

The Messenger



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Great Schools Are Diverse Schools with Nikole Hannah-Jones

October 26, 2017 at 7 p.m. Keynote Presentation Third Presbyterian Church



Please join us for an evening with Nikole Hannah-Jones, a nationally recognized investigative journalist who covers civil rights for *The New York Times Magazine*.

Our city and suburban districts are moving forward with discussions to form socioeconomically diverse schools. This event marks an important milestone in the ongoing community conversation on how we can dramatically restructure education in our community so it works for all students.

Visit www.GS4A.org for more information.

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Sunday, October 29, 3:00pm at Third Presbyterian Church



You are invited to a Worship Service commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This service will feature prayers, hymns, a sermon and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sponsored By:

Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word
Trinity Reformed Church

Henrietta United Church of Christ
Third Presbyterian Church

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner! Might It Be You?

It's not too late, but time is running out and you won't want to miss it. **Saturday, October 21, 2017**, "Meals with a Meaning" is back! Aside from the thousands of dollars this event raises to support our church budget, this event also gives members a chance to socialize in a more meaningful way with one another. Be a part of this fun fellowship evening in the home of another church member.

Hosts are all set to provide you with

a delicious meal and great fellowship. Suggested donations are the cost of what you might spend for an evening out, and are collected by your host in a confidential envelope on the evening of the dinner.

To attend, contact Beth Aten at: bethfa@rochester.rr.com or Hope Herting at: mhherting@yahoo.com. We will assign you to a host home.



Help Feed the Hungry Here in Rochester on November 4!
Be a part of the 2017 Grocery Run



See page 6 for details!

THIRD VOICE

Dear Friends,

October will be a terrific month at Third Church. I guarantee it! Our twin themes of “stewardship” and “190 Years” will be on full display. Allow this column, then, to serve as a shameless plug for many of the events that are detailed elsewhere in this issue of the *Messenger*.

- The month begins with World Communion on **October 1**. We will be very pleased to welcome our Kenyan partners to worship, and to celebrate the unity we experience at Christ’s table. On **October 8**, the pastor of the Kihumo Parish, Kamau Thairu, will preach at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Once our Kenyan friends head home, wonderful event will follow wonderful event.

- All Deacons, Trustees and Elders – past and present – are invited to join Marvin McMickle, president of CRCDS, for a dinner and evening presentation on **October 17**. We’ve wanted to have an officer “reunion” event for a long time, and we look forward to this evening.

- Then I hope you will either attend or host a Meals with a Meaning dinner on **October 21**. This great event, absent for a bit, is really significant both as a fundraiser and a community builder. Join us!

- The next day, **October 22**, we will welcome Barbara Wheeler, long-time friend of Third Church and former president of Auburn Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher at the 10:45 a.m. service.

- On **October 26**, you will absolutely want to be in the sanctuary to hear *New York Times* columnist Nikole Hannah-Jones speak on race, poverty and education. This is a Great Schools for All event and will be an important Third Church conversation *and* community-wide conversation.

- On **October 29**, we will mark the 500th anniversary of the commencement of the Reformation two ways – with worship in the morning and a joint worship service in the



afternoon with several ecumenical partners.

- Finally, on Monday evening, **October 30**, we will gather to remember the saints who have gone before us.

So it’s quite a month. Show up often, as you can.

How does this connect with our themes?

Our history: From the beginning, Third Presbyterian Church has been a place that has sought both to nurture a community of faith and then to allow that faith to spill into the community. We’ve believed in very permeable walls between the church and the world. As we seek to build our sense of church community, we build our mission in the world. That’s the Third Church DNA.

Stewardship: All kinds of gifts are needed to make this happen. Time, energy, talent, money. Whether it’s a gathering of leaders, tutors or dinner hosts, or a service remembering those who have gone beyond us, we celebrate the wide variety of gifts that people have shared in this place for decades and generations. That’s stewardship.

