the registration form on the website, or by contacting Becky D'Angelo-Veitch.

**Third Graders will receive their Bibles** on Sunday, October 30 during the 10:45am worship service. If you have a third grader and do not receive a letter about this special milestone by October 15, please contact Becky so that we can be sure to have your child's correct information.

**On Sunday October 2, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday** with Christians around the globe. Please note that all children will report to Sunday School at **10:40am** on that day, and children in kindergarten and older will come into the sanctuary to be present for the sacrament of communion following the sermon.

## Camp Cory Junior Choir Retreat

29 children, 26 youth and seven 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.

## Camp Cory Evening Prayer and Reunion

**Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 7:00pm, Third Church Sanctuary**

The children and youth of four 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's and youth choirs. All are welcome.

# 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).

## Summer 2011

### Rutland

We had a great time serving the RUTLAND VT community this summer. Our delegation of 21 youth and adults spent the week working alongside three other church delegations from Maryland and New Jersey. Our experiences varied. We did everything from volunteering with a local assisted living facility and nursing home to leading a daily Vacation Bible School; cutting new trail for local parks and recreation to working in a community garden. And a few of us had the opportunity to volunteer at Rutland's Veterans Outreach thrift store and soup kitchen. Thank you to the families and especially the congregation for your prayers and support. Great trip!



Jeremy Stratton-Smith et. al. enjoying a little "down time"

### Montreat

This past summer five of us attended a Montreat Youth conference with Summerville Presbyterian Church youth group. This year's theme, "Searching for the Signal," encouraged us to hone in on God's voice through the static of our daily lives. Not only was an amazing week led by a very talented group of conference leaders, but we made some wonderful new friends at Summerville!

## Amazing Maize Maze

**Sunday, October 30, 12:30-4:00pm**

**Theme: The Big Top**

**WHO:** Youth in grades 7-12—bring a friend!

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 30, 2011, 12:30 pm – 4:00pm

**We will leave the Meigs Street parking lot at 12:30**

**WHERE:** Long Acres Farm Macedon, NY

**COST:** \$11.00 \* [Doughnuts and Cider are extra]

**RSVP:** Jane Carden ([jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271-6513, ext. 107)

**RSVP by 10/26** to insure we have enough drivers and seat belts.

**\*\*The universal permission slip (included with registration) is required for this trip. They are available on the website if needed.**

**\*Money will be collected at departure. We will be paying cash.**

## Second Monday Bible Study@ Starbucks, Twelve Corners, 3:30 pm

A Bible study just for youth! Come for a cup of coffee, after-school refreshments, great conversation and a low-key Bible study led by Marcia Frohman. Everyone is welcome. No RSVP needed. Just drop by!

## "Imagine It...Fundraising through Recycling"

(sponsored by the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services)

Are you looking for a safe way to dispose of used printer cartridges, old cell phones, cell phone batteries, PDA's or batteries? RECYCLE and support future youth trips! Special recycling boxes are located outside Johnston Hall. It's good for the earth - and good for our youth! \*Alkaline Batteries not accepted.

# SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

•**WORLD PEACEMAKING & MISSION**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com  
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•**CORNER PLACE**, Joyce Perry, 244-3125 perryhq@frontiernet.net  
•**TUTORING**  
**SCHOOL #6**, Sue Maddock, 244-0633 SMAsue@rochester.rr.com  
**SCHOOL #35**, Ike Neilson, 385-8585 neilson@rochester.rr.com

## Offering of Letters Scheduled for October 16

As a part of the recent debt limit compromise, Congress has formed a 12-member bipartisan "Super Committee" to develop and recommend significant debt-reducing spending cuts. By November 23, committee members will need to make many difficult decisions and compromises and will hear from many powerful voices. BREAD FOR THE WORLD has asked all its members to contact their legislators and ask them to draw a "Circle of Protection" around funding for hungry and poor people both in the United States and abroad in developing nations. As it has for the past 30 years, Congress should continue to protect domestic low income programs such as Food Stamps, and to include international anti-poverty programs in this "Circle of Protection."

Super Committee members will be listening carefully, particularly to the constituents they directly represent. Unfortunately, there are no members on the Super Committee from our state or our part of the country. Therefore, we must rely on Senator Schumer and Representative Slaughter to carry our message. Please plan to attend church on Sunday, October 16 and be a part of an Offering of Letters, asking them to be a part of a **Circle of Protection** of hungry and poor people and to carry our message to the members of the Super Committee and to their other colleagues in the House and Senate.

