

# THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN

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

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

### *Our Officers*

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Board of Trustees  
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Mission Fund  
Nominating  
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Stewardship

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Easter  
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Epiphany

### *Our Music Programs*

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Glorious Ringers

## Ongoing Mission Support

Cameron Community Ministries  
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...Souper Bowl  
...One Great Hour of Sharing  
...Blanket Sunday  
...Peacemaking  
...Joy



## Worship with Us Each Sunday in January...

*(Childcare is always available)*

*"Why is there a picture  
of GPS equipment in the newsletter?"*

*"I'm not sure . . . maybe you should check  
out page 5 to find out..."*



### **January 5**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
Communion Sunday

### **January 12**

Baptism of the Lord

### **January 19**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Blended Worship

### **January 26**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation

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Youth News...and so much more...

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

## Wooten Wisdom...



As 2013 comes to a close and 2014 begins, we tend to reflect on the past year. We think about loved ones we have lost, trials that have tested us, and opportunities we wish we had taken. We recall the memories made on family vacations, the new births and additions to our family circle, and the unexpected joys that made us praise God.

With this looking back, comes the rediscovery of our failures - those things that we wished we could have done and the habits that plague us no matter how hard we try to shake them off. While reflecting on the past year can be a healthy exercise, I find that we have a tendency to get too focused and caught up in our failures. After all, our new year's resolutions are usually formed by things we want to change: we want to be thinner, go to the gym more, be nicer, more connected to family and friends, more considerate, more spiritual, etc. These are all based in a sense of failure. Last year, we didn't do these things sufficiently and so we want to make amends in the New Year.

It can be beneficial to glance back over the past if we do not stay there and center on our incompleteness. Looking back, we can learn from what we see, but then we must move forward. We have the opportunity to focus on the journey ahead and the grace of a new beginning. A new year is a fresh start. Like the soft, bright blanket of new snow covering the dead muddy patches underneath, God graces us with the blessing of a new year, and the opportunity to embrace all that life has to offer. Glancing back to learn from our past experiences, we can begin afresh. When we look at scripture, we find a God who constantly allows us to start again. We hear how God refreshes, renews, restores what has died and recovers what has gone away. This spiritual truth can then inform how we frame our new year's resolutions. Instead of looking for a gap in our lives, let us instead name a hope or a dream we want to live into over the coming year.

My hope for all of us this month is that we embrace the new beginning God has given. May we look forward to the journey ahead of us and wait with expectation for how God is moving in our lives.

*~Grace and peace, Brandi*

## MINISTRY OF CARE

### YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

**Deacons** are friends you can turn to for many different reasons – happy occasions, difficult situations, loss, or perhaps just a “listening ear.” **Deacons** are here to serve after the example of Jesus Christ. Call your **deacon** (listed by your name in the Church Directory) when you have a need or just want to chat. We are here for you!

**Your Board of Deacons: Barb Boerschlein, Sharon Breeze, Sue Edwards, Marla Guarnieri, Harvey Heer, Gail McArthur, Whitney Scoville, Marj Strine, and Alice Zah.**

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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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### STEPHEN MINISTRY

*A Stephen Minister can help.*  
Bev L'Hommedieu (349-1501)  
Sandra McCauley (293-1086)  
Brandi Wooten (889-9896)

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### HOME COMMUNION

*This is my body, broken for you...take, eat, all of it.*  
Communion is a very special meal that connects us to our Lord and the sacrifice he made for *each* of us because of his love for us. Due to various reasons, it is not always possible to get to church on the first Sunday of the month when communion is served. **If you would like to partake in a communion meal but cannot be in church, please call the Church Office, 889-9896.**  
Several ordained Elders and Deacons have been instructed by Pastor Brandi on serving home communion and would enjoy sharing this meal with you.



