

The Messenger



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2018 HUDNUT WEEKEND

Saturday, March 10 – “The Future of Mainline Protestantism”

9:00am - 12:00noon, Johnston Hall

*James Hudnut-Beumler, Professor of Church History and Former Dean
Vanderbilt Divinity School*

In this timely seminar, James Hudnut-Beumler will lead us through the themes of his latest book, its meaning for leaders and hopeful notes for the future. No cost for the event—please **RSVP** to the church office at 271-6513.

Saturday, March 10 – All Church Anniversary Tea

4:30pm, Celebration Center and Sanctuary

Special guests Heidi and James Hudnut-Beumler

A time to gather, celebrate our 190th anniversary and look to the future.

For all church members and friends. Please **RSVP** to the church office at 271-6513.

Sunday, March 11

Worship – 8:30am and 10:45am

Hudnut Guest Preacher, *Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville*

Sunday Seminar – 9:30am

“The Future of Theological Education” – James Hudnut-Beumler

Informal Conversation – 12:00noon

“Remembering the Hudnut Years”



Heidi Hudnut-Beumler
Associate Pastor, Westminster
Presbyterian Church, Nashville



James Hudnut-Beumler
Anne Potter Wilson Distinguished
Professor of American Religious
History, Vanderbilt Divinity School

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER at Third Church

Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday)

Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am

All are invited to meet in the
Chapel at 10:30am to join the palm
processional

Monday, March 26

Living Waters at 7:00pm in the
Chapel

A Service of Healing and Wholeness

Tuesday, March 27

Morning Prayer in the Chapel at
9:15am

Thursday, March 29

(Maundy Thursday)

Lenten Voices Study at 12:00noon
in Johnston Hall

Thursday, March 29

(Maundy Thursday)

Tenebrae Service with Communion
at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 30 (Good Friday)

Good Friday Worship at 12:15pm in
the Chapel

Sunday, April 1 (Easter Sunday)

Sunrise Service at CRCDS at 6:30am

Festival Worship Services in the
Sanctuary at 9:00am and 11:15am
(note schedule)

THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

As a child I learned that “the church is not a building, the church is the people.” A corollary of that affirmation is that “the church is not the pastor, the church is the people.”

I’ve always believed that while true for every tradition, it is a particular truth to say that a Presbyterian congregation is about the people, and not its ministers. We’ve even set up our governance to reflect that belief.

At the same time, we know that pastoral leadership sets a tone and helps give a congregation a particular flavor.

That was true for this congregation, Third Presbyterian Church, from 1946 to 1964, when William H. Hudnut, Jr. served as its pastor. Bill Hudnut led this congregation from the end of World War II through the most prominent boom time in American Protestantism. During his tenure, our membership grew. We added our Chapel and Education Building. We underwent a significant renovation of our sanctuary. Many of you joined the church in the Hudnut era, and a subset of you met your marital partners here! It was certainly a robust and notable time in our history.

Many of you also tell me what a remarkable presence Elizabeth Hudnut was, Bill’s spouse and a woman of deep faith. Ralph Carter’s recent story about our More Light journey confirms that. I was privileged to meet Mrs. Hudnut soon before moving to Rochester, and I have been privileged to know four of the Hudnut children, whom some of you will remember as well.

Upon Hudnut’s retirement, friends created a fund in his honor, and over the years we have welcomed distinguished leaders in the church to serve as Hudnut preachers. This gift has enhanced our life considerably.

As we celebrate our 190th anniversary, I thought it might be meaningful to lift up the Hudnut legacy in a special way,



so I am delighted to share the news that **Heidi and James Hudnut-Beumler** will be joining us on March 10 and 11. Heidi, the daughter of Robert Hudnut and therefore the grand-daughter of William and Betsy, serves as Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, a church very similar to Third Church. Jim is a distinguished scholar who teaches American church history at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

- On Saturday, March 10, Jim will lead a workshop from 9:00am to 12:00 noon on his new book, “The Future of Mainline Protestantism.” This is for ALL of us, an important and timely topic.
- Then, I hope you will all be present for our 190th Anniversary Tea, on Saturday afternoon, March 10 at 4:30pm. Heidi and Jim will be our guests and it will be a great way for us to connect and celebrate.
- On Sunday, March 11, Heidi will preach at both worship services. Jim will lead our 9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar on the future of theological education. All are invited – with a special emphasis on those who joined the church from 1946-1964, to a time of remembering the Hudnut years. That will happen following the 10:45 a.m. service.