## Did you know this about our Tutor Program at School #6?

1. Sixteen members of Third Church are tutors at School #6, including five married couples: Sue and Bob Melech, Fran and Tom Bracken, Kay and Bill Ramsay and Corni and Tony Labrum and Nancy and Mike Magee.
2. You are welcome to join the tutor program yourself or with a partner or friend. You work two hours a week at a time that you choose, just during the school year. We have subs for your vacation time. Ask any tutor: You can't have this kind of fun anywhere else!
3. Most tutors are retired because the work is during the day, but we have several who leave work during the day to tutor, then return later—ask Sarah Wisbey and Debra Bishop. We also have a financial planner, a minister and a software engineer who take time off to tutor. We are holding a place for you, too!
4. If you'd like to talk about how you can fit in, call Sue Maddock at 244-0633 or email smasue@rochester.rr.com for details.



## Volunteers Needed for East Avenue Grocery Run

Calling all volunteers! The East Avenue Grocery Run is quickly approaching and we are in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help with the event. Please consider volunteering your time and inviting friends and family members to help out too.

Whether you are participating in the race or not, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities before and after the 5K - so don't worry about missing out! Volunteers are needed to

- Prepare for the race beforehand (distribute flyers, fill race bags, hang signs)
- Help register participants before and on the day of the event
- Assist at the finish line and refreshment tables
- Lend a hand with the children's events and canned goods collection
- Serve as Third Church representatives providing directions and answering questions
- and more...

If you are involved with, or know of a scout troop or sports team, this would make a great community service activity - so spread the word! It will be a fun and festive way for all of us to join together in our fight against area hunger. Please contact Becky Picone at becky.picone@gmail.com or 473-2483 if you are interested in becoming an East Avenue Grocery Run volunteer.

## Peacemaking Offering October 2

UNICEF estimates that as many as 300,000 children under the age of 18 are pressed into armed conflict around the world despite international laws prohibiting such practices. The Red Hand Campaign promoted by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is an initiative designed to create

awareness about the use of children as soldiers and to convince non-cooperating countries to sign the 2002 Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Your contribution to the Peacemaking offering will enable the Presbyterian Church to keep the momentum growing for these children. 25% of your contribution will be designated for children's ministries through the Kihumo Presbyterian Church in Nairobi, Kenya, our partner church there.



## Greetings Fellow NOLA Travelers



This year we are going to NOLA in October. We would love to have any of you come who can. It should be a wonderful trip - staying at the beautiful and peaceful Parkway Presbyterian Church and being treated to George Cheatle's great food... to say nothing of helping the people of NOLA who have just suffered another tropical storm.

It is unbelievable how much work remains to be done. There are still so many families waiting to come home. This April a group from Third Church was the first to work on the house of a woman who had been waiting six years!

Here are the specifics of the October trip:

- This trip is an interfaith trip sponsored by Third Presbyterian Church and RH2NOLA
- Leaders: George Cheatle (Spiritual leader/cook) and Nancy Watson
- Staying at: Parkway Presbyterian Church, Metarie, LA (New Orleans)
- Working with: Project Homecoming <http://projecthomecoming.net/>
- Group size: Between 6—12 volunteers of any faith
- No skills needed: You will be taught on-site by AmeriCorps volunteers. (<http://projecthomecoming.net/about/staff/>)
- Cost: \$190 (food and lodging) + Airfare (~\$300 + per kayak.com)
- Deadline: Sign up and deposit by September 30. Check payable to Third Presbyterian Church, designated "Katrina Fund." Send check to Carol Foster, Third Church, 4 Meigs Street, Rochester, 14607.

For information contact: Rod Taylor at [rtaylor@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rtaylor@rochester.rr.com) or Nancy Watson 442-0145/  
[nancy\\_watson@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:nancy_watson@urmc.rochester.edu)

## The Kenyans Are Here!

Here are opportunities to meet and interact with our five visitors in addition to those listed in the letter we all received on September 16:

Outreach Committee Member?  
Attending 9/24 "Meals With A Meaning?"  
Attend Worship, Adult Faith Development and Coffee Hour  
Participate in Youth Group? Covenant Singer?  
Food Cupboard Volunteer?  
Deacon?  
Choir Member?  
Resident of The Highlands in Pittsford?  
Adult male or female?  
Want to hear about the future of Kenya?  
Attend Worship Sunday  
Kenya Lunch  
Want to hike at Letchworth?  
Session Member?  
Elementary school student?  
Visit Ft. Niagara and Niagara Falls?

### "Next" Gathering (continued from page 1)

Last winter, nearly 500 Presbyterians gathered in Indianapolis for a conversation about the "Next" church – focusing on healthy and vital congregational ministry with the pillars of mission and leadership development. John Wilkinson was on the organizing team for that effort. Several people from Western New York were at that gathering, and began to envision what a more regionally-focused conversation would look like.

Third Church will host this initial gathering. It is open to ALL Presbyterians of all types. The day will include worship, dreaming about the future of the church and networking and connecting so that we may begin to live into the vision to which God is calling us.