## ***“Finding Joy For Every Longing Heart”***

**The Advent/Christmas Season continues  
until January 4, 2014.**

### **Sunday Circle**

Alice Zah planned wonderful lessons  
for Sunday Circle on December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

### **Brooklea Christmas Luncheon**

*Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.*

*The luncheon was a great success! A fun time was had by all!*

### **Poinsettia Ordering Deadline**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone for your orders!

### **“Blue Christmas” Service**

*Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

*This unique service of support was open to all  
and was well-attended.*

### **Christmas Caroling and Soup Supper**

*Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m.*

We will meet at church to form groups and carpooling.  
When we return to church, a supper of soup, salad, and dessert  
will be provided by your Advent/Christmas Season Team.  
Bring a smile to someone’s face as we share the spirit of  
Christmas with some of our church family through song.  
Please sign up on the Advent Happenings poster at church.

## **Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **Outreach programs for December are:**

#### **Annual Joy Offering**

(envelopes can be found in the pews)

#### **Starlight Pediatrics**

You are invited to donate hats, mittens, and scarves  
for children (to age 21) who are in the foster care  
program. A donation box is in Fellowship Hall.

#### **Salvation Army Toy Drive**

**The deadline for bringing the toys to church was  
Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

The Advent/Christmas Season Team thanks all members  
of the congregation who donated toys for our Salvation  
Army Christmas project. You helped provide a Merry  
Christmas to many children who otherwise would have  
very little. We appreciate your support of this project!

We invite you to join us as we all search for the  
***Joy in Our Longing Hearts.***

*~Your Advent/Christmas Seasonal Team  
Sandy McCauley, Pat & Bruce Olson,  
Jane & Fred Schultiz, Alma & Dick  
Stowe, Alice & Fred Zah*



***Dear All,***

Just writing to thank you from all of us at Starlight  
Pediatrics, for the winter clothing supplies donation. We  
are very grateful for these much needed items, which are  
handed out to any child in need in Foster Care. Our  
program is fortunate in receiving generous donations  
like yours, which make it possible to provide our  
children winter hats, gloves, and coats during these cold  
winter months. Please pass on our best wishes to all  
those who helped with this donation.

***~Thanks!***

***The Staff at Starlight Pediatrics***

## MANY THANKS!

We did it again!! The Fall Supper Committee would like to again thank the church family for another successful Fall Supper. We served approximately 580 dinners between the dining room and take-out, which was down somewhat from last year primarily in take-outs - most likely due to the rainy weather. 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 should be approximately \$4,200. Again, many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this year's Fall Supper a success. Also thanks to all who provided things for the Browse & Buy Booth. The profit was \$320 which has been designated to go to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund, specifically for Hurricane Sandy relief.

*A Prayerful Thank You to all,  
The Fall Supper Committee  
Dave Abell, Andy Atwater,  
Carrie Horton, Dodie Kasiske,  
Laurie Stowe, and Karen Woodward*



So that the staff may enjoy the holidays with their families, the office will be closed beginning:

**Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The office will re-open on:  
**Monday December 30<sup>th</sup>**

We will then be closed:  
**Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The office will re-open on:  
**Thursday January 2, 2014 for the New Year!**

*Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto man His Son hath given;  
While angels sing with tender mirth,  
A glad new year to all the earth.*

*~Martin Luther~*



Yes, it is that time of year when we need to be prepared for handling the cancellation of worship due to inclement weather. Obviously, a decision to cancel worship is made on a Saturday or a Sunday morning when the Church Office is closed. Thus the best thing to do is to watch/listen for announcements on WHAM radio, Channel 13, Channel 10, Channel 8, or Channel 9. We will also use the e-mail-blast list.

*~Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session*

## **THANK YOU**

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

### **January 5\***

Elder/Deacon: *Need Volunteer* and Gail McArthur

Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle

Childcare: Laurie DePaul

\*Communion: *Need (2) volunteers,*  
plus Gail McArthur, Barb Boerschlein,  
Karen Shaffer

### **January 12**

Elder/Deacon: Sara Heer and Alice Zah

Jr. Deacon: Jack DiPietro

Childcare: Sue Edwards

### **January 19**

Elder/Deacon: Rich Stowe and Alma Stowe

Jr. Deacon: Nicole Mathewson

Childcare: Marla Guarnieri

### **January 26**

Elder/Deacon: Jan Hoyt and Sharon Breeze

Jr. Deacon: Alex Mathewson

Childcare: To be assigned

## ***“THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN”***

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

The deadline for that newsletter will be:  
**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, no later than 10:00 a.m.**



