
OUTREACH

MOVING MISSION FORWARD, SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

The Outreach Committee coordinates the various outreach ministries of Third Church. The goal of Third Church's outreach program is to work for the "common good" of all of God's people through service, advocacy, education and communication. Our mission teams target the human conditions of underdevelopment, disaster, hunger, homelessness, illiteracy, and poverty, as well as concerns of environmental waste and destruction.

We communicate and promote outreach activities through publications in the Third Church "Messenger," an Outreach page on the Third Church website, "Focus on Mission" pieces in worship, the Thursday Update and special mailings. We seek to involve members of our congregation in outreach ministries through active service, as well as partnering with others in our community. In reaching outside of Third Church, we are able to leverage our own resources (people, property, and finance) with those of others and to have a greater impact, with more effective use of everyone's available resources. As an additional benefit, our members profit spiritually from the opportunity to interact with fellow sisters and brothers in the community at large.

Accomplishments in 2007- See the details in the individual reports!

- ❑ Dining Room Ministry established new hospitality procedures when summer numbers soared to over 100
- ❑ Katrina teams took one trip to New Orleans to repair homes

- ❑ George Gotcsik conducted three Outreach business plan seminars to the Outreach Teams.
- ❑ School # 6: Hired Sue Maddock as Coordinator upon retirement of Barbara Code after five years.
- ❑ School # 35: Established "Soar to Success" program
- ❑ Moved Corner Place to new, larger location
- ❑ Earth Keepers conducted six educational sessions on ecology
- ❑ Developed the Third Rochester Enterprises Corporation Business Plan and hired Bill Jones as the first Executive Director in January of 2008.
- ❑ Established a "mission partnership" with the Kihumo Presbyterian Church of Nairobi, Kenya
- ❑ Established "Faith To Faith" dialogue group upon heels of successful appearance of Noa Baum.
- ❑ Increased Food Cupboard giving capacity by 30% over 2006
- ❑ Established "Quick Alert" legislative advocacy system
- ❑ Refined administrative function of our RAIHN team as an entirely on-line function
- ❑ In June we celebrated the service of more than 410 volunteers from our congregation who are actively involved on at least one of our mission teams.

Each team has significant accomplishments over this past year and has worked hard. Please review their reports below.

GENERAL MISSION

In addition to its support of our own Outreach Ministries, Third Church has continued its tradition of providing financial support to the following organizations.

- Presbyterian Church (USA), General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery of the Genesee Valley
- *Greater Rochester Community of Churches*
- *General Assembly Theological Education Fund*
- *Seminaries: McCormick, Auburn, and CRCDS*
- *AIDS Rochester, Daily Bread Program*
- *Neighbor Works*
- *Rochester Family Resource Network*
- *Southeast Ecumenical Ministry*

We have also received special offerings and at times of national and international disaster, including:

- *Christmas Joy*
- *CROP Walk*
- *One Great Hour of Sharing*
- *Pastor's Emergency Fund*
- *Peacemaking Offering*

OUTREACH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Jean Coco, Carol Coons, Laurie Mahoney, Betty Iwan, Gloria Pleger, Robert Veitch, Tracy Walker, Elizabeth Wallace, Roderic Frohman (*Staff*), Dona Culhane (*Support*)

Meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday, at 7:00pm, at Third Church.

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EARTH KEEPERS COMMITTEE

The Earth Keepers Committee was born out of a recognition of the underlying spiritual and moral roots of the environmental crisis, and the desire to help our congregation see more clearly the connection between our faith, our daily life, and ecological concerns.

Our mission is to

1. Equip our congregation with a theological grounding for stewardship of all creation
2. Analyze our current congregational, family and personal practices of creation stewardship
3. Inspire our congregation to live respectfully in balance with all creation
4. Involve our congregation as advocates for transformation of policies and practices of creation justice

In 2007, the Earth Keepers committee provided the following educational and service opportunities for the congregation:

- Showed "Lighten Up; A Religious Response to Global Warming" (www.nyipl.org) DVD at a noontime luncheon. We followed it with discussion of ways individuals can make less of an impact on the earth
- Highlighted cleaning without chemicals during a February coffee hour. Conducted a raffle for a caddy of healthy cleaning products from Greenway www.greenwaycleaning.com
- Showed video, "Faith Through Their Eye," created by Living Waters for the World and Clean Water U (www.livingwatersfortheworld.org). Discussed with Eric Mount, ethicist from Kentucky.
- Participated in the Symposium on Faith and Global Warming on April 22 as part of an ecumenical Earth Day celebration

Melissa Carlson was involved with the planning.

