

# THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN

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First Presbyterian Church of Chili  
3600 Chili Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14624

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#### *Our Officers*

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Board of Trustees  
Session

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Finance  
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Nominating  
Personnel  
Stewardship

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Easter  
Pentecost  
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Advent/Christmas  
Epiphany

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Habitat for Humanity  
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...Souper Bowl  
...One Great Hour of Sharing  
...Blanket Sunday  
...Peacemaking  
...Joy

## Make PLANS to WORSHIP With US In...



*(Childcare is always available)*

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### **February 2**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Communion Sunday  
Ordination/Installation of Officers  
Souper Bowl / Super Bowl Sunday

### **February 9**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

### **February 16**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Blended Worship

### **February 23**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

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Youth News...Look Ahead...and so much more...

**ALL IN THIS ISSUE OF THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN!**

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## Wooten Wisdom...



February is the season of love. Valentine's Day has captured the attention of businesses seeking to lure us into spending our money on heart shaped candy and cute stuffed animals. Regardless of what the commercial industry wants us to do, Valentine's Day and the month of February provide us with a too often missed opportunity to express how much we love the people in our lives. The majority of the time, we are so busy treading water every day that we forget to show those closest to us how much they mean to us - we forget to say those three little words that hold so much significance.

While we are busy forgetting to tell our friends and family that they are loved and appreciated, we also forget to tell our God. Scripture reminds us time and time again how much God loves us. In fact, the Bible has been described as God's love letter. In Ephesians 3:18, Paul calls us to pay attention so that we can grasp how "wide and high and long and deep the love of Christ is and know that this love surpasses knowledge." When we are feeling separated from God, when the world is closing in on us and we fear we are alone against uncontrollable forces, Romans reminds us that "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Jesus' very birth and presence among us is testimony to God's unshakable love.

When we are confronted with the depth of God's love for us, how can we help but respond with love back? Just as it is easy to take our friends and family for granted, it is easy to take God's love for granted. So this month, make a commitment to tell those that are important to you how much you care and appreciate them. Tell your family and your friends; show them in little and maybe a few big ways that they make a difference in your life. But don't stop there. Tell God of your love as well. Thank God for the love our Lord has continually showered upon you. And make a commitment to do so throughout the year, not just in February.

May the love of God enfold you all the days of your life.  
~Grace and peace, Brandi

## MINISTRY OF CARE

### YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

#### CLASS OF 2015:

Harvey Heer, Gail McArthur, Marj Strine

#### CLASS OF 2016:

Marla Guarnieri, Whitney Scoville, Alice Zah

#### CLASS OF 2017:

Barb Boerschlein, Sue Edwards, Lori Oliver

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

*A Stephen Minister can help.*

*Bev L'Hommedieu (349-1501)*

*Sandra McCauley (293-1086)*

*Brandi Wooten (889-9896)*



### EPIPHANY 2014

The Epiphany Season began on Sunday January 5, 2014.

Our theme is:

#### "GPS" – God's Positioning System

*Watch for events such as:*

a family outing/social activity,  
special Sunday Circle activities,  
and some wonderful Bible study programs.  
We hope our "GPS" system will lead you  
to your destination of "Hopes for 2014."

~Your 2014 Epiphany Seasonal Team,

*Sara Heer, John Heer,*

*Harvey Heer, Nancy Huffman*

# ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Deacons and Elders elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 26<sup>th</sup> will be ordained and/or installed on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. While they are not formally ordained or installed, newly elected Trustees will also be recognized during the worship service.

Current, retiring, and newly elected Elders, Deacons and Trustees will attend a special breakfast meeting at 8:15 a.m. on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the purpose of welcome, orientation and examination (a Presbyterian term) prior to their installation during worship on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session*

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## SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

### *At its December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Session...*

...discussed how Christmas and the birth of Christ is about love re-entering the world in a powerful way. We shared where we have seen and experienced love's effects in our lives this past week. Pastor Brandi opened the meeting with prayer.

...received the Treasurer's Report and summary as follows:

*Checking Account Balance October 31, 2013*

*\$ 6,075.76*

*Deposits*

*20,237.02*

*Total*

*26,312.78*

*Disbursements*

*19,737.77*

*Checking Account Balance November 30, 2013*

*6,575.01*

...reviewed financial reports and the Memorial Fund Report.

...approved the request of Stephanie Faatz Murry to be placed on the Other Participants-Inactive Roll.

