

2008 OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT

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 and advocacy 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 sisters and brothers in the community at large.

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 Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
- AIDS Rochester, Daily Bread Program
- Neighbor Works
- Southeast Ecumenical Ministry

Each team has significant accomplishments over this past year and has worked hard. Please review their reports below. They both appreciate and deserve your support.

The challenges for 2009 are significant. We are all too aware of the impact of the economy on our members and clients. Outreach's goals for 2009 are to continue to be faithful and efficient stewards of the congregation's generosity. Additionally we intend to more effectively communicate what we are doing and the positive impacts on lives we are having. We will do this through more effective use of our web presence as well as sharing personal stories of those with whom we work.

Each of the Outreach teams is looking at how they function, how they share resources, how effective their programs are, and what they can do better. We are trying to implement training programs and leadership development efforts. We also hope to have a 'visioning' conference in the Spring of 2009. The purpose is to support each other and dare to share what our vision is for future Outreach efforts.

There is a focus on developing new resources from a variety of sources to buttress the generosity of you all. Importantly we see added focus on

collaborative efforts with other churches and congregations that will hopefully lead to more focused and more integrated efforts to help those we serve take control of their lives.

Lastly we encourage input from the congregation. All of the wonderful programs within the Outreach teams are the result of the efforts and encouragement of the faithful members of Third Presbyterian Church. We benefit the most when you all are enthusiastic about how we can do Christ's work and share your ideas with us. We encourage all to become involved. Be it for an hour or longer commitment, you will be happy you did. The Outreach program is contagious.

Meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday, at 5:30pm, at Third Church.

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
- Seniors First

OUTREACH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Jean Coco, Carol Coons, Bernie Smith, Betty Iwan, Dale Maddock, Sue Maddock, Joyce Perry, Pat Rumbold, Robert Veitch, Tracy Walker, Elizabeth Wallace, Roderic Frohman (Staff), Dona Culhane (Support)

PASTORS' EMERGENCY FUND

	Amount	Number of Checks
Rent assistance	\$3,171	(52)
Miscellaneous help	\$1,993	(60)
Bus passes	\$1,429	(111)
Energy assistance	\$683	(11)
Telephone assistance	\$308	(8)
Prescription assistance	\$151	(3)
Housing assistance	\$122	(1)

Rent assistance checks are made payable to the client's landlord and generally do not exceed \$50. A large part of miscellaneous help consists of \$20 checks to Rite Aid to allow the guest to purchase items that cannot be purchased with food stamps (*personal grooming items, laundry and cleaning supplies*). We wrote 52 checks to Rite Aid in 2008 totaling \$1040 of the total "miscellaneous" category. We write

checks to the Regional Transit Authority for \$15 so the guest can purchase five all-day bus passes to travel to work, job interviews, medical treatment or rehabilitation. Energy, telephone and prescription assistance take the form of payment directly to the service provider. The housing assistance was for a short stay at the Cadillac Hotel for a homeless couple who just arrived in Rochester for a new job.

Assistance from the Pastors' Emergency Fund is given to any individual no more than once every six months. In cases where the situation is so dire that help is given in more than the usual amount, we ask the person to agree not to ask for help again for at least a year.
Respectfully submitted, Gale Myers

EARTH KEEPERS TEAM

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

Third Church, a member of Presbyterians Restoring Creation and NYS Interfaith Power and Light, is a congregation that strives to see more clearly the connection between our faith, our daily life and environmental concerns. We endeavor to become informed and thoughtful stewards of God's creation.

Here are some of the things that kept Earth Keepers busy in 2008.

- In January we completed our working business plan with the help of George Gotschik.
- In our effort to encourage church groups to use china instead of paper products, committee members helped Congregational Life folks wash dishes after Mardi Gras and the Ice Cream Social. We encouraged the use of china and cloth napkins for the Spring Tea Party. In February 2009 we began using china cups for coffee hour. We are working to do our part to keep piles of paper and plastic out of landfills, save some trees and reduce the amount of money we spend on those items.
- We attend community meetings and programs (Green Brighton, Sierra Club etc.) particularly the meetings of the Living in Harmony group at The United Church of Christ Church in Henrietta. This group is led by Elizabeth Pixley, a former biology professor at MCC and very active in the environmental community. Committee members attended the 10th annual Sierra Club Environmental Forum. The topic was "Transportation Alternatives for Rochester: A Vision for the Future." We are educating ourselves so we can respond to new ideas and keep our church informed.
- Elizabeth Woodard, a Deacon and member of Earth Keepers, discussed with the Deacons the possibility of including some healthy food in addition to cookies at coffee hour. We appreciate their response and hope you have noticed the grapes, crackers, cheese etc. at coffee hour.
- Chris Stevens worked with the youth in setting up a battery recycling program.