- Collaborated with Congregational Life in purchasing Corelle Ware bowls for the church and helped wash the dishes after the Ice Cream Social
- Ruth Morton presented an Adult Faith Summer Book Review of the book, *Plan B 2.0: Rescuing a Planet Under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble* by Lester R. Brown
- Planned an Adult Faith series based on the North West Earth Institute's study course *Global Warming Changing Course* (www.nwei.org). Melissa Carlson and Miriam Gale directed the 4 part series. The first week featured Scott Cicora, an Al Gore trained educator on global warming
- Sponsored an Adult Faith program on Public Health and the Environment featuring Elizabeth Woodard: **Overview; Food Safety; Lead Poisoning; and Recycling in Monroe County** with Kimie Romeo, "the queen of Monroe County recycling"
- Monthly poster displays at coffee hours on the topics of water conservation; junk mail reduction; recycling paper, cans, bottles and electronics in Monroe County; green purchasing at church and at home; and energy conservation and alternatives
- Commissioned the church to purchase and install three bike racks near the Arnold Park entrance
- Petitioned for Melissa Carlson to serve on the capital campaign facilities committee so that she can focus the committee on 'green' building practices during the remodeling
- Bought memberships in Presbyterians for Renewing Creation (www.prcweb.org) and the Genesee Valley Community Supported Agriculture

(www.gvocsa.org), the Peacework Organic Farm near Newark, NY.

Passed on membership shares of food to TPC food cupboard and Foodlink. In addition, Third Church youth worked on the Peacework farm one weekend

- Wrote a monthly column in "The Messenger," the church newsletter
- Maintained an Earth Keepers Committee web page on the church web site
- Provided 'green' related displays on the Johnson Hall kiosk
- Sold cloth napkins, cloth gift bags, compact fluorescent bulbs, biodegradable trash bags, knit hats and 'green' cleaning supplies at the Alternative Christmas Market
- Worked on a business plan for the Earth Keepers Committee using the not-for-profit business plan template provided by George Gotcsik, church trustee and small business consultant

Committee Members: Melissa Carlson (*Chairperson, January - June, 2007*), Chris Erbach, Miriam Gale, Betty Iwan (*Chairperson July - December, 2007*), Diana Lewis, Ruth Morton, Pat Rumbold, Chris Stevens, Elizabeth Woodard; Rod Frohman, *Staff*

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MORE LIGHT COMMITTEE

In a statement adopted by our Session in 1987, Third Church declared a commitment to becoming a welcoming and inclusive congregation. With this More Light Statement, our church joined other congregations known as More Light Presbyterians, whose goal is the "full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)." The More Light Committee provides leadership as our church community works toward that goal by providing support, education, and advocacy within our congregation and in the wider church and community. In 2007, our 20th anniversary year, the More Light Committee:

- Drafted an overture to the 218th General Assembly to remove real and perceived barriers to ordained service by LGBT members. The overture has been approved by our Session and the Presbytery of Genesee Valley and will be considered by the General Assembly at the meeting in June, 2008
 - Continued to sponsor the LGBT* Support Group, an active ministry for 25 years, who meet on the first and third Mondays of each month
- * Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender*
- Encouraged fellowship throughout the year at Happy Bunch events
 - Supported financially the work of More Light Presbyterians, The Covenant Network, and That All May Freely Serve. Members of our congregation serve on the boards of these organizations
 - Hosted a letter-writing event on Valentine's Day for members of

the community to express their support for marriage equality via messages to their representatives in the NYS Legislature

