

Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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Worship With Us Each Sunday in



at 10:00 a.m.

(childcare is always available)

February 7

5th Sunday After Epiphany (Reflection)
Communion Worship

February 10

Ash Wednesday
Self-Guided Tour of Reflective Prayer Stations
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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1st Sunday in



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3rd Sunday in Lent

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Pastor's Notes...Ministry of Care... Leadership Notes...
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and so much more...

All in this issue of Roots & Wings!

Wooten's Wonderings...



Once again, Lent is fast upon us. If you are like me, perhaps you see Lent as an opportunity to draw closer to God. Similar to New Year's resolutions, we think, "This Lent, I will do something to be more mindful of God in my life - I'll read scripture every day, pray more, give something up, or take a new spiritual practice on."

When it comes down to it, faith is about drawing closer to God - not just in Lent but all year-round. It is about letting God change you from the inside out. And any deep look at scripture will comfort, humble, challenge, disturb, inspire and offer us hope all at the same time. The more we study scripture, the more we realize there are no easy answers.

And so we keep coming back ... we keep searching and asking and listening for the voice of God to speak to us. We keep looking for what love really looks like because God's love shows up in unexpected places.



This Lent, I partnered with three of my clergy colleagues to write a devotion book for our congregations. I recommend this book to you to use as a spiritual practice. This book is

designed to draw you closer to God, not just in thought and word, but in deed. Each day of the week has a different theme: prayer, service, scripture meditation, art exploration, news in the world, a hands-on intergenerational activity, and music.

The devotional book will be available Sunday, February 7th. It will be available in a physical booklet format as well as electronically. We pray that the activities offered in the book will help you to draw closer to God in new ways.

~Grace and peace, Brandi

MINISTRY OF CARE

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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



SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its meeting on January 19th, Session...

...received the Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 2015.

...heard reports from Pastor Brandi on pastoral contacts, her collaboration with 3 other pastors on preparing a Lent devotional that they will be giving to their congregations, and an update on her Spiritual Direction Certification Program.

...placed activity dates on the master calendar:

January 30, 2016 *6 p.m. Potluck Supper*
followed by 7 p.m. worship

February 10, 2016 *4-7 p.m. Ash Wednesday*
Reflection Stations

June 12, 2016 *a.m. worship followed by*
Church Picnic
p.m. (TBD) 200th Anniversary
Celebration at church

...noted that the Session will meet again with Trustees on February 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. following the regularly scheduled Trustees' meeting to continue the discussion of church governance.

...discussed drafts of staff job descriptions prepared by the Personnel Committee.

...discussed the change to having members of the congregation involved in greeting and ushering; this will occur in March. This will be a transition for all as Greeters become accustomed to carrying out activities of the worship day such as preparing bulletins, opening the church, preparing the sanctuary, taking collection, etc. Those who have had experience in "ushering" will always be on hand to assist as we transition to this new way of ministering to each other.

...reviewed and received the statistical report data that all churches report to PC/USA on an annual basis. The report includes data on membership, baptisms, age distribution of members, gender distribution of members, financial information, etc.

...discussed orientation and installation of newly elected officers. Session will hold a breakfast on February 7, 2016 for newly elected officers, current, and retiring officers and Trustees for the purpose of orientation and review of our purpose as leaders. Following the orientation during worship, newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacons will be installed.

...confirmed (as per the Policy for Mission Funds Allocation) 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), and (Youth Delegate) who will be determined.

...noted that Elder Judie McGaffick, Elder of Responsibility for the Scholarship Committee will confirm members of the Scholarship Committee.

...expressed appreciation to Elders Sherman Gittens and Nancy Huffman who are completing their term of service on Session.

...heard a report from Nancy Huffman, Chair of the Endowment Committee that based on return on investments in 2015, the Fund value of \$162,668.56 was under the CPI adjusted principal value of \$165,151.51 at year-end. Thus, as per the Endowment Policy, no money is available for distribution in 2016.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi that the 200th Anniversary Task Force has held two meetings and is enthusiastically planning for this celebration. Plans are unfolding for a celebration on the afternoon of June 12, 2016 with a special service at church. We will be producing a bicentennial cookbook to sell as a fundraiser. Other ideas are in the formation stage.

