

# Roots & Wings

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

*(childcare is always available)*

### **June 5**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
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**1<sup>st</sup> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHILI  
200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
1816 – 2016**

**CELEBRATION DAY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016**

*Mark your calendars!*

*Regular Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.*

*Bicentennial Worship Service – 3:30 p.m.*

**All are invited to enjoy this special day...**

**2 worship services**

**invited guests**

**historical displays**

**ice cream refreshment**

**cookbooks for purchase**

**pictorial directory pickup**

**all in celebration of...200 years of faith.**

*“...it is a memorial to the fathers who built it; the men and women who came into a harsh wilderness without the benefit of subsidy, committed to fashion a Christian community, and fired with ambition to improve their lot by honest toil.*

*Our meeting house is a testimony to the faithfulness of those who have maintained it through a century and a half; a material witness to the spirit and life of the active church that worships in it today.”*

*(from 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration)*

**On this occasion we think of those who came before us, those who are here today, and those that shall be here long after this day – and we thank them all. God is with us as we continue to live our faith in this time – and as we joyously celebrate our Bicentennial Year!**

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force:**

**Pastor Brandi, Sharon Breeze, Ginny Harkness,**

**Harvey & Sara Heer, Nancy Huffman,**

**Laurie Stowe, Geoff Wasmer, Portia Westfall**

May 25, 1833...

“The Chh then voted to purchase a new book for Chh records; and that the Deacons be authorized to tax the male members 25 cents a piece to defray the expense of the Communion table and that they be considered treasurers for the Chh, time indefinite.”

June 15-17, 1941...

“The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary program for our church proceeded as planned. The very complete and well arranged programs for the celebration were compiled and mimeographed by Harold Tyler of an actual cost of \$14.70 and entirely donated. The cost of the celebration was \$69.72 and was entirely met by the offerings.”

April 7, 1947...

“The Ladies Aid, Chairmen Mrs. Stowe and Mrs. Jakeman – served an unusually good dinner. At 7:30, the business meeting came to order. Mr. Hardy enlivened our business meeting with an innovation – a portable microphone, which he passed from officer to officer as they gave their reports. After a moment or two of “mike” fright, we got under way.”

## Wooten's Wonderings...



One of the things I love about our church is our ability to care for and about one another. It would be easier if we simply came to worship, routinely replied "I'm fine" when asked how we are and went home. It certainly is less messy.

Yet, part of being in a church is being willing to know and be known by others. It is a gift you give to another person when you allow them into your life -- allow them to know what matters to you and why. Sometimes we hold back because we are afraid we won't say or do the right thing. But more often than not, it is the simple acts of kindness -- the smile, the hug, the acknowledgement of what someone is going through, that means the most to people. When we allow ourselves to be a part of someone's life, we will be transformed. God uses us and those around us to teach us about life and love.

Ann Weems is one of my favorite Christian writers and I was recently given a (new to me) book of her poems. One of them is called "Touch in Church" and is about how allowing ourselves to engage in one another's lives is transformative.

### **Touch in Church** **by Ann Weems**

*What is all this touching in church? It used to be a person could come to church and sit in the pew and not be bothered by all this friendliness and certainly not by touching.*

*I used to come to church and leave untouched.*

*Now I have to be nervous about what's expected of me, I have to worry about responding to the person sitting next to me. Oh, I wish it could be the way it used to be; I could just ask the person next to me: How are you? And the person could answer: Oh, just fine, And we'd both go home...strangers who have known each other for twenty years.*

*But now the minister asks us to look at each other. I'm worried about that hurt look I saw in that woman's eyes.*

*Now I'm concerned, because when the minister asks us to pass the peace,  
The man next to me held my hand so tightly I wondered if he had been touched in years.  
Now I'm upset because the lady next to me cried and then apologized  
And said it was because I was so kind and that she needed  
A friend right now.  
Now I have to get involved.  
Now I have to suffer when this community suffers.  
Now I have to be more than a person coming to observe a service.  
That man last week told me I'd never know how much I'd touched his life.  
All I did was smile and tell him I understood what it was to be lonely.  
Lord, I'm not big enough to touch and be touched!  
The stretching scares me.  
What if I disappoint somebody?  
What if I'm too pushy?  
What if I cling too much?  
What if somebody ignores me?  
"Pass the peace."  
"The peace of God be with you." "And with you."  
And mean it.  
Lord, I can't resist meaning it!  
I'm touched by it, I'm enveloped by it!  
I find I do care about that person next to me!  
I find I am involved!  
And I'm scared.  
O Lord, be here beside me.  
You touch me, Lord, so that I can touch and be touched!  
So that I can care and be cared for!  
So that I can share my life with all those others that belong to you!  
All this touching in church -- Lord, it's changing me!  
~Grace and peace, Brandi*

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## SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

*At its May 17, 2016 meeting, Session...*

...read John 15: 6-7. We "listened" to discover what God was saying to us as individuals and as a church. We pondered and reflected silently. We then shared our thoughts with a partner and with the group. We talked about what phrase "caught our thoughts," how this passage changed or transformed us in our personal and corporate life, and how this text informed us about what following Jesus looks like for us here and now.