In his book called *The Steward*, theologian Douglas John Hall writes that our “business is being stewards in all phases of life, not just with God, (but) in our relationships with one another, in our everyday worldly existence, in our attitude toward nature, and in our conduct of individual and corporate life.” That’s been our vision throughout our history and it remains our aspiration even now.

Faithfully,

Worship Schedule

OCTOBER 1

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

World Communion Sunday and

Peacemaking Offering received

Exodus 17:1-7 and Philippians 2:1-13

“The Stewardship of Bread and Cup”

John Wilkinson preaching

OCTOBER 8

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

Psalm 19, Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

“Making Wise the Simple”

Martha Langford preaching

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Kamau Thairu, Pastor of Kihumo

Parish, Nairobi, preaching

OCTOBER 15

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14

“The Stewardship of Story: Charles Finney”

John Wilkinson preaching

OCTOBER 22

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

830 Ernest Krug preaching

Matthew 22: 15-22

“Dual Allegiance”

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Barbara G. Wheeler, former

president, Auburn Theological Seminary, preaching

OCTOBER 29

Reformation Sunday

8:30am Worship in Chapel

Communion

10:45am Worship in Sanctuary

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and I

Thessalonians 2:1-8

“The Stewardship of Story: Reformation”

John Wilkinson preaching

Milestones

Lifting up Our Joys

Births

- **Ian Kenneth Baker** was born on August 21 to parents Siri and Ben.

Marriage

- **Rob White and Cecil Buchinger** on their marriage on June 30.

Praying for the Bereaved

- For **Joey Becerril** on the death of his uncle, Angel Alfredo Velasco.

- For **Ken and Hope Herting and Jenn, Bryan and Alex Wegman and Arwen, and Cullen Wegman** on the death of Ken's mother Martha Elizabeth Herting.

Prayers for the Congregation

Please note that copies of the congregational prayer list are available in the church office, and that the Chapel remains open for prayer between services on Sunday mornings and by request at other times during the week. Please contact Martha Langford (mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org) if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS

Lunch and Learn on October 1, 12:15noon in Johnston Hall

Composing a Legacy: Live Forward, Give Forward

Consider how you will tell the story of God's grace and love today and for generations to come. Regardless of our position or rank within economic strata, we all possess the ability to leave a testament regarding what is truly important in our lives. From wills and bequests to trust establishment, this workshop will raise awareness of available resources in order to motivate and facilitate members in crafting their legacy. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation serving the Northeast, will lead both our Sunday Seminar and keynote the Lunch and Learn.

Make your plans to attend the Lunch and Learn even if you are not able to attend the earlier Seminar. A light lunch will be served with a suggested donation of \$5. Please **RSVP** to the Church Office by Wednesday, September 27.

Men's Group Breakfast Meeting - Saturday October 14, 8:30am, Johnston Hall

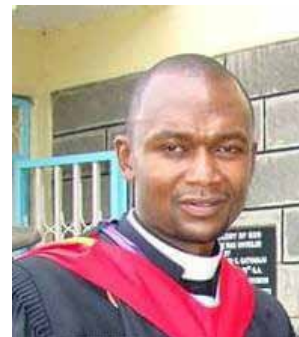
Please join us for pancakes, sausage, fellowship and a discussion. (Topic to be announced soon.) Please RSVP to Paul Bishop at pabishop@live.com or Andrew Elder at andrew_elder@pobox.com. We look forward to seeing you then.

Calvin Guild – Wednesday, October 18, 12:00noon in Johnston Hall

Third Church member and amateur art historian Jim Moore will discuss his long term interest in the life and art of the late Renaissance and early Baroque artist known as Caravaggio. Jim's approximately 30 minute illustrated talk is entitled "Glimpsing the Art of Caravaggio: Four Extraordinary Paintings." Members of the congregation and their guests are also welcome. **RSVP** to Dot Wallace at 223-8502 by October 13. Cost is \$8 for light soup and sandwich lunch.

