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October 2nd World Communion Sunday

9:00 am Kids and Family Worship
In Fellowship Hall
10:15 am The Lord's Supper

October 16th Shared Dish Luncheon

Following worship in Fellowship Hall

October 30th Reformation Sunday

Procession of the Piper



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Sundays at 10:15 am



A Season of Sharing and Caring

Oct. 2nd World Communion Sunday

Peace and Global Witness Offering Received
Focus: CROP Hunger Walk and Food Pantry

“Service With A Smile”

Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 9th 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: Northwest Neighbors

“Seeing All People as God’s Children”

Jeremiah 29:4-7, Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 16th 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: Soup Kitchen and Family Peace Center

“Create In Me A NEW Heart!”

Shared Dish Luncheon after Worship

CROP Walk 1 pm Children’s Museum

Oct. 23rd 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: Habitat for Humanity and Stronghold Camp

“How Do I Look To You? That’s What Really Matters!”

Joel 2:23-32, Luke 18:9-14

Oct. 30th Reformation Sunday

Focus: One Body Collaboratives & Rockford Urban Ministries

Procession with Bagpiper

Rev. Hank Milner, Preaching

Coming Soon



Fall Breakaway for Youth

“Streaming Jesus”

Middle/High School Retreat
Stronghold Nov. 11-12-13



Inasmuch As You Have Done It...

Stewardship Dedication

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 20 in worship

*The Stewardship and Finance Committee
Fred Fauerbach, Don Hartshorn, Taylor Leber, Cindy Wat-
ton, Lorie Michaelis, Pam Reed, Dan Chiodini*



**Election of Church Officers
Congregational Meeting
Sunday November 20st
following Worship**

Radio 99.3 FM

This month on Don Ferguson's "Music from Broadway and Hollywood" we will be able to listen to Don tell the story and play the songs from three musicals: The Little Prince, Carnival, and Pins and Needles. Don also has put together a one-hour narration on the life and career of Marilyn Monroe that features many of her famous recordings. Don calls his fifth one hour show a "Muppet Double Feature." You can enjoy hearing Don on Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM, and on Wednesday and Sundays at 4 PM.

By the way, I thought that you might be interested in learning something about the resources available to you on our radio website. Here are some examples of what I find on my iPhone when I go to WTPB – LP. After I select "Listen Live" I am taken to the page with an arrow pointing to the right, and by selecting and touching this, I can hear our broadcast online. Did you also notice in the upper left-hand corner a red square box with three horizontal lines? When you touch that look at what you find in the light gray area: news, sports, entertainment, weather. Have some fun and check these out.

On my PC, when you go to our page and you select "Listen Live," you are again taken to a second page with an arrow to select to hear our broadcast online. Look in the lower left-hand corner for the small box that says "menu." Your selections revealed are images that lead you to news, sports, entertainment, and weather.

As I like to say, "Thanks for listening"
Murray Hanson
Station Manager

Happenings that will bring you joy

Women's Stronghold Retreat—Wed. Oct. 5th "A Titanic Enterprise"

Steve Pearce, guest speaker

Call Marion to register: 708-305-1617



Blessing of the Animals Sun. Oct. 9th, 4 pm

In Brown Park

*A great way to meet each other's
sweeties! Treats for humans and pets!*

Rockford Area CROP Hunger Walk—Sun. Oct. 16th 1 pm

Riverfront Museum Park

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022>

Take part in person or donate online



"Hocus Pocus" Trunk or Treat Sat. Oct. 29th 1-3 pm

It's a safe way to join in the Halloween fun! Just treats – no tricks needed! **Bring your car—decorate your trunk—donate treats! Can you help?**

Candy Donations accepted in the Fellowship Room

Youth Ministry at Third

Night Crusaders (High School)

2023 Mission Trip Fundraiser

Fri. Oct. 14th 6 pm

Craft/Vendor Fair Set Up

Help set up for the craft fair Saturday!

Sat. Oct. 15th 10 am to 4 pm Craft/Vendor Fair

*Final set-up, help vendors, serve food, clean-up.
Our work helps us learn to work as a team!*



Night Crusaders and Squires (High School and Middle School)

Trunk & Treat Overnight at the Church

Fri. Oct. 28th pm to Sat. Oct. 29th 4 pm

*Bring a pumpkin to carve! We'll make
pizza's for dinner, carve pumpkins, play
games, and watch a movie.. On Sat.
we'll decorate the church for Trunk & Treat!*



Stronghold Middle School/High School Retreat

Fri. Nov. 11th 7 pm to Sun. Nov. 13th Noon

*New friends, The Big Swing, campfire, games in
the Castle, small group time, singing, worship,
with churches from Blackhawk Presbytery.
Register with the church office or a youth leader.
Cost: \$65 (youth) and \$60 (adult) scholarships
available.*

Season of Caring and Sharing

Featured Organizations

Agave Presbyterian Church

CROP Hunger Walk

Emmanuel Soup Kitchen

Family Peace Center

Habitat for Humanity

Northwest Neighbors

One Body Collaborative

Presbyterian Mission Agency

Rock River Food Pantry

Rockford Urban Ministry

Stronghold Camp

The Gideons

Women's Association of TPC



Rally Day 2021



Engaged in Good Works

Give on the Website! Give on a Third Pres App!

God's work through Third Presbyterian Church only continues because of your support. If you find value for yourself and your family in being connected to the church family, even if you don't regularly attend worship, please demonstrate it through your giving. You may donate by credit card or EFT from your bank account by clicking the 'donate' button on the Church Website, thirdpreschurch.com, or through an app loaded on your phone or tablet. Donations will be secure and will be deposited in the church checking account by the next business day.



Shop AND Support Youth Missions...

