

Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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Pastor's Musings...



The other night, Mira really wanted to play with me. Normally, I would look forward to that time with her, but at that moment, I needed to make dinner. Instead of playing by herself in the family room, she started playing right next to me in the kitchen. Every couple of minutes, she would try to get my attention, "mommy, pretend to be the queen mommy. You say..." and she would feed me lines. This is a common game in our house, but since I was trying to concentrate on the various things I had cooking it was difficult to play the game with much enthusiasm. I tried to gently coax her to play in the family room because I was busy, but that didn't work. So I played along as best I could (not without a bit of frustration, I might add).

Then I got to wondering: how often does God do what Mira did -- try to get me to play and get my complete attention? But more often than not I am too busy and full of excuses to stop what I am doing for a little while and just play. I think we have a tendency to do that far too often. Our schedules fill up with the running list of tasks we could or should be doing at any given point in time and before you know it, the day is over. We wake up with great intentions to do a set number of things and then by the end of the day there are still chores left undone. Perhaps we even begin the day saying, "I'll spend time with God after all these other things get done." But that magical completion of the "to do" list never comes and so we push God off day after day. Yet God persists and continually calls us to enjoy time with God -- in play, in scripture, in creation, in prayer, in learning from others.

As we approach the beginning of Lent, we have an opportunity to commit to spending more time with God. Many of us give something up for Lent as a way to feel our desire and need for God. But perhaps this year, you may consider taking something up instead (or maybe in addition to what you give up). Commit to spending more intentional, focused time with God.

That can look like many things -- reading a book about a faith topic of interest (maybe even get a small group of friends together to talk about what you are reading), engaging in a prayerful scripture reading practice like *lectio divina* (ask me about how to do this or look it up online; there are four easy steps), paint or draw or write a poem, or take a walk (whatever makes you feel closer to God). The key to whatever you choose to do is that it is intentional time with God and it doesn't have to be by yourself.

~Grace and peace, Brandi



Friends,

Thanks to the 104 of you who participated in the Presbytery meeting at the Ogden Church in Spencerport. We are starting a new practice of summarizing each meeting with:

"3 Key Things to Take Home With You"

especially if you report to your Session or congregation. Thanks, John Wilkinson, for taking the first stab at this:

1. **CARE – in prayer, through the Necrology Report, and in relationships, we care deeply for each other – beyond doing "the business."**
2. **FLIP – The Presbytery exists to serve its congregations, not the reverse, as we work together on being and becoming "Healthy, Vital and Sustainable Congregations and Leaders."**
3. **BELHAR – We voted to approve the addition of the Confession of Belhar to the Book of Confessions. If 2/3 of the Presbyteries approve this, it will go back to the next General Assembly for ratification.**

In addition, we also approved Amendments 14-A through 14-E to the Book of Order. We will consider Amendment 14-F on Marriage at our March 21st meeting at Bethany Church in Greece.

So please share with your congregation and Session: CARE, FLIP, BELHAR!

~Grace and Peace,
Amy Williams Fowler
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MINISTRY OF CARE

YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2016:

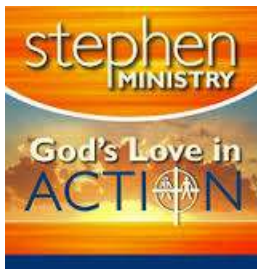
Marla Guarnieri, Whitney Scoville, Alice Zah

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 (293-1086)

Brandi Wooten (889-9896)



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Contact Sharon Breeze (293-1340)

or Pastor Brandi on Sunday,

or call the Church Office (889-9896).



SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its December 16, 2014 meeting, Session...

...received the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2014.

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

...agreed to host the Presbytery Council meeting on February 23, 2015.

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar:

- *January 31, 2015 (Presbytery Church Leadership Day)*
- *February 23, 2015 (Chili Presbyterian Hosting Presbytery Council Meeting)*

...heard Season Team reports for Advent/Christmas and Epiphany.

...approved the 2014 Annual Report of Session to be published in the Annual Report booklet.

...heard a report on the November 18, 2014 Presbytery meeting.

...discussed convening the Task Force on Sabbatical Leave. Elder Horton volunteered to serve on this Task Force.

...reviewed financial statements with Dave Abell, Finance Chair and Andy Atwater, Chair, Board of Trustees.

...discussed remaining pledge income for 2014 and the need to have periodic statements sent on a scheduled basis so that people can monitor amount given to date and amount due.

...discussed the final report of the Stewardship Committee and the status of potential Endowment Fund proceeds and implications for budget planning.

...received the final report prepared by the Stewardship Committee. 61 pledges were received. We had 2 new pledges, 31 increased pledges, 5 decreased pledges, 9 lost pledges, and 23 pledges that remained the same.

...received an updated Memorial Fund status report prepared by Memorial Fund Coordinator, Alice Hassett. Session expressed appreciation for Alice's attention to detail and consistent reporting.