...received the financial reports and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2016.

...engaged in a guided joint discussion with staff, led by the Personnel Committee, as part of the Committee's annual performance reviews of staff.

...noted that Pastor Brandi has had 27 pastoral contacts including (14 in person, 10 phone, 1 home visit, 2 hospital visits).

...discussed plans for our church to be a host site for Rochester Community Health Screening on August 22, 2016 as part of our activities in being a community presence.

...noted that the Trustees are considering ideas for changes in structure.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on the Bicentennial Task Force plans for celebrating our Bicentennial. Our "retro" dinner is this weekend with a special cake prepared by Portia Westfall; additional cookbooks are being printed, RSVP's have been received for both the dinner and our worship service on June 12<sup>th</sup>, an ice cream truck will be outside after the June 12<sup>th</sup> service, a display will be in the Riga Library, the Bicentennial Communion Tablecloth is under construction, and we are exploring a fashion show of vintage "dress" to take place in the fall.

...agreed to not meet in July.

...heard a report from Elder McGaffick on the Scholarship Committee activities.

...discussed questions from Elder McCauley, Chair of the Nominating Committee, about the job description of the Nominating Committee. Discussion will continue at our next meeting.

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

## EASTER SEASON 2016

# DAZZLED

*by the Risen Christ*

Plan: 2-7-16 to 3-26-16 / Implement: 3-27-16 to 5-14-16

*Sharon Breeze, Sue Edwards, Tom Leahy,  
Judie McGaffick, Alice Zah, Fred Zah*

*Thank you to everyone  
who participated in our  
Easter Season activities!*

## A WONDERFUL "RETRO" DINNER SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

*A wonderful meal  
and a wonderful way  
to honor our Bicentennial Year!*



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated food to SWEM this year. Since January, we have given approximately 230 food items plus a large quantity of hygiene and cleaning supplies. Some non-food items cannot

be purchased with food stamps so these are also appreciated by those with limited funds. Food insecurity is a continuous problem for so many in our area, so our support of SWEM is greatly needed all year. In spring and summer, supplies available can diminish so it is important to continue to donate items. Please make it a habit to donate to SWEM regularly, but especially on Communion Sundays – as we remember those who don't always have enough to eat. Thank you all for your support.

*~Jane and Fred Schultz*



## **INVITATION FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE...**

We would like to invite the Congregation to review our staff.

This will be an open dialogue with the staff and the congregation asking these questions:

1. What would you like more of from me?
2. What would you like less of from me?
3. What would you like me to keep the same?

And the staff member will ask the congregation:

1. What would you like more of from us?
2. What would you like less of from us?
3. What would you like us to keep the same?

**We would like to conduct this dialogue on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour in the Sanctuary.** Our goal is to give everyone a chance to review our staff and share with them and Session the results of the reviews. Thank you for your consideration on attending.

*~Tim Engelbrecht, Alice Hassett,  
Harvey Heer, Carrie Horton*



### **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

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

## **WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!**



**SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2016**

***9 a.m. until 3 p.m.***

***and***

**SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2016!**

***after worship***

1. *Items should be clean and of decent quality.*
2. *No clothing items will be accepted for the Rummage Sale. If you have clothing items, they may be bagged and placed in the St. Pauly Box.*
3. ***Items should be clearly marked with a reasonable price.***
4. *Items of particular interest: dishes, housewares, books, sports items, toys, working/quality electrical items, holiday decor, home decor, and furniture.*
5. *Please place your donations in the **Youth Room** beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup>.*
6. *Proceeds will go to mission and outreach projects.*

Also:

1. *Volunteers are needed to post sale flyers.*
2. *Volunteers are needed for setup/pricing.*
3. *Volunteers are needed for working the sale.*

Contact Roger Willis at 293-3561  
or [rwillis004@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rwillis004@rochester.rr.com)  
with questions or to volunteer.