Sitting where I do, I am always mindful that we stand on the shoulders of giants, and that the saints go before us. Our 2018 Hudnut weekend will give us a special opportunity to pause and look back, even as we continue to look to our future. .

Faithfully,

Worship Schedule

MARCH 4

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Communion

I Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22

“The Stewardship of Alternative Values”

John Wilkinson preaching

Annual meeting following the

10:45 Service

MARCH 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Hudnut Guest Preacher

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor

Westminster Presbyterian Church,

Nashville

MARCH 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Special music at 10:45

“Rejoice in the Lamb,” by Benjamin

Britten, and “Lo, the full, final sacrifice”

by Gerald Finzi.

“The Strange Calculation of Lent”

Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-33

John Wilkinson preaching

MARCH 25

Palm Sunday

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Palm Processional – gathering at

10:30am in the Chapel

Mark 11:1-11

“The Stewardship of Blessing”

John Wilkinson preaching

Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 4

Following 10:45am Worship

Light lunch provided by the
Congregational Fellowship
Committee.

Milestones

Lifting Up Our Joys

- For the birth of **Owen Douglas Boyd** to Jen and Doug Boyd and grandmother Gayle Phillips on January 17

Praying for the Bereaved

- For **Ginger and John Briggs, Jarr and Bailey** on the death of Ginger's father James Webb on January 15.
- For the **Seoud and McKee Families** on the death of Donald Roger Premo, Sr. on January 19.
- For **Lou and Laura Loggi, Elaine and Brian** on the death of Lou's father Archangelo Loggi on February 11.
- For the **family** of Cynthia Coupal upon her death.

Fellowship Happenings

Church Ladies event – P.A.D. Project Initiative: Did you know that government programs like SNAP do not provide for feminine hygiene projects? Many women and girls miss work and school because they cannot afford tampons or pads. Church Ladies is joining Temple B'rith Kodesh (TBK) in their support of local women and girls. There are two ways you can help:

1. Buy supplies to make emergency kits for women living in poverty. Supplies include: pads (any size) and pantyliners. For the remainder of February and March bring in supplies and drop them in the wooden collection box outside Johnston Hall.

2. Join Church Ladies at one of the upcoming P.A.D. parties:

- **Church Ladies event, Friday, March 2 from 6:00-8:00pm in Johnston Hall**
Bring a salad item to share for our Stone Salad dinner, listen to a representative from the P.A.D. Project Initiative and help assemble emergency kits. **RSVP** to Becky D'Angelo Veitch (RVeitch@thirdpresbyterian.org)
- **Join the Women of TBK, Wednesday, April 18 at 1:00pm** at 2131 Elmwood Ave, Rochester. **RSVP** to Ellen Solomon (131ellens@gmail.com)

Calvin Guild, Wednesday, March 21, noon, Johnston Hall

Join us to hear Carolyn Coit Dancy present her original one act play, "A Reverence for Life." It is a first-person monologue about Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*. Dancy describes her presentation as follows: Sometimes called America's first ecologist, Rachel Carson changed the way we look at our planet. The publication of *Silent Spring* (1962) caused a public uproar that spurred revolutionary changes in government policy and eventually led to the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency (1970).

Cost is \$8 for a simple soup and sandwich lunch. Please **RSVP** to Dot Wallace (dpierce Wallace@gmail.com) no later than Friday, March 16

"Elvis to Elton" (for adults in their 60s-80s) Friday, March 23, 6:00-8:00pm, Celebration Center

Join us for a potluck supper and an evening of fellowship. Please bring a dish based on your last name: A- G: Salad; H-S: meat or vegetable dish; T-Z: dessert.

So that we can plan, please **RSVP** to the church office by Monday, March 19.