OUTREACH, EARTH KEEPERS, cont.

- We have done research for the church on lawn care companies which do not use harmful chemicals.
- We provided a book review on an environmental issue during the summer. Animal, Vegetable and Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver was reviewed in 2008. Look for us again in the summer of 2009.
- Earth Keepers had a display table for the Outreach Fair. We sold books for our upcoming programs, Low Carbon Diet and Community Supported Agriculture, had informative handouts and cleaning products that are friendly to our environment. Melissa Carlson presented the Adult Faith program based on the book, A Low Carbon Diet. Elizabeth Henderson, an owner of Peace Work Farm near Newark and an author with Robyn Van En of the book, Sharing the Harvest, spoke to those attending our Harvest Luncheon on the meaning of community supported agriculture and how it works. The lunch was prepared by members of the committee. The ingredients for the soup were purchased at the public market, the breads were homemade and the blueberries for our dessert were from Ruth Morton's garden. Earth Keepers had purchased a partial share at Peace Work Farm meaning that we had to contribute labor and that we received produce from the farm. Those attending the Junior High trip to Peace Work and members of the committee provided the labor. During the year Miriam Gale periodically brought fresh produce from the farm to the Food Cupboard.
- At General Assembly in San Jose three overtures from Presbyterians Restoring Creation passed:
 - Use of Non-Disposable Food Service Items
 - The Power to Change: US Energy Policy and Global Warming
 - Reinstating the Office of Environmental Justice as an Integral Part of the Mission of the Church
- Earth Keepers sold cloth napkins and gift bags, recipe cards, note cards (pictures from Ruth Morton's garden and made by Elizabeth Woodard), soup mixes and coffee from the Coffee Connection (local), shopping bags, metal water bottles and compact fluorescent light bulbs at the Alternative Christmas Market.
- The committee has been allocated space for environmental topics in the church library. Low Carbon Diet and Sharing the Harvest were added in 2008.

We hope to do more outreach and collaborate beyond our doors in the future. Our focus for 2009 will be on water. Is water a right or a commodity for profit? How do we conserve water and use it wisely? There are many issues both

theological and practical to consider about this sustainer of all life. We welcome visitors to our meetings. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 at church.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cindy Coupal, Miriam Gale, Betty Iwan

(Chairperson thru Aug. 2008), Diana Lewis, Ruth Morton, Pat Rumbold (Chair), Chris Stevens (Ad hoc), Jo Whang, Elizabeth Woodard, Roderic Frohman, (Staff)

*Respectfully submitted,
 Pat Rumbold, Chairperson*

ROCHESTER AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK AT THIRD CHURCH

MISSION. Third Church's homelessness mission is fulfilled through the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) at Third Presbyterian Church, a founding member and host site among 35 plus faith congregations who make up RAIHN (www.raihn.org). Together, their mission is emergency shelter, food, hospitality, and case management for this area's homeless families *with children*. Since launching operations in April, 2004, RAIHN is over 1500 volunteers strong and remains the most religiously diverse network of over 180 individual networks

nationally. 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 now fourteen different host congregations with support volunteers from partner congregations.

We were blessed at Third Church to host families four times during 2008, and each rotation's dynamics were uniquely different from the previous! At this reporting, we look forward to serving families during our nineteenth rotation in March, 2009.

RESULTS. RAIHN is a competitive, highly cost-effective emergency shelter. By the end of December 2008, RAIHN had admitted its 164th family since it began.

Success data shows our volunteers' significant impact:

- We are consistently above 80% capacity. We continue to find families in need and they find us and many have been turned away when we are at capacity
- We served *164 families total* to date or a total of 521 individual guests
- Our average length of stay (LOS) is 35 days

For almost a year now, we have had a competitor in our family niche with a focus on single fathers

OUTREACH, RAIHN, cont.

