

Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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**Worship With Us
Each Sunday
in December
at 10:00 a.m.**

(childcare is always available)

December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent
Service of the Lord's Supper
Caroling Event

December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 18

4th Sunday of Advent
Special Cantata: "Jesus! Advent of the Messiah"
Genesee Country Museum Yuletide Tour Event

December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service

December 25

Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.
You're invited to wear your pjs!

Inside this issue...

Wooten's Wonderings...Leadership Notes...

Advent Season Begins..SPECIAL EVENTS...

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All in this issue of Roots & Wings!

Wooten's Wonderings...



Traditions. The Advent and Christmas season is especially full of them. Some traditions have been passed down from generation to generation. Many of our favorite Christmas carols were written over 100 years ago. In my family, I carry on the tradition my mom started -- making chocolate truffles for the holidays.

When a newly married couple begins to anticipate their first Christmas as an official family unit, the subject of traditions can present its challenges. Do you have your big Christmas meal on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Does Santa come to your house or not? What is the process for opening presents? Do you send Christmas cards and letter or just cards or even no cards? Dan and I had many of these kinds of conversations when we were first married often beginning with the words "this is the way Christmas is done!"

While we tend to think traditions are unchangeable, and that somehow, if we don't do them, it won't feel like Christmas -- in fact -- traditions do change. New traditions are created as children or other people are added into the family or as some move or pass away. Traditions can also be adapted or tweaked as needs and interests change.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is one tradition that has stood the test of time while also being adapted and retold in different ways. Starting out as a book first published in 1843, it has become a stage play, a musical, and has been created into several different movies from cartoons to live action, and even Muppets. It is a story that has embedded itself in our culture and, for many of us, is a part of our holiday traditions.

This Advent, we will consider Dickens' beloved *A Christmas Carol*, a story about the redemption of Scrooge, in light of the events of Jesus' birth and the good news he comes to bring. As we draw closer to Christmas, may we joyfully shout with Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one!"

~Grace and peace, Brandi



We wanted to let you know that the Personnel Committee, with the approval of Session, has reconfigured the office hours.

- The reason for this is due to:
- a decrease of our membership rolls
 - the use of technology to streamline the workload
 - and the need to be fiscally responsible.

Candy has done a wonderful job for 20 years and we appreciate the work she does as our Office Administrator.

The new hours are as follows:

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

~Personnel Committee 2016~
Carrie Horton (Elder of Responsibility)
Tim Engelbrecht
Alice Hassett
Harvey Heer



SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its November 15, 2016 meeting, Session...

...opened the meeting with reflections on "generosity inspires opportunity" and acts of generosity we have experienced in our own lives.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on her pastoral contacts.

...approved vacation for Pastor Brandi December 25 after worship through January 3, 2017.

...noted that Rev. Bob Kaiser will preach on January 1, 2017 and will also be on call.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi that the Deacons will be engaging in study/training and authorized the purchase of study books The Caring Congregation.

...reviewed correspondence received and sent.

...placed activity dates on the calendar:

*January 10, 2017 6:00 p.m. (Special Meeting of Session to finalize 2017 Budget)
June 11, 2017 (Church Picnic)*

...continued discussion on use of Memorial Funds and noted that the Trustees are investigating options for which Memorial Funds would be appropriate.

...noted that individually designed letters have been sent to church family about stewardship and noted too that response has been positive to the "ladder" showing giving trends within the church family.

...noted that scheduling of greeters and communion servers for 2017 is underway.

...set January 10, 2017 for a Special Meeting of the Session to finalize the 2017 Budget.

...approved using proceeds from the Browse and Buy Booth to support the Washer/Dryer Project for the Open Door Mission facility in Gates for women and children needing shelter.

...set June 11, 2017 for the Church Picnic. Elder McCauley will reserve the Maher Lodge.

...discussed and approved several recommendations from the Personnel Committee regarding vacation time and office hours for Candy Rogers, Office Administrator.

*~Remitted by,
Elder Nancy Huffman
Clerk of Session*



EACH MONDAY
MORNING...

at 9 a.m.

Join us at Chili Pres for...

