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A Season of Sharing and Caring

**November 6—All Saints
Baptism and The Lord's Supper
Light a Candle for a Love One**
“Signed, Sealed Delivered: I’m Yours!!”
Agave Church & Blackhawk Presbytery

**November 13
Veterans’ Remembrance**
“The Rock”

Gideon Sid Moate, preaching
The Gideons and Rock House Kids

**November 20—Christ The King
Thanksgiving Sunday**
“Today You Will Be With Me”
Dedication of Pledges and Election of Officers

November 27
First Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Hope
“I Call All Times Soon”
Rev. Greg Albert, preaching

Coming Attractions

Children’s Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11 during worship
“A Christmas to Believe in”



Directed by
Hannah Insko and Elizabeth Duckett

Rehearsals:
Wednesdays 5:30—7:00 at Youth Club on
November 2, 9, 16, 30 and December 7

Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 am—11:00 am and
Sat. Dec. 10th 9:00 am-11:30 am
Followed lunch and fun at Flow Trampoline Park!



Christmas Soup and Salad Luncheon
Wednesday, December 17 2022
“Journey to the Land of Chocolate”
Elaine and Tom Jacoby
12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Luncheon and a program to follow
Hosted by the Women’s Association



The Advent of the Lord

November 27th

First Sunday of Advent

"Are You Ready?"

Lighting the Candle of Hope

December 4th

Second Sunday of Advent

Chancel Choir Cantata

Lighting the Candle of Love

December 11th

Third Sunday of Advent

"A Christmas To Believe In"

Children's Christmas Pageant

Lighting the Candle of Joy

December 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Christmas Eve

"Descend to Us We Pray"

Family Christmas and

The Lord's Supper by Candlelight

Christmas Day

"The Word Became Flesh and Pitched His Tent

And Made His Home Among Us"

Stewardship Dedication November 20th 10:15 am

Once again we are celebrating "A Season of Sharing and Caring" in the life of our congregation. Our commitment to a life of worship and discipleship to Jesus Christ is creating opportunities for us to *do good together* in the world around us.

Being involved in these ways follows upon our commitment to being the people of God in every aspect of our lives: at home, at work, in school, at play. Whether it is through leading worship, providing pastoral care, or working in the community, my hope is to encourage us in these very things.

I am grateful for the pledges and regular offerings which make this possible. I am equally grateful for the work of the Stewardship and Finance committee; for our Elders, Deacons, and Trustees; and for all those who contribute their time and talent to the work of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Steve

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure that he who began a good work in your will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:3-5

3rd Pres 2023 College Students

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Peoria, IL 61606

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(University of Michigan)
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(Franklin University)
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Appointed Positions



Nursery Committee: Brandi Cardey (3 year)

Brandi Cardey—pronounce it “Card- “a” - and Taylor Leber are the parents of Jace and Spencer Leber. She is a business administrator for Rosecranz and enjoys painting as a hobby. Her favorite activities include family time and being at the Lake House up north in Wisconsin. Brandi and Taylor live on Ramona Terrace in Machesney Park.



Charter Representative for Scouts

Pastor Steve serves as the Charter Representative for Toop 23, which meets at the church. Pastor Steve advanced to the rank of Star Scout before he became active in Explorer Search and Rescue in the Mount Rainier Council. He was also a Den Chief for the Cub Pack his brother was in.

*A Season of
Sharing and Caring
Election of Officers and
Dedication of Pledges
November 20 in worship*

Deacon Nominees



Deacon: Karen Jones (3 years)

Karen moved back to the Rockford area in 1983 and reconnected with Gary, who she knew since 4th grade. Rev. Murray Hanson married them. Karen has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She was a Title One teacher for 15 years. Karen enjoyed playing pickle ball until her injury and is an avid reader. She has served Third as a trustee and kitchen coordinator. Karen is looking forward to becoming a Deacon.



Deacon: Pam Reed (3yrs)

Pam was baptized and married to her husband, Ken, at Third. Her two children (now adults) were also baptized at Third. She served many years as a Sunday School teacher, has been a trustee, an auditor and most recently an elder on Session. She is currently a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Pam works for

Primerica. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, crafting and cooking.



Who could it be?
You?

November Events

All Saints Sunday November 6th

*"Precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants."
Psalm 116:15 (NIV)*



Have you experienced the death of a family member or friend during the past year? Perhaps someone who wasn't affiliated with the church? On November 6th, as we remember members of the church who now await the resurrection, we will gladly remember others as well.



Stronghold Retreat
"When Did We See You?"
Middle/High School Retreat
Stronghold Nov. 11-12-13
\$60/ student— Talk to Dan, Liz,
Jeannette, or Pastor Steve
To register!

Court Street United Methodist Church

is holding their annual

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

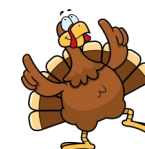
Thursday November 24 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Located at 215 N. Court Street

Volunteers needed—

Phone Bert Cromwell at 815-721-4605

Cash donations welcome to Court Street U. M. Church (Thanksgiving Dinner in memo)



On 99.3 FM and WTPB-LP.com

Easy Listening Radio 99.3 FM since 2005

We are certainly into the Fall season now! Let me share with you a few updates on our programming for 99.3 FM WTPB-LP radio!