During 2008, Third Church's homelessness leadership team participated in Adult Faith Development sessions, improved best practices, maintained a doctor-on-call capability during our rotations, participated in fundraising activities with RAIHN, and logged over 2,000 hours of volunteer time. Many Third Church members had the pleasure of attending the Annual IHN Dinner and Auction on October 27, 2008. We are extremely grateful to those congregants who responded to RAIHN's requests for mattresses and beds, and other household items as our guests move into their new homes or apartments and *kudos* to those who moved the items or drove their trucks!

BUDGET. Third Presbyterian Church provided for four rotations in 2008 as in previous years with a budget of \$6,350, which includes some fundraising dollars raised during the Alternative Christmas Market. Operating under budget enabled the purchase of twelve additional new beds so that we now own a complete inventory, enabling us to control the set-up for our guests' arrival, to set up beds that are in perfect condition, and to extend the life of the beds we use.

VOLUNTEERS. We have retained over 100 active volunteers including many couples and families and long-term volunteer and added six newly 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, overnights, children's activities, and staffing the 34 Meigs Street's Day Center on the Saturday morning of our week. 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 RAIHN's director.

MEETINGS & COMMUNICATIONS. The leadership team does not meet physically to accomplish general business; RAIHN Coordinators attend monthly meetings. Required training is delivered semi-monthly by RAIHN for all new volunteers in order to provide direct support, 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.

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. Suzy Hengerer joins our continuing leadership team of Sue Bixler, Carol Jones, Dale Maddock, Laurie Mahoney (Coordinator), Wendy Shellman, Linc Spaulding, Bernie Todd-Smith, Martha Tollers, Beth Tschorke, and New Life Church's Annie Coger, Sandra Cannon (New Life Coordinator), and Vera Versteeg who manages our most critical deliverable, food.

Kudos to retiring team member
Bonnie DeHollander.

Roderic Frohman is our staff link.

NEW ORLEANS (NOLA) HURRICANE RELIEF TEAM

Trip IV: March 1 – March 9, 2008

Site: First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans

Leader: Jean Coco

Participants: Peter Malcolm, Carl Wheeler, Rod Taylor, Jean Whitney, Sue and Linc Spaulding, George Cheatele, Jim DiPaola, Tony Gigliotti, Paul Hutkowski, Ginger and Andy Potter, Nicole Frame, Sharon Kriellach, Anne Van Bork, Connie Holt; Roderic Frohman (Staff)

NATURE OF WORK: Rebuilding homes

HIGHLIGHTS: Taking three guest travelers from the Rochester area; having one guest traveler from Phoenix, AZ; returning to Trip #1 homeowner Brenda Poche's to complete work on her home, and moving her out of a FEMA trailer; making progress on Dora's home on Toni Street; assisting Maria on Willow Street.

BUDGET NOTE: We had a surplus of donated funds for this trip, but the Air Tran debacle that involved most of the group cost travelers about \$3000, which only Third Church reimbursed, thereby depleting a large portion of donor surplus. At the end of December we had only spent \$188 of our entire first time Outreach budget allocation of

\$2,500 since we did a lot of fundraising, so we returned the unspent \$2,312 for general church operations.

OUTREACH, KATRINA, cont.

POST-TRIP AND FALL 2008 ACTIVITIES:

- Presented a slide show about our fourth trip to congregants at a luncheon in April.
- Staffed an informational table at Rally Day in September.
- Supported George Cheate's trip to New Orleans with Albany relief group.
- Attended a Presbytery relief trip preparation meeting (Jean Coco & Ginger Potter)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Eight volunteers appeared on Warm 101.3 in February to raise funds and to publicize our March trip.
- An article featuring Jean Whitney and Rod Frohman appeared in the March 2 Metro section of the *Democrat and Chronicle*.
- Eighteen volunteers appeared at the New Orleans City Council meeting to accept a proclamation of thanks from the City Council.
- Three of the eighteen travelers on the winter trip were guests from other churches in Rochester.
- Organized and coordinated the staffing of information tables at Brockport's Theatre Department's production of *The Katrina Monologues*.

Jean Coco visited New Orleans in November where she toured the Olive Tree PDA site in New Orleans East, met with the Olive Tree camp manager; met with Audrey Evans, a local community organizer, and met with the construction staff at the Catholic Relief Services office.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Coco

HUNGER TEAM REPORT

The TPC Hunger Team consists of four in-church ministries:

The Dining Room Ministry
The TPC Food Cupboard
The Christmas Basket Project
Bread for the World Hunger Advocacy

and four collaborative projects:

Southeast Ecumenical Ministry
Daily Bread HIV-AIDs support
Computer Software Pilot program with
Foodlink

Third/Asbury Pastoral Support system

In 2008, Outreach budgeted \$32,000 for all hunger programs (except the Christmas Basket Project) Expenditures for all programs are at or under budget. Funds for the Christmas Basket program are contributed in the late fall by the congregation and are supplemented by a special fund.