October Guest Preachers

This October, Third Church will welcome two guest preachers.



Kamau Thairu

On **Sunday, October 8**, Kamau Thairu, pastor of our partner congregation Kihumo Parish in Nairobi, Kenya, will preach at the 10:45am service. Thairu has led the parish to impressive growth and was a very gracious host when our Third Church team visited Kenya in October 2015.



Barbara G. Wheeler

On **Sunday, October 22**, Barbara G. Wheeler, seminary president, theological education consultant and congregational studies expert, will preach at the 10:45a service. Along with John Wilkinson, she was a charter member of the board of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and served as a member of the Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church.

UPDATE: Church Ladies 22-Hour Retreat

"Disconnect To Reconnect"

October 27-28 (6:00pm Friday-4:00pm Saturday)

Our location will be Casowasco Camp and Retreat Center, located in the Finger Lakes in Moravia, NY (less than 90 minutes away). Casowasco's property includes 200 wooded acres, a beautiful gorge, and over a mile of shoreline on Owasco Lake. We will be staying in the Wesley Lodge.

We have only four slots remaining. For information, contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch at rveitch@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271-6537, ext. 118.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Sunday Seminar: 9:30am, Johnston Hall

October 1 - *Composing a Legacy: Live Forward, Give Forward*

Led by Ellie Johns-Kelley, Presbyterian Foundation

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October 8 - *The Burned Over District: Religious Enthusiasm in Upstate New York*

The Anxious Bench: Charles Finney and Third Presbyterian Church
Led by Roderic Frohman, Pastor Emeritus

Continuing his exploration of religious fervor in upstate New York, Rod will focus on the forces responsible for bringing Charles Finney into the sphere of Third Church. Rod notes: "Finney made Presbyterianism compatible to the common folk. His chief contribution was not a theology but a set of practices, or 'new measures', like the 'anxious bench.' These devices effectively met the demand for larger revivals and served to popularize and visualize the New Haven theology of Jonathan Edward's spiritual children."

October 15 - *Championing What Works: The Children's Agenda*

Led by Larry Marx, Children's Agenda Chief Executive Officer

What are the challenges facing Rochester children and families today? Learn more about the shape of our city, explore the issues, discover the good work being done by The Children's Agenda and how you might become an advocate for children. This presentation comes as we prepare to celebrate the Children's Sabbath on October 22.

October 22 and 29 - *Paving the Path for Authenticity*

Led by the More Light Committee

Our More Light stance at Third Church is about acceptance and welcome, specifically of those who are LGBTQ+. The question is how do we go deeper? How do we foster an environment where all our members and friends and guests can participate as their authentic selves? This is the heart of our communal welcome. These questions arise out of our More Light mission, yet resonate in all the places where the congregation welcomes and supports, engages and works in a diverse community. We welcome everyone to explore these questions with us.

Growing in the Word: 9:30am, Parlor
Exploring Matthew's Gospel: This fall our small group Bible study will continue with an exploration of Matthew's gospel picking up with the Sermon on the Mount.

October 1 - *The Sermon on the Mount: Part 1* *Matthew 5:1-5*

led by: Paul Gongloff

October 8 - *The Sermon on the Mount: Part 2* *Matthew 5:6-12, 17-20; 6:5-14*

led by: Ernest Krug

October 15 - *Would-Be Disciples and a Lesson about Discipleship*

Matthew 8:18-27; 15:21-28

led by: Martha Langford

October 22 - *Peter's Confession and Jesus' Passion*

Matthew 16:13-28

led by: Dianna Daunton

October 29 - *Rewards and Grace*

Matthew 19:27-20:16

led by: Paul Gongloff

Thursday Voices: 12:00noon, Johnston Hall

In October, as part of the Year of Stewardship, we will explore the gift of prayer.