David Fagen continues with Only Oldies shows at 9 AM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. On the other days of the week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday David is on the air from 7-8 PM with "a little Night Music," as he calls his show.

Mike Williamson and his friends bring us a new show every week, beginning with Monday evening. We can hear Mike at 730 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday; and at 130 PM on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Don Ferguson has five special programs he has put together for this month for those of us who love musicals and musical performers. Currently you can hear Don's 60-minute programs playing in rotation (Music from Broadway and Hollywood) (Mon and Fri 10 AM, Wed and Sun 4 PM) with these five themes: The Sound of Music, Cabaret, Cinderella, a one-hour show featuring the music of Frank Sinatra, and a replay of his very popular original show called "South on 51" about a trip down Illinois' old Highway 51.

Good listening to you all ... listen on the internet via our website wtbplp.com and listen on your radio on 99.3 FM. LIKE ANY OTHER RADIO STATION, sometimes moving your radio a little this way or that way, or to another location in your home, can significantly improve the sound that you hear.

Very best wishes, and as I like to say, "Thanks for Listening"

- Murray Hanson, Station Manager

Corporation Officer Nominees



Youth Triennium.

Financial Secretary: Brad Facer

(1 year) Brad and his family have been members of Third since 2010. Brad works at Woodward. He is the proud father of Nicole and Sydney and husband to Jennifer. He has served as a Trustee and is currently serving as an Elder on Session. Brad is a co-sponsor of our Youth Group and attends the Mission Trips and



Asst. Fin. Secretary: Lorie Michaelis

(1 year) Lorie has been an active member of Third since 1980. She is an ordained Deacon, has served as an Auditor, a Trustee and is a member of Stewardship and Finance Committee. She is active in the Women's Association and the Piece Corp Quilting group. She enjoys helping others. She and her husband Ken regularly help Ken's

brother who has medical needs. She takes seriously her role as grandmother to the children of her sons Scott and Brian.



Auditor: Jody Minnier (3years)

Jody has been a member of Third since 1999. She and her husband of 23 years, Chris, have two children—Carrie in heaven, and College student, Jacob. Jody has been a Nursery Sunday School Teacher, a Nursery Volunteer and served on the Nursery Committee. She works at Home Depot and Target. In her free time she enjoys team bowling. Jody said she is excited to try

something new!

Corporation Officer Nominees



Chairperson: Becky Martin (1 Year)

My journey with 3rd Presbyterian was rekindled in 2008, rejoining and becoming a part of the flock again. It has been my pleasure to have been a Deacon, Session member, and, presently, a Woman's Association member and Worship Committee member, as well as a member of the choir.



Vice Chair: Mary Hartshorn (1 Year)

Mary is a kindergarten teacher at Ledgewood School in Roscoe. Mary has served as a Session Elder and is the chair of the Personnel Committee. A singer, she is a member of the Chancel Choir and Third Ensemble. She enjoys camping with her husband, Don, and spending time with her grandchildren.



Treasurer: Fred Fauerbach (1 year) Fred has always been active at Third Pres. He is currently the Church Treasurer, a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and previously served as a trustee and a deacon. He is also a member of the Chancel Choir. He and his wife, Jeanne enjoy traveling and visiting their children and grandchildren.



Assistant Treasurer: Angie Insko (1 Year)

Angie has been a Third Pres member since 2008. She has served as a Church Auditor twice. Angie is a deposit operations specialist at Stillman Bank. She and her husband, Chad, have helped supervise some of the youth group events. She loves spending time with her family—adult children, Hannah and Aurora, and Hudson, who is in middle school.



Nov. 01	Audrey Smith	Nov. 19	Robert Logsdon
Nov. 02	Zachery Kujat		Hunter Stromquist
Nov. 06	Debbie Geisler	Nov. 21	Samantha Rollins
Nov. 07	Connor Hollenbeck	Nov. 23	Katherine Rollins
Nov. 09	Laurie Claussen	Nov. 25	Laura Chiodini
Nov. 12	Myles Kunz	Nov. 27	Jana Carey
Nov. 15	Dale Hollenbeck		Annabella Smith
Nov. 16	Stephanie Crosby	Nov. 29	Shelby Rollins



Thank you to those who contributed in person or online. As of this printing of this newsletter, you have helped raise \$425 for the cause of ending hunger one step at a time!

Thank you also to our walkers, Pastor Steve, Elaine Jacoby, Mike Adams, Laura Cooper, Anne Pritz-Hall and Patches.

Poinsettias for Christmas Orders are due by November 7th.



\$10.00 for 6 inch plant, any questions please call the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship room.

Thank You! Nancy Justman would like to say **thank you** to: Ann Marie Deverneuill, Sue Gustafson, Beth Amy Watton, Alan Justman and Elaine Jacoby for their help with the Women's Association & Piece Corps sales at the Craft Fair held Oct. 15th.