...discussed various opportunities for making donations, memorializing, and honoring individuals through gifts to First Presbyterian Church of Chili. For example, the Scholarship Fund, the Mission Fund, the Endowment Fund, General Fund, etc. Clerk Huffman will develop a document that outlines opportunities for giving to First Presbyterian Church of Chili.

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

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Deacons and Elders elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 25th will be ordained and/or installed on February 1st. 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 1st for the purpose of welcome, orientation and examination (a Presbyterian term) prior to their installation during worship on February 1st.

Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session

THANK YOU

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

February 1*

Elder/Deacon: Nancy Huffman and Harvey Heer

Jr. Deacon: Jordan Wilson

Childcare: Gail McArthur

*Communion: Nancy Huffman, Sue Edwards,
Jerry Huffman, Lori Oliver

February 8

Elder/Deacon: Bill Hoyt and Alice Zah

Jr. Deacon: Nicole Mathewson

Childcare: Vicky Leahy

February 15

Elder/Deacon: Judie McGaffick and Marj Strine

Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle

Childcare: Need volunteer

February 22

Elder/Deacon: TBA

Jr. Deacon: TBA

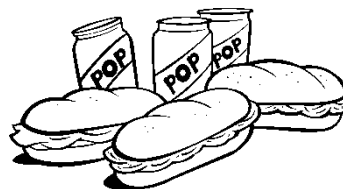
Childcare: TBA



“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.

The Chili Pres youth will hold soup pots at our church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 1, 2015. 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 1, 2015!**



“SUPER BOWL” and
“SOUPER” BOWL
and
“SUPER SUBS”

February 1, 2015

Your “Super Subs” can be picked up after worship
on Super/Souper Bowl Sunday, February 1st.

Thank you for your support!

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



BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 8, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Adults: \$6.00
Children (4-10): \$4.00

Come and support the Boy Scouts,
and enjoy a delicious pancake & sausage breakfast!
Scoutmaster Tim Engelbrecht will be selling tickets.
Please contact Tim with questions (889-3833).

2015 FEBRUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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

“ROOTS AND WINGS”
Your next newsletter will be the
March 2015 issue.

The deadline will be:
Tuesday, February 17th, no later than 10:00 a.m.

St. Pauly Clothing Box Schedule--2015

Dec 29 – Jan 11	Abby Wasmer 889-3579
Jan 12 – Jan 25	Aidan Snover 293-3195
Jan 26 – Feb 8	Adam Scoville 269-8746
Feb 9 – Feb 22	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
Feb 23 – Mar 8	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
Mar 9 – Mar 22	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Mar 23 – Apr 5	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Apr 6 – Apr 19	Connor Snover 293-3195
Apr 20 – May 3	Nicole Mathewson 594-1513
May 4 – May 17	Jack DiPietro (401-330-6874)
May 18 – May 31	Abby Wasmer 889-3579
June 1 – June 14	Aidan Snover 293-3195
June 15 – June 28	Adam Scoville 269-8746
June 29 – July 12	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
July 13 – Jul 26	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
July 27 – Aug 9	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Aug 10 – Aug 23	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Aug 24 – Sept 6	Connor Snover 293-3195
Sept 7 – Sept 20	Nicole Mathewson 594-1513
Sept 21 – Oct 4	Jack DiPietro (401-330-6874)
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



EPIPHANY SEASON 2015

"STAR ★ Struck"

Plan: 11-23-14 to 1-10-15 / Implement: 1-11-15 to 2-17-15

*The Epiphany Season
Started Sunday January 11, 2015.*

Our theme is:

"STAR ★ Struck"

*We are looking for ways the "Star" of our faith,
Jesus, works in our lives.*

*Also, in an effort to reach out to be a Star in the
life of others, we will be assembling Hygiene Kits
for Church World Services.*

Our goal is 50 kits as a church family..

There will be a "kit packing party" on:

Sunday, February 8th

followed by a lunch.

*The following Sunday, February 15th,
the kits will be dedicated.*

*We are very excited about seeing all the ways
our "Star" brings light into the world we live in!!!*

~Your 2015 Epiphany Season Team

Clif Genge (Facilitator)

Pat Jones

Judie McGaffick

Pat Olson

LENTEN SEASON 2015

"Puzzle of the Cross"

Plan: 1-4-15 to 2-17-15 / Implement: 2-18-15 to 4-4-15



Please make plans!

- ✚ Ash Wednesday Reflection is February 18th.
- ✚ One Great Hour of Sharing will be our only focus for outreach.
- ✚ We will need help with Sunday Circle so please consider helping with our young friends. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Room.
- ✚ A progressive supper is in the planning stages for March 21st. More details coming in the March Newsletter so please save the date.
- ✚ Maundy Thursday Service April 2nd.

