

Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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Pastor's Musings...



As I write this article, we are experiencing our first few days of beautiful weather. I don't know about you, but I have felt a sense of freedom and joy and possibility because of the warm weather, the greening grass, and the shoots and buds of flowers emerging from the ground. No longer do I feel cooped up inside, hiding from the world (and its cold weather), but free to take off the heavy coats and boots, put on the sandals and stroll around outside instead of run from the protection of the car to the protection of a building.

And those feelings in many ways echo the meaning of Easter. Everything has changed because the tomb is empty. We can take off the heavy coat of fear, death, and unhealthy habits for the lighter load of freedom and possibility and newness. We can hear the birds sing their songs of praise and know that once again the death of winter has not prevailed. Something new is coming from what was once fallow and barren ground.

As we move into the month of May, we draw closer to our sabbatical time. This too will be an opportunity for new life, a time to prepare the ground for something new to spring forth. But Sabbath, like a fallow field, isn't rest for rest's sake. Sabbath is rest for renewal. We let go, we stop, we pause, we clear out, in order for God to have space to do something new in us.

So as we prepare to enter this sabbatical time we recognize that it is not just an opportunity for God to work renewal in me, but in all of us. It's a time that will shake up our routines in positive ways. We'll have the opportunity to hear new voices in worship. We will have time to ask ourselves some questions about Sabbath time and to listen for the answers welling up from within. We will have the chance to see, in a new way, how God has created all of us to take up the call to ministry in different ways, so as to strengthen and support one another in our common calling. What I have learned about Sabbath time (whether it be one day, a week, or a longer period) is that these times help to realign us to God's will for us, and deepen our capacity to love and serve as we were created to do.

Envisioning my own sabbatical time, I have already begun to experience a variety of feelings -- anticipation and fear, excitement and longing. As I move into the sabbatical period, I expect that there will be challenges along the way. The first will be withdrawal from my multi-tasking, plugged-in, juggling life. I have gotten really good at doing lots of things almost all the time, and coming to a halt will throw me off balance at first. I will also miss not knowing what is going on in your lives. Once I have adjusted to the new pace, I expect to be asking a variety of questions and seeking God for the answers. Some of those questions are:

What have I been avoiding facing? What do I need to grieve? To celebrate? To pay attention to? To let go of? To embrace? Where will vulnerability hit me? What will I learn? What will I notice? What changes will occur in me?

I have several different ways I am going to enter into these questions: photography, cooking, worshiping, scrapbooking, journaling, reading, and spending time with my family. I am trying to hold all of my particular plans loosely, in the spirit of Sabbath – with freedom and without obligation. I keep reminding myself that even if all *my* best laid plans fall through *God will meet me in this time set apart*. And I know part of it will be hard and uncomfortable, and part of it will be glorious. And I know I will return changed and opened up to meet God, and you, more fully and wholly. So while I am a little nervous, I mostly feel awe and wonder, and grateful anticipation. *What do you have up your sleeve, God?*

What about you all? What will our congregation experience during sabbatical?

*What discomfort and irritation might arise?
What restlessness, questions or anxiety may you feel?
What celebration and joy? What letting go?
What are you holding onto and recognizing?
How will you all find yourselves in gratitude and be fully present? What will you begin to notice?
What invitations might you sense? How will you be stretched and blessed? How will you feel adventurous and courageous?*

How will God meet you during this time?

I can't wait to come together and share our sabbatical stories! I can't wait to hear what God has done in our lives!

~Grace and peace, Brandi

MINISTRY OF CARE

YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2016: M. Guarnieri, W. Scoville, A. Zah

CLASS OF 2017: B. Boerschlein, S. Edwards, L. Oliver

CLASS OF 2018: S. Breeze, S. Heer, G. McArthur

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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

MISSION TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS

This is the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and various mission trips are being planned for 2015:

August 22-30

October 17-25

October 24-November 1

Our own Jean Bartholomew and Andy Atwater are planning to participate during the **August 22-30 trip**. The Mission Team invites others in our church family to join Jean and Andy. We will help support the trip costs through our grant process.

