

# The Messenger



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## Enhancing a Sense of Community at Third Presbyterian Church

*What brought you to Third Church? Can you remember the first "non-worship" event you attended? What about worship nourishes you?*

These are a few questions the newly formed *inReach* Task Force members recently discussed at the home of Bob and Karen Pethick. Each answer was different, meaningful and personal. But does everyone feel connected at Third Church?

The Session recently approved the formation of a task force to explore how congregational life at Third Church might be enhanced for all members, from our new members to those who have been around for more than 50 years.

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## More Light Presbyterians Convene at Third Church September 2-4

*(see page 2)*

## Starry Nights with Edible Delights!

The evening of **Saturday, September 24** is shaping up to be a wonderful occasion for fellowship and FUNdraising with dinners all around town in different members' homes followed by delectable desserts, conversation and entertainment in our Celebration Center at 7:30pm. Won't you join us for the second year of this wonderful fundraiser which supports our Third Church operating budget? There is no set cost for this event, but you are asked to donate an amount equal to what you might spend on a Saturday night out. Host homes are filling up though, so please let us know if you plan to attend. We still have openings and would love to have you join us. RSVP by September 14 to Maryjane Link at [mjlink@earthlink.net](mailto:mjlink@earthlink.net) or 586-1287.

## Rally Day, September 11, Kicks off Program Year

Rally Day falls this year on September 11. Our worship that morning—one service at 10:00am—will include special liturgy and reflections on the events of September 11, 2001, as well as launching the 2011-2012 program year. Join us on the lawn of the church following the 10:00am worship service for a light lunch provided by the Congregational Fellowship committee, music of the Meigs Street Ramblers and the opportunity to socialize with your Third Church friends. Can you lend a hand? We could use some helpers to either bake some desserts and/or help serve—contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at [rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org) or 271, 6537, ext. 118 if you can assist.

## Community-wide Interfaith Gathering

At 1:00pm on September 11, we will host a community-wide interfaith gathering of remembrance and hope in the Third Church Sanctuary. This service will be held in conjunction with the new exhibit at RMSC, "A Global Moment." The service will include readings and music from diverse traditions, and many area clergy will participate.

## Welcome to Our Kenyan Partners September 23-October 7

September 23, Third Church will welcome five of our friends and partners from the Kihumo Parish, outside Nairobi, Kenya.

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# THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

As a new program year begins, I am declaring this "A Year of Connections." I am hopeful that this year will see programmatic growth and evolution, but will also see our church community grow as well, in its sense of connectedness, discipleship and spiritual development.

We have been focused, and rightly so, on our "house" for the past several years. Now we are ready to move into a new season. An evangelism team is working on how we reach out to invite guests and welcome them, ushering them into membership, thinking about such things as our message and audience and vision. At the same time, the Outreach Committee is engaged in a vision and planning process that will help set a path for the next several years.

So we will invite and reach out, but it seems appropriate this year to look at the ways we build community, to connect as a congregation, to "reach in." That happens in many different ways – through worship, through education, through fellowship, through volunteering. We connect well in many ways. But might there be gaps – gaps in our offerings, in our vision, in the ways we connect?

We will look at that very big question this year, and I am grateful that Debra Bishop and Bob Pethick have agreed to lead a task force – what we are calling the InReach Task Force. They are assembling a team now, in late summer, who will hit the ground running in the fall. We will do congregational surveys, have focus groups, connect with current groups, look at best practices from other congregations and much more (*see pages one and seven for more information*). Thanks to Deb and Bob for agreeing to serve, as well as the whole task force. And thank you for your responses, when asked, about how we might live more deeply into a vision of connected community, reaching in to build up the spiritual body even as we reach out to share.

We will also connect in other ways. On September 11, Rally Day will gather us in as we begin the new program year. Along with our regular Rally Day festivities, we will devote a portion of our worship to remembering the events of ten years ago, and to pray for healing and peace. We will also be privileged to host a community-wide interfaith gathering at 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with RMSC and many other religious organizations (*see the right column on page one*).



Please join us as we connect with our memories and our broader community.

On September 24, we will connect with one another socially in our second annual "Meals with a Meaning." Last year's event was simply fantastic and this year's promises to be the same. Please plan to attend and join in the fun.