Morning Prayer Service

Rach Monday morning, beginning at 9 a.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to check out this great way **to start a Monday!**

We meet in the Adult Lounge.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Contact Sharon Breeze (293-1340)

or Pastor Brandi on Sunday,

or call the Church Office (889-9896).



THE NEED IS GREAT...

An October 4th article in the Democrat & Chronicle stated that more than 167,000 people in the Rochester area live below the federal poverty line. This staggering statistic reminds us that our support for SWEM is needed now more than ever. Thanks to all of you who brought food and supplies in October and November. Our donations are greatly appreciated by those in need. This period of time before the holidays is the time when supplies are low at the food cupboards. We will have an update on the donations to SWEM in the net newsletter. **Please bring your donations to SWEM on Communion Sunday, December 4th, or at any other time.**

*~Thank you,
Jane & Fred Schultz*



The Fall Supper Committee thanks our church family for another successful Fall Supper. We served approximately 520 dinners between the dining room and take-out. As has been the tradition, the profit will be split evenly between the Session and the Board of Trustees, less the 10% tithe to Outreach. The profit is over \$3700.00.

As always, many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this year's Fall Supper a success. We would especially like to thank the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for helping out this year.

~Dave Abell, Andy Atwater, Linda Enright, Carrie Horton, Kathy Mathewson, Gail McArthur, Laurie Stowe, Barbara Wasmer and Karen Woodward

THE HARVEST TEAM THANKS YOU!



We had an awesome 2016 Harvest Season and an awesome Harvest Team – Andy Atwater, Sharon Breeze, and Sandy McCauley. However, in this our Bicentennial Year, a big

thanks goes out to Sharon Breeze and Ginny Harkness who orchestrated a memorable culminating event -- the Fashion Show and High Tea! An even bigger thanks goes out to all in our church family who contributed to the success of the Fashion Show and High Tea – cooks in the kitchen, hostesses and servers, those who parked cars, those who cleaned up afterward, our Office Administrator who took the calls for reserving tickets, our technology experts, our Trustees who helped prepare the sanctuary.

The season featured a lunch on a beautiful fall day at the Glen Iris Inn in Letchworth State Park where we enjoyed good food, fun, and fellowship. We offered an adult faith development study of world religions led by Rev. Sinnathamby Thevanesan. And, we reached out to support the new westside Open Door Mission project for women and children needing shelter -- by collecting donations for a washer and dryer for the new facility. The Deacons are also supporting this project which will most likely be a year-long effort. Our season came to a close with a delicious luncheon on Stewardship Sunday put on by the Boy Scouts, Stewardship Team, and the Harvest Team.

This year's Harvest Season was indeed abundant with
"Life that is Truly Life!"

*~Thank you all!
Nancy Huffman and Pat Olson
Co-Facilitators*

WHAT'S ON THEIR LIST?



As we enter the season of gift buying and gift exchanges, don't forget our Bicentennial Cookbook! It's a great option for the foodies on your list – with 80+ pages of recipes and history – it's sure to be hit!

Cookbooks are available for \$15.00 each. Contact the office at 889-9896 or Nancy Huffman.



to the volunteers serving in December:

December 4*

- Greeters: Bruce Olson and Pat Olson
- Jr. Greeter: **Need Volunteer**
- Childcare: Gail McArthur
- *Communion: Sharon Breeze, Harvey Heer, Sara Heer, Sue Atwater, Pat Olson

December 11

- Greeters: Mark Carden
- Jr. Greeter: Ashleigh Naugle
- Childcare: Brenda Naugle

December 18

- Greeters: Mick McCauley and Sandy McCauley
- Jr. Greeter: Aidan Snover
- Childcare: Lori Oliver

December 24

- Greeters: **Need Volunteer**
- Jr. Greeter: None assigned
- Childcare: Will be paid care

December 25

- Greeters: Judie McGaffick and Barb Wasmer
- Jr. Greeter: Jordan Wilson
- Childcare: **Need Volunteer**

**Deadline for articles for the
JANUARY 2017 ISSUE of
"Roots & Wings"
Tuesday, December 13th, by 10 a.m.
Note that this is an early deadline,
due to the holiday season...**



Please join us on Monday, December 12th
at 10:30 at Chili Pres.
We meet in the Adult Lounge -
and have a great time.
All are welcome - if you know how to knit or not!
We would love to teach you
and have you be part of our group!