- Welcomed Deborah Mullen as Hudnut Preacher/Diversity Speaker at Third Church. She is Dean of Masters Level Programs and Associate Professor of Ministry and Historical Studies at McCormick Theological Seminary. We also continued our co-sponsorship of the "Christian Faith and LGBT Experience" series of community forums at which Ms. Mullen was the featured speaker for the spring forum and Eric H. F. Law led workshops in the fall
- Led a study of Jack Rogers' book, Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church, in the Adult Faith Development program and presented several book reviews in the Summer Book Review program
- Sent several members to Albany for Equality and Justice Day, bringing before NYS legislators an awareness of issues such as gender equality, marriage equality, and bullying in schools
- Celebrated More Light Sunday during worship on the first Sunday in June. We rejoiced that Third Church is a welcoming and inclusive congregation and also remembered that many LGBT feel unwelcome and excluded by our denomination.
- Participated in the annual Rochester AIDS Walk. Generous support by the congregation made Third Church Team the top fundraising team.
- Co-sponsored with other faith groups and community organizations a service of prayer and healing to commemorate World AIDS Day
- Marched with other faith groups in the Pride Parade and also hosted a movie discussion

night during Pride Week.

- Promoted awareness of More Light Committee activities, resources, and opportunities at Rally Day
- Sent several members to the Rochester Equality Leadership Conference sponsored by the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley and the Finger Lakes LGBT Workplace Alliance

In 2008 we will continue our journey toward the vision of a church that demonstrates the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Committee Members: Ralph Carter, Neil Floar, Betty Iwan, Gloria Pleger (*Chair*), Caryl Qualich, Jim Stewart, Natalie Stewart, Kaara Suskie-Reitzel, Rob White, Rod Frohman, *Staff*

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During the past year Third Rochester Enterprises Corporation (TREC) has been developing an implementation strategy and Business Plan to provide economic development services in the Upper Monroe Neighborhood. The plan is based on the recommendations of the neighborhood design charrette which was jointly sponsored by the Third Presbyterian Church in 2004. Their plan is to raise funds sufficient to engage the services of a part-time economic development professional who can:

- Improve the mix of retail stores
- Improve their profitability, and
- Improve their physical appearance

To date they have facilitated the renovation of 969 Monroe by having the Corner Place be its anchor tenant, finalized the design guidelines that resulted from the Charrette, provided professional expertise to the reuse study for the Culver Road Armory, raised approximately \$10,000, and hired Bill Jones as its new Director.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

SCHOOL 6 (Dag Hammarskjold Elementary School, Upper Falls Boulevard)

TUTORING PROGRAM

First, we'd like to invite all members of Third Church to pay us a visit at School #6 to observe this program for themselves and to understand the value of what they are funding. The enthusiastic support of the teachers and principal speak clearly about the value of the program to the students and ultimately to this city community.

This has been a year of change and growth for the program. Barbara Code, our coordinator for the last 5 years, retired at the end of June and Sue Maddock became her replacement. Three of our volunteers also retired at this time.

From 18 active tutors who started the year with us, we have now grown to 26 who work weekly with approximately 75 individual students in grades K-6, teaching remedial reading and math skills. In addition, Sue

- Is coordinating an MCC-Guided Fieldwork program, a new offering at School #6. Nine classroom teachers will be assisted by at least one MCC pre-education student for 60 hours during the spring semester.
- When we include the recreational reading books given as a Christmas Mission by Third Church children to those given to all students in the Gift of Books portion of this program, all of the more than 360 children at School #6 have had a positive reading/learning experience this year because of your Third Presbyterian outreach program. Our work is very important to this population, and teachers and administration are very supportive of your work and glad to see us coming!

Sue Maddock, Coordinator

SCHOOL 35

TUTORING PROGRAM

A solid base of 35 tutors maintained a weekly tutoring schedule of working with students in grades K-6 or assisting in the classroom. Starting in January of 2007, a team of specially trained volunteers piloted a "Soar to

Success" program with 6th grade students whose low reading skills put them at risk of not being promoted. After 15 weeks of concentrated intervention, all students had improved reading scores of at least one grade level. The Soar to Success program was repeated in the fall. By the end of 2007, we had 35 tutors—three from Third Church—serving more than one-third of the 430 children at #35 School.