**PRESBYTERIAN  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER**  
***Check it out!***

[www.history.pcusa.org](http://www.history.pcusa.org)

# WELCOME TO PENTECOST SEASON 2016

## “Rekindle the Spirit Within Us”

*Fan the flame of God’s Gifts so that we can serve God with passion and fervor.*

Plan: 3-28-16 / 5-14-16 / Implement: 5-15-16 to 9-10-16

*Dave Abell, Grace Azzolino, Evan Engelbrecht,  
Alice Hassett, Portia Westfall, Roger Willis (facilitator)*



### Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> -- Pentecost Season Begins

The Pentecost Season Team will provide refreshments.

### Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Chili Presbyterian 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supper

This is a special dinner as provided by the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force.

### Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> -- Rummage Sale

The proceeds will go to help fund the upcoming Mission Trip to Honduras in September 2016. We are looking for donations to start May 23<sup>rd</sup> and volunteer support for setup (May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup>) and sale days (June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>).

### Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> -- Chili Presbyterian 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force is providing a fun day of activities.

### Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> -- Hidden Valley Animal Adventures, Varysburg, NY

Plan a fun activity for the whole family. This is a unique adventure to see many animals up close – camels, zebras, wildebeests, llamas, emu, bison, ostriches -- and many more.

\$16 adults / \$13 (3-10) / 2 and under Free. These are ~15% reduced costs

if we get 25 people. This will be a private tour with our own cart pulled by a tractor.

<http://hiddenvalleyadventure.com/>

Watch for details as the date nears.

### July 30<sup>th</sup> -- 31<sup>st</sup> -- Book Drive

The books are for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade children in the City of Rochester. This is to fulfill a strong need for literacy improvement among the poor who lack easy access to libraries.

More details to follow.

### August 21<sup>st</sup> -- Flowers for Shut-Ins

We will be collecting home-grown flowers from the congregation to be delivered to shut-ins.

More details to follow.



### Fellowship

Other fellowship activities may be planned during the summer. Watch for details.

## THANK YOU

to the volunteers serving in June:

### June 5\*

Greeters: Judie McGaffick and Alice Zah  
Jr. Greeter: Jordan Wilson  
Childcare: Vicky Leahy  
\*Communion: Dodie Kasiske, Whitney Scoville,  
Rich Stowe, Judie McGaffick, Alice Zah

### June 12 – 10 a.m. Worship

Greeters: Richard Albee and Andy Atwater  
Jr. Greeter: None assigned  
Childcare: None assigned

### June 12 – 3:30 p.m. Worship

Greeters: TBD  
Jr. Greeter: TBD  
Childcare: TBD

### June 19

Greeters: Jeff Snover and Geoff Wasmer  
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten  
Childcare: Alice Zah

### June 26

Greeters: Sue Edwards and Linda Enright  
Jr. Greeter: Grace Varner  
Childcare: Barb Boerschlein



## **A FRESH LOOK!**

We are in the process of painting the church in preparation for our Bicentennial Celebration on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Boy Scouts are using this task as an Eagle Scout Project. Therefore, contributions are welcome to

help pay for paint and supplies. Thanks for your consideration!



## GRADUATION SUNDAY

On *Graduation Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>*, we will recognize three outstanding young people during our worship

service. High school graduates are **Audrey Engelbrecht** who is graduating from Gates-Chili High School and **Connor Snover** who is graduating from Churchville-Chili. **Grace Azzolino** will be recognized for completing her Master's Degree in Library Science at the University of Buffalo.

Please join us on this special day to wish these three graduates the very best in their future endeavors. There will be a special coffee hour following the 10:00 a.m. worship service so that everyone will have a chance to visit with Audrey, Connor, and Grace.

Congratulations to these young people for their accomplishments! We are all very proud of you and wish you God's blessings always.

## CHILI PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Did you know . . . that you can make a donation to our Scholarship Fund at any time during the year? Traditionally, donations are invited during the Easter and Christmas seasons, in conjunction with our flower memorials. But make a note . . . donations will be gratefully accepted at any time. Simply indicate "Scholarship Fund" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for remembering the Scholarship Fund and our members who benefit from your contributions!

*~Your Scholarship Committee*

*Andy Atwater*

*Sue Edwards*

*Harvey Heer*

*Judie McGaffick (Elder of Responsibility)*



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*"Shawls ...*

*made for centuries universal and embracing,  
symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.  
They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace,  
mother, hug, shelter and beautify.*

*Those who have received these shawls  
have been uplifted and affirmed,  
as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."*

*(written in 1998 by Janet Severi Bristow, ©2016)*

**Calling all knitters...**

**and those who want to be!**

Even if you have never knitted before, prayer shawls are easy to make, and we will teach you how. Those who already know how to knit or crochet are invited to be a part of this ministry. Our goal is to make this a sustaining ministry to keep an inventory of shawls that can be made available to anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from the warmth, love and prayer that they provide (regardless if they are part of our congregation or not).