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

*Due to early ordering demands,
the deadline for ordering poinsettias
for the Christmas Eve sanctuary was November 27th.*

However, you may still make contributions
to the Chili Pres Scholarship Fund,
in memory or in honor of a loved one.

*Poinsettia and Scholarship Fund dedications
will be listed in the December 24th bulletin.
Thank you for your support of this tradition!*



2016 CHILI PRES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Option 2 – Scholarship Fund

Placed in memory of

Placed in honor of

Presented by _____

\$ Paid _____ Cash Check

Last day to order is December 11, 2016

(December 2016 newsletter order form)

WELCOME TO ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY SEASON 2016

“God Bless Us, Every One”

Plan: 10-9-16 to 11-26-16 / Implement: 11-27-16 to 2-28-17

Grace Azzolino, Evan Engelbrecht, Lori Gittens, Jan Hoyt (facilitator), Nancy Huffman, Pat Jones, Debbie Lamphron, Tom Leahy, Vicky Leahy, Sandy McCauley

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Season at Chili Pres!

We have some exciting events planned for this season! Please join us as we gather together, have fun, and serve as a church family.



Poinsettia Orders/Scholarship Donations
Our church tradition continues this season with the purchase of a poinsettia plant and/or scholarship donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The deadline for poinsettia purchases was November 27th, but scholarship donations will be taken up to December 17th.



Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 4th, after church



Brooklea Country Club Luncheon
Tuesday, December 13th, 11:30 a.m.
(*\$16 per person*)
(*Sign-up by Sunday, December 4th*)



Senesee Country Village Yuletide Tour
Sunday, December 18th, time TBD
(*\$19/person*)

(*Sign-up by Sunday, December 17th*)
This is a 90 minute walking tour through the streets in the year 1849 when New York declared Christmas, Independence Day, and New Year's Day state holidays. Enjoy music, dancing, and tree lighting as you visit village homes and businesses to see how residents reacted to the news of Christmas as a holiday!



We are excited to have a season full of joy, love, and community. Please join us! Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall.



And, watch for more info...

- * *Advent Candle-lighting Services*
- * *Annual Joy Offering*
- * *Christmas Eve Worship Service*
- * *Christmas Day Worship Service*



Thoughts from the Minister of Music – December 2016

Announcement: The choir will be performing a cantata called “Jesus! Advent of the Messiah,” on Sunday, December 18th during worship. So we are looking for people to sing! This cantata is wonderful and pretty easy, so if you would like to get into the holiday spirit through song, please come rehearse with us on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m. We would love to have you!

Can you believe that it is that time of year again? As I get older, I feel that Christmas comes quicker each year! I guess that can be a great feeling though, considering Christmas is our time to cherish the moments we have with our families and remember the great gift we received through Jesus.

It is everyone’s favorite time of year, and I like to put a claim in that it may be God’s favorite time of year as well. Think about it – we spend more time preparing our hearts for Christmas than any other holiday. We take extra time decorating, planning our Christmas festivities, giving money to help others, and even buying presents for those we care about and those in need. At church, we decorate, and prepare for a Christmas Eve Service that has been a part of so many families’ lives for generations. I really feel that there is a special bond between God and us during the holiday season, and I believe God takes great pleasure in sharing that with us.

So if we really have such a bond with God, which I believe we do, how can we seek God on a deeper spiritual level during this Christmas season, 2016? One thing I would suggest is to plan time with God in the silence. It’s so easy to get “wrapped up” in presents and all we plan to do during the holidays with our family and friends. But during this Christmas season, take a few minutes each day to meet with God in silence, without distractions or plans. Spend time praying, reading, and seeking God in new ways. Maybe that means meeting with God as a family and reading scripture together. No television. No iPads, cell phones or video games.

I know that if you are serious about reaching out to God that great things are going to happen in your life. So take the time during Christmas to find Jesus, the One born to save us all.

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



CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS
December 2016 Newsletter

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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Following

134
Followers

Christmas time is here!

It is that time of year again where we remember Christ's birth and enjoy time off from school to spend with our families! We have a few events before Christmas break, so check them out!!!!