The program also includes tutor support and recognition events and a school-wide "Gift of Books Day" in April that distributed 470 books in English and Spanish. In addition to the spring gift of books which is supported by Third Church, students from the Sunday School program collected books in December that were distributed by the tutors and received with great joy.

A SUNY Brockport student intern and three St. John Fisher students worked under the direction of the Tutor Coordinator, resulting in college credits. One of these students will continue to work on projects to advance our goals in family literacy for School #35 and Upper Monroe families.

Joyce Perry, Tutor Coordinator

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THE CORNER PLACE

This has been a pivotal year with the move to larger quarters at 969 Monroe Avenue, offering an ambitious after-school jazz program, and designing new literacy initiatives for adults and families.

THE ARTS ACADEMY

- Three terms of Arts Academy classes and summer class "You're Ready for Science"
- Seven-week exploration of Jazz in Music, Dance and Art made possible by a \$4,000 grant from the Arts & Cultural Council with additional in-kind support of \$1,209
- Expanded participant base with children from eight different schools
- Music and dance performances in the sanctuary and on the lawn at New Life Presbyterian Church
- "Jazz City Landscape" mural by 5-7-year-old art class installed in the Corner Place Music Room
- "Jazz Musicians" mural by 8 to 12 year-olds on loan to the Children's Room of the Monroe Branch Library
- Dance program expanded in fall term to capacity numbers

MOVING INTO NEW QUARTERS 969 MONROE

- Expanded from a single room storefront to a bright and spacious second floor with dedicated Music/Dance Room, Art Room, office, and storage space
- 24 members from Third and New Life Churches contributed more than 100 volunteer hours to complete moving tasks and projects
- In-kind donations of more than \$800 from Corner Place supporters for new location's needs
- May *Open House* officially

welcomes the community to our new space

LITERACY

Formal partnership formed with the Monroe Branch Library to:

- Develop adult literacy and family programs
- Provide pre-school story hours at the Corner Place in November and December
- Designing curriculum for family literacy with assistance from Alex Hagar (St. John Fisher)
- Designing story hour programs for RAIHN mothers and toddlers at 34 Meigs Street

IN COMMUNITY

- Corner Place used by the Upper Monroe Neighborhood Association and other community organizations
- Joyce Perry chairs Design Guidelines group
- Program participation of SUNY Brockport and St. John Fisher students for college credit

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Joyce Perry panelist: Social Entrepreneurship, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., April 2007
- Arts Initiative Conference, East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, May 2007 Joyce Perry panelist

NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

With thanks for...

- Steering Committee members Judy and Bob Wandtke and Char Schuth
- Donation of 15 "birthday bags" for distribution to Corner Place and #35 School families
- Craft items to sell at the Third Church Alternative Fair
- Cash contributions and generous sharing of their space

OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Grateful thanks to...

- Steering Committee members from Third Church—Will Crain, Thelma Leinbach, Ike Neilson and Peg Rachfal
- Steering Committee members from the community—Martha Encherman and Carol Fybush
- Bill Jones for his negotiations and management of the renovation project at 969 Monroe
- All in-kind donations and a special cash donation from the 4th grade class at #35 School
- Countless hours of volunteer support from Third and New Life congregations and from the wider community
- Support and guidance from the Outreach Committee and members of the congregation
Joyce Perry, Director

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INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (RAIHN) AT THIRD CHURCH

MISSION

Outreach's homelessness team's mission is delivered through Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) at Third Presbyterian Church, a host site and founding member of RAIHN, Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (www.raihn.org). RAIHN is our umbrella organization that launched operations in April, 2004. Over 1400 volunteers strong, nationally RAIHN is yet the most religiously diverse network of over 176 individual networks. Today, RAIHN consists of 37 congregations whose mission together is emergency shelter, food, hospitality, and case management for this area's homeless families *with children*. In the RAIHN network, homeless families reside with each host congregation for one week before moving to the next host site, so that housing and hospitality are shared through weekly rotations at thirteen different host congregations who are supported with volunteers from partner congregations.

We were blessed to host families four (4) times during 2007, each rotation's dynamics being uniquely different from the previous.