October 5

A conversation with our Kenya Partners on Prayer

led by: Lynette Sparks

October 12

Prayer without answers written by Peter W. Marty and Epiphany: Awaken Us a prayer written by Karl Barth

led by: tba

October 19

My friends are praying for me. Does God care? written by Jeffrey Weiss and When the world spins crazy a prayer written by Walter Brueggemann

led by: John Wilkinson

October 26

Prayer isn't our work, it's God's written by Jason Micheli and Prayer for the Lord's Day written by James Lowry

led by: Ernest Krug



Monday, October 30 at 7:00pm
 in the Chapel
 All Saints Worship

Thank You, Volunteers!

We are grateful for the time, talents and energy provided by our faithful office, worship and administrative volunteers:

Nancy Adams	Ann Haag
Sue Bixler	Deven Hearne
Bill Boller	Suzy Hengerer
Priscilla Boller	Anne Hilliard
Susan Carter	Carol Jones
Camille Clayton	Susie Kieren
George Corella	Chuck Lewis
Cindy Coupal	Diana Lewis
Mary Cowden	Sue Melech
Marcia Cupery	Sylvia Pedrick
Janet Davies	Gloria Pleger
Joyce Dustman	Van VanZanten

When you see these devoted people, please thank them for helping to keep Third Church running smoothly.

2017 CRCDS Fall Lectures on Poverty, Policy, and Economic Justice

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School fall lectures October 2-5

October 5, 2017 at Third Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary
 6:30pm — Community Prayer Service
 7:00pm — Christian Faith and LGBT Experience Lecture



This year's keynote speaker for the Christian Faith and LGBT Experience Lecture is Milo Primeaux. Milo is a queer-identified transgender attorney who provides direct legal services to low-income lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) individuals in the greater Rochester area on a variety of legal issues related to their status as LGBTQ. He is the founding Director of the Organization for Transgender Health Empowerment Resources (OTHER), a not-for-profit committed to increasing access to adequate and competent health

care for all transgender and gender-conforming people. Milo approaches his work through a critical racial and economic justice lens, recognizing that low income LGBTQ individuals of color are most adversely impacted by systemic discrimination and require supportive legal services to help them overcome the compounded barriers they face.

For information contact Martha Langford (mlangford@thirdpresbyterian.org). To register visit Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School's website, www.crcds.edu.

World Communion Sunday, Sunday, October 1

The Peacemaking Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 1. This offering supports peacebuilding through ministries of prevention, accompaniment, advocacy, and education; addresses violence and inspires new approaches to active peacemaking; and supports local peacebuilding ministries with the local church's retained 25% of receipts. Please give as generously as you are able.

Our Kenyan Partner-congregation Visitors are coming

September 28-October 8

We are so pleased to announce that five visitors from our partner congregation in Nairobi (the Kihumo Parish and Baraka Church) are with us! Watch the update and bulletin for information on the visit. We are currently planning an outing to Niagara Falls on **Friday, October 6**, which will include a trip on the Maid of the Mist. Contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch if you would like to join in on this trip, and for sure, be on the lookout for our guests around church early this month so that you can greet them!



Help Feed the Hungry Here in Rochester - NOVEMBER 4!

Register, Volunteer and Fundraise for the 2017 Grocery Run

Come and be part of one of the most exciting and personally rewarding events in Rochester – the East Avenue Grocery Run - on **November 4, 2017!**



Art Gallery, Auditorium Theater and Prince Street along the way. Or choose the one-mile route – half a mile out and back on beautiful East Avenue and Prince Street!

Register on Sundays during Coffee Hour this month, or at www.groceryrun.org.

Thanks to our wonderful corporate sponsors and hundreds of runners, walkers and donors, the Grocery Run has raised more than \$190,000 for local food pantries and meal programs including the Dining Room Ministry and Food Cupboard here at Third Church.

How can you get in on the fun?