-Adam and Whitney

UPCOMING SCHEDULE! (Subject to change!)

Youth Group – December 4th
After church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Youth Group – December 11th
After church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Youth Group CHRISTMAS PARTY! – December 18th
After church - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

December 25th - Christmas! – NO YOUTH GROUP!

January 1st - New Year's – NO YOUTH GROUP!

Youth Group PARENT MEETING! – January 8th
After church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Questions? Contact Adam Scoville / cpministerofmusic@gmail.com / 585-269-8746

PLAN AHEAD

CHURCH OFFICE



So that the staff may enjoy the holidays with their loved ones, the office will be closed:

December 20, 21, and 22
and
December 27, 28, and 29
for the holidays.

And, remember:
the office is always closed on Mondays and Fridays!

JANUARY 2017							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

www.free-printable-calendar.com

2016 ANNUAL REPORT GUIDELINES

for Boards, Committees, Seasonal Teams, and Organized Groups of 1st Presbyterian Church of Chili
If you are a Chair, Elder of Responsibility, or Facilitator for one of our Groups, you are responsible for the Annual Report for your group's activities for the past year. Each group's individual report then becomes part of the final **Annual Report to the Congregation and Corporation** for the Church, which is distributed at the Annual Meeting, which is towards the end of January.

REPORT SUBMITTAL

- It is preferable that you submit your report to the Church Office *in electronic form*, **no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. *No changes or corrections can be made to reports not submitted in electronic form.*
- If you miss the 1st deadline, you will need to prepare, proofread, and submit a hard copy of your report (*following the above report format*) to the Church Office **no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017**. *Absolutely no changes or corrections can be made to reports not submitted in electronic form, or to reports received after January 10, 2017.*
- If no report is submitted before the 2nd deadline, the table of contents of the **Annual Report to the Congregation and Corporation** will indicate "no report received."

If you have questions or need clarification, please contact Candy Rogers at 889-9896. Thanks for your cooperation!



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017



Check out the miniature washing machine in the Fellowship Hall. Wonder what it's all about? It's looking to **"CLEAN"** your pockets of some loose change ... or "quiet" money!

Read the brochure by the machine ... and you will **GAIN** an understanding and **CHEER** for the ongoing mission project that is showing **ALL** God's and CPC's love to our new neighbors. Be **BOLD** and give generously!

The Open Door Mission is coming to Gates! A much-needed residential program for women and children will be opening in the Fall of 2017 on Coldwater Road. Contact was made with a representative from the Open Door Mission and it was decided that a washer and dryer would be a wonderful way to show our support to this new neighbor.

Although this is a large project, it will be ongoing for the next year ...

*SO, be **BOLD** in your giving
and we will be able to turn the **TIDE**
for our friends who need a helping hand.
It will help them **GAIN** an understanding
of the love of Christ and the caring, love,
and support they have from*

***ALL** of us at the First Presbyterian Church of Chili.*

*If you would like more information about this project,
there are details in the Fellowship Hall.*

COMMUNION DATES 2017-2018

<i>Date</i>	<i>Served or Intinction</i>
March 5, 2017	Served
April 2, 2017	Served
April 16, 2017 (Easter Sunday)	Intinction
May 7, 2017	Served
June 4, 2017	Served
July 2, 2017	Intinction
August 6, 2017	Intinction
September 10, 2017	Intinction
October 1, 2017 (World Communion)	Intinction
November 5, 2017	Intinction
December 3, 2017	Served
January 7, 2018	Served
February 4, 2018	Served

HOME COMMUNION



Communion is a beautiful sacramental celebration that our church participates in once a month, usually on the first Sunday of each month.

We understand that sometimes it is not possible to be in church on a Communion Sunday due to other commitments or illness. The Deacons and Session would like to offer Communion on those Sundays that you are not able to be in church, by bringing the elements of bread and juice to you.

Arrangements for the visit can be made for the Communion Sunday or any time during the coming week that is convenient. This is an informal gathering of a Deacon and/or Session member who will take a few minutes to visit with you and then share the elements.

Please call the church office at 889-9896, your Deacon, or Sharon Breeze at 293-1340 if you would like Home Communion.

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