On September 27, we will welcome the Presbytery of Genesee Valley for its regular meeting. Come for part of the meeting to learn a bit more about our connectional church. If you can volunteer, especially at the outset of the meeting, please let Jo Whang or me know.

In later September and early October we will connect with our Kenyan partners from the Kihumo Presbyterian Church. They will be with us for two weeks, observing, participating, sharing. There will be many opportunities to connect with them. See page 7 for details and get involved as you can. Our Kenyan connection is an important venture that is mutually beneficial and that reminds us that our faith connections transcend all boundaries.

So welcome to a year of connections. We connect all the time, in big ways and small. Our calling every so often is to step back and envision what we are doing and how that vision can deepen and broaden.

In the meantime, ten years after, we are called in no less ways than to be peacemakers, as we remember those who died and those who served. Ours is a world searching for connection, where groups of all types struggle to interact with others, and where technology does not always serve us well. We have been privileged with a gift, as Paul says – "together you are the body of Christ." What we do here, the community we build, will be as salt and light to a world hungry for reconciliation. That is an ever present challenge and opportunity, and I am grateful that we can explore it together.

Faithfully,

P.S. It's not too late to register for or volunteer at the More Light Conference, September 2 and 3. Visit [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org) or contact Rod Frohman for information.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SEPTEMBER 4

10:00am—Sanctuary  
Margaret Aymer preaching  
Joint worship with More Light Conference

### SEPTEMBER 11—Rally Day

10:00am Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching  
"Horses on Parade XI"  
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

1:00pm in the Sanctuary:

### Community-wide Interfaith Gathering of Remembrance and Hope

### SEPTEMBER 18

8:30am Chapel  
10:45am Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching  
"Connections: Of Roots and Branches"  
John 15:1-11

### SEPTEMBER 25

8:30am Chapel  
10:45 Sanctuary  
John Wilkinson preaching

## More Light Conference

It is not too late to register for the More Light Presbyterians' National Conference hosted by Third Church. Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator, 291<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, is one of the conference keynote speakers. The conference opens with dinner on Friday, September 2 at 6:00pm and closes after worship on Sunday, September 4 at 12:00noon. Visit [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org) or email [mlpconference@mlp.org](mailto:mlpconference@mlp.org) for conference information and registration. To volunteer to be a host, email Rod Frohman: [rfrhman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrhman@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Margaret Aymer, Professor of New Testament at Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia will preach at the September 4 Worship service.



# Milestones

## Born

- **Charles Brian Becker** was born July 12 in Lone Tree, CO to Brian and Katherine Schenck Becker. Grandparents Francie and Larry Schenck (*F-South Southeast Parish*) are thrilled!

## We express Sympathy to

- The family and friends of **Mary Jane Peck** on her death July 28
- The family and friends of **Marion Place**, on her death July 28
- The family and friends of **Katherine Coddington** on her death August 8
- Tracy and Karen Walker (*K-West Southwest Parish*) on the death of Tracy's sister-in-law, **Merce Padua** on August 4 in Gilbert, Arizona
- We mourn the death and celebrate the life of former Third Church Associate Pastor **Robert Gillespie**, who died August 11 in Portland, Oregon. Many will remember with gratitude Bob's ministry with Third Church in the late 1960s and 1970s, as it continued the church's long-standing involvement in matters of community outreach and social justice. We express gratitude for his ministry and witness, both during his time in Rochester and throughout his vocational journey. We continue to hold Bob's family and friends, and his wife Mary Wright Gillespie, in our prayers.

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## Third Church Hosts Presbytery

Tuesday, September 27

Third Church will host the September meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley on Tuesday, September 27. This will be the first meeting of the presbytery at our renewed and restored facility. The meeting will also include the installation of Amy Williams Fowler at the worship service as the presbytery's new leader.

You are welcome to come for all or part of the meeting, including worship. Visit [www.pbygenval.org](http://www.pbygenval.org) to find the agenda.

We are in need of volunteers to host our guests. Guests begin arriving around 3:30pm and we will need parking greeters, building hosts and other tasks. Please contact Jo Whang at [tjwhang@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tjwhang@rochester.rr.com) or 381-8515 if you can help out.

We also look forward to making them a nutritious meal in our new kitchen and serving them in our new Celebration Center. Lots of helping hands will be needed to make this happen. Let Nancy Adams (889-4055) know if you can be on deck that night.