Living Waters:

Service of Wholeness

March 26, 7:00pm, Chapel

Holy Week observances will begin with a Living Waters worship service on Monday, March 26. This Service of Healing and Wholeness will include music and prayer and silence, scripture and reflection and introspection. At the heart of the service, participants will be invited to prayer stations where they may receive intercessory prayer by a pastor and anointing by a deacon. All are invited to come, and share in a space where we approach God with our concerns and our need for healing and wholeness.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A GROCERY RUN RALLY

Thursday, March 22
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Ox and Stone
282 Alexander Street
Rochester, NY 14607



Come celebrate the awesomeness of the Grocery Run, and kick in your thoughts on how to make it even better. Join the Grocery Run team for tasty appetizers, a soft drink (on us) or a hard drink (cash bar!). Meet up with fun folks who are as jazzed about Getting Fit and Fighting Hunger as you are! We want to make sure the Grocery Run stays fresh - so please come share your thoughts on what works, and brainstorm ideas to make our event even more amazing! This is your chance to get more involved and become part of the hunger-fighting future. **RSVP to eastavenuegroceryrun@gmail.com**

Adult Spiritual Formation

Sunday Seminar:
9:30am, Johnston Hall

March 4 – Conflict without Contempt

Led by Kit Miller, Director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

Gandhi was famous for his ability to engage in conflict without rancor. How can we develop this capacity within ourselves, to benefit our relations with self, family and friends and others? Join Gandhi Institute director Kit Miller for an engaging hour of learning and conversation.

March 11 – Remembering the Hudnut Years – A Panel Discussion

During this Hudnut Weekend, we will welcome James and Heidi Hudnut-Beumler as speakers and preachers and celebrate our 190th Anniversary with them at tea. On Sunday morning, the Sunday Seminar will include a panel to reflect on the history and legacy of the Hudnut years at Third Presbyterian Church and how they resonate in our life today.

March 18 & 25 – The Relationship Between Church and State

Led by Elizabeth Thorpe, Assistant Professor at The College at Brockport

The history of the relationship between the American church and state is fraught. We will go over the historical development of that relationship and major milestones in the church/state debate. We will discuss the notion of a “Christian nation” legally, theologically, and practically.

Growing in the Word: 9:30am, Parlor

Exploring the Bible one book at a time, we are moving through the Gospel of Mark, from which many of this year’s scripture readings are drawn.

March 4 – The Mystery Forsaken

Mark 14:53-72
led by: Martha Langford

March 18 – The Mystery Precedes

Mark 16:1-8
led by: Diana Daunton

March 11 – The Mystery Solved

Mark 15:16-41
led by: Ernest Krug

March 25 – Introducing Exodus

led by: Martha Langford

Thursday Voices: 12:00noon, Johnston Hall

During Lent, we will explore the Sunday scripture lessons from the Revised Common Lectionary:

March 1 – Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
led by: Martha Langford

March 22 – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
led by: Ernest Krug

March 8 – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
led by: Lynette Sparks

March 29 – Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1 - 19:42
led by: Martha Langford

March 15 – Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
led by: John Wilkinson



Make Time in Holy Week for an Interactive Prayer Experience

Third Church and the Riverside Neighbors are invited to participate in an interactive “Stations of the Cross” exercise at ROC SALT (68 Ashland St) during Holy Week—March 26-30. The exercise will be self-paced and available throughout the week. Look for more information in weekly updates and Sunday bulletins, and on the Third Church Facebook page and website.

Children's Ministry News

Becky D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry Coordinator, 271-6513, ext. 118, veitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or

Mary Ann Rutkowski, Associate Director of Music, 271-6513, ext. 101 or mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org

Sunday School

March will continue in the season of Lent. Don't forget to continue to fill your fish banks (and see Becky if you did not receive one in Sunday School on February 25). Filled banks will be received in worship on Palm Sunday, March 25.

In Sunday school we will continue hearing stories of Jesus' life from different gospels. Children will be in worship for the sacrament of communion on Sunday March 4 (please report to Sunday School on that morning at 10:40am). Children in first grade and older will come into worship following the sermon at around 11:15am to be present for communion.

The worship table schedule is as follows:

- March 4—no class at table—children in communion
- March 11—4th/5th grade class
- March 18—6th grade class
- March 25—Palm Sunday—no class at table.

Qabats

Qabats will be beginning full musical rehearsals in the month of March. Please note, due to Holy Week, there will be no Qabats on March 28.

Mardi Gras Fun!



The B.E.A.T. BOX (Building Excitement at Third)

Jane Carden, Youth Ministry Coordinator, 271-6513, ext. 107 or jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org, www.thirdchurchofthird.org

Peter DuBois, Director of Music, pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org

Thank You for Your Generosity!!

