

Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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Worship with Us Each Sunday in...



(childcare is always available)

Harvest Season

"Abundant Life In God"

October 4

4th Sunday in Harvest
World Wide Communion
Peacemaking Sunday

October 11

5th Sunday in Harvest

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Wooten's Wonderings...



First of all, I want to take another moment to say "thank you!" Thank you for the amazing gift of Sabbatical Time. It was restful, reenergizing, and spiritually fruitful. I found my study of Photography as a spiritual practice to be deep and meaningful and I look forward to sharing what I gleaned with you over the next couple of months.

In addition to focusing on the Spirituality of Photography, I attended many different worshiping communities. Here is a list of the denominations I went to: Episcopal, United church of Christ, Missouri Synod Lutheran, Free Methodist, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Celtic Style worshiping community and Assembly of God. This was an interesting process in many ways. First, I became a "church shopper" for the first time in my life. My church experiences have been on the context of either going to a church my parents chose or attending the church I worked for in some capacity. So, as I imagine many people do these days, I did a computer search for churches to attend and looked at their websites in order to decide if I wanted to visit them. Having Mira with me added a layer of questions I brought to my web search: What time is worship? Do they have child care, and do they have it in the summer? What are their worship services like? Who is their pastor? How do I get there?

Once there, my experiences varied from church to church. Some were friendly, others not. In one church, no one came up and spoke to me. Since Mira came with me many of the Sundays, we began playing a game at the beginning of worship. We would look around the sanctuary and I would ask her to point out what was the same and what was different. It was a great teaching moment to show her that while churches come in all different shapes and styles, we all worship the same God. The fundamental expressions of worship were in every service: scripture, proclamation, prayer and music.

After a couple months of going to a different church every week, I felt like a spiritual wanderer- longing for a place to know and be known but not having a home in which to do that. This made me appreciate even more the God given gift of community. In the church- among our foibles and idiosyncrasies, our strengths and weaknesses- we are bound together by Christ to love and serve God and one another. Church is a place where, if we allow ourselves to be vulnerable and be truly known, we find people to walk with us on our faith journey.

I am deeply grateful for this church, the place where I am known and loved and cared for; the place where you are a part of my story and I am a part of yours. It is good to be among you once again as we love and serve the Lord.

*Grace and Peace,
Brandi*

MINISTRY OF CARE

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Contact Sharon Breeze (293-1340)
or Pastor Brandi on Sunday,
or call the Church Office (889-9896).



YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2016:

Marla Guarnieri, Whitney Scoville, Alice Zah

CLASS OF 2017:

Barb Boerschlein, Sue Edwards, Lori Oliver

Class of 2018

Sharon Breeze, Sara Heer, Gail McArthur

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Stephen Minister can help.
Bev L'Hommedieu (349-1501)
Sandra McCauley (615-1911)
Brandi Wooten (889-9896)

THANK YOU . . . SO MUCH!

Thanks to all members of the congregation who donated food and hygiene items to SWEM in September. 48 food items plus numerous hygiene items were delivered to SWEM. Presently many family incomes are not increasing very much as food prices continue to rise. Many people in our community depend on SWEM to supplement their food budgets. Therefore, the food we donate is vital to those in need. Please remember to bring food for SWEM on Communion Sunday, October 4th or other times as well. All your donations are very much appreciated as we support our mission to SWEM.

~Jane & Fred Schultz

HABITAT 2015 PROJECT

We need donations and volunteers !



We have planted the seed and are now starting to build our 4th Habitat home. The Habitat Fund at Chili Pres is ~\$3000 and our goal is to reach \$5000. One of the fund raisers is to donate cash in the amount of the cost of a door, window, shingles, or other materials. When you generously donate, please make check out to Chili Presbyterian Church, memo: Habitat Fund. Volunteers are needed. No special abilities are required! You can meet new people, learn something new and help others. Many of us have supported the last three homes we have built over the last 10 years. Thank you to all who have contributed their funds, time and talent for past Habitat Projects. Let us continue that journey to help others. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall. Please contact Roger Willis, 293-3561, rwillis004@rochester.rr.com if you have any questions. *We have already collected \$505.....thanks for your support.*

“Abundant Life In God”



Peacemaking Sunday: Sunday, October 4
“Working Together to Grow Peace”

Peace begins with us....when we think of conflict, many of us think of places mired in war, a world away. Yet often, some of our greatest opportunities to witness to the Prince of Peace are right outside our doors. 25% of your Peacemaking offering stays at Chili Presbyterian and 25% is used locally for programs such as gun violence, bullying, discrimination, violence against women and human trafficking.