RESULTS

RAIHN is a competitive, highly cost-effective emergency shelter. As of December 31, 2007, RAIHN admitted its 128th family since its launch in April 2004. From April 2004 through December 2007, success data showed our volunteers' significant impact:

- Consistently above 80% capacity. We are, indeed, finding families in need.

- Served 128 families, for a total of 410 individual guests, 40 families were two-adults and 88 were single parents, mostly mothers
- Average length of stay is six weeks
- 3-4 families are turned away each week
- New competitor focusing on single fathers has arisen: VOA, 175 Ward Street
- Provided 14,676 bed nights over 192 weeks
- 123 adult women, 47 adult men, 240 children (135 under six years)
- Average age is 19 years
- 52% African Americans
- 23.5% Latinos (down from 35% in 2007)
- 21% Caucasian (up from 16% in 2007)
- 3.5% African

BUDGET

Third Presbyterian Church provided for four rotations in 2007, one more than the previous year. IHN operated on a budget of \$7,630, composed of \$7,259 provided through Outreach via Session plus supplemental fundraising dollars (\$340) enabled the purchase of four additional beds.

VOLUNTEERS

We have retained over 100 active volunteers, including many couples and families and long-term volunteers, plus over ten new trained volunteers this year who give both direct and indirect service to our families. Each rotation, 58 individuals are needed to support direct hosting roles for breakfast, dinner, evenings, overnight, children's activities, and staffing the 34 Meigs Street's Day Center on each Saturday during our IHN week. So many others work in critical background roles

to complete food and supplies shopping, set-up and take-down, laundry, and donations tasks. Extended support of our RAIHN families was evidenced by very quick responses from our volunteer base to ad-hoc clothing requests by Director Erica Vera.

MEETINGS

The leadership team no longer meets physically to accomplish general business; RAIHN Coordinators attend monthly meetings. Required training is delivered semi-monthly by RAIHN for all new volunteers, utilizing the national IHN curriculum (www.ihn.org or www.familypromise.org); in-service training sessions are conducted as needed specific to Third Church's implementation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Kudos to Cindy Coupal for organizing books for our kids!
- Youth in Grades 7-12 read to our kids on Wednesday night of one hosting week from some of their favorite children's picture books. Becky D'Angelo-Veitch hopes to continue this mission each week that RAIHN families stay with us. Thanks to our youth and their leaders!

During 2007,

- IHN participated in Adult Faith Development sessions,
- maintained our web pages, improved best practices for RAIHN,
- maintained a doctor-on-call capability,
- participated in fundraising activities with RAIHN, and logged over 2,000 hours of volunteer time.
- Several Third Church members had the pleasure of attending the Annual IHN Dinner and Auction on October 23, 2007.

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COMMUNICATIONS

This congregation has been kept informed through a number of communication channels including weekly e-congregational updates, Sunday bulletins, and emails distributed to the IHN volunteer community. News about IHN appears in every issue of the *Messenger*, on the Third Church website, and on the kiosk outside of Johnston Hall. RAIHN publishes a quarterly newsletter available at www.raihn.org.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bonnie DeHollander, Carol Jones, Dale Maddock, Laurie Mahoney-*(Coordinator)*, Wendy Shellman, Linc Spaulding, Martha Tollers, Beth Tschorke, Sue Bixler *(Donations)*, Bernie Todd-Smith *(PR)*, Annie Coger *(NL, Children's Activities)*, Sandra Cannon *(NL, Life Coordinator)*, and Vera Versteeg *(NL)* who manages our most critical deliverable, food. Kudos to retiring team members Janis Castrogiovanni *(NL)*, Paul Jonasse, Lorraine Nitzman, Char Schuth *(NL)* and Connie Peters.

HUNGER TEAM—6 PROGRAMS

The Hunger Team covers six programs: three operating within the church, two providing financial support to programs in the Third Church neighborhood and one, the Christmas Basket program, that collaborates with City School 35 in the upper Monroe neighborhood and with the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

1. DINING ROOM MINISTRY Dining Room Statistics January 1, 2008

2005: Total 3226, Avg. 62/week
2006: Total 3472, Avg. 67/week
2007: Total 4040, Avg. 78/week

This past year (2007) has been a busy one for the Dining Room

Ministry Teams. Twenty-two new people were added to our existing teams. In all, 114 volunteers are working on ten teams that serve a noon meal to poor and homeless neighbors in the Rochester area every Saturday. In addition, we have a team of 34 bakers who take turns preparing cookies, brownies and cake for our weekly meals. Four volunteer shoppers make sure that our cupboards are stocked each week.