This year's Souper Bowl of Caring offering totals are in:

- \$2333.18 (donated to Cameron Community Ministries and our new youth initiative, HOM4 Lunch)
- 150 lbs of canned food (donated to our Food Cupboard)

And a special thank you to the teens and their advisors for sharing their creativity, leadership and passion!



We put some of the offering to use as YOUth@Third made 100 bagged lunches for House of Mercy!



Be Our Guest

by Ty Albee

I headed out for lunch on a cold Saturday morning in January, trying a new-to-me place I'd heard good things about!

Upon my arrival the door was opened for me and I was greeted with a kind hello. As I made my way down the stairs I could smell something good was cooking, leading me by the nose like in those old Looney Tunes cartoons. At the foot of the stairs, I was welcomed again with a "come in, it's a good meal today." We hear a lot about donating or volunteering with the DRM crew and the numbers of folks fed via this outreach; however, from the other side of the plate there are so many stories to be told if you show up Saturday at 11:30am for lunch.

I took a seat next to a gentleman sitting contently by himself; he seemed just as content with my presence. I told him it was my first time here and we engaged in some wonderful conversation as I watched my coffee cup refilling, every time it got low, without having to ask. A few moments later my lunch was in front of me: salad, breaded chicken breast, corn and bread. Now, the chicken was moist and delicious; my lunch

companion agreed and said the food is always pretty good here.

Looking around it was so great to see a restaurant type atmosphere. At each of the other tables, people enjoyed themselves, and knew each other. Could I have gone to lunch on Park Ave.? Absolutely. But could I table-hop and just engage freestyle? Absolutely not.

My lunch companion told me he grew up in Rochester, has a soon to be 34 year old son who also lives here in the city. He's been back and forth a few times between here and Florida though he prefers NY. I asked if he dines here often; he said. "Not every week but I do come enough to know people." We ate and talked for about a half hour. I think that filled me more than my lunch.

Seated behind me was a young boy and his Dad. Though I wasn't meaning to overhear them, I did overhear an awful lot of laughter!

You really can count on leaving feeling unlike you would having dined anywhere else. Maybe if you're lucky you will even enjoy a "Devil Dog!" My lunch companion and I shared a hearty chuckle...

Treasurer's Corner



Lately you've been hearing a lot about "Our Hope for Years to Come" stewardship campaign. I want to highlight one important part of stewardship, which is per capita.

Jan Chisholm

Per capita is both an income category and an expense category in our operating budget. As an expense, it's the amount that Third Church is assessed by Presbytery for each person on our membership roll at the end of any given year. For 2018 that amount is \$31 for each member, and the total that Third Church will pay to Presbytery is more than \$38,000.

For the past few years, we've had the opportunity to "reimburse" the church for this expense by making a separate pledge at the same time as stewardship pledges are received. This is the income category. Historically, only about 1 in 4 members has made and paid this pledge. I know we can do better than that this year, so I'm making an appeal to every member of Third Church to pay your share of this assessment. If you have older children who are listed on the membership roll, please consider paying their share as well. If every member made this pledge to support Third Church, we would realize more than \$38,000 in income, which would then offset our expense.

You can pay your share by putting a check marked "per capita" in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, or contact Carol Foster in the church office.

As current members of this great congregation, it's up to us to be the hope for the present and the future, just as past congregation members were the hope for their time, and for ours. We need the financial support of every member of the congregation.

Jan Chisholm

Generosity UPDATE

In addition to your stewardship pledges, this month we received gifts and contributions:

In Memory of:

Elizabeth Gocker
Sally Lunt
Virginia Norton
Harold Esterman
Cecily Carman

Additional gifts to support the following:

Pastors' Emergency Fund
East Avenue Grocery Run
Dining Room Ministry
Adult Spiritual Formation

We received \$2,373.18 for Souper Bowl of Caring!

Welcome New Members



Debbie and Scott Anthony



Jean Marritt



Caroline Parmelee



Susan and Rick Parmelee



Diane Reed



Megan Wallace

Scott and Debbie Anthony

Scott and Debbie are long-time members of the Rochester community. They are both now retired, and say the timing is good for them to reactivate their church life in the Presbyterian Church. They have two adult children who both live in the Rochester area. Debbie is active with Women of Rotary and Scott belongs to Rochester Rotary. Both enjoy traveling, and you can find Scott on the golf course in summer.

Jean Marritt

Jean moved to Rochester from Florida two years ago, and lives at The Highlands in Pittsford. Prior to Florida, she spent 25 years in Fremont, Ohio, and is a previously ordained elder in the PC(USA). Jean has three children and eight grandchildren.