### Handbell Choirs

Third Church Ringers will begin rehearsals on

Thursday, September 15 at 5:45pm.

Celebration Ringers will meet for their first rehearsal on Thursday, September 22 at 10:45am.

## Deacons' Bench



### Lunch-n-Learn: "In Our Own Voice"

Sunday, September 25, 12:15pm

The Board of Deacons will host a lunch in the Celebration Center when a team from NAMI Rochester (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will present the recovery education program "In Our Own Voice" in which persons living with mental illness share their stories. NAMI Rochester provides education and support programs for individuals and families living with mental illness. They also provide access to a strong network of programs and support from trained teachers and facilitators that lead from their own lived experience with mental illness.

This Lunch-n-Learn presentation will be followed by an Adult Faith Development discussion series beginning October 9: "Unexpected Guests, Welcoming People with Disabilities into the Church." This gathering will focus on our own practices of welcome and hospitality and support for those who face special challenges.

Lunch will be \$5. Please register with Martha Langford, (271-6537, ext. 108 or [mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org)) by September 23 so that we will have a meal ready for you.

# Third Church Gatherings

## Yoga at Third Church

**Mondays, September 12, 19, 26** 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).

## Moms' Group

**Friday, September 17** 7:00pm  
The Moms' group will kick off the year with a "Bring a Friend" social evening at the home of Becky D'Angelo-Veitch. This is the perfect chance to check out the group if you haven't joined us before, and the perfect chance to invite someone new if you are already part of this group! Please bring a beverage or snack to share.

## Sisters in Spirit

**Friday, September 16** 9:30am

The group is meeting in the Third Church Parlor. Contact Amy Stratton-Smith ([strattonsmith@frontiernet.net](mailto:strattonsmith@frontiernet.net) or 224-9051).

## Shawl Ministry

**Monday, September 19** 5:00pm  
Contact Nancy Adams at 889-4055. The group meets in the Parlor.

## Born This Way!

**Monday, September 19** 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, September 21** 12:00noon  
The Calvin Guild will kick off a full program year with John Wilkinson exploring "The Future of Faith." 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://>

Adult Faith Development will start out the Fall season specifically linking to three crucial issues with which we wrestle through our Outreach program: schools, Palestine/Israel and Kenya.

## Schools

On Thursday, September 15 at 5:30pm we will host a dinner meeting about Third Church's response to the ongoing crisis in the Rochester public education with former Rochester interim Superintendent William Cala. This program is presented by our Advocacy Team chaired by Vince Tollers. Details of this meeting are found on page six.

## Future of Palestine and Israel

On Sunday, September 18 at 9:30am, our first Sunday adult faith development program begins with a report from members who traveled to Palestine and Israel in June. This report will feature the work of Ronna Grimes, Rusty and Jeanette Olson, and Linc and Sue Spaulding. They will present a PowerPoint program with pictures taken while they were there. This is intended to be an introductory class to a crucial foreign policy issue facing America and Presbyterians in a part of the world claimed by three world religions. On three Sundays of October (October, 9, 16 and 23) the team will present a three-part study on Palestine that has been approved for distribution to all churches by our General Assembly. These classes are presented by our World Peacemaking and Mission Team.

## Kenya

Then on September 25 at 9:30am we will be pleased to meet five Kenyan visitors (see the article about them on pages one and seven) who will share their personal stories. They will be with us for two weeks. On Sunday, October 2 at 9:30am, the Kenyans will inaugurate our first "hot topics" series of the year on the issues facing Kenya as it attempts to compete in the global economy as a developing country. This class will also feature difficulties of being the church in the Third World. These classes are also sponsored by the World Peacemaking and Mission Team.

*Paul McArthur, Adult Faith Development Chair*

## Winter Coats Needed Now!

Winter coats needed now! The Project Homeless Connect Rochester (a RAIHN collaborator) is gathering gently used winter coats of all sizes and ages to be given out at a symposium for the homeless at the Blue Cross Arena on September 22. There is a collection box on the lower level just outside the Celebration Center.

## Welcome to our Musical Staff Additions

Beginning September 1, we'll welcome two new musicians to our music staff. Tom Mueller will be assuming the duties of Assistant Organist, and Keith Brown will become our new Bass-Baritone Soloist and Section Leader.