Further details and registration information can be accessed by clicking the NEXT logo on the church website. If you have further questions, please be in touch with Becky D'Angelo-Veitch or John Wilkinson. Join us for this important and hopeful conversation about the "Next" church.

## Exploring Membership Dinner

**Sunday, October 16, at 6:00pm in Johnston Hall**

Have you found your way to Third Church and wonder what participation in this church might mean for you? Have you been active in the church and consider deepening your ties to this community of faith? Are you interested in becoming a member, but have questions?

The "Exploring Membership Dinner" on October 16 is a time to meet members and other newcomers and staff. This is an opportunity to share your story and hear from others about the journeys that brought us here, and explore ways to connect with the people here.

Following the dinner, those who wish to become members of Third Church can choose to attend one of two New Member Gatherings: immediately following the dinner from 7:30 to 9:00pm on October 16, or from 8:30 to 10:00am on October 23. New members will be received by the church Session at 10:00am on October 23 and then presented at the 10:45am worship service.

For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, please RSVP to Martha Langford (271-6513, ext. 108 or [mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org)).

Saturday, September 24: 11:00am lunch  
Kenyans will be there as well!  
Saturday, September 25  
Sunday, September 25: 5:00-8:00pm, dinner/rehearsals  
Monday, September 26: noon lunch  
Tuesday, September 27: 10:00am-12:00pm  
Wednesday, September 28: 6:00-8:00 dinner/practice  
Friday, September 30: noon lunch (Highlands)  
Saturday, October 1: breakfasts 9:00am; 271-6513 (reservations)  
Sunday, October 2: Adult Faith Development  
Sunday, October 2: both services, Moses Ndegwa preaching  
Sunday, October 2: noon (CC \$5) 271-6513 (reservations)  
Monday, October 3: Details: 271-6513  
Tuesday, October 4: Dinner/meeting, 6-8:00pm  
Wednesday, October 5: Qabats 5:00-7:00pm  
Thursday, October 6: Details: 271-6513

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## Boar's Head Festival is Coming!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW** for our ninth biennial *Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival* with TWO performances—on **Saturday, January 7** and **Sunday, January 8**—both at **4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, complete with new staging to fit the renovated space!

The Festival serves as the culmination of our celebration of Christmas and Epiphany. Dating back to 14<sup>th</sup> century England, this festival procession includes much pageantry, thrilling music by the choir, and carol singing by choir and audience, accompanied by organ and instruments.

**Casting is now underway** for the Festival, and we would like for **you** to be a part of the large cast that will make this a spectacular event for the church and the community!

**No previous acting or singing experience** is necessary—there are no speaking parts and only a few solo singing parts. Here is your chance to be on stage and participate in a beautiful and fun pageant! The only commitment you will have is two rehearsals the week of the performances (January 5 and 6 in the evening) and the two performances—Saturday, January 7 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 8 at 4:00 p.m. Take a look at the following list of roles, and the number of people needed for each, call Peter DuBois (271-6537, ext. 109) or email

[pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org) and let him know **right away** what you are interested in doing—or just that you would like to participate, and a role will be assigned. **ALSO NEEDED—People to help with COSTUME preparation.** Please indicate your availability to help with that by contacting Peter at the number or email above.

**Individuals or even entire families may participate, given the range of roles!**

**Knights** (2 teenage guys)

**Royal King and Queen**

**Lords and Ladies** (4 couples: need not be married!)

**Ladies in Waiting** (6 - sing as a group)

**Teenage Ladies in Waiting** (8-10 Sr. High girls-singing)

**Beefeaters** (2 men)

**Banner Carrier** (youth/adult)

**Banner Bearers** (12 Days of Christmas) (12, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade children)

**Lady Plum Pudding** (1 woman)

**Holly Bearers** (1-3 women)

**Mince Pie Carriers** (4-5 women)

**Cooks** (4-5 men and women)

**Ribbon Bearer** (2 middle school girls)

**Flower Girls** (8 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls)

**Servants** (any number: men/women)

**Cookie Girls** (4-6 middle school girls)

**Yule Log Carriers** (2 men)

**Woodsmen** (2-4 men)

**Wood Elves** (any number 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)

**Jugglers/Jesters** (2-4 youth/adults)

**Mary**

**Joseph**

**Shepherds** (4-8 men, women, youth)

**King Caspar** (man: singing part)

**King Melchior** (man: singing part)

**King Balthazar** (man: singing part)

**One page for each King** (3, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade boys or girls)

### Vox Lumine (Voices of Light)

**Saturday, October 1, 7:30pm, Sanctuary**

This new and emerging professional choir returns to Third Church to begin its 2011-2012 concert series. Watch for ticket information in upcoming Third Church Updates and bulletin announcements. The group is performing regularly in Buffalo, Houghton, Rochester, Syracuse and Toronto.