...received the 2014 Stewardship Campaign Final Report for Session prepared by Jerry Huffman. We received 67 pledges totaling \$123, 822. This represents a decrease of 2.8% in total anticipated pledge income in comparison to last year. However, Session rejoiced noting there were 27 increased pledges, 8 new pledges, and 23 pledges that remained the same as last year. There were nine decreased pledges and eight lost pledges. Session also rejoiced that some individuals on

the Other Participants-Inactive Roll responded to an invitation to send in a donation to support the church in 2014. Finally, Session expressed appreciation to Elder Jan Hoyt as Elder of Responsibility for Stewardship and to Jerry Huffman who maintains detailed and confidential records with regard to the Stewardship Campaign.

...heard a report from Elder McCauley that the work of the Nominating Committee is completed.

...heard a report from Advent Team Facilitator, Elder McCauley on the activities of the Advent Team to date, as well as plans for caroling.

...heard a report from Epiphany Team Facilitator, Elder Heer on plans for the Epiphany Season. The Season theme is "GPS--God's Positioning System." Church decorating will take place on January 4, 2014.

...discussed candidates to facilitate the Lent Season Team.

...noted that Elder Huffman volunteered to facilitate the Easter Team.

...received a report from Pastor Brandi on the Mission Statement Team.

...approved the Session's 2013 Annual Report.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi that Presbytery approved its manual of policies, consistent with NFOG requirements. Presbytery also nominated the Rev. John Wilkinson (pastor at Third Presbyterian) to run for Moderator of the Denomination. Presbytery also appointed a Discernment Team for the Leicester Church.

...discussed the January 28, 2014 Presbytery meeting we are hosting. Elder Wasmer volunteered to assist in coordinating this event.

... discussed an invitation to members of our congregation to attend the "Engage-ing" Workshop on January 11, 2014.

...approved hosting the 2014 Mission Madness on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

...received the recommendation of the Endowment Committee for a distribution of \$15,000.00 in net proceeds; \$5,000 each for "outside the walls" - Mission Fund Committee; "on the walls" - Trustees; and "inside the walls" - Session, to occur in 2014. As per the Endowment Policy, the Endowment Committee will meet in early January to finalize the distribution amount pending 12/31/13 year-end statements.

... adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Our closing prayer, led by Pastor Brandi was a shared benediction based on the Great Commission.

*~Remitted by,*

*Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session*

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# SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

## *At its January 23, 2014 meeting, Session...*

...welcomed David Abell, Finance Chair, and Andy Atwater, Chair of Board of Trustees -- who reviewed the 2013 Financial Reports and the Year-End Report of the Treasurer as they appear in the Annual Report booklet.

...expressed appreciation to Dave Abell and Andy Atwater as well as Treasurer, Laurie Stowe for their diligent and detailed work in preparing the Financial Annual Reports for 2013.

...expressed appreciation for being provided monthly printed Finance Reports in Quick Books format, which carefully tracks income and expenses.

...placed the monthly Men's Breakfast, held the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. on the Master Calendar.

...heard a report from Elder Sara Heer, Facilitator for the Epiphany Team that 23 people are attending the Planetarium Show on January 26<sup>th</sup> and then going to the East Avenue Wegmans Store restaurant for "dinner on your own."

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi that the Mission Statement Team is fully constituted and she will be convening its first meeting.

...reviewed the Annual Statistical Report and the Clerk's Annual Questionnaire and authorized the Clerk of Session to submit these reports upon receipt of the final finance information.

...noted that preliminary versions of the Annual Report booklet were made available to the congregation electronically. The final, printed version of the Annual Report booklet was distributed to Session members. Dave Abell, Finance Chair and Andy Atwater, Chair of the Board of Trustees discussed the Financial Reports.

...heard a report from Elder Wasmer on plans for hosting the Presbytery meeting on January 28, 2014.

...made final plans for the breakfast/training of newly elected officers and the service of Installation and Ordination of newly elected Officers and recognition of newly elected Trustees on February 2, 2014.

...by motion, as per the Policy for Mission Funds Allocation, confirmed the members of the Mission Fund Committee: Barbara Wasmer (Session member and Co-Chair), Roger Willis (Congregation Member and Co-Chair), Andy Atwater (Trustee), Adam Scoville (Youth Director), Abby Wasmer (Youth Delegate).

...appointed Elder Barbara Wasmer as Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

...recommended that the Fall Supper Committee use a portion of their planning funds to purchase hot boxes. ...by motion, received and approved the recommendation of the Endowment Committee for a distribution of \$21,000.00 in net proceeds; \$7,000 each for "outside the walls" - Mission Fund Committee; "on the walls" - Trustees; and "inside the walls" - Session, to occur in 2014.

...expressed deep gratitude for the time and talent Jan Hoyt, John Heer, and Sara Heer gave as Ruling Elders serving on Session. We reflected on the contributions of these Elders during their terms of service and the differences they have made for our church as a result of their service. They shared their perspectives on the past and on the future.