The time frame is short, so all who are interested should contact Roger Willis at 293-3561 or rwillis004@rochester.rr.com. Total cost (without airfare) is \$375.00 per person, which covers lodging, work shirts, towels, breakfast/lunch each day, ground travel, and a donation to Project Homecoming. Our Mission Fund should support a majority of the trip cost.

I look forward to hearing from you!

~Roger Willis

Mission Fund Committee Co-Chair



SPRING SPRUNG...

AT THE CHICKEN BBQ!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Chicken BBQ a great success -- all the workers and everyone who purchased a meal!



We are pleased to report that 399 dinners were served, and \$2,360.00 (*preliminary*) was raised to benefit Chili Presbyterian Mission Outreach. Bless you all!



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

ONGOING MISSION SUPPORT FOR SWEM

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated food to SWEM on Communion Sunday, April 5th. Eighty (80) food items plus many hygiene supplies were delivered to SWEM. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those people who rely on the food cupboards in our community.

Providing food all year is very important since it becomes more difficult to keep the cupboard shelves stocked, once the holidays are over. Food insecurity caused by various problems such as joblessness, low income, and addictions, is a constant problem in our community. Please remember to bring food for SWEM on Communion Sunday, May 3rd, and thanks again for all your past support!

~Jane & Fred Schulitz



LET'S HAVE A TALK!

coffee klatch

or coffee klatsch also kaf-fee-klatsch (kǒf'ē-kläch', -kläch', kô'fē-)
n.

A casual social gathering for coffee and conversation.

Everyone is invited to an informal
"Coffee Klatch" on Sunday, May 3rd.

Pastor Brandi and the members of the Sabbatical
Leave Team invite you to a discussion on the
following questions in order to spark new insight
into how this sabbatical time can help us grow,
as we continue on our journey of faith:

How are we going to make the most of this time?

How can we open ourselves up
to what God is going to do?

What does the sabbatical time have to offer me?

So, come and be part of the conversation --
come to the "Coffee Klatch" --
on Sunday May 3rd, right after worship.

See you in Fellowship Hall!

CAMP WHITMAN

Detailed information is in Fellowship Hall,
or go to www.CampWhitman.org

Camping

Holiday Camping Weekends
May 22-25, 2015 and September 4-7, 2015

Open House

Open House & Chicken BBQ
Saturday, June 6th (12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.)

THANK YOU

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

May 3*

Elder/Deacon: Carrie Horton and Sharon Breeze
Jr. Deacon: Aidan Snover
Childcare: Sue Edwards
*Communion: Carrie Horton, Sharon Breeze,
Gail McArthur, Pat Olson, Mel Olver

May 10

Elder/Deacon: Judie McGaffick and Sue Atwater
Jr. Deacon: Jordan Wilson
Childcare: Mike or Mollie Conklin

May 17

Elder/Deacon: Sandy McCauley and Alice Hassett
Jr. Deacon: Hailey Genge
Childcare: Vicky Leahy

May 24

Elder/Deacon: Dan Wooten and Sharon Breeze
Jr. Deacon: Grace Varner
Childcare: Linda Enright

May 31

Elder/Deacon: Roger Willis and Whitney Scoville
Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle
Childcare: Need Volunteer



MAKE A NOTE!

**To assist with Sabbatical Pulpit Supply,
our worship start time will remain
at 10:00 a.m. through the summer.**



AT CHILI PRES

Your Board of Trustees will be hosting a Spring Cleaning Day at Chili Pres.

Please join us on Saturday, May 16th, beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until the jobs are done.

Show your interest . . . and let any one of the Trustees know that you are willing to lend a hand! See you on May 16th for some good clean fun! Coffee and doughnuts provided!

“ROOTS AND WINGS”

Your next newsletter will be the June 2015 issue.

The deadline will be:

Monday, May 18th, no later than 10:00 a.m.

St. Pauly Clothing Box Schedule— Remainder of 2015

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

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



SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2015!

