

# Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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## Worship With Us In



**Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

*(childcare is always available)*

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### April 2

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Service of the Lord's Supper  
"Spring" Chicken BBQ!

### April 9

**Special** Palm Sunday Worship!

### April 13

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

### April 16

Easter Breakfast!  
**Rejoice** in Easter Sunday Worship!

### April 23

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### April 30

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## **Inside this issue...Wooten's Wonderings...**

Leadership Notes...*Lent Season Continues...*

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**All in this issue of Roots & Wings!**

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## Wooten's Wonderings...



A couple of weeks ago I went to Columbia Theological Seminary for the fourth and last class required for my Certificate in Spiritual Direction. Spiritual Direction is a practice that helps people to discover how God is moving in their lives. I have been going to a Spiritual Director for many years and now I am learning the skills necessary to walk with people in their discovery of God's presence and call. When I am finished with the program (in about another 8 months), my goal is to incorporate what I am learning into how I walk with and lead our congregation.

In order to fully live into our call as members of the body of Christ, we need to stay connected and grounded in God. We do this through a variety of spiritual disciplines including many forms of prayer. As a part of my certificate program, I have learned new ways of entering into prayer and contemplation. One of the things I especially appreciate about this program is how they teach ways of integrating body, mind, and spirit into prayer.

It is common for us to think of prayer as simply sitting or kneeling, eyes closed, hands clasped, silently offering God the concerns and joys on our hearts. While this is certainly one good way to pray, it is not the only way. During my classes over the last two years, I have learned how to integrate art such as mandalas and soul collage as well as body movement, into prayer and spiritual practice. It may come as no surprise to you that the art activities we learned came naturally to me. But one surprise I had was in learning new body movement exercises and how powerful they could be in helping me to express what is on my heart and form it into a wordless prayer.

In this most recent class, I learned about a practice called "interplay" - something I had never heard of before. As the website [www.interplay.org](http://www.interplay.org) describes, interplay is "an active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the body." It is not dancing -- but with guidance from the leader, we explored a variety of movement techniques such as walking, posing, skipping, mirroring, stopping, and fast and slow movements. It was both fun and meaningful as we engaged as a class in this practice. One particular piece of interplay I found

meaningful was when we were asked to think of a situation we were facing. Once we thought of the situation we were asked to -- without thinking too much about it -- we made a body position/posture that described how that situation felt to us. Over the course of the week, we explored in our small groups that situation (talking about it) -- and every day we were asked to remember what position we took the day(s) before, and to add a new position to how we were feeling about that situation today. I appreciated the progression and change that my positions made as the week went on.

Sometimes we have no words to fully describe how we feel about a situation. Even when we have no words, our bodies can help us express what is going on within us. And we can use these body expressions as prayers. This can be as simple as praying with your hands open and palms up - a gesture of letting go and receptivity. Kneeling can be a gesture of humility. Hands on your heart can be a gesture of asking for God's love or healing. The possibilities are endless.

This activity is a reminder to me that God made us embodied people. And our bodies can help us get in touch with what is going on inside us as well as connect to God. I encourage you to incorporate an awareness of body movement into your prayer life and see how God speaks to you through it.

*~Grace and peace, Brandi*



### **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

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

**Deadline for articles for the MAY 2017 ISSUE of  
"Roots & Wings"  
Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, by 10 a.m.**

*Per Capita for 2017 is:  
\$30.65 per member.*



## SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

### *At its meeting on February 21, 2017, Session...*

...welcomed Geoff Wasmer, our newly ordained and installed Ruling Elder.

...had a devotional centering our thoughts on what we are called to do as Session members. We reflected on scripture, John 15: 15-17, where we are chosen by God not to be servants, but to be friends to go and produce fruit.

...welcomed Whitney Scoville who provided an update on our next planned mission project in Honduras. On our previous Mission Trip to Camasca, Honduras in the fall of 2016, we discovered that eye care is almost non-existent in the rural countryside. Thus, the seed was planted for a new project called "Vision for Camasca." The immediate goal is to send a small group back to Camasca to begin vision screening and explore how we could be instruments for making vision clinics and glasses available for those in need. The Mission Fund Committee has committed funds to support participants making trip. Additional fund-raising will occur to support the trip. Session enthusiastically embraced the project and the opportunity to continue our relationship with residents of Camasca. Pastor Brandi led us in a prayer of blessing.

...received the Treasurer's Report and financial summary for the months ending December 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017.

...noted that Pastor Brandi will be away for training for her Spiritual Direction Certificate March 12 – March 17, 2017. Rev. Theva Sinnathamby will be guest preacher; Elder Geoff Wasmer will serve as liturgist.