Two adults are needed to teach **Children’s Church** for the Sundays in October. Easy hands-on curriculum. Please sign up.

Women of Faith “Loved: The Farewell Tour”

Women of Faith will not be in Rochester for their last year. If you wanted to travel to the nearest city to go to the event, the cost would be \$109 for the ticket, plus the cost of hotel, transportation, etc. The good news is that Grace Church of the Nazarene (2924 Union Street South) is hosting an “on demand webcast” of the event on Friday, October 23 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for **only \$10** and lunches will be provided for under \$10. Seating is limited. For tickets contact Marge Prouty at Grace Church of the Nazarene at 594-4555.



Fun Family Event.....

You are invited to join the Harvest Team and all your friends for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday, October 18th, at McCracken Farms, 701

White Rd., Brockport.

Plan to stay after church for a quick lunch of soup and a sandwich (provided by your Harvest Team) and then car-pool (if you like) to the Farm where we will enjoy a hayride, picking out a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, animals, games, and much more! Invite friends that don't attend CPC – the more the merrier! The cost for this afternoon of fun is \$10.00 per person.

There will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall beginning on October 4th so the Harvest Team will know how many to plan for lunch. We hope you will join us for an afternoon filled with fellowship, food, and of course, lots of fall fun!

LITURGISTS

If you are interested in being a Liturgist during worship, check out the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Complete instructions are available.
Why not signup today?

FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are needed to sign up for Coffee Hour following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.
The signup sheet is available in Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Thursday
9 AM to 2 PM**
The office is closed on Fridays.

As always, you can leave a secure message on the answering machine anytime!

“ROOTS AND WINGS”

Your next newsletter will be the November 2015 issue.

The deadline will be:
Tuesday, October 20

St. Pauly Clothing Box Schedule—

Remainder of 2015

Oct 5 – Oct 18	Aidan Snover 293-3195
Oct 19 – Nov 1	Adam Scoville 269-8746
Nov 2 – Nov 15	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
Nov 16 – Nov 29	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
Nov 30 – Dec 13	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Dec 14 – Dec 27	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Dec 28 – Jan 10	Connor Snover 293-3195



June 2016 will mark the 200th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Chili and we want to celebrate in style. If you are interested in being a part of the planning of this great milestone, please e-mail the office at fpc3600@gmail.com or call 889-9896 and let us know you want to help.



A very special thank you to Barb Boerschlein and Alice Zah for cleaning out and organizing the supply cabinets in the meeting room. Now all our Children's Church craft supplies are neat and easy to find.

SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its September 15, 2015 meeting,
Session.....

...received the Treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2015.
...reviewed financial statements regarding budget monitoring with Dave Abell, Finance Chair. He reported that overall, we are in good financial position for this time of year. As we approach the final quarter, we look to pledge commitments being met.
... reviewed a draft 2016 budget prepared by Dave Abell, noting that with the current status of the market, a distribution from Endowment Fund investment proceeds is unlikely.
...noted that Finance Secretary, Karen Woodward is preparing statements so that people will know the status of their pledge commitment and giving.
...heard a report from Pastor Brandi covering her pastoral contacts, appreciation for Session's support and assistance during her sabbatical leave, ideas for change, and other items
...approved hosting a Presbytery discussion meeting regarding plans for implementing its new vision and structure that will better serve Presbytery-wide churches. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.
...noted that Pastor Brandi will be attending training in Spiritual Direction in Atlanta, GA September 27, 2015 - October 2, 2015.
...discussed changing the Season structure by reducing the number of Seasons. Some of the seasons flow naturally together and by combining them, volunteer commitment would be spread over a reduced number of season teams. Session considered combining Lent/Easter and Advent/Epiphany. At this time, Session approved reducing the number of Seasons to five by combining the seasons of Advent and Epiphany beginning with the sign-up for 2016-17.
...noted that Pastor Brandi would like to begin planning for celebrating the 200th Anniversary of 1st Presbyterian Church of Chili. There will be an announcement in the newsletter, *Roots and Wings* asking for a group of volunteers to lead the celebration planning.