We will meet on **Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.** to get started and to share some light refreshments. The group will decide when and where we will meet for any future gatherings to knit and enjoy fellowship together. Some yarn and knitting needles will be available. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry but are not able to come to the first gathering or just want to make shawls on your own, call Sandy McCauley at 585.615.1911.

**This website will give you more information about Prayer Shawl Ministries:  
<http://www.shawlministry.com/>**

## SUMMER WORSHIP

*Make a note...*

**Our worship start time will remain at 10:00 a.m. through the summer.**



Commencing the week of June 20<sup>th</sup> the summer office hours will be:  
Tuesday through Thursday  
(9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.).

*The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays.*

As always, you can leave a secure message on the answering machine anytime!

**Candy Rogers**



## FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hour will continue until June 26<sup>th</sup>.

After a summer sabbatical, Coffee Hour will return in September!



Please keep your pledge commitment current during the summer!

While we may take summer vacations, the bills that the church must pay do not. They keep coming in and they need to be paid.

With this in mind, please keep your dollars pledged coming in during the summer months. Many thanks from your Session!

**Deadline for articles for the  
SPECIAL SUMMER ISSUE of  
"Roots & Wings"  
Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, by 10 a.m.**





## Thoughts from the Minister of Music – June 2016

### A Church Anniversary Poem

[Author Unknown]

Celebration, praise and worship,  
Honoring our Lord and Savior -  
Uplifted, consoled, forgiven and protected  
Remembering as we celebrate and give thanks -  
Chronicling another anniversary as a church community  
Held together as a congregation in the palm of His Hand.

And as we celebrate our church's anniversary  
Near to us we feel His Presence,  
Never forsaken or forgotten -  
In His Light we radiate.

Victoriously we raise our voices,  
Echoing again our thanks for blessings received,  
Recollecting triumphs and tribulations in the year gone by.

Steadfast and constant we turn to the year ahead,  
Awed and buoyed by his radiating Love,  
Reborn and renewed -  
Yesterdays remembered and tomorrows praised.

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

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# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



Name: Chili Presbyterian Youth Groups  
Location: Rochester, New York  
Web: chili-presbyterian.org  
Bio: Looking to strengthen our faith in Christ and build lifelong relationships with others.

250  
Following

192  
Followers

@CHILIYOUTHGROUP

June 2016 Newsletter

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!!!!

It has been another great year for our youth here at Chili Pres. First off – many thanks to all the youth and parents for their dedication to our group and for helping to promote youth in our church community! We cannot be a fun and successful group without you!

May was awesome! We spent most of the month practicing really hard for our big skit we did during the Youth Service. The skit was called “200 Years,” and featured a few stories about our church history. It was a fantastic performance, and I can’t thank everyone who helped out enough for making it a successful service!

As we come to a close for the summer, I think back on all the fun things we did this year. God is really awesome and has blessed us with a lot of great memories!

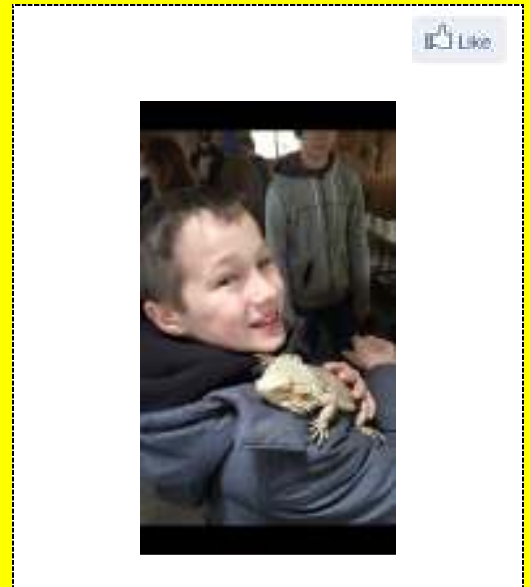
I also want to send best wishes to our 2 graduating seniors this year – Audrey Engelbrecht and Connor Snover! I can’t believe you are both graduating! You are amazing people and good luck in your future endeavors!

Have a great summer everyone! Our final youth group is June 5<sup>th</sup>!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE!

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – OUR FINAL YOUTH GROUP BEFORE SUMMER!**

After church – 11:00am – 2:00pm



Questions? Contact Adam Scoville / [cpministerofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cpministerofmusic@gmail.com) / 585-269-8746

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