*~Remitted by,  
Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session*

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A heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated food to SWEM in 2013 and January 2014. In 2013 a total of 818 food items plus hygiene necessities (790 lbs) were delivered to SWEM. 58 food items plus hygiene products were collected for SWEM in January 2014.

Karen Woodward, a church member who works at SWEM, said that the need is great and calls are continually coming in from those in need. As our economy still struggles, please remember to bring food for SWEM on Communion Sundays and other Sundays throughout 2014. Thanks again for supporting SWEM.

*~Jane Schultiz*

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## **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

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

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# THANK YOU

to the Elders, Deacons, Jr. Deacons,  
and Childcare Volunteers serving in February:

## February 2\*

Elder/Deacon: Nancy Huffman and Sue Edwards

Jr. Deacon: Aidan Snover

Childcare: Lisa Hassett

\*Communion: Nancy Huffman, Sue Edwards,  
Jerry Huffman, Ginny Harkness,  
Joe Harkness

## February 9

Elder/Deacon: *Need volunteer* and Whitney Scoville

Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle

Childcare: Vicky Leahy

## February 16

Elder/Deacon: Barb Wasmer and Marj Strine

Jr. Deacon: Jack DiPietro

Childcare: Kathy Mathewson

## February 23

Elder/Deacon: Mel Olver and Lisa Snover

Jr. Deacon: Nicole Mathewson

Childcare: *To be assigned*

**DON'T FORGET** 

*Each congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA  
is responsible for a "Per Capita" assessment.  
It's the closest our denomination comes to dues.  
The per-member amount provides financial support for  
administrative expenses at the Presbytery,  
Synod, and General Assembly.*

**The 2014 per capita amount for Chili Pres  
is \$29.28 per church member.**

*The breakdown is as follows:*

<i>Genesee Valley Presbytery</i>	<i>\$18.31</i>
<i>Synod of the Northeast</i>	<i>\$ 3.95</i>
<i>General Assembly</i>	<i>\$ 7.02</i>
	<i>\$29.28</i>

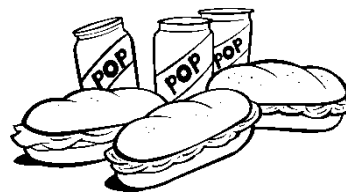
*You can help by making your contribution of **\$29.28**  
for each person in your family who is a member of our  
congregation. You can drop your check in the collection  
plate, or mail to the Church Office. Thank you!*



## "SOUPER" BOWL and SUPER BOWL!

In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, and have mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$50 million for people in need. For more info on the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, visit [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).

**The Chili Pres youth will hold soup pots at our church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 2, 2014.** They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. **Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar (or more) + canned goods in the soup pot on February 2, 2014!**



"SUPER BOWL"  
and  
"SOUPER" BOWL  
and  
"SUPER SUBS"

**February 2, 2014**

Your "Super Subs" can be picked up after worship  
on Super/Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Thank you for your support!**

*The money we earn for sub sales  
will help support our church mission trips!*



*Dear Chili Presbyterian,*

My special thanks for the cards, prayers and condolences following Carl's death on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

He so enjoyed his contacts at Chili Presbyterian and especially sharing as a supply pastor on a few occasions. It's a family church and he was so pleased to feel part of it.

*~Jane Marks*

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***“THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN”***

*Your next newsletter will be the  
March 2014 issue.*

The deadline for that newsletter will be:

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, no later than 10:00 a.m.**

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**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, February 22, 2014**  
**The First Presbyterian Church of Chili**

A Winning Evening for all!

Enjoy a delicious dinner, have some fun,  
and support our local  
Boy Scout Troop 275!

Seatings:

4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets:

\$6.00 for adults

\$3.00 for ages 10 & under

Takeouts will be available.

Raffle Tickets may be purchased  
for various gift baskets!

Contact Tim Engelbrecht for tickets:  
889-3833 (H) or 683-1307 (C)  
or [engelbrechtim@yahoo.com](mailto:engelbrechtim@yahoo.com)

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# Minister of Music

## **Be Ready!**

I am not a preacher. I am not the best writer, nor do I have the schooling or the full understanding of presenting a sermon correctly. Many times I feel like Moses when God tells him to lead the people out of Egypt.

Exodus 4:10: "But Moses said to the Lord, Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue."

I got the call two days before a church service. It's like a call to the bullpen in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning in a baseball game. God is the coach, and you are called in to finish the game; to complete the task.

"But God, I'm not the closer, I don't have the right pitches to get runners out and win the game."

I need to preach in two days. Yikes. The first thing I recommend doing in this situation is praying. Not only for the sure fact that you need it to keep your sanity, but spending time in the presence of God can bring about peace, and even the word that God wishes to speak through you.