Our 5k route starts and finishes at Third Church, taking in the the George Eastman Museum, Memorial

Be sure and register at church by October 15 to get your awesome Grocery Run t-shirt on the spot. Those who register online will get their shirt at packet pickup on November 2 and 3.

Fundraise even if you're not a runner or walker! Invite your friends and family to support this important cause by starting an online fundraiser at <https://www.crowdrise.com/groceryrun2017>. It takes just a few minutes to set up and share

your fundraiser, but the results are powerful.

Volunteer! We need YOU to make this a fun, safe, successful event. Would you like to be a marshal, helping keep runners safe on the course? Or lend a hand at the children's events and canned food collection? Our awesome volunteers cover everything - set up, clean up, refreshments, directions, distributing flyers etc. And we have a ton of fun! Contact Becky Picone at 797-5709 or becky.picone@gmail.com to sign up today!

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

Visit www.GroceryRun.org to learn more!

Rally Day Welcomes Members to a New Program Year!



Children and Youth Enjoy Camp Cory in Music, Fellowship and Fun



Children's Ministry News

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

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

What a great start to the year we have had!! If you haven't already done so, please spend a few moments on the children's page of the website (http://thirdpresbyterian.org/grow/grow_children.shtml) to learn all about this year's programs. There are links to online registration for Sunday School and Qabats, the Children's Ministry handbook, and links to sign up for text alerts and our online google calendar.

In Sunday School, classes are using our new curriculum, "Growing in Grace and Gratitude." In the month of October, we will be in 1 and 2 Samuel.

Important dates:

- **Sunday, October 1**—World Communion Sunday—All children should report to Sunday school at 10:40am. Children in 1st grade and up will come into worship following the sermon (at around 11:15 or so) to be present for the sacrament of communion
- **Sunday, October 8**—Due to the four day holiday weekend, there will be no Sunday School or Junior Choir. Nursery care and the Children's Worship table will be offered.
- **Sunday, October 15**—Third Grade class at worship table
- **Sunday, October 22**—Fourth and Fifth grade class at worship table
- **Sunday October 29**—Sixth grade class in worship. Third Graders get their Bibles!

Sunday, October 29 is Reformation Sunday! Church geeks might note that 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Sunday School will have a special lesson that day. What an exciting day to give Bibles to our Third Graders!! If you have a third grader in your household, look for a letter in the middle of the month with more information. If you have not received a letter by October 20, please contact Becky D'Angelo-Veitch so that we can be sure to have a Bible for your child.

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

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

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

God Squad Outreach Opportunity

Tails and Treats

Saturday, October 28; 2:00-4:30pm

Lollipop Farm, 99 Victor Rd, Fairport 14450

Our Middle Schoolers will be hosting a tent again this year!

Bring your creativity and Halloween spirit. We will decorate our tent according to our assigned animal, the PIG, hand out candy and have a blast! Wear your Halloween costumes if you want! Absolutely...but no obligation!

For More Information **contact** Becky Picone (becky.picone@gmail.com)

YOUth@Third KICK-OFF

Dinner and Information Meeting for YOUth families on Sunday, October 1

5:00pm Parent Meeting;

6:15pm Potluck supper

Celebration Center

Youth Lounge for non-music teens and siblings

Special guests: Our Kenyan brothers and sisters!!

RSVP by Thursday, September 28 with number attending to Jane Carden (jcarden@thirdpresbyterian.org).

WEEBLY Website is Up and running!!

Current Information, Updated forms, and current calendar are posted on our Weebly website. Check it out.

www.thirdchurchyouth.weebly.com

QABATS BEGINS ON OCTOBER 4

We are excited to start a new year of Qabats. We will begin the year with dinner with our Kenyan visitors and a very special organ program led by our assistant organist Caroline Robinson who will show us all the awesome behind-the-scenes highlights of this awesome instrument. If you have not yet registered, it is not too late! Visit our online registration or contact Becky or Mary Ann.