The **DINING ROOM MINISTRY** has consistently served about 80 people each Saturday during the year, utilizing the services of ten DRM teams. In general, the program has gone well under the direction of Robb and Nancy Adams (889-4055, email: reanse@rit.edu) and Phil and Beth Tschorke (342-3558, email: ptschork@rochester.rr.com) would welcome your calls to volunteer.

GOALS FOR 2009: Development of some in-service training for team members, work with MCC interns, Website improvement and planning for kitchen/dining room construction.

The **Third Church Food Cupboard** serves needy people in zip codes 14604, 14607 and 14620 on Monday and Thursday mornings throughout the year. Kay Ramsay, Director, and Cile Rice, Inventory Supervisor, guide the work of several 3- to 4-person teams who work once each month. Overall client numbers have been consistent with earlier years. Records are kept and are computerized by Gale Myers who also serves as Pastoral Assistant, administering the Pastor's Emergency Fund. Shelf-stocking is done by additional two-person teams and by the Over the Hill Gang and Ned Green. Volunteers go to Food link each week and transport donated food to the church. A new freezer was obtained through the [Hunger](#)

[Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program \(HPNAP\)](#) program. Two support and fellowship luncheons were held at which volunteers interacted with Martha Tollers, retired social worker, and with the leadership. To volunteer, contact Kay Ramsay (544-9022, email: kramsay80@yahoo.com)

GOALS FOR 2009: Apply for Emergency Food and Shelter grant, development of a more formal in-service training program, continued participation in the Data Base pilot program, improve Website, development of ways to meet client needs other than for food, planning for construction in the Dining Room and yellow room.

OUTREACH, HUNGER, cont.

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT: This program, headed up by Rose Pethick, Marilyn Scheftic, Ned Green, and Bill Coons, served 62 families: 47 from School 35 and 15 from the RAIHN program. This year there was a disproportionate number of large families. For the second year, gift cards were given in place of turkeys. All but five baskets were successfully delivered on Sunday, December 21. Families who were not home were successfully contacted and picked up their food on the following Monday. In addition to food, children's underpants were donated and delivered to School 35. Children's new story books were also donated and divided between the tutoring programs at School 35 and School 6. Fewer food items were donated by the congregation this year, necessitating more purchases. Enough gift cards were provided, however. Youth posters and display tables were helpful.

GOALS FOR 2009: Greater publicity to the congregation regarding food needs. Development of Flyers, etc to remind congregation of the needs. Involvement with School 35 and RAIHN another year. Development of new leadership if necessary.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD (BFW) Third Church renewed its Covenant Membership in BFW. A Quick Alert System was set up to advocate for increased Food Stamp and other anti-hunger legislation, particularly around the Farm Bill. Because of the election campaign and relative inactivity of congress it was decided not to have an Offering of Letters this fall. However, Vince Tollers, Carol Coons and Rod Frohman have begun to work on a systematic education/Advocacy program, modeled after the Amnesty International Letter-writing program run by Cile Rice.

GOALS FOR 2009: Continue relationship with Bread for the World. Develop ways of encouraging more congregational involvement.

SOUTHWEST ECUMENICAL MINISTRY (SEM). As a part of East Avenue church collaboration, \$2000 was contributed toward the continuing work of this ministry located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This cupboard works with Foodlink to provide social workers with food to take to their clients, and also runs the FISH program (Friends in Service Here).

GOALS FOR 2009: Continue financial involvement: look for ways to interact, particularly with the FISH program.

DAILY BREAD. Third Church contributed \$1000 this year to underwrite the Wednesday dinner program for HIV-AIDS people at AIDS Rochester, Inc. One or two long time TPC volunteers assist in this program.

GOALS FOR 2009: Review this involvement in light of budgetary concern and/or encourage more volunteers (perhaps through the More Light program) to become involved.

ASBURY/THIRD COLLABORATION: Plans are underway for Asbury First United Methodist Church to add funding to the Third Church Pastoral Emergency Fund, and to refer emergency requests made at their church to Gale Myers at Third Church on Mondays and Thursdays. This is seen as a way to develop a case-worker model.