The Sale will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

It is time to clear out and donate those items that you no longer need but that might be useful to someone else. Keep the following in mind when you prepare your donations:

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 **West Sunday School room beginning May 17th (or youth room in the basement).***
6. *Proceeds (tentatively) will go to a local Habitat Home.*

Also:

1. *Volunteers are needed to post sale flyers.*
2. *Volunteers are needed for setup/pricing – from June 2 - June 5.*
3. *Volunteers are needed for working the sale – Saturday, June 6.*

Contact Roger Willis at 293-3561
or rwillis004@rochester.rr.com with questions,
or to volunteer.

Easter Season 2015 *"Seeking Understanding* *After the Resurrection"*

Plan: 2-15-15 to 4-3-15 / Implement: 4-4-15 to 5-23-15



Easter Sunday at Chili Pres

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Sunday Breakfast. A delicious time was had by all! We then enjoyed a special worship service in a beautiful flower-filled sanctuary!

Mandala Workshop and Potluck Luncheon (April 26th)

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Red Wings Baseball Game (May 17th)

May 3rd Deadline to Signup!
(The signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall)

Easter Outreach



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
BLANKETS+**

**Blanket Sunday
(watch for details)**



Since our mission began 25 years ago, OneSight has provided vision care access to 8.5 million people worldwide; access they previously never had. **563 million still need our help.**

Be a part of the solution.

Together we can eradicate the vision care crisis.

How We Do It

The answer isn't limited to free glasses. The answer is also sustainable, affordable access. *Solving massive crises requires immediate and long-lasting interventions.* OneSight focuses on both simultaneously.

What We Do

We've learned a lot in 25 years. Two things in particular: this work is hard, and the solution is within reach.

Provide Training

Educating local partners to create sustainable infrastructure.

Comprehensive Eye Exams

Eye exams can be a key step in breaking the cycle of poverty. Optometrists and optical experts volunteer to support OneSight programs, bringing quality vision care to millions in need.

Free and Affordable Glasses

Glasses are the heart of our solution. Every OneSight patient receives a new pair of high-quality glasses made to their prescription.

Immediate and Sustainable Access

We provide charitable and sustainable solutions to meet both the immediate and long-term vision care needs of individuals and communities worldwide.

How You Can Help

Donate your old eyeglasses and sunglasses (prescription or not).

Make a monetary donation.

THE DONATION BOX IS IN THE SANCTUARY.

Thank you for your support of this mission project!

Pentecost Season 2015

“What is God Stirring Within Me?”

Plan: 4-15-15 to 5-23-15 / Implement: 5-24-15 to 9-12-15



Church Potluck Picnic/Worship Sunday, June 21st at Maher Lodge in Churchville

*Come for...worship,
food, fellowship, and fun!*

William Maher Lodge
Town of Riga Park, Sanford Road
10:00 a.m. worship service
with a “pot luck” picnic to follow!

*Check out the signup on the sheet
in Fellowship Hall,
where you can indicate what you will bring.
You can also call the office
to have your name added to the sheet!*

Your Pentecost Season Team will provide
plates, cups, cutlery, napkins, and beverages!

Mission Project
with our Board of Deacons
(watch for more details)

Your Pentecost Season Team
Harvey Heer
Sara Heer
Sandy McCauley

*We would love to have more members!
Contact any of us!*

Calendar Notes

Pentecost is . . .

The 50th day after Easter. The name comes from the Greek word penta meaning "fifty."

One of the three Jewish harvest festivals of the year, the others being Passover and Sukkoth.

The day when the Holy Spirit arrived on the disciples in a new and exciting way, with the sound of a mighty wind and appearing like tongues of flame (Acts 2:2-3).

Also known as Whitsunday in some traditions because of the ancient tradition of wearing white clothing on this day.

A day in recent times when many people wear red or other bright colors to church to recall the flames of the Spirit.

An opportunity to celebrate what some consider the birthday of the church.

Not the "arrival" of the Holy Spirit. (The first appearance of the Holy Spirit in scripture is as early as Genesis 1:2). Pentecost simply marks the time that the disciples experienced the Spirit's energy empowering them for ministry in new ways.

The last day of Easter season.