...approved the request of Anne Alepoudakis that contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of her father, Arthur Pixley, be designated as Option 1: "Contributions are placed in the Fund with no restrictions. The Session determines both the use and the timing of the use of these funds."
...placed activity dates on the master calendar
September 27, 2015 Mission Trip Sunday
October 12, 2015 Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons 6:30 PM
October 21, 2015 Hosting Special meeting of Presbytery 6:30-8:30 PM
October 27, 2015 Session meeting (changed from October 20)
November 15, 2015 Stewardship Sunday and Season sign up.
...heard a report from Elder Willis, Harvest Team Facilitator, that the Harvest Team activities are underway. He expressed appreciation to the Harvest Team for their creativity in decorating the church to reflect the theme, "Abundant Life in God."
...noted that Elder McGaffick will convene the Advent Team for its initial planning meeting
...discussed the first *Children's Church* of the year that took place on September 13th. The children were engaged and participated with their Bibles and activities. Response has been positive.
...continued its discussion of a unicameral governance structure. There is much to consider. We'd like to hear of other church's experiences. Pastor Brandi will establish contacts and connections both locally and nationally that could serve as resources as we explore this option of church governance.
...heard a report from Elder McCauley on the status of work of the Nominating Committee
...noted that Elder Gittens will be scheduling a meeting of the Stewardship Committee.
Session discussed ideas for promoting stewardship and one's commitment to sharing treasures, talents, and time.
...discussed a report from the Personnel Committee and approved remuneration for Sandy McCauley for her secretarial service during Candy Rogers' leave of absence. Session expressed its appreciation for Sandy's willingness to serve.
...approved designating Stewardship Sunday, November 15, 2015 for Season Team Sign-up
... made plans for and identified some agenda items for the Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons on October 12, 2015

... approved changing the date of the October Session meeting to Tuesday, October 27, 2015 and also approved starting the November 17, 2015 Session meeting at 6:30 PM to accommodate Pastor Brandi's responsibilities at the Presbytery meeting scheduled that afternoon

... received the Memorial Fund report prepared by Alice Hassett, Memorial Fund Coordinator.
...adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Remitted by,
Elder Nancy P. Huffman,
Clerk of Session



“Care packages” have become gift cards!

Fall is definitely in the air! This season brings to mind all our students returning to school, particularly those heading off to college. In the past, the Deacons have sent "care packages" filled with a variety of goodies to our college students and military. This year we are trying something new. We thought we would send a variety of gift cards, such as Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Subway, etc. Appetites are always **BIG** and sometimes funds are **small** so we thought this might be a way to say "enjoy an outing on your church family".

Donations will be accepted up until **October 18th** and can be given to Marla Guarnieri or placed in the Deacons' mailbox in the fellowship hall.

We also need to know if you have a child attending college or you have someone in the military (with their name and address). Please that information in the Deacons' mailbox or call the office (889-9896). As always, thank you for all of your support.



THANK YOU
**to the Elders, Deacons, Jr. Deacons,
and Childcare Volunteers serving in
October:**

October 4 - Communion

Elder/Deacon: Nancy Huffman/Alice Zah
Jr. Deacon: Mira Wooten
Childcare: Christine Shaffer
*Communion: Nancy Huffman, Alice Zah,
Sharon Breeze, Lori Oliver,
Lisa Snover

October 11

Elder/Deacon: Sandy McCauley /
Whitney Scoville
Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Nagle
Childcare: Lisa Snover

October 18

Elder/Deacon: Barb Wasmer/Diane Dietz
Jr. Deacon: Aiden Snover
Childcare: Abby Wasmer/
Audrey Engelbrecht

October 25

Elder/Deacon: Sara Heer/Harvey Heer
Jr. Deacon: Grace Varner
Childcare: Sue Atwater

Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday of each month

**Saturday – October 3
8:30-10:00 AM**



Thoughts from the Minister of Music.....