In 2007, we served 4,040 guests a hot Saturday noontime meal in the Celebration Center. We averaged about 78 meals per week and had a high count of 112 meals served on August 18.

This past fall, we received help from a student from St. John Fisher College, Laura Nutty, who was taking church member Lynn Donahue's course in Social Change Through Service. Laura's task was to work with each Saturday team through the fall and carryout a project that would benefit our program. In fact, she carried out two projects for DRM. She contacted all of the other soup kitchens in the area to gather contact and program information from each. And she developed a survey for our guests to help us understand their backgrounds and needs better. The survey was administered in late fall. Forty-four guests volunteered to take Laura's survey. Results of the survey showed that:

- all of the respondents live within 4 miles of the church
- 66% are between the ages of 40-60
- about 1/3 of our respondents take a bus or car to our church, two-thirds walk or bike
- 75% of our respondents attend our meal at least 2-3 times a month
- 43% of our respondents attend

weekly

- 55% of our respondents say that they would stay home if we were not serving a meal
- other meal kitchens that are used most often are: Asbury First United Methodist, St. Joseph's, Blessed Sacrament
- 77% of our respondents are unemployed. The rest are employed part-time.
- 7% of our respondents say they are homeless

The joy in all of this comes from working with highly motivated team leaders, members, planners and shoppers and from interacting with our friendly and gracious guests each week.

*Robb and Nancy Adams,
Beth and Phil Tschorke,
DRM Leadership Team*

2. **THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD CUPBOARD** continues to function efficiently in the "Yellow Room" near the Children's Library. The Cupboard is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:45am and provides three bags of food once per month to clients who live in zip codes 14604, 14607 and 14620. Rotating teams of three to four volunteers staff the food cupboard once each month. Food to be distributed comes through Foodlink, state and federal grants and donations from the congregation.

In 2007, Outreach budgeted \$18,500 for food purchases. An additional grant of \$2760 was received from the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program. In 2007, the Food Cupboard served **3,852 INDIVIDUALS** with food for three days, providing **35,074 meals**. This is an **INCREASE OF 1,235 INDIVIDUALS** over the previous year.

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The TPC Food Cupboard Steering committee is headed by Kay Ramsay. To volunteer, call Kay at 544-9022.

3. For the third year, **THE CHRISTMAS BASKET** program committee worked with City School 35 in the upper Monroe area and the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network to provide a week's worth of food to 64 needy families on Sunday, December 16. Non-perishable food was donated by Third Church members, who also volunteered to sort, pack and deliver the food. Because of the early delivery date it was decided to provide gift cards from TOPS markets, rather than turkeys.

Again, at the request of the school, the committee set up an "underwear tree," and divided more than 600 separate items of underpants, socks and sweat pants between the school and the RAIHN program. Rose Pethick and Marilyn Scheftic served as co-chairpersons, with Bill Coons and Ned Green providing the logistical planning.

Thanks to the Third Church men who secured the boxes for the food, to the choir for "schlepping" the food to Johnston Hall after rehearsal on Wednesday night in preparation for sorting and packing, and to the youth who helped carry boxes to the cars on Sunday.

4. As a **BREAD FOR THE WORLD COVENANT CHURCH**, Third Church sent \$400 to the *Bread for the World* organization to continue to support lobbying and research efforts in the campaign to effect legislation aimed at reducing hunger in the nation and the world.

In October, 2007 Third Church participated in an Offering of Letters for the fourth year in a

row. The theme was "*Seeds of Change: Help Farmers End Hunger*". Almost two hundred letters were hand-delivered to each of the local offices of Senators Clinton and Schumer, asking them to use their influence to pass Farm Bill reforms in the Senate and in the House-Senate Conference. Although the legislation did not pass, both Senators voted for it.

In addition a new "Quick Alert Group" has been formed to respond to hunger issues at the State and Federal Level.