Caroline Parmelee

Caroline earned her B.S. in nutrition, and is passionate about advocating for access to healthful foods for all. She moved to Newark, NY in September. Caroline grew up in the PC(USA), is an ordained deacon, and has been involved in music ministry since childhood. She joined the choir here at Third Church almost immediately!

Susan and Rick Parmelee

Deep appreciation of music runs in the Parmelee family. Susan and Rick moved to Newark, NY from Oklahoma City, and are transferring their membership from First Presbyterian Church there. Susan is a retired preschool teacher who loves children. Rick is a retired inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Diane Reed

Diane lives in Pittsford. She is a professor and chair of the Masters Educational Leadership Program at St. John Fisher College, after retiring as a school superintendent. Diane has two grown children, Brad and Ashley, and two young grandchildren – Gabrielle (age 3) and Owen (age 6 months).

Megan Wallace

Megan is an occupational therapist at Strong Memorial Hospital. Born in Scotland, she grew up on Long Island before attending the University of Buffalo. After moving around a lot over the past few years, she has now settled in Spencerport with her fiancé. Megan is excited to join Third Church and reaffirm her faith!

What is stewardship?

by Martha Langford



As a child, my father—clerk of session at our Presbyterian church—explained stewardship to the confirmation class using ten thin dimes. As the rivers of silver ran through our fingers, Dad explained the tithe: one dime that, having come from God, would return as an offering to share God's love with the world.

Stewardship is—for me—still about sharing God's love with the world; through the work of my hands, the words of my mouth, and the coins in my pocket. It is also tied up in my understanding that all things belong to God, as the Psalmist writes:

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
The world and the dwellers within it.
For He on the seas did found it,
and on the torrents set it firm.

(Psalm 24:1-2)

I believe that our giving is wrapped up in our receiving; wrapped up in our inter-dependence with all of creation that is wholly dependent on God the Creator.

Stewardship is its own spiritual practice, and giving – like any form of exercise – develops muscle memory which changes our way of responding to the world. We can practice ourselves into the posture of gratitude leading us to share of ourselves with joy.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

- **John Wilkinson**, Pastor
- **Martha C. Langford**, Associate Pastor
(Congregational Care)
- **Lynette K. Sparks**, Associate Pastor
(Outreach and Evangelism)
- **Ernest F. Krug**, Parish Associate
- **Peter A. DuBois**, Director of Music/Organist
- **Mary Ann Rutkowski**, Associate Director
of Music
- **Caroline J. Robinson**, Assistant Organist
- **Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch**, Coordinator of
Children's Ministry and Congregational Life
- **Jane S. Carden**, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- **Roderic P. Frohman**, Pastor Emeritus

To reach any of our staff, call Third Presbyterian Church at (585) 271-6513

Special Music For Lent

Two Twentieth-Century Choral Masterworks

Sunday, March 18 at 10:45am

The Chancel Choir and soloists will present two twentieth-century British choral masterworks as the Special Music for Lent. "Rejoice in the Lamb," composed in 1943 by Benjamin Britten, and "Lo, the full, final sacrifice" by Gerald Finzi, written in 1946. These two pieces, composed just three years apart, are very different in both musical style, and in the way they convey imagery for Christ – as Lamb of God, as Shepherd, and as sacrifice. Both are based on classic texts – the first by 18th century poet Christopher Smart, and the second on a text by Richard Crashaw, inspired by two hymns of St. Thomas Aquinas.

These are powerful and thought-provoking works of musical devotion, and will add greatly to our experience of the season of Lent. The Chancel Choir and Soloists will be directed by Peter DuBois, with accompaniment by Caroline Robinson. Please plan to be present for this extraordinary musical and spiritual offering. A Special Music offering will be received that day to support this, and future, special music presentations.



Benjamin Britten



Gerald Finzi

All are welcome!

MOMS DEMAND ACTION

FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

Join us to learn about gun violence prevention – the facts and the myths and how we can make a difference as individuals and as a community.

**Sunday, March 18 from
12:00noon - 1:30pm**

Led by Cha Ron Sattler-Leblanc,
MomsDemandAction

Light Lunch
available for
\$5 at the door

RSVP to the
church office at
271-6513.



Cha Ron Sattler-Leblanc

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