MEET OUR NEW SOLOISTS!

We are pleased to welcome two new section leaders to the Chancel Choir this fall, joining voices with our fantastic volunteers, and continuing section leaders. You'll hear them both with the choir, and singing solos, over the coming weeks and months. Here's just a little bit about them:

A native of Calgary, Canada, soprano **Danika Felty** can be heard internationally as a soloist in recital, opera, and oratorio. While earning her Bachelor's in Vocal Performance at the Eastman School of Music in the studio of Kathryn Cowdrick, her portrayal of Amalia Balash (*She Loves Me*) with the Eastman Opera Company was "fantastic" and performed "with grace and ease" (*Rochester University Campus Times*). Additional distinctions include an award from the Andrew Stalder Collegiate Scholarship and a grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. After graduating from Eastman, Danika completed her Master's in Music at the Bard College Conservatory of Music where she worked with Kayo Iwama, Edith Bers, and internationally acclaimed soprano Dawn Upshaw. Danika's performance of Cunégonde in Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* with Tön: The Orchestra Now "was nailed with exuberant aplomb by Danika Felty in a stunning tour-de-force performance" (*The Millbrook Independent*).



Nicholas (Nick) Landrum is a composer, conductor, electronic musician, and bass-baritone from Philadelphia, PA. He is joining us as our Bass II section leader. Recent honors for his compositions include the Dean's Prize in Orchestral Composition from Indiana University, selection as composition fellow with both the 2017 Red Note Music Festival (Illinois State University), and the Musica Nova Orchestra in Phoenix, AZ. As a singer, Nicholas is an avid performer of new music, and has enjoyed performances with major orchestras with the Westminster Symphonic Choir. Nicholas is a doctoral candidate at the renowned Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, and holds degrees in composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and Westminster Choir College. He currently resides in Rochester, NY with his wife, violinist Hanna Landrum.



We are deeply grateful, as well, for the gifts of our continuing section leaders, altos, **Riki Connaughton** and **Caroline Nielson**; tenor, **Anders Namestnik**; and baritone, **Sam Witmer**. Also continuing, and beginning her fourth season with us, is our wonderfully gifted Assistant Organist, **Caroline Robinson**!

Generosity UPDATE

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

In Memory of:

Lucile Rice

Additional gifts to support the following:

In Honor of Robert White & Cecil Buchinger's wedding designated for the music fund

Cameron Community Ministries for school supplies

East Avenue Grocery Run Sponsorships

RAIHN @ Third

Gateways Music Festival

Food Cupboard

Pastors' Emergency Fund

Sponsoring the RAIHN Day Center Kitchen

We have received \$66,030 in donations & pledges for the Copeland Memorial Chime & Bell Tower Renovation & Restoration!

Peter DuBois in Recital

Director of Music/Organist **Peter DuBois** will present an organ recital in the sanctuary on **Friday, September 29 at 7:30pm**. It will



feature music by J. S. Bach, Herbert Howells, and Charles-Marie Widor. In addition, Peter will perform pieces that were included in his recital at the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris earlier this summer – César Franck's "Choral III in A minor", and the spectacular "Suite, Op. 5" by Maurice Duruflé. This free concert is open to the public, so plan to attend and invite your friends! A reception will follow.

Boar's Head Festival Returns January 6 and 7!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW for our twelfth biennial ***Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival*** to be offered in TWO performances—on **Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7—both at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary!

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

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

No previous acting or singing experience is necessary—there are no speaking parts and only a few solo singing parts. Here is your chance to be on stage and participate in a beautiful and fun pageant! The only commitment you will have is two rehearsals the week of the performances (January 4 and 5 in the evening) and the two performances—Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7, both at 4:00pm

Take a look at the list of roles below, and the number of people needed for each, contact Peter DuBois (pdubois@thirdpresbyterian.org or 271- 6537, ext. 109) and let him know right away what you are interested in doing— or just that you would like to participate, and a role will be assigned.

