

# Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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## Worship With Us Each Sunday in



**at 10:00 a.m.**

*(childcare is always available)*

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### May 1

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### May 8

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

### May 15

Pentecost Sunday  
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### May 22

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### May 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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*and so much more...*

**All in this issue of Roots & Wings!**

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## Wooten's Wonderings...



***"Equip the saints for the work of ministry,  
for building up the body of Christ..."***

***Ephesians 4:12***

A couple of months ago, I was approached by two members of our presbytery, Rod Frohman and Jim Evinger, asking us to participate in a Mission Study Pilot Project. They are creating a workbook for churches that will offer tools to help a congregation "measure, assess and analyze our social mission projects and build capacity to activate and sustain our social mission volunteers." In creating the workbook and testing it in four congregations in our presbytery, the hope is then to publish it for national use. This means that by being part of this project, we will be given tools that will help us improve how we do mission and outreach in our congregation. It is part of our call as Christians to carry the Good News into our neighborhoods and the world. This mission project will help us to do that better.

Our church, through the Mission Pilot Project Team, will be asked to consider three recurring questions:

1. *Do our social mission projects make a difference in the lives of the people we serve?*
2. *Are we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, any different as a result of our efforts?*
3. *Can we do better?*



This opportunity comes at a great time in the life of our congregation. As we celebrate our bicentennial year, we look back at how God has moved in and through and with us, as well as look forward to where God will take us into the future. This project embraces both looking

back and looking forward -- like the *sankofa* bird I talked about a couple of months ago (a bird that looks back while walking forward, carrying a seed). We take the best of what we have learned from our history in order to move forward into a new future.

At Session's request, a team was put together to work with Rod and Jim through their workshops. As we enter into our work, you may periodically hear what we are learning and may be asked to help us gather information about what matters to you when it comes to mission and outreach. The team is looking forward to diving into what will prove to be fruitful work...stay tuned for more information.

*~Grace and peace, Brandi*

### **BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION REMINDERS**

*Here are the items and events associated with the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church of Chili.*

*We sincerely hope that everyone will support these special activities and plans. If you have questions, you can contact any member of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force (see page 6).*

*Cookbook Orders*

*Fabric Pieces for Communion Cloth*

*Church Event Photos*

*Contact Info for Former Church Members and Friends*

*May 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Retro Dinner Signup*

*June 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Bicentennial Celebration Day*



## **SESSION MEETING SUMMARY**

### ***At its April 19, 2016 meeting, Session...***

...authorized the baptism of Patrick Timothy Engelbrecht born December 28, 2014 in Rochester, NY, son of Jonathan Richard and Kathleen Rose MacLean Engelbrecht, to take place on Sunday, July 10, 2016 during worship with Rev. Brandi Wooten presiding and Elders Timothy Engelbrecht and Sherman Gittens assisting.

...received the Financial Reports and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2016.

...met with Andy Atwater, Chair, Board of Trustees for the quarterly review of Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual, and Profit and Loss by Month documents noting what needs to be monitored, and what we need to be prepared for in anticipated expenses and income.

...discussed a draft proposal for Trustees' consideration about restructuring the Finance Team and its responsibilities.

...discussed a potential use of Memorial Funds.

...noted that Pastor Brandi had 18 pastoral contacts.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on her scheduled vacation, July 11-25, 2016 and pulpit supply.

...noted that Chili Presbyterian is one of the participants in the Presbytery Mission Pilot Project, and signed documents to that effect.

...heard a report from Elder Horton on plans for staff evaluations.

...approved the revised Pastor Job