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



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THANK YOU

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

February 7*

Elder/Deacon: Nancy Huffman and Sue Edwards
Jr. Deacon: Grace Varner
Childcare: Gail McArthur
*Communion: Nancy Huffman, Sue Edwards, Carrie Horton, Jerry Huffman, Lori Oliver

February 14

Elder/Deacon: Bill Hoyt and Gail McArthur
Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle
Childcare: Vicky Leahy

February 21

Elder/Deacon: Carrie Horton and Dodie Kasiske
Jr. Deacon: Mira Wooten
Childcare: Whitney Scoville

February 28

Elder/Deacon: Roger Willis and Marla Guarnieri
Jr. Deacon: Aidan Snover
Childcare: Lori Oliver



...for Officers of...

The 1st Presbyterian Church of Chili SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Deacons and Elders elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 24th will be ordained and/or installed on February 7th. 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 7th for the purpose of welcome, orientation and examination (a Presbyterian term) prior to their installation during worship on February 7th.

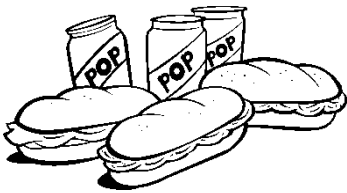
Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session



“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 7, 2016. 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 7, 2016!**



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

February 7, 2016

Please place your order by Sunday, January 31st.

Your “Super Subs” can be picked up after worship *on Super/Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7th.*

Thank you for your support!

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

Epiphany Season 2016

“STOP for EPIPHANY”

Plan: 11-22-15 to 1-9-16 / Implement: 1-10-16 to 2-8-16

*The Five Sundays of Epiphany taught us about:
Receptivity, Recreation
Reconciliation, Rest
Reflection*

*We will enjoy a potluck dinner and a special evening worship service on Saturday, January 30th.
We will rest on Sunday, January 31st.*

*Worship on Sunday February 7th will include the Installation of Officers.
This is the last Sunday of the Epiphany 2016 Season.*

*Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of food for SWEM.
We were able to “warm bellies” throughout the winter season!*

*Your Epiphany Season Team
Barb Wasmer (Facilitator),
Andy Atwater, Tom Leahy,
Jay Mathewson*

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

Saint Augustine

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Lent 2016 – check out page 5...

LENTEN SEASON 2016

"#WhatLoveLooksLike"

Plan: 1-3-16 to 2-9-16 / Implement: 2-10-16 to 3-26-16



A special **Ash Wednesday Reflection Service** is planned for **February 10th**.
Our sanctuary will be transformed into a self-guided tour of reflective prayer stations.

Come anytime 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

After your tour, you are invited to receive the traditional Imposition of Ashes.

Please begin the Lenten Season with this special event.

The evening is designed to focus attention and prepare us for what lies ahead.

Participate as an individual, a family, a season team, or a committee –
as we enter a new season, a new journey – and learn **"#WhatLoveLooksLike."**

One Great Hour of Sharing will be our focus for outreach. The theme is **"Where is Jesus' Love?"**

We will need help with **Children's Church** so please consider helping with our young friends.
A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall.

Movie Night – in the Sanctuary! Sunday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we view the movie **"War Room."** Refreshments will be provided.

Here's a brief synopsis:

"A couple, Elizabeth and Tony have it all but their world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage.

Elizabeth is bitter; then she meets with Miss Clara (an older wiser woman)

who challenges her to start fighting for her family.

A compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have
on marriage, parenting, careers, friendships and every other area of our lives."

A special **Good Friday Service** is planned for **March 25th**.

~Your 2016 Lent Season Team

*Carrie Horton (Facilitator), Jean Bartholomew, Darla Diehl, Sue Johnson,
Gail McArthur, Ashleigh Naugle, Laurie Stowe*





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**Deadline for articles for the March 2016
issue of "Roots & Wings"
Tuesday, February 16th, by 10 a.m.**



**BOY SCOUT
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, February 28, 2016

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).

DON'T FORGET 

2016 Per Capita

Presbytery: 18.68

Synod: 4.00

General Assembly: 7.12

Total 2016 Per Capita for Each Member: \$29.80

You can help by making your contribution of **\$29.80**
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!