## **WHAT'S NEW IN 2014?**

### ***Men's Breakfast!***

**When:** Saturday, January 4, 2014

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

**Frequency:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Each Month

**The idea is for the men of our church to gather, eat breakfast, have fellowship, and share devotion together.**

**Adam Scoville will lead the devotion, and we will discuss future plans for our Men's Ministry at Chili Presbyterian.**

***Please come and find out about this new ministry! Men of all ages are invited to sign up in the Fellowship Hall. See you all on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>! Happy New Year!***

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## **EPIPHANY 2014**

The Epiphany Season will be starting 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**

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## **2013 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINES**

**for Committees, Boards, Seasonal Teams,  
and Organized Groups  
of The First Presbyterian Church of Chili**

- It is preferable that you submit your report to the Church Office *in electronic form, no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014. No changes or corrections can be made to reports not submitted in electronic form.*
- If you miss the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, you will need to prepare, proofread, and submit a hard copy of your report, plus an electronic version (*following the above report format*) to the Church Office **no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014. Absolutely no changes or corrections can be made to reports not submitted in electronic form, or to reports received after January 13, 2014.**
- If no report is submitted before the 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline, the table of contents of the **Annual Report to the Congregation and Corporation** will indicate “no report received.”

Check out the complete “2013 Annual Report Guidelines” for specific information that may help you prepare your report. A copy was sent to all Committee and Board Chairpeople, Seasonal Teams, and organized groups, and is posted in Fellowship Hall, and is also available in the Church Office.

*If you have questions or need clarification,  
please contact Candy Rogers in the Church Office  
at 889-9896 or [administrator@chili-presbyterian.org](mailto:administrator@chili-presbyterian.org).  
Thanks for your cooperation!*





**Annual Meeting**

*for the Congregation*

*and for*

*the Corporation of:*

***The First Presbyterian Church Of Chili***

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014**

**The meetings will take place following the morning worship service.**

The annual meeting of the Congregation will be conducted for the business of electing officers, hearing reports, and transacting other business as is appropriate for the Congregation.

Also, the meeting of the Corporation shall take place for the purpose of electing Trustees, as the following Trustees have concluded their 3-year term:

Dave Diehl, Jay Mathewson, and Fred Schulitz.

Financial reports for the year 2013 will be received, and other business will be transacted as is appropriate for the Corporation.

**The meetings will take place in the sanctuary.**

The Annual meeting is an important event in the life of our Presbyterian Church. The reports of Committees, Boards, and Seasonal Teams are distributed. These reports summarize each group's activities for 2013 as well as plans for the future. We as a congregation elect persons to serve on various Boards and Committees and give recognition and thanks to those who have completed terms. All of the financial reports are made available such as the Housing Investment Fund, the Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, and the Senior High Mission Fund just to name a few. We receive the Treasurer's Report and the Church Budget. This is the time each year when we all come together as a church family. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those who are on the "active membership roll" are eligible to vote. We look forward to seeing you all on **Sunday, January 26, 2014 right after the 10:00 a.m. service.**

*~Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session*



**Happy New Year!**

Let's take a moment to reflect on 2013. As you are doing this, you can answer some of the questions below to yourself or by writing them down, but either way, meditate on your thoughts for a few minutes.

- *What were some of the big events that happened in your life in 2013?*
- *What made you smile?*
- *What made you laugh?*
- *What brought you tears?*
- *What was lacking for you in 2013?*
- *Where was God working and using you in 2013?*
- *Where did you see/feel God on earth? Did you see/feel God this year?*
- *What were some of the big things that happened for us as a church?*

I like to look back over a period of time and think about where God has taken me. Sometimes it helps me to realize that God is using me to make a huge impact on the world. Other times, I feel lost and distant, and reflection helps me to see this, and fuel me to work harder to find God in the things that I am doing. Also, knowing the events that I was a part of, both good and bad, remind me of the amazing joys of 2013, but also to keep me grounded on the struggles I had to endure.