NEWSY NEWS

By Kay Carigitto

Congratulations to Alan Barker, General Manager of Janesville Nissan, and his crew upon receiving the 2022 Award of Excellence. This is an award earned by the top Nissan dealer in the area. Way to go Alan!

Rysa and Raj Patel are enjoying another adventure in India. We wish you a blessed time!

Tom and Elaine Jacoby have returned from two weeks of traveling. They can now confirm that those pictures of beautiful steep mountains with cattle on them are real - everywhere in Switzerland, the Alsace region of France has great Riesling, and Innsbruck Austria has good Strudel! Most people they met spoke at least two languages, and many spoke three or more. They said it was quite an adventure! It sounds like a wonderful adventure and amazing opportunity!

Alan and Nancy Justman spent a week visiting their son Craig in Arizona. On Sunday they attended Dayspring Methodist Church and watched the Packer game in the afternoon. They toured museums in Tempe, Chandler, and Gilbert learning about the people who settled in the Valley. Nancy was invited to share time with a quilting group in Gilbert. They visited the Phoenix Zoo and took lots of photos. With afternoon temperatures in the 90s, the swimming pool was very relaxing! It sure sounds like they made the most of their time in Arizona and still found time for relaxation! I wonder if they were prepared for our COLD weather when they returned.

Please send your "Newsy News" to
RLYBRDI@gmail.com

Trustee Nominees



Trustee: Fred Fauerbach (3years)

Fred has always been active at Third Pres. He is currently the Church Treasurer, a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and previously served as a trustee and a deacon. He is also a member of the Chancel Choir. He and his wife, Jeanne enjoy traveling and visiting their children and grandchildren.



Trustee: Chad Insko (2 years)

Chad is the husband of Angie and father of Hannah, Aurora, and Hudson. He oversees the Dept. of Public Works in Winnebago, Illinois. Chad is Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 705 and Assistant Wrestling Coach at Winnebago High School. He is an expert mushroom hunter—but don't ask him for any secrets.



Trustee: Anne Pritz-Hall (3 years)

Anne was active at the church with her daughters in the early 2000's. Her 3 daughters and son-in-law live in the Chicago area. Anne worked as a nurse for 43 years. Currently she works for the State of Illinois inspecting day care centers. She shares her home in northwest Rockford with Patches, a mixture of 16 different breeds of dog.

Session Nominees



Elder: Dan Chiodini (3 years)

Dan joined the church when he married Laura Wubbenha almost 40 years ago. Since, he has served as a Trustee, a Session Elder, an Auditor and sits on the Stewardship and Finance Committee. He is a youth leader for the Night Crusaders and currently represents the church at Presbytery meetings.



Elder: Don Hartshorn (3 years)

Don has been a member of Third for 36 years, and has served as an elder, a trustee, an auditor and is an active member of the Stewardship and Finance committee. He also sings with the Chancel Choir. He and his wife Mary have one adult daughter, Heidi, and grandchildren, Morgan and Declan. Don is an avid Vikings fan.



Elder: Katie Malnor (3 years)

Katie has been a member of Third for six years. Both of her children, June and August, have been baptized here. She is a high school special education teacher at Chancellight. She and her husband, John, have been married for 10 years. John teaches at Holy Family school where the children attend. Katie is a Nursery and VBS volunteer. She is an avid runner, having recently

completed her first Olympic-distance triathlon.

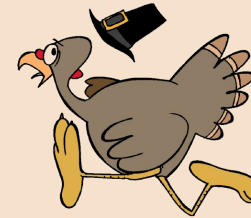
Congregational News



**Remember to move your clock back on
November 6**

**Remember to change the batteries
in your smoke detectors
when you set your clocks back.**

The Office will be
CLOSED
November
24 & 25



Approaching
deadlines...



The deadline for the December newsletter is **November 15**.
The deadline for the **Annual Report** is **December 7**.

Your help in meeting these deadlines is crucial to ensure timely publication of these documents.

There will be a
**Meeting of the
Congregation and Corporation
of Third Presbyterian Church
of Rockford, Illinois
on Sunday, November 20 at 10:15 am**
for the purpose of electing church officers.

Thanksgiving for the gift of laughter!

A small boy told a Sunday school teacher: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive — only God doesn't yell at you all the time."



A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said. The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"



Blooper in a church bulletin: "The church had a going-away party for Pastor Jones. The congregation was anxious to give him a little momentum."

In the bulletin of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Palm Coast, FL: "We will have a Special Holiday Bingo & Dinner on Monday evening, Dec. 30. You will be given two bingo packs, which cover all games played, and your choice of children or roast beef for dinner."



One pastor passed on this account of how Daniel saved his life in the lion's den: King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was astonished that the hungry lions had not eaten Daniel. He summoned Daniel and promised him that if he would reveal his secret, the king would give him his freedom.

"It was easy, your excellency," Daniel said. "I went around and whispered in each lion's ear — 'After dinner, there will be speeches.'"



When a young minister was still single, she preached a sermon entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." After she got married and had children of her own, she changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When her children got to be teenagers, she stopped preaching on that subject altogether.



At the church picnic the Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching." On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."