...noted that Pastor Brandi will be holding a new membership class for several people who have expressed interest in becoming members of First Presbyterian Church of Chili.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on a Presbytery workshop she attended on developing a Child Protection Policy. We anticipate creating a Task Force to accomplish this.

...reviewed and updated the current Funeral/Memorial Services Policy. A final draft will be prepared for Session review and approval at the March Session meeting.

...approved the organization and responsibilities of Session members for 2017 as follows:

#### Season Team Facilitators:

Lent: Carrie Horton

Easter: Barbara Wasmer

Pentecost: Geoff Wasmer

Harvest: TBD

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany: Sandy McCauley & Nancy Huffman

#### Session's Representative to Nominating Committee:

Sandy McCauley

#### Elder of Responsibility-Personnel Committee:

Carrie Horton

#### Elder of Responsibility-Scholarship Committee:

Geoff Wasmer

#### Session's Representative to Mission Fund Committee:

Barbara Wasmer

#### Presbytery Delegate:

Rotating position

#### Clerk of Session:

Nancy Huffman (elected 2013 for an Open-Ended Term)

...appointed Darla Diehl to conduct the Annual Financial Review for 2016.

...approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation held, January 29, 2017.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on highlights of the January Presbytery meeting. Presbyters voted on new General Assembly amendments. Of interest was a report from the Committee on Self-Development of People on a grant given for a Biking Ministry in Rochester. The Biking Ministry has grown and thrived by adding new bikers and leaders in this ministry group.

...approved changes to the Office Administrator job description to reflect paid holidays and vacation.

...received the Memorial Fund Report prepared by Alice Hassett, Memorial Fund Coordinator.

...reviewed the Active Membership Roll, and the Other Participants-Active and Inactive rolls.

...approved effective immediately, that persons currently on the Other Participants-Inactive roll longer than five years be dismissed, and, further; that in the future, persons placed on the Other Participants-Inactive roll be removed from the membership roll after five years.

...appointed Elder Carrie Horton to serve as Clerk Pro-Tem for the March 21, 2017 Stated Session meeting.

*~Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session*



*Thank you to the members of the Choir,  
and the Glorious Ringers!*

Choir Members:

- Cindy Blair
- Brian Gernhardt
- Lori Gittens
- Harvey Heer
- Carrie Horton
- Jan Hoyt
- Judy Porter
- Sue Johnson
- Sandy McCauley
- Laurie Stowe
- Don Strine
- Marj Strine
- Barb Wasmer
- Geoff Wasmer

Glorious Ringers Members:

- Andy Atwater
- Sharon Breeze
- Lori Gittens
- Carrie Horton
- Ashleigh Naugle
- Marj Strine
- Barb Wasmer
- Abby Wasmer
- Rebecca Wasmer
- Alice Zah

*Remember, everyone is welcome!  
Contact Adam to express your interest!  
[cpministerofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cpministerofmusic@gmail.com)*

**VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN:**



**April 2\***

- Greeters: Jan Hoyt and Bill Hoyt
- Jr. Greeter: Jacob Bilyou
- Childcare: Becky or Brian Gernhardt
- \*Communion: Jan Hoyt, Bill Hoyt, Dodie Kasiske, Gail McArthur, Judie McGaffick

**April 9**

- Greeters: Ginny Harkness and Pat Jones
- Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten
- Childcare: Lori Oliver

**April 16\***

- Greeters: Harvey Heer and Alice Zah
- Jr. Greeter: Ashleigh Naugle
- Childcare: Paid Care
- \*Communion: Harvey Heer, Alice Zah, Lori Oliver

**April 23**

- Greeters: Sharon Breeze and Carrie Horton
- Jr. Greeter: Jennifer Bilyou
- Childcare: Vicky Leahy

**April 30**

- Greeters: Jay Mathewson and Kathy Mathewson
- Jr. Greeter: Aidan Snover
- Childcare: Gail McArthur

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**"SPRING CHICKEN" BBQ**  
**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**



11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.  
(drive-thru service only)

\$9.00 for each meal

To benefit Chili Presbyterian  
Mission Outreach

**Don't miss it!**

# Lenten Season 2017: "Jesus' fingerprints"

*Lenten Team Members:*

*Jean Bartholomew, Harvey Heer, Sara Heer, Carrie Horton (facilitator),  
Susan Johnson, Laurie Stowe, Alice Zah, Fred Zah*



## Ash Wednesday Reflection Stations

March 1st -

Thank you to everyone who participated!

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## **Missions**

One Great Hour of Sharing is our outreach focus, and Sue Johnson will be looking for clues, as Sherlock Holmes visits for OGHS. And we will continue collecting donations for the washer/dryer for our local women & children's residential home.