GOALS FOR 2009: Continue the development of this program, with assessment after 6 months.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Coons*

TUTORING SCHOOL #6

Five of the 28 were new recruits this fall. Tutors, because they are primarily retired folks, are highly reliable and committed when they are able to stay, most returning year after year. But health issues do commonly interrupt the plans of this age group and we need constant replacements and substitutes. For that reason, recruiting and training is a large part of the Coordinator's work.

Our basic charge remains the same:

- To provide tutors for those students who need academic assistance, and help in a classroom for those teachers requesting it.
- Our funding also provides reading books to be given to children throughout the year, which they may take home and keep.

In addition, because we are in a situation to know and work closely with the school's administration and staff, more and more we find that we can function as a liaison between the school and sources of volunteer manpower and funding such as Third Presbyterian and other churches. We will continually seek ways that we can use this position to the advantage of students at School #6. In the Spring, for example, several Third Church members participated in "Read to a Child Day" by reading alone to a student for an hour at the school. This brings the public into the school, gives them a better picture of the city schools, and gives a child an interlude of personal attention. We expect to continue this participation.

OUTREACH, TUTORING, cont.

In August a new project was undertaken in collaboration with First Genesis Missionary Baptist, a church in the school neighborhood. Third Church members donated backpacks which were filled with supplies by First Genesis. These backpacks were used as incentive gifts for students who completed an Accelerated Readers program by reading and reporting on a certain number of books. A total of 200 backpacks were purchased by Third Church members and donated to the school for this program. The principal, Miriam Miranda-Jurado was very grateful for this Third Church connection and assistance in her endeavor to raise reading scores.

In the future we will also work to have a part of the Third Church food basket donations available for needy families in the School #6 neighborhood and generally try to tie in outreach projects at Third Church with the needs of families there in our "adopted neighborhood." It is a new goal of this program to connect Third Church with other churches in the neighborhood to enable a

larger volunteer and donation base to work together for the welfare of Rochester's children, and to build dialog between our members and the people living in that Hudson Ave neighborhood.

School #6 Annual Budget is \$10,500. We spent \$10,420. in 2008. We will conserve funds in 2009 by eliminating one unneeded year-end program for tutors and students, and by purchasing our gift books throughout the year at special prices. Since our budget line items are relatively few, the only way we can conserve further funds is by buying fewer books for the students.

We very much appreciate the gift of children's books included in the requested Christmas basket donations along with food and underwear. We hope that this practice can continue.

*Sue Maddock,
Coordinator of Volunteer Tutors at School #6*

SCHOOL #35

For the second year, we have averaged more than 30 tutors who work with children in kindergarten through sixth in one-on-one tutoring sessions. Several also assist in the classroom; others have delivered the *Soar to Success* program to sixth grade students whose low reading skills put them at risk of not being promoted.

PROGRAM STATISTICS FOR 2008

- 30-35 volunteer tutors working one-on one
- 8-10 tutors assisting in classrooms
- 3 tutors working in Spanish
- 3 tutors deliver special programs for sixth grade reading intervention

- 70-80 children receive private tutoring
 - 15 sixth grade students are tutored with an enhanced curriculum
 - 4 tutors come from Third Church
- By close of 2008, 55% of the children at #35 were served by this program (250 served out of 450 total)

NARRATIVE

The program also includes tutor support and recognition events, and a school-wide gift of books in April in which every child in the school can choose a book, in either English or Spanish, to take home. In addition, members of the Third Church congregation collected books for both tutoring programs as part of Christmas outreach and our tutors will be able to distribute about 400 books to children in the program.

Joyce Perry, Tutor Coordinator, #35 School

THE CORNER PLACE

- **THE ARTS ACADEMY**
- fall, winter, spring arts academy terms
- tap classes expand registrations for both boys & girls
- tap & music classes perform at neighborhood fundraiser
- partnership with City Recreation program brings in core group of girls at risk
- new neighborhood outreach with music programs for toddlers/care givers
- week of summer offerings in arts and science piggy backed on New Life's Vacation Bible School
- **LITERACY**
- partnership with Monroe Branch library plans for community collaborations
- Two VISTA Volunteers assist our work, courtesy of library partnership