**Tom Mueller**, a Maine native, is an organist, guitarist and composer. He comes to us from a position as Director of Music at First Congregational Church (UCC) in Camden, Maine. A specialist in choral composition, his works have been performed and broadcast throughout the United States. His current commissions include a film score, as well as a chamber work for cello and piano.

In 2010, he performed the complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach in a series of seventeen concerts, becoming one of the youngest organists to accomplish this feat.

He also plays guitar in The Muellers, an award-winning family bluegrass group, with whom he has toured throughout North America. Their fourth album, *The Muellers*, was released in 2009.

Tom holds degrees from the University of Maine (B.Mus in jazz composition) and the University of Notre Dame (M.S.M. in organ). His principal organ teacher has been Craig Cramer. In August, he will begin doctoral studies in organ as a student of David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music.

**Keith Brown**, bass-baritone, has enjoyed many successful operatic and oratorio productions throughout the Midwestern U.S. and abroad.



Originally from Dayton, Ohio, he received his Master's in Voice at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he sang roles in productions of Rossini's "The Barber of Seville," Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," Massenet's "Therese," Martinu's "Comedy on the Bridge," and several others. Additionally, he sang the role of Rodolfo in Bellini's "La Sonnambula" in CCM's program in Lucca, Italy. He was privileged to learn the role of Christ in Arvo Part's "Saint John Passion" for the piece's Ohio premiere.

In the summer of 2011, he rejoined Cincinnati Opera for his third season, during which he sang in the company's Russian premiere of Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin."

His special musical interests include medieval music and Slavic languages and vocal repertoire.

We welcome both Tom and Keith to our congregation as they help to lead us in worship. Please take an opportunity to greet them and introduce yourself as you see them on coming Sunday mornings!

# Children's Ministry News

Contact: Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
271-6537, ext. 118, rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or

## Online Registration is available!

Please visit [www.thirdpresbyterian.org/children](http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/children) to register your child for Qabats and Sunday School.

**Sunday School** will begin on September 11, with classes held for children in preschool through sixth grade following the Children's Message in worship. **Qabats** is held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm starting October 5 is for children in first through sixth grades.

If you have not received the "Welcome back" email for Children's Ministry, please email Becky to be added to the distribution list.



Church School children on Pentecost

## School Supplies for Cameron Community

As has been our practice for many years, we will collect school supplies for Cameron Community Ministries on Rally Day. Visit <http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/children/2011CameronSchoolSupplyCollection.pdf>.

## Junior Choir

All children, grades 3-6, are invited to sing in the Junior Choir. This wonderful choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30am and Wednesdays at 5:30pm. The choir sings each Sunday in worship during the program year. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 11 at 9:00am (because of the Rally Day schedule). Contact Chris Lenti for more information.

## Children's Bell Choir

The Children's Bell Choir is open to all children, grades 3-6, however returning ringers and fifth and sixth graders are given first opportunity in the choir. The choir rehearses from 5:00-5:30pm on Wednesdays. Contact Christ Lenti if you are interested. Places will be filled as calls are received, so call early to secure a spot in the choir. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 14.

# THE B.E.A.T. BOX

Building Excitement at Third

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

## Kick-off Party and Parent Information Meeting

Sunday, September 18

4:30 pm Covenant Ringers      4:30pm Junior High Bells  
5:00pm Parent Meeting      5:15pm Covenant Singers

Sunday evening Youth programming starts September 18 with a kick-off Pot-Luck Supper. While the youth are at music rehearsals, the Parent Information meeting at 5:00pm will cover the details about the upcoming year: volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted and 2012 mission trip details will be shared. Peter DuBois, Chris Lenti and Jeanne Fisher will share music information as well.

Please bring a dish to pass for 10 people by last name as follows:

A-H	Dessert
I-P	Side Dish
Q-Z	Appetizer

The Youth Committee will provide the main course. Bring the family and join us in the Celebration Center!

## Covenant Ringers and Junior High Bell Choir

Bell Choirs for Junior and Senior Highs will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 18 at 4:30pm. Previous ringing experience is not necessary; new members are always welcome. Contact Chris Lenti for more information (clenti@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 101).



Montreat Conference  
Summer 2011

## Acolyte Training & Sign-up

When: Sunday, September 18 at 10:00

Where: Meet in back of the Sanctuary

Who: Any youth in grades 7-12

Contact: Mary DuBois 256-1515 or mared58@frontiernet.net with any questions.