When you have completed a list of each of these things, lift it up in prayer. Thank God for the gift of living the life you have. If you are struggling to connect with God, pray that the Holy Spirit fill your heart in new ways this year. Try to name each answer you gave above through prayer to God.

Then close by praying for 2014. Each year we are given is already predestined by God, with many ups and downs. Pray that you can stay connected to our Creator throughout it all. Pray for spiritual growth in your life. Be in the spirit of God and pray. Great things can happen when we just sit and pray.

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

# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS

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

## Youth Group Schedule

### 1/5 Youth Group PARENT MEETING!

11am - 1pm after church

### 1/12 Youth Group

11am - 1pm after church

### 1/19 Jr. High Youth Group

9am (*NO YOUTH GROUP AT NORMAL TIME!*)

### 1/19-1/20 MOVIE MADNESS LOCK-IN!

- Starts at 10pm (1/19)

- Ends at 7:30am (1/20)

### 1/26 Youth Group

11am - 1pm after church

### 2/1 Open Door Mission

-Meet at church at 5:30pm

### 2/2 SUPERBOWL SUBS!

-Be at church at 9am

-No youth group after church



*Kai and Mira are ready for youth group!*

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We had a great December! It started with going to a hockey game, where our own Connor Snover played! His team won 2-1! After the game we were able to serve at the Open Door Mission.

We also had a fantastic Coffeehouse Event for our seed project that was a huge success! If you are interested in purchasing a church travel mug, they are \$10 - please contact Adam. Thank you to all who supported our projects! Next month we will give the totals on our seed money growth.

We finished up the month of December with a great Christmas party, as well as preparing Christmas gifts for a family in need in the city of Rochester. God's blessings are great and we in turn have been able to bless others in our community.

Look above for the upcoming events! We will be doing Superbowl Subs, so look for the Sub Signup Sheet -- and get your sub for Superbowl Sunday!!! Have a great new year!

*Questions or concerns?*

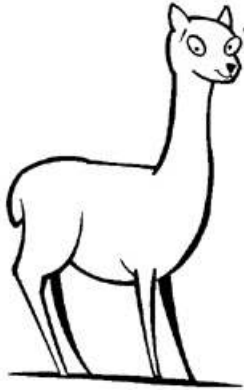
*Adam Scoville: [cpministerofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cpministerofmusic@gmail.com) or 585-269-8746*

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For the **FUN** of it

## Animal Facts

On the sixth day God created the animals of the earth of every kind (Gen 1:24-26).



Draw a line to match the fact to the animal.

1. I'm green and live in and out of water.
2. I catch lots of insects with a trap I make.
3. I can fly up, down, sideways, forward, backward and hover.
4. I'm the largest creature on earth.
5. I can hang by my tail and I play dead.
6. I live near the North Pole and my babies are born in a snow drift.
7. I can stand on my front legs and spray a terrible scent.
8. I have a bill, four webbed feet, and live mostly under water.
9. I can fly, but I have skin, not feathers.

- a. bat
- b. skunk
- c. platypus
- d. spider
- e. frog
- f. blue whale
- g. polar bear
- h. opossum
- i. humming bird

Answers: 1.e, 2.d, 3.i, 4.f, 5.h, 6.g, 7.b, 8.c, 9.a

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The Star of Bethlehem plant is a lily that grows in several places around the world.

The white star-shaped flower gives the plant its name.

The bulbs, similar to onions or garlic, are often eaten in Syria, Israel, and Palestine, generally as a boiled vegetable.

-www.wikipedia.com-

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Modern Nazareth, the city (which had about 200 inhabitants in Jesus' time) is now the largest Arab city in Israel.

The population of about 60,000 is roughly half Muslim and half Christian.

According to a tourism brochure,

"The visitor finds an exciting Middle Eastern ambiance with exotic flavors and textures, imbued with the famed warm and friendly hospitality of the Arab population, yet retaining many spiritual oases of serenity and peace provided by the diverse Christian orders in their beautiful Churches and Monasteries."

-www.inisrael.com-

[from Editor's Clipsheets, January 2014]



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