(from Editor's Clipsheets, May 2007)

*When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.
And suddenly there came from heaven a noise
like a violent rushing wind,
and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
And there appeared to them tongues
as of fire distributing themselves,
and they rested on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak with other tongues,
as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
(Acts 2:1-4)*



Thoughts from the Minister of Music – May 2015

He is Risen Indeed! Now, what does that mean?

I recently sang a song during the offering time called “We Believe,” by the Newsboys. This song is filled with such an abundant hope in living the Christian life, I have felt compelled to share some of the lyrics with you. The chorus states:

“We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again, we believe.”

When singing these lyrics, I am reminded of the Apostles Creed, a great profession of the Christian faith. I know many of us have the Apostles Creed memorized, but have you reflected on what it means? These lyrics above are very similar, and I love the word choice of “conquered death.” Not only did Jesus die, but He “conquered death.” He didn't simply overcome death or just get by, He “conquered” it. Powerful.

Another set of lyrics that has intrigued me:

“Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!
In the here and now, let love invade!
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe, we believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail!
For the power of God, has torn the veil!
Now we know Your love will never fail!
We believe, we believe!”

These words are quite the charge for living out our faith. We are confident in knowing that hell cannot prevail, because when Christ died and went into hell, the veil in the temple was torn in two. And three days later the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty! Another indication of the hope we have in the Christian faith that Christ will return again as it says in the Book of Revelation.

Throughout the last year in our church, we have been discussing how to live out our new Mission Statement. In helping to do that, I feel that it is equally important to investigate our standard beliefs in the Christian faith as well, and applying them to our lives along with our Mission Statement. I pray that over the next month, you might take a moment of time to absorb the words of what we believe through the various creeds, scriptures, and songs that you are drawn to. And keep spending time finding your place within our Mission Statement.

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

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS

@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS

May 2015 Newsletter

Spring is fully underway! We first want to thank all of you for supporting and helping with the annual Chicken BBQ. It was a huge success!

The youth will be doing a Mission Trip this year to Wintersville, Ohio through the Group Workcamp program. The youth have been putting in "Sweat Equity" towards going on the Mission Trip this summer. This year we will also be joining with a few youth from Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church to go on the trip. Please pray for our group, the trip, and how we can be used to minister to those people we come in contact with on the trip in July.

May is almost here! Please check the events, as the schedule has changed a bit with Mission Trip Planning! Also, the Youth Service is on May 17th! So please mark your calendars and come see what our youth have been learning this year.

Youth Groups – May 3rd
9:00-9:45am - Jr. High Youth Group

MISSION TRIP MEETING @ TWELVE CORNERS PRES. – May 3rd
12:00pm-2pm – Parents invited!

Youth Groups – May 10th (Preparing for the Youth Service!)
9:00-9:45am - Jr. High Youth Group
11:00am-1pm – DTO Youth Group

YOUTH SERVICE – May 17th
Be there by 9am!

MISSION TRIP MEETING @ CHILI PRES. – May 17th
1:00pm-3:00pm – Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

YOUTH GROUP MINI GOLF – May 23rd
Both Groups! Time:TBD.

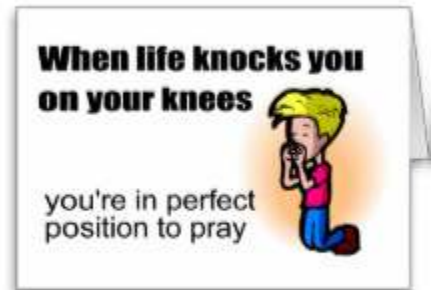
Youth Group – May 24th
11:00am-1pm – DTO Youth Group

NO YOUTH GROUP May 31st. Adam and Whitney are away!

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.