Join us in this important part of our worship services. Let Mary know if you are interested, but not able to attend. Acolytes wishing to serve again this year are encouraged to attend this training.

## Commissioning Class Begins September 18 with an informational meeting at 9:30am in the Chapel.



2011 Rutland Summer Work Camp

# SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

- **WORLD PEACEMAKING & MISSION**, Rob Veitch, 865-9918, rveitch@jcs.com
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## Bill Cala At Third Church September 15

If you are interested in the future of public education in Rochester, please join other interested persons to talk with Bill Cala, former Interim Superintendent of Rochester Public Schools, over dinner on Thursday September 15 at 5:30pm in the Celebration Center. John Wilkinson will also present some history of Presbyterian involvement in public education.



Please contact Rod Frohman at rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org if you are interested in coming so that we may plan the meal accordingly.

## RAIHN Cookbook Kickoff Celebration

**Sunday, September 18, 1:00-4:00pm**

Save the date for a RAIHN cookbook tasting party to be held at 1010 East Avenue, next to Asbury First United Methodist Church. The open house, will celebrate RAIHN and the newly released cookbook, "Recipes for a RAIHNy Day—Cookin' Up a Storm for Home and Community." Bring friends and family to this event featuring tastings from cookbook recipes, music and an opportunity to connect with folks from the other 40 RAIHN congregations. There is no charge and reservations are not

## Bread for the World Sounds Alarm

For several years Third Church has been a Covenant Church member of BREAD FOR THE WORLD, a collective Christian voice urging our decision-makers to end hunger at home and abroad. BFW Covenant Churches agree to support Bread for the World financially, sponsor Offerings of Letters and encourage their members to advocate with their legislators regarding hunger and poverty issues.

David Beckmann, President of Bread for the World, has sent out an urgent message to all BFW members pointing out that, in this era of budget cuts proposed by Congress, we need to form a "Circle of Protection" around funding for programs that are vital to hungry and poor people here and abroad. "Everything we have achieved for poor and hungry people in the last 35 years is under severe threat of budget cuts, including Food Stamps, WIC and poverty-focused developmental assistance." Please consider contacting your representatives and senators, asking them to exempt these programs from any budget cuts, and to work toward a balanced program of revenues and spending cuts. Messages can be left at their Washington offices by dialing the Capitol switchboard, (202) 224-3121.



## East Avenue Grocery Run Saturday, November 5

The East Avenue Grocery Run is about fitness, family fun and food for all! From toddlers to grandparents, the whole family can celebrate being active together, and while enjoying post-event refreshments, everyone will feel good knowing their entry fee is helping to feed the hungry in Rochester.

The 5K (3.1 mile) route starts and finishes at Third Church, taking in Strong National Museum of Play and Manhattan Square Park on the way. Or choose the one-mile route—half a mile out and back on beautiful East Avenue. Live music along the route will keep runners and walkers energized, and drawings for donated prizes will add to the fun of the race award ceremony.

The day's events are as follows:

- 7:15 am Registration Opens
- 8:15 am 5K run/walk begins
- 9:15 am 1-Mile Run and Walk
- 9:30 am Children's Fun Runs

Last November, our first East Avenue Grocery Run was a huge success, and with the help of the Third Church congregation, it will be even bigger and better this year. How can you help?

**First**, register TODAY (see groceryrun.org for details or see our table at Rally Day). All who register by October 1 are eligible for early-registration prize drawings like the Susan B. Anthony purse/membership!

**Second**, help spread the word to friends, neighbors and co-workers:

- Take a Grocery Run poster to hang at work or school.
- Pick up registration forms and cards at Rally Day to pass out at work and to friends and neighbors.
- Speak to any school/work/sports groups you are involved in about participating as a community service/wellness event.
- Suggest the Facebook page to friends.

For complete details including course map and registration forms, visit [www.groceryrun.org](http://www.groceryrun.org), find us on Facebook, or stop by our information table after worship throughout October.

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

**inReach**, (continued from page 1)

**inReach**, co-facilitated by Bob Pethick and Deb Bishop, will operate with a mission of: *Enhancing Community*. Task Force members include: Darby Thompson, Chris Stevens, Karen Pryor, Len Picone, Bethany Rague, Lorenda Guaronski, Benjamin Krug, Stacey Rendo and supported by John Wilkinson, Becky D'Angelo Veitch.