ALSO NEEDED—People to help with COSTUME preparation. Please indicate your availability to help with that by contacting Peter.

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

- Royal King and Queen
- Lords and Ladies (4 couples: need not be married!)
- Ladies in Waiting (6-8 sing as a group)
- Young Ladies in Waiting (8-10 Middle and Sr. High girls singing)
- Beefeaters (2 men)
- Banner Carrier (youth/adult)
- Banner Bearers (12 Days of Christmas) (12 3rd-5th grade children)
- Lady Plum Pudding (1 woman)
- Holly Bearers (1-3 women)
- Mince Pie Carriers (2-3 women)
- Cooks (4-5 men and women)
- Ribbon Bearer (2 middle school girls)
- Flower Girls (6-8 3rd-5th grade girls)
- Servants (any number: men/women)
- Cookie Girls (4-6 middle school girls)
- Yule Log Carriers (2 men)
- Woodsmen (2-4 youth/men)
- Wood Elves (any number 1st & 2nd graders)
- Jugglers/Jesters (2-4 youth/adults)
- Mary & Joseph
- Shepherds (4-8 men, women, youth)
- King Caspar (man: singing part)
- King Melchior (man: singing part)
- King Balthazar (man: singing part)
- One page for each King (3 3rd-4th grade boys or girls)

Officer Reunion Dinner

**For All Past and Current Elders,
Deacons and Trustees**

Tuesday, October 17

6:00pm

Celebration Center



Featuring Remarks by John Wilkinson and
Keynote Presentation by Marvin McMickle
President, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

RSVP to eblecksmith@thirdpresbyterian.org

Exploring Membership Luncheon

Sunday, October 15, 12:00noon in Johnston Hall.

Are you new to Third Church, and want to learn more about us? Or have you participated for some time and are interested in exploring membership? We invite you to join us at our next Exploring Membership Luncheon on Sunday, October 15. You can bring all your questions, get to know our pastoral staff, members of the church, and other folks new to this place. The emphasis of the conversation is exploring ways to connect. Childcare is available; please let us know in advance if you need it.

Our luncheon conversation will conclude by 1:30pm. For those that are ready to join in membership, the next step is a New Member Gathering offered that same afternoon following the luncheon from 1:30-2:30pm, or the following Sunday at 8:30am. To RSVP or learn more, contact Lynette Sparks (271-6537 ext. 106 or lsparks@thirdpresbyterian.org).

Support Third Church While Shopping



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Children's Sabbath, October 22

Children's Sabbath is celebrated nationally by many different faith communities. The Children's Agenda (TCA) Interfaith Collaborative, whose meetings Beth Sieber and Ernest Krug both attend, takes the lead in recruiting churches, synagogues, and mosques to participate in countywide events to raise the consciousness of faith communities about the needs of children in Monroe County.

The focus this year is the crisis in child protective services. At the June meeting of TCA we learned that the present average caseload for CPS workers is 29 children. The recommended caseload is 10-12, although the state suggests a caseload maximum of 15 children. The Monroe County budget will be released in November with a vote on the budget in December.



On Sunday, October 22, we will have letters following worship that you can sign urging adequate funding for child

protective services in order to keep our children safe. Of note, the New York State Legislature passed a bill to establish a task force to examine child care issues and child care subsidies. Funding in this regard would significantly help reduce the stress experienced by families in poverty.

Divine Intervention? We believe it was!



It was the fourth Sunday in July 2000. Cecil and I had just met four weeks earlier. At the time he was organist at Dansville Presbyterian Church and not available Sundays to visit churches. I had been wanting to find a place for us to worship where I knew we would be welcome, had a great music program and of course a grand pipe organ. A friend had invited me to attend Asbury Methodist and I had gone two or three times. I was quite confident I had possibly found the church we longed for as I felt welcomed there and the music/organ was very good. I was anxious for Cecil to attend there with me when he had a Sunday off. We were so disappointed when we arrived to find it raining and the service being held outside in tent meeting style. We just sat in the car in the rain and said “now what do we do?” Cecil said we just passed a Presbyterian Church down the street and he had noticed the time the service was starting. We were dismayed but decided we better attend Third Presbyterian Church.