THE CORNER PLACE

- **IN COMMUNITY**
- Exterior signage installed at 969 Monroe; graphics donated and financial assistance pledged from Third Rochester Enterprise Corporation (TREC)
- Space used on regular basis by Upper Monroe Neighborhood Association (UMNA), TREC and Armory Task Force
- Crop Walk reception in May
- New collaboration strategies with New Life's Pastor, Tedd Pullano
- New partnership with Susan B. Anthony House and Memorial Art Gallery
- Design Guideline Document presented to public and enthusiastically received by City of Rochester (Joyce Perry , committee chair)
- **FUNDRAISING/FINANCES: \$7262**
- \$3,631 income in 2008
- Picture Sale Fundraiser, Alternative Fair, Arts Academy fees, and combined Upper Monroe Dinner event produced \$1,822
- Special donations from individuals, New Life, Community Foundation, and Girl Scouts totaled \$1,809
- **CHALLENGES**
- New ways to generate income
- Enlarge and extend reach of our Steering Committee
- **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND GRATEFUL THANKS TO**
- Steering committee members from Third Church – Joyce Dustman, Ike Neilson, Thelma Leinbach and Peg Rachfal and to members Bill Jones and Kelly Stevenson for their assistance and support
- John Wilkinson, Rod Frohman, Dale Maddock, the Outreach Committee and many members of the congregation for your support and guidance
- Rev. Tedd Pullano and Steering Committee members Char Schuth and Judy Wandtke from New Life Presbyterian Church and volunteers from the congregation for so many tasks

Joyce Perry, Director

WORLD PEACEMAKING AND MISSION TEAM

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The World Peacemaking and Mission team has been working in 2008 raising awareness of issues around the world and at home.

KENYA

In October of this year our church commissioned its second team of Ry Foye, Ronna Grimes, Judy Gordon and Roderic Frohman to visit with the congregation of the Kihumo Parish Church, located just ten miles outside of Nairobi, Kenya. The group spent eight days there living with members of the church, seeing the different projects and activities of the church and community. The team took with them a lot of different information about our church to share with the different committees of the church. They also brought back a wealth of information that we are still digesting. The church introduced us to the idea of harmonizing projects. For more information you can contact one of the team or see the website.

While the team was there, they also met with the president of the Presbyterian College/University, located two miles from the church. There are 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.

The travel team met with the Kihumo Session and renewed the partnership agreement with the Session and its new Pastor, John Mwenge.

CHURCH MEMBERS ABROAD

In August we were extremely happy to commission Spencer Durland who is working in Northern Kenya in an orphanage for children whose parents have died of HIV AIDS. In September we were also extremely happy to commission Cullen

Wegman as he traveled to South Africa to work "with Youth for Christ International" in literacy projects.

FAITH TO FAITH

The interfaith dialogue group Faith To Faith has continued to grow and explore the issues in the Middle East between Israel & Palestine. The group was originally made up of members from Third Presbyterian Church, Temple B'rith Kodesh and the Islamic Center. However, more people have joined adding to the group's diversity. The group is also starting to connect with other interfaith groups around the United States. Faith To Faith coordinated a series of several films that focused on different aspects of life in Israel and Palestine and how people deal with the violence they are faced with on a daily basis and try to move forward toward a shared vision of two independent and secure neighboring states.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Cile Rice has continued to guide and encourage us as we speak out for people around the world who have been unjustly imprisoned. At the end of 2008, Cile Rice resigned as the coordinator after 17 years. Judy Gordon and Gloria Pleger have taken her place.

CROP WALK

In May we held our CROP walk, walking from Third Church down Meigs Street along Monroe Avenue to the Corner Place for refreshments and then back to Third Church. We had walkers from New Life Presbyterian Church, Brighton United Church of Christ and our neighbors, Incarnate Word Lutheran Church. The walk raised a total of \$2,472 of which 75% goes to Church World Services. \$247 went to support the Third Church Food Cupboard, with other funds going to the other attending churches.

ADDITIONAL FUND RAISING

The *PEACEMAKING OFFERING* this year raised \$2,257, 25% of which is being used to support the Faith To Faith Film series.

The *ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING* appeal raised \$5,842 for Hunger, Homelessness and Awareness programs sponsored by the PC(USA).

We raised \$4,146 at the *ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET* for animals for Kenya, as well sold fairly traded Palestinian olive oil for a total of \$468.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert Veitch, Alison Elder,
Sue and Linc Spaulding,
Judy Gordon,
Roderic Frohman (Staff)*

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