Now I know most of you are not in this situation, where you are called to preach on a moment's notice. But we all face times when we are called to do something involving our faith that takes us out of our comfort zones.

It says in 2 Timothy 4:2: "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

"Be ready in season and out of season." Always be ready for the next avenue the Lord takes you down. Our faith can change lives, even when we don't feel prepared, or it isn't in our plans.

I kept telling people that my sermon would either be a huge success or a big flop. But then I started to realize something. Success or flop was not the point. When God calls you, you speak the words that you've been given. You're the messenger, no more, no less. God and the Holy Spirit do the rest.

So I may not be a preacher, but when the Lord called me, I took the ball, and entered the game.

I remember an old professor once saying that "85% of being a professional is just showing up." God can do great things as long as you show up and are willing to be used.

I pray that when God calls you in a moment's notice that you will be able to answer that call with confidence knowing that God is in control and will guide you to its completion.

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



## **RAISE YOUR VOICE!**

Senior Choir rehearsals happen on a new night!  
Everyone is welcome to join us on TUESDAYS  
at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

All are welcome to participate -- sing, come for the companionship of people who experience worship in new ways, enjoy some music -- just come!

**Every Tuesday evening in the sanctuary,  
starting at 7:30 p.m.**

Questions?

Contact Adam Scoville at 269-8746 or  
[cpministerofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cpministerofmusic@gmail.com).

# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS

Join us in February for some amazing events...bring friends!

## Youth Group Schedule

### 2/1 Open Door Mission

-Meet at church at 5:30pm

### 2/2 - SUPERBOWL SUBS!

-Be at church at 9am

-Jr High included

-No youth group after church

### 2/9 - Jr. High Youth Group 9am

- Youth Group 11am - 1pm  
after church

### 2/16 - Youth Group 11am - 1pm after church

### 2/23 - Youth Group BOWLING!

-11am - 3pm after church

-Bring \$20 for food and games

-Jr. High included



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## February!

January has come and gone! We have started off the year right, with a movie lock-in at church! We had 10 youth come to the lock in, where we played an intense game of laser tag capture the flag for half the night! That was followed by a sweet worship time with Adam and devotion with Whitney, which was very powerful. We ended the night watching two movies (and sleeping)... It was a great event!

Superbowl subs are here! Don't forget your sub for Superbowl on February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Look above for upcoming events! We have some great things coming up!

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*Questions or concerns?*

*Adam Scoville: [cpministerofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cpministerofmusic@gmail.com) or 585-269-8746*

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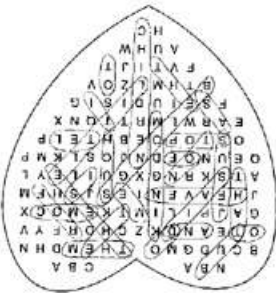


For the **FUN** of it

# Word Find

Find the words from Matthew 19:14.

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."



Answers

**Praying Together**

**We can give help to people in need.**

**That is a blessing!**

**We can be loving in word and deed.**

**That is a blessing!**

**We can work for what is right.**

**That is a blessing!**

**We can trust God with all our might.**

**That is a blessing!**

**Amen.**

# LOOK AHEAD

## International Women's Day Celebration

Presbyterian Women  
of Albion, NY

*All Presbyterian Women  
are invited to join us in  
celebration of:*

International Women's Day  
March 8, 2014

*Each one brings a salad to share—  
drinks will be provided!*

*Showing the documentary:  
"Half the Sky"  
as well as engaging in  
fun and fellowship!*

*Time: Noon-3pm*

*Place: First Presbyterian Church  
29 East State Street, Albion*

*RSVP [mrthmtchll3@gmail.com](mailto:mrthmtchll3@gmail.com)  
by March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley Presents:

## An INTERGENERATIONAL

## Triple Play Mission Day!

*hands--on mission opportunities for all ages!*

Saturday April 26th

- ✓ 8:30 Registration followed by worship and instructions at First Presbyterian Church at Chili, 3600 Chili Ave-Rochester, NY 14624
- ✓ 10:00-Noon: Onsite Mission Engagement
- ✓ 12:30: Return to Chili Presbyterian for lunch and reflection
- ✓ 2:00: Triple Play Mission Day wraps up!

Your \$10 Registration  
is due by April 21<sup>st</sup>

Attn: Janice Bilohlavek  
programsecretary@pbygenval.org

1190 Winton Road S.  
Rochester, NY 14618

### Mission Partner Sites:

- ✓ Cameron Community Ministries
- ✓ Focus on the Children
- ✓ Judicial Process
- ✓ El Agua Es Vida (at Christ Clarion)
- ✓ Rural Orleans County Churches (at Holley)
- ✓ People's Ministry In Christ

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