We walked sheepishly inside not knowing what the reaction to two guys coming in together would be. Even in 2000 there were not many welcoming churches and having both of us brought up in evangelical churches, we knew the sting of rejection. We took bulletins and sat down. Looking through the bulletin we almost simultaneously read “We are committed to the full participation of all persons without regard for sexual orientation...” We looked at each other and smiled and immediately relaxed and enjoyed our very first service at Third Church. We felt very welcomed and knew we were where we were meant to be that morning. At the end of the service we looked at each other with tear filled eyes and said “this was no coincidence. This is where we were supposed to be today.” As we stood to exit we turned around to meet for the first time Marcia Frohman who embraced us and welcomed us to Third Church. We were elated. The rest is history. 17+ years involved in the mission of Third Church because of a wonderful welcome and commitment to equality.

Rob White

Stewardship In The Church Is Personal



Jesus asks us “to give to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). Doing that, it seems to me, is at the heart of stewardship. But we often puzzle over what these “things” are. I believe Jesus was concerned about how we live our lives, as well as how we use our resources. This is personal. How do we use our personal talents and abilities and resources to build community and encourage others in their desire to be good stewards? If we accept that demand upon us, we must also be concerned about creating an environment in the church where ALL talents and abilities among us are nurtured, valued, and utilized.

Recently, Laurie King and Patty Singh did an audit of our Third Church facility and noted barriers that remain in our physical plant that restrict access for service to our church by people with physical disabilities. We will be addressing those, but all of us should commit ourselves to ensuring that any person, regardless of physical, emotional, or intellectual challenges, feels respected and valued in our community of faith. To be respected and valued means that one’s service to the church is valued and desired.

Third Church must demonstrate our understanding that stewardship is personal and important for every Christian. Those in the church who are different from me in some way want to be as good stewards of their resources, abilities, and talents as I do. We should all strive to see how every person’s unique talents and abilities enrich us all.



Ernest Krug

New Junior Choir CD available!



The Junior Choir’s latest CD, “So it is with the Spirit,” is now available for purchase! Recorded in the Third Church sanctuary this past April, the songs center around themes of love, peace, and reconciliation. The CD is a great musical gift to share with a friend or neighbor! Visit members of the Junior Choir at our coffee hour on October 1 to purchase your CD(s), or contact Mary Ann Rutkowski to order (mrutkowski@thirdpresbyterian.org, 271-6537 ext. 101). Cost is \$12/CD, which supports future Children’s Music programming and events, including our upcoming Children’s musical.

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Third Church Designated a Certified Hunger Action Congregation

Third Church is one of the first congregations that has been designated as a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Certified Hunger Action Congregation. We received this special recognition because we are active in each of the following six areas of hunger response:

1. **Hunger Alleviation:** providing and/or sharing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions
2. **Development assistance:** addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development
3. **Hunger Education:** learning about systemic causes of hunger, leading towards faithful action that is informed and directed by directly affected people and partners
4. **Lifestyle Integrity:** adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God's creation
5. **Corporate and Public Policy Witness:** advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation
6. **Worship:** incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship



As a Hunger Action Congregation, we have covenanted to march side by side with other Presbyterians committed to alleviating hunger and to addressing the prejudices, practices, and policies that undergird a system that perpetuates hunger and poverty in even this rich country, the United States. This new network of Hunger Action Congregations will share best practices, communicate challenges and celebrations, and multiply the effect each of us can have in our own neighborhoods to a much broader impact.

Hunger Action Congregations will be more formally recognized on World Food Day (October 16).