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SWEM reported that the 2015 total weight of food donations from Chili Presbyterian was 884.7 pounds. This is a very impressive number for our church and is greatly appreciated by the SWEM staff and those who depend on the food donations. Donations to food cupboards tend to decrease after the holidays but the need is still great. **Thank you for your support of SWEM throughout 2015 – and let's make 2016 even better!**

~Jane & Fred Schultiz

**ONGOING MISSION SUPPORT
FOR SWEM**

This is a list of items which are always needed at SWEM Community Services, Inc. These items are included in pre-packed bags which are routinely given to those in need. In addition, other food and personal hygiene items are always welcomed. The donation box is in the sanctuary. Thank you for your past contributions, and please continue to support our mission to SWEM.

"It's never too late to help God change the world."

Items Included in Pre-Packed Bags

Peanut Butter	Rice
Canned Fruits	Instant Potatoes
Canned Vegetables	Jiffy Mix or Baking Mix
Boxed Mac & Cheese	Dried Milk
Soups	Cereal
Canned Pork & Beans	Jello
Tuna Fish	Pudding
Tomato Paste	Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce	

Meat dishes

Beef Stew, Chili w/Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Chicken

Odds & Ends

Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix and Frosting,
Condiments, i.e., Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayonnaise.
These items are nice to add if we have them.

1st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHILI

200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1816 – 2016

200th Anniversary Task Force: Pastor Brandi, Sharon Breeze, Ginny Harkness, Harvey & Sara Heer, Nancy Huffman, Laurie Stowe, Portia Westfall

BICENTENNIAL CHURCH COOKBOOK

Here ye! Here ye! Calling all church family cooks! We are seeking your recipes to include in a new church cookbook for the celebration of the 1816 founding of Chili Presbyterian. We will be self-publishing and the profit we earn will help with expenses for our celebration this May and June. The cost of each cookbook will be \$15.00. The deadline to submit your recipes is **Sunday, April 24th**. **We anticipate the cookbooks will be ready for sale beginning Mother's Day, May 8th**. We want many of your favorite appetizers, pickles, relishes, soups, salads, main dishes, breakfast or egg dishes, microwave, gluten free, breads and rolls, desserts or other recipes. Please send them to: ginyharkness@aol.com and insert **cookbook recipe** in the subject line.

Criteria for electronic submissions:

1. WORD document using Calibri font size 12.
2. Please use the following abbreviated measurements for consistency::

c. = cup

tsp. = teaspoon

Tbsp. = tablespoon

qt. = quart

pt. = pint

oz. = ounce

lb. = pound

½ and ½ = half and half

CAN YOU HELP???

The 200th Anniversary Task Force is looking for addresses of former Chili Church friends and members. If you keep in touch with anyone that attended CPC in the past, please send their name and address to Candy, our Office Administrator fpc3600@gmail.com, or to Sharon Breeze sbreeze@frontiernet.net. We would LOVE to reach out to these folks – wherever they may be - so they could plan to visit us - or send a note - during our 200th Anniversary Celebration. Thanks for any information you can give us!

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, we are updating our members' picture directory! On two different nights in March (**tentatively March 3 and March 15**), you and your family can have a professional family portrait taken at the church. Whether you are a family of one or a family of many, we encourage members to come have your picture taken and be a part of the new directory! Just for having your picture taken, each family will receive a FREE 8x10 portrait and a FREE copy of the church directory (with the opportunity to purchase additional copies). You will be able to see your picture right after it is taken and make sure you love it. Watch the church website or Facebook for information on how to schedule a timeslot! Are you away for the winter? No problem – Lifetouch is a national company. They will help us find a location near you to have your picture taken, and it will be included in the directory. Just let us know, and we're happy to help.

SAVE THE DATE! -- Sunday, May 22, 2016

Please plan to join us on May 22nd for a very special Anniversary Celebration Supper! A "retro dinner" will be served – a meal that replicates the menu which was offered at our 150th Anniversary in 1966! This is sure to be a lovely event for all. Our church family and special dignitaries will be invited. Watch for more details as we move closer to May!



Color Me, Please!

insert February calendar

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