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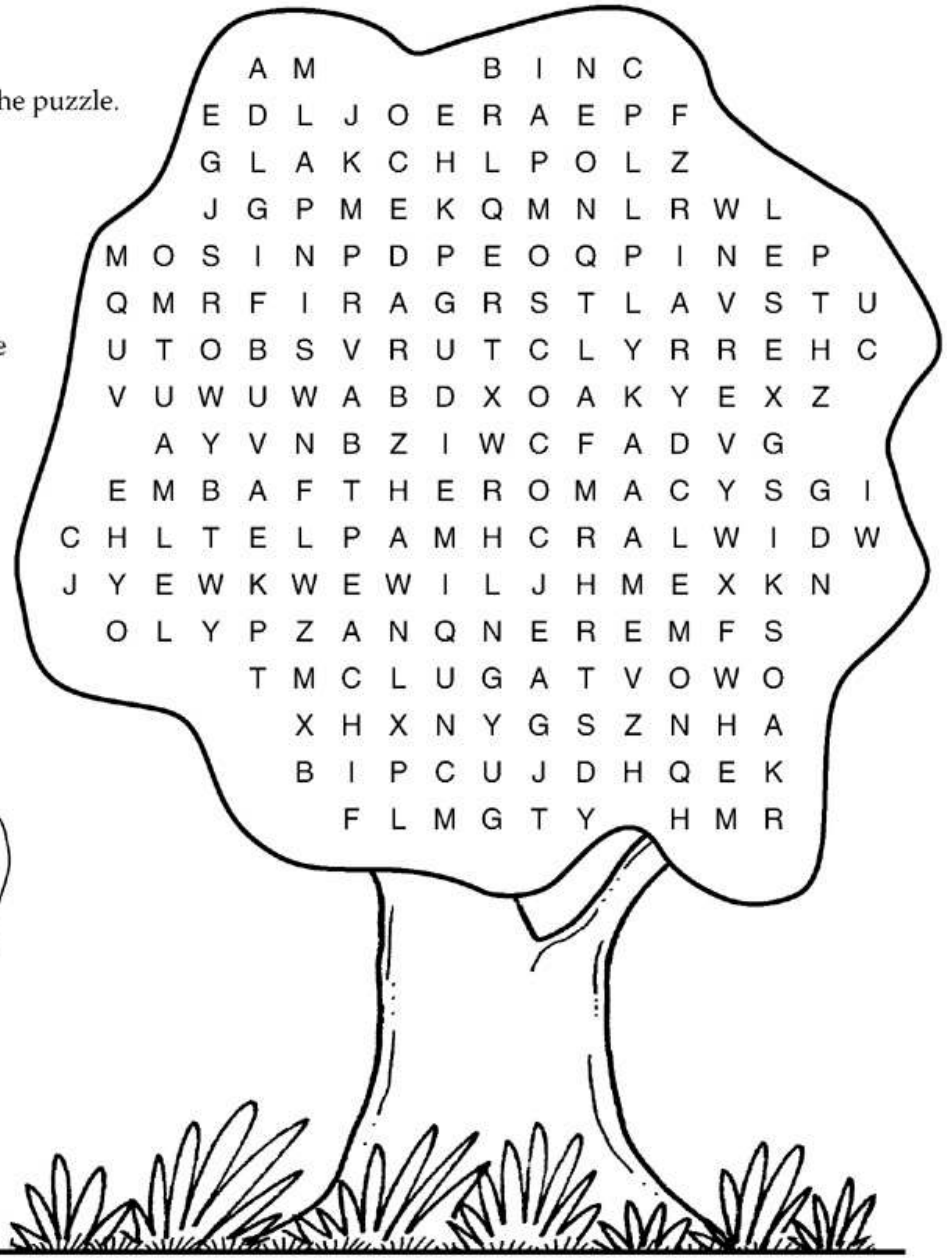
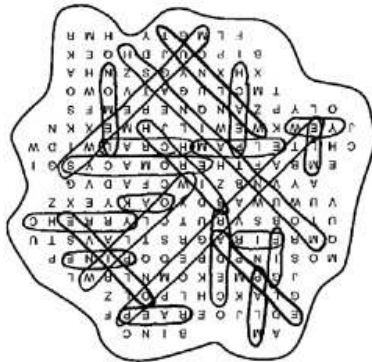
Word Find

Find the names of these trees in the puzzle.

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| Birch | Palm |
| Cedar | Peach |
| Cherry | Pear |
| Elm | Pine |
| Fig | Pomegranate |
| Fir | Sweet gum |
| Larch | Sycamore |
| Lemon | Walnut |
| Maple | Willow |
| Mountain ash | Yew |
| Oak | |

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