The Hunger Team is looking for a new person or persons to head up the team. For further information or to join Bread For the World as an individual, see www.bread.org or contact Carol Coons, interim leader. (227-5953).

5. **THE SOUTHEAST ECUMENICAL MINISTRY (SEM-SEA-FISH)** was started years ago by a collaboration between Third Church and other churches in the area. Located at St Paul's Episcopal Church, SEM provides supplemental food to about 70 needy people regularly each month. Emergency calls for food are handled through caseworkers from various agencies in the city and county. Other programs have included interim help in financing prescriptions and applying for ongoing prescription funding, and transportation to doctor's appointments through the FISH organization. SEM is affiliated with Foodlink, and is supported by St. Paul's Church, the Episcopal Diocese and other local churches. Third Church contributed \$2000 to the support of SEM in 2007. The Executive Director is Ann Ryan, (271-5350).

6. AIDS Rochester's **DAILY BREAD** program provides hot meals to clients five days per week, as well as giving access to their food cupboard. Third Church member Annie Piazza initiated Daily Bread in previous years when many AIDS patients were too sick to leave their homes and who needed special diets. Improved treatments have made it possible to serve the clients at the agency, lessening isolation and providing better care. Along with other churches, Third Church provided \$1000 to the Daily Bread program in 2007. Third Church members Bob Eames, Carol Marra and Van Van Zanten currently volunteer in this program.

HUNGER TEAM MEMBERS are: Carol Coons, (*Team Leader*), Robb and Nancy Adams, Tom Morse, Jim Moser, Otto Muller-Girard, Jr. Gale Myers, Kay and Bill Ramsay, Cile Rice, Phil and Beth Tschorke and Marilyn Scheftic.

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2007 KATRINA TEAM

During 2007, one relief team traveled to New Orleans to assist people affected by the federal levee failure and the storm itself. The trip was funded from a variety of sources—Third Presbyterian Church members and various generous individuals who saw a need and opened their wallets. This trip marked our third trip to New Orleans.

TRIP III: FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3,
Site: New Orleans, LA; First Presbyterian Church, a PDA site. Pastor- Cliff Nunn

LEADERS: Deborah Hughes and Anne Sievers

PARTICIPANTS: Ronna Grimes, Sue Spaulding, Anne Sievers, Jim DiPaola, Tony Gigliotti, Don and Karen Pryor, Betsey Wheeler, George Cheatle, Paul Hutkowski, Ginger and Andy Potter, Susan Rupp, Mike Waller, Deborah Hughes

NATURE OF WORK: Gutted one home; installed a kitchen in another

Jean Coco

PEACEMAKING AND WORLD MISSION

The World Peacemaking and Mission team has been hard at work in 2007 raising awareness of issues around the world and at home.

KENYA

We have continued our focus this year on Kenya, specifically the Kihumo Parish church, the Presbyterian College/University and the Kikuyu Hospital all located just outside of the capital Nairobi. Rod Frohman and Robert Veitch traveled to Kenya in February 2007 for a nine-day investigatory trip. We met with some of the other 40 Presbyterian groups who are doing mission work in Kenya. We visited the Presbyterian College/University, the Ki-

kuyu Hospital and spent a few days with members of the Kihumo Parish. We saw so many opportunities and so many ways that we can learn from each other. We hope that this relationship will continue to develop over the coming years.

FAITH TO FAITH

We have continued our focus on the Middle East and the search for Peace between Israel and Palestine. The group Faith To Faith has been working on inter-faith dialogue between Third Presbyterian Church, Temple B'rith Kodesh and the Islamic Center of Rochester.

The group sponsored a performance by Noa Baum entitled "A Land Twice Promised" that focused on story-telling as a means of growing trust and resolving conflicts. The performance by Noa was complemented by youth and adult workshops at the Islamic Center and Third Church, respectively.

The group sent monetary support to the Hope Flowers school in Palestine; this unique school raises peace and conflict-resolution children with the aim of bringing an end to suicide bombings and other violence in the struggle between Israel and Palestine.

The group sponsored a General Assembly Overture that the P.C. (USA) recognizes that Jews, Muslims and Christians worship the same God and encourages all congregations to continue dialogue with local Jewish and Muslim communities.