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Thank you to everyone who has volunteered!

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## Progressive Supper

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - starting at 5:00 p.m.

- \* 1 host home for Appetizers
- \* 2 host homes for Soup/Salad
- \* 3 host homes for the Main Entrée

We will finish with Dessert at church.

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## **MAUNDY** *Thursday*

Maundy Thursday Service

April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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Your Lent Season Team hopes and prays that this reflective time before Easter will be meaningful to our congregation.

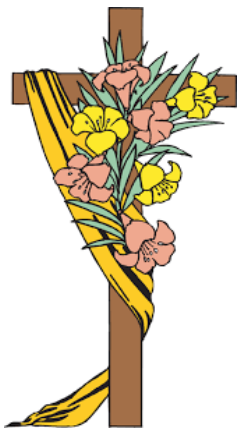
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# Easter Season 2017

*Easter Team Members:*

*Andy Atwater, Whitney Scoville, Barb Wasmer, Roger Willis*



The Easter Season Team invites you to purchase an Easter plant and/or make a contribution to the Chili Presbyterian Scholarship Fund. Both options will be celebrated in a beautiful sanctuary on Easter morning!

## *Option 1*

*will result in a traditional Easter plant*

## *Option 2*

*will result in a single carnation  
for each contribution*

*Either contribution can be made*

*In Memory Of*

*or*

*In Honor of a Loved One*

*Either contribution will cost \$10.00.*

*Please make checks payable to:*

*"First Presbyterian Church"*

*and indicate either "Easter Flowers"  
or "Scholarship Fund" on your check.*

*The last date for ordering will be  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Order envelopes are in the sanctuary.*

*Call 889-9896 with questions.*



*Special Palm Sunday Worship*

*April 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Maundy Thursday Worship*

*April 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Keep the Vigil*

*Beginning Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
(watch for a signup sheet)*

*Easter Sunday Breakfast*

*April 16<sup>th</sup>  
(watch for a signup sheet)*

*and*

*Rejoice in Easter Sunday Worship*

*April 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Mission focus will be:*





## Thoughts from the Minister of Music – April 2017

### The Story of Easter

Christ died. That in itself can be heavy. I have had many experiences with family members passing away and dealing with death. There is grief. There is loss. There is uncertainty. We go through the burial process and then over time, we move on, because our lives keep going.

Now imagine Christ dying. This person who has invested His life in serving others. You watched Him. You listened to Him. You saw the changes happening around Him. You saw miracles. You have been changed by Him.

You then watch how the world responds to Him. You see the beating He takes. You watch the ridicule He absorbs. You see Him put to death on public display.

In the midst of the story, you have to believe that all hope was gone in the lives of those who knew Him. I can only imagine the uncertainty of the loss that was felt.

Now we know that Christ died for us, but take into consideration the weight of knowing that Christ **died** for us. He didn't just go the extra mile for us so that our friendship would be strong. His purpose was to overcome death so that we could have an eternal relationship with Him free from sin.

Can you honestly fathom that? Clearly looking at what happens in our world, we do not deserve this care for our human race. But God made us, and God chose us. God chooses the human race and all of our inadequacies.

So Christ is dead. It's day 3. Mary has moved on and continuing in her life journey, and is doing the basic rituals of the burial process. And as quickly as hope left the world, hope AND affirmation return to her, and eventually to others. It must have been some crazy kind of whirlwind that happened that week in the emotions of those close to Christ.

And once again, you watch Him. You listen to Him. You have forever been changed.

Christ is risen.

Find a moment today to reflect on your relationship with Christ.

*~Be blessed and continue to let the music play, Adam*

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# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS

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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.

The chicken has landed! Our annual chicken BBQ is April 2<sup>nd</sup>! Please support our mission funds and buy a chicken dinner! If you need tickets please contact the Hoyts or Scovilles!

And speaking about missions, our youth group will be going to Loveland, Colorado this summer for a mission trip through Group Mission Trips. The trip will take place from July 15-23, so please put this on your calendar and begin to pray for this amazing adventure we are planning to go on! #LIFECHANGING!

Look below for sweet events!

-Adam and Whitney

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE! (Subject to change!)**

**CHICKEN BBQ! April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THE DAY!**

**Youth Group – April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**NO YOUTH GROUP – April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**EASTER SUNDAY!**

**Youth Group – April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**NO YOUTH GROUP – April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Adam is away!

**Youth Group – May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Youth Group – May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

166  
Following

168  
Followers



It better be warmer  
when we serve that chicken!

Questions? Contact Adam Scoville / [cpministerofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cpministerofmusic@gmail.com) / 585-269-8746



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