Announcements:

Choir Rehearsal is on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm! Please come out and sing with us – we would love to have anyone and everyone! We can always use more male voices as well!

Bell Choir – Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, October 4th at 8:30am. If you are interested in being in Bell Choir, please see Adam, or email him.

Worship Team: This year, we are putting together a weekly worship team rehearsal to play on Blended Sundays and other services as well. That rehearsal will be on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Please come out if you are interested in singing or playing!

Calling all singers and instrumentals! I would love to put together some duets, trios, etc. of any mix of voices and instruments. If you are interested please see Adam!

This is a previous newsletter I wrote a few years ago, but I want to continue to keep our minds refreshed with music in our church and its purpose.

Music in Church

Music is one of the most powerful influences in our culture today. It has the power to reach our emotions, evoke change, to speak what we need to hear, and to give us hope and understanding in times of loss and confusion. Music promotes peace, clarity, and even exercise and healthy living. God gave us this great phenomenon, known as music, to reach out to others in ways that we cannot comprehend.

But take a moment and think about life without music. Imagine there wasn't melodies, harmonies, chords, songs, and even poetry. How would life be different? How would you function and live? For me, I could not function in life without music. I am so engulfed in every aspect of music that I cannot go a single day without doing something musical. It is my life force – the gift God instilled in me to do His work.

Music is an integral part of church worship services. Why? Where else do people get together and sing songs together publically? It sounds a bit hokey when you think about it. Singing music in many settings can be a form of entertainment, but why in worship?

I believe that music is one part of the collective worship experience. Worship is not simply "music" (or entertainment), but rather part of a collection of prayer, praise and teaching that a church service contains. I believe the goal of music in any church should be to prepare our hearts and minds for the Lord to reach out to us and teach us more about our lives and surroundings. Each hymn, each prayer or praise song, should be a reflection of what we need to tell God, or what God is trying to tell us. In a sense, music is a way to reach out to Christ, and for Christ to reach out to us.

I challenge you to consider how music affects you. I challenge you to consider how you respond to music during our services. Through every song sung in our church, ask the questions – "Why am I singing this right now?" or "What is God trying to tell me right now?" or "What do I need to tell God right now?" Every week, God is trying to reach out to us. We need to be open to what our

Lord is trying to say, through music, prayer, sermons, communion, baptism, etc. By doing this, I am confident that you will find God through each service at Chili Presbyterian.
Be blessed and continue to let the music play. –Adam

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS

UPCOMING SCHEDULE!

FIRE AT THE SCOVILLE'S! – October 3rd – SATURDAY!
6:00pm-9:00pm – DRESS WARM!

Youth Group – October 4th
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MISSION TRIP SUNDAY – October 11 @ 12 Corners Pres! – 10:00am
Presbytery Youth Group to follow at 12 Corners. Home around 3:00pm

Youth Group – October 18th
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Youth Progressive Dinner – October 24th – SATURDAY!
More details to come through email and text!

Youth Group – October 25th
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Youth Group Fall Party – November 1st!
After Church - 11:00am-2:00pm – 1 Hour longer!!!

Serving at the Annual Roast Beef Dinner! – November 7th, SATURDAY!
Help serve sometime between 3:00-8:00pm

Presbytery Youth Group @ Irondequoit Pres! – November 8th
Meet at Chili after Church, home around 3:00pm

#INFULLSWING

We are in full swing at Chili! We were able to meet in September with families, and get the schedule planned and have a great first meeting! Look below for the upcoming dates, as we have lots of things planned in October!

-Adam and Whitney

Name: Chili Presbyterian Youth Groups
Location: Rochester, New York
Web: chili-presbyterian.org
Bio: Jr. and Sr. High youth groups looking to strengthen their faith in Christ and build lifelong relationships with others.

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