Faith to Faith's main activity for the coming year is a film series devoted to Israeli/Palestinian issues and to fostering dialogue amongst people of different faiths in the Rochester community.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Cile Rice has continued to guide and encourage us as we speak out for people around the world unjustly imprisoned. At the Peacemaking Banquet held on September 27, Cile Rice was among the people who received special Presbyterian wide recognition for tireless work on behalf of peace and justice issues. We are proud to be represented in such a fine way and by such a fine person. We are also looking for additional volunteers who would have an interest in assisting Cile in this endeavor. Please contact Dale Maddock at dm.e5inc@frontiernet.net for further information or 244-0633 in the evening.

ADDITIONAL FUND RAISING

- The Peacemaking Offering this year raised \$2,665 which is being used to support the Greater Rochester Community of Churches and the Community Standards Hearings Program that looks into the root causes and the possible solutions for our local community.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing appeal raised \$8,144 for Hunger, Homelessness and Awareness programs sponsored by the PC (U.S.A.).
- Raised \$1,100 at the CROP Walk to be used for the Third Church Food Cupboard as well as support for the Church World Services national programs.
- Raised \$1,294 for animals for Kenya at the Alternative Christmas Market

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Robert Veitch, Alison Elder, Sue and Linc Spaulding, Judy Gordon, Rachel Norton

(Meetings are held monthly on the fourth Monday, at 6:00pm, at Third Church.)

OUTREACH

MOVING MISSION FORWARD, SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD, cont.

2007 PASTORS' EMERGENCY FUND

Income \$8,122

Expenses

Rent assistance \$3,010
(60 checks)

Bus passes \$1,781
(128 checks)

Miscellaneous help \$1,139
(34 checks)

Energy assistance \$717
(14 checks)

Telephone assistance \$654
(19 checks)

TOTAL 2007 EXPENSES \$7,381

for comparison:

Total 2006 Expenses \$9,094

Miscellaneous help includes:

- checks for emergency long-distance bus tickets,
- checks to pharmacies for prescription drugs and co-pays,
- checks to Rite-Aid so the individual can purchase personal supplies (soap, razors, school supplies, etc.) and
- checks to vendors for emergency clothing not available through local clothing programs.

Gale Myers, Administrator

UKRAINE MEMBER-IN-MISSION

In 2006-07, Third Church donated \$5,542 to the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program of the PC (U.S.A.) in support of Third member Rachel Norton. As a YAV, Rachel worked with Roma people in Nagydobrony, Ukraine. The Roma are a disenfranchised, despised ethnic group, commonly called "gypsies." Rachel co-founded and ran daily pre-school programs for Roma children. She also acted as a bridge between the Roma and non-Roma communities. Her newsletters about her experiences can be found at <http://www.thirdpresbyterian.org/outreach-service/index.shtml> under the World Mission heading.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Outreach Committee publishes a monthly, full-page up-date in the Third Church *Messenger*. We are indebted to Tracy Walker for maintaining and up-dating our Outreach "web" pages, which can be found as a link to the Third Church website.

GOALS FOR 2008:

MOVING MISSION FORWARD

Our teams, having developed strong business plans, are now concentrating on the implementation of those plans. We are exploring how our teams can work more closely with other committees within Third Presbyterian Church on areas that overlap or that could benefit more fully from more collaboration. The goal(s) are to:

1. Leverage the time better that all of the many volunteers, not only in Outreach but other activities, give so generously.
2. Increase leadership training for the future
3. Increase interaction between all members of the church
4. Continue to investigate and implement money saving/stretching strategies

We continue to look for ways to improve overall communication with the congregation and hope to be in touch with each person in the church at least twice per year by a variety of means. We encourage and seek ideas from all who care to share them with us. Robert Veitch has contributed a goal entitled '**BHAG**' for us to be excited about. BHAG means *Big Hairy Audacious Goals*. 2008 is the year of BHAG. . Perhaps the most important element of this report is to provide a sense of accomplishment to the congregation who have steadfastly continued to make serious and sustained contributions of time and money by

putting faith into action. It means so much. . . to those who give and to those that receive.