Fall Craft and Vendor Fair
Saturday, October 15, 2022
10 am to 4 pm

Enjoy concessions, raffles, coloring for kids, and shopping at the crafters, vendors and Women's Association tables.



Church Family Updates



3	Alan Barker	16	Kennedy Archer
4	Kim Ponder	17	Michael Hammer
8	Collin Archer	18	Emerson Carey
	Kristin Archer	19	Hannah Insko
9	Charles Pearson	23	Ethan Archer
10	Kodie Taylor	27	Liadan Gray
12	Olivia Barker		Kelly Mahan
14	Shirley Hutchinson	30	Lorie Michaelis
	Bill Leber	31	Corbin Gray
	Matthew May		Sally Mahan

Anniversaries 40+ Years

10/09 Kelly and Sally Mahan
10/20 John & Sue Gustafson



Communication Updates

Dick & Dixie Lindsey TLC Assisted Living
508 Roosevelt Rd. B309
Machesney Park, IL 61115
815-332-0561

Deadline
for the November Newsletter
Friday, October 15

Garden and Library Notes



Bringing in the... Tomatoes?

This year Third Presbyterian's garden patch on Brown Avenue has yielded beans, potatoes, squash tomatoes, broccoli, chard, beets, sunflowers, basil, and a variety of herbs.

Holly Kubaskie started many plants from her home. Glenda Hammer, Cindy Miner, Sabrina Jackson, and Pastor Steve tended plots!

Thank you to Stevie (Cookie's son) for tilling up the ground and Mike Rimkus for watering from the hydrant.

Feel free to stop by and harvest whatever's ready to pick!

Anne Pritz-Hall was received back into membership at the August meeting of the Session. She reconnected with the church through Pastor Steve's work at Guilford High School last year. Over the summer Anne has served as Associate Director of Northwest Neighbor's Summer Youth Leadership Corp. Retired from nursing, Anne hopes to commit her time to helping to bring Northwest Rockford to a place beyond violence and with opportunities for all people.

"I believe our churches have a role to play, especially in speaking and acting out against gun violence. We must confront our young people with challenges that demonstrate the way to a future with hope."

Missions and Outreach



SUN. Oct. 16 at 1 PM

***Third Pres Congregation CROP Walk Team
invites you to PARTICIPATE!***

CROP HUNGER WALK AT MUSEUM PARK

This year the Rockford area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 16 is a 4K stroll that steps off at 1 pm. The walk begins and ends at Riverfront Museum Park (711 N. Main St.).

The CROP Hunger Walk, a project of Church World Service, addresses an ever growing food crisis around the world. The Rock River Valley Pantry reports experience an astounding 99% increase of individuals served over last year.

Worldwide Hunger is growing at the same rate. The war in Ukraine as well as post-Covid inflation have dramatically increased food costs threatening other nations with actual famine.

Come join others October 16 after reaching out to family and friends in person or on line, asking them to support your fight against hunger in Rockford and beyond.

To join the team, see who else may have joined
or to make a donation go to

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/third-presbyterian-church-of-rockford>

Newsy News

Glenda Hammer and daughter Michelle recently went to a gala for the Girls for Ghana in Kildeer, Illinois. At the gala, Glenda was recognized as one of the volunteers that have been sewing for the Girls for Ghana. They enjoyed a lovely dinner and perusing a table of items all made in Ghana. Items included small jewelry, purses, and artwork. Thank you for all you do Glenda!

Cindy Miner got together with her two sisters and brother this month. They get together once a year and make pasties. Pasties are a traditional meal that were made for husbands that were miners. They are vegetables inside a crust and kept warm with towels. How nice to carry on a family tradition!

Our best wishes to Dick and Dixie Lindsey will be moving into TLC assisted living.

Kim, Joe and Abby Ponder have a new addition! They recently drove to Tennessee to get a new little longhaired dachshund puppy. His name is Cooper. I bet he is keeping them busy! How fun!

Fred and Cindy Miner's granddaughter Ambria is getting married in October in Columbus, Ohio. Some of us had the pleasure of meeting Ambria when she visited Faith Builders a few years ago to talk about her nursing experiences in India. It was very interesting to hear about her time in India. We wish Ambria all the best for her upcoming nuptials!

Last but not least, our garden is still producing loads of tomatoes. Someone must have a very green thumb!

**Send your "Newsy News" to Kay at
RLYBRD1@gmail.com**

A Season of Sharing and Caring: October-November 2022

Roughing It For Jesus?

Thirdders -

This has been a rough stretch for many people. After COVID came the variants, to which many of us are falling prey. The economy in the United States absorbed a new, higher standard for compensating people in lower-wage jobs, affording them better lives yet contributing to rising costs. Over the course of the past year, the war which Mr. Putin calls a *special operation* has jolted the way the world does business and prices are up and the market is down, and inflation is affecting us all.

While everyone is caught in this web, some are in a much better position to bide the tide. The generosity of God's saints, both past and present, allow the work at Third Presbyterian Church to continue. For the next 7 weeks we will once more be highlighting the heart of that work through messages during worship. Each of us plays a role in making that happen.

God is not done with us yet. Collectively or individually. The strength of being the body of Christ is that we can be present for one another when times do get rough. 100 % of the time.

Would you prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our work in the coming year? God bless your day.

Pastor Steve

- * Contribute by offering envelope—arrange with office
- * Contribute by Electronic Funds Transfer
- * Contribute through the www.thirdpreschurch.com button

We are a Matthew 25 church!
These are the commitments of this initiative:



- **To conscientiously be an asset to the community in which we are located**
- **To be engaged in efforts to eliminate systemic racial discrimination**
- **To be engaged in eliminating sources of systemic poverty**

Each of these will be addressed several times in worship during the Season of Caring.