Third Church is not the only church thinking about relationships. Congregations all over the country are looking at ways to increase membership connectedness. Some programming that worked 5, 10 or 20 years ago may not work any longer – or maybe it needs to be tweaked a bit. Maybe we need new opportunities for connection. Some of the work **inReach** plans to undertake includes:

- Review and interview Third Church's committees and fellowship groups
- Conduct a survey for all membership and committee groups
- Interview Third Church staff
- Review Presbyterian publications and other congregations' inreach work
- Review new member path. How do we connect new members?
- How do we enhance collaboration amongst our program areas?
- Cross pollination (i.e., help groups and committees think globally when planning)
- Consider ways to enhance a person's experience on Sunday mornings and every time they enter Third Church.

We will need all of your support and energy to accomplish these tasks. Think about your connections at Third Church. Is it through outreach that your friendships have been made, do you depend on our fellowship opportunities for connections, are your connections enhanced during our worship services. When is the last time you reached out to a new member or a visitor in "your" pew? Have you attended a new group recently? We look forward to having these conversations with you. Please look for more information in the coming months.

*Deb Bishop and Bob Pethick*

## Library Open House

### Sunday, September 18

As you will remember, during construction the library books were sealed off. When construction ended, the Library Committee began working to make the library again available to members of the church: the books were sorted and checked. Now every book is in the computer listing by title, author and color code.

#### See What is New!

- New books in every section and easy-to-read shelf labels
- A new section of biographies
- Copies of books reviewed this summer and used in Adult Faith Development classes

**Kenya**, continued from page 1



**Jayne Wambaa**, a nurse, very interested in our health system



**George Waiyaki**, manager of a Peugeot dealership in Nairobi



**Mary Hinga**, apartment owner who has children living in the U.S.



**Moses Ndegwa**, pastor at the Kihumo Presbyterian Church and, accompanied by his wife, **Eunice**



All members of Third Church will have several opportunities to meet our guests, to ask questions of them, and to share parts of our faith journey.

- Welcoming reception at the airport
- "Meals with a Meaning" on September 24 in the homes of our members
- Adult Faith Development classes on both September 25 and October 2
- World Communion Sunday, October 2, Moses Ndegwa will preach at Third Church
- The Kenyans will meet with as many Third Church committee members as possible
- Session members will host a dinner and a meeting, during which the partnership covenant will be renewed
- In addition, trips to Letchworth Park, dairy farms in the area, Hurd Orchards, and perhaps, Niagara Falls are planned

The Kenyan Committee looks forward to sharing the ways in which we worship Jesus Christ, both within our building and without. We hope that you have the opportunity to learn from our Kihumo partners, how they worship Jesus Christ. Perhaps you'll be inspired to visit the Kihumo Parish in the near future when the next trip is planned.

*Ronna Grimes*

## THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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- **Roderic P. Frohman**, Associate Pastor for Church in Society
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## Keeping Pace with AIDS September 18



You are invited to participate in a very special event – Keeping Pace With AIDS – a walk/run/ride taking place on Sunday, September 18 at Genesee Valley Park to support AIDS Care and those affected by HIV/AIDS. It is anticipated that over 500 walkers, runners and bike riders will take part in the event – raising money through a 5K walk or 10K run or a choice of a 20-, 50-, or 100-mile bike ride. Advanced cyclists may want to participate in the five-day AIDS Red Ribbon Ride beginning on September 14 and ending on September 18. Keeping Pace With AIDS promises to be great fun with food, entertainment, music and health information provided. To donate to the Third Church team, under the leadership of Jennifer Dinse, visit [www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/jennifer-dinse/theeventkeepingpacewithaids?fge=ask](http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/jennifer-dinse/theeventkeepingpacewithaids?fge=ask). To register to walk or ride or for more information about the event visit [www.acrochester.org/en/114/keeping-pace-with-aids-a-walk-run-ride](http://www.acrochester.org/en/114/keeping-pace-with-aids-a-walk-run-ride). To volunteer to help at a water table Sunday afternoon, contact [Bettylwan@frontiernet.net](mailto:Bettylwan@frontiernet.net).