~Your 2015 Lent Season Team

Carrie Horton (Facilitator),

Susan Johnson, Ashleigh Naugle,

Gail McArthur, Laurie Stowe



Thoughts from the Minister of Music – February, 2015

Integrity

In the midst of our everyday lives, we are faced with the concept of integrity throughout the many avenues of life. Integrity is having soundness of moral character, being honest, and adhering to moral and ethical principles. When researching this word, I found many people who consider integrity to be the very core of one's being — who a person really is.

Recently, I watched a great film, “God’s Not Dead,” and in the film, there was an interesting classroom debate between student and teacher about integrity, or moral behavior as it was referred to in the movie. The debate was whether or not God existed, and the student character, who believed in God, posed the question that if God did not exist, then why would someone have any desire to show morally right or wrong behavior? I found this to be a fascinating question — does a belief in God directly correlate with having morally right behavior or integrity?

I think it would be tough to prove this. However, there are some verses in Proverbs that could at least provide evidence for the importance of having integrity throughout our lives. Proverbs 2:6-8 states that God is a shield for them, that he guards the paths of those that seek justice and right-doing, and he also stores up sound wisdom for them, AND he even calls those with integrity saints! In Proverbs 10:9, it states that those with integrity walk securely, but those who lack integrity will always be worried and found out.

So, even though it may be tough to prove that believing in God directly correlates to having integrity, these verses show how important God views those with integrity.

I remember a story I read from awhile back about an old golfer named Bobby Jones, who modeled integrity on the golf course during the US Open tournament in 1925. He was near the top of the leader board when going to strike his ball in the ruff, and accidently touched it, which was a two-stroke penalty. However the judges did not see him do it. But Bobby insisted that they give him the penalty. At the end of the tournament Bobby Jones lost by one stroke. But he had integrity. He played by the rules. Now, the golf association gives an award each year in memory of Bobby Jones for sportsmanship in the game of golf.

Integrity is a character trait we should all aim to portray, even when no one is taking notice. As Christians, I believe that our desire should be to show integrity in all we do, to show God how honest and real we intend to be as a believer and follower. So whether it be at work, or at home, at school, or with your children, in your church, or with your spouse — try to model integrity to all those around you. And even if nobody notices, God does, and he will store up eternal rewards for you in heaven.

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

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS
February 2015 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.

IT'S COLD!

We had a fun-filled January! The biggest highlight of the month was the lock-in, where we watched movies, played some laser tag, ate some junk food, and had a rockin' good time! There were 8 youth who attended, and we had a blast!

Our Jr. High Group, "God-iators" continues to be a lot of fun as well. Jr. High ranges from 4th grade to 7th grade, and we have been studying about Moses and doing all sorts of fun stuff. We meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. It has been a joy to see our younger youth so excited to learn more about their faith journey!

Super Bowl Subs are coming! To place an order, e-mail Adam at cpministerofmusic@gmail.com.

Looking forward to upcoming events in February – see below!

DTOYOUTHGROUP: #QUACK! Don't forget to memorize verses!!! Take 5 minutes out of the day to read a verse over and over. #YOUcandoIT!

SUPER BOWL SUBS! – February 1st

Be at church by 9:15 a.m. – No youth group after!
For both Jr. and Sr. High groups!

OPEN DOOR MISSION – February 7th (SATURDAY)

Be at the church at 5:30 p.m. – returning at 8 p.m.

JOINT PRESBYTERY YOUTH GROUP! – February 8th

1:00-4 p.m. – @ Downtown Presbyterian Church

Youth Groups – February 15th

9:00-9:45 a.m. - Jr. High Youth Group
11:00 a.m.-1 p.m. – DTO Youth Group

DTO and Jr. High BOWLING – February 22nd

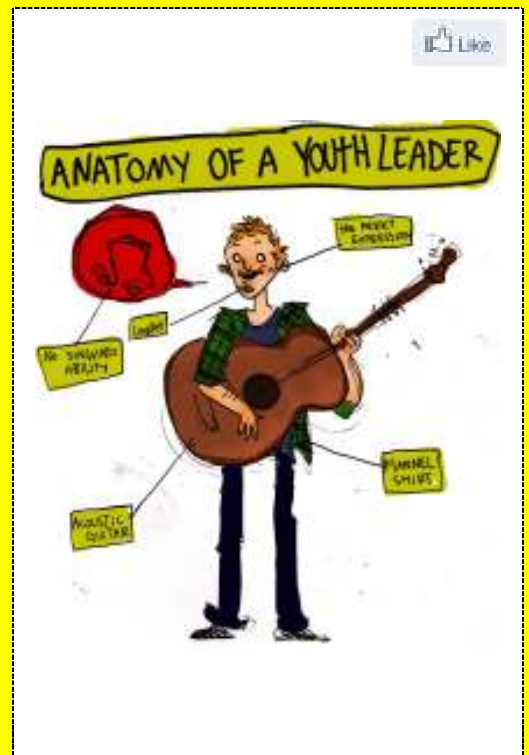
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Youth Groups – March 1st

9:00-9:45 a.m. - Jr. High Youth Group
11:00 a.m.-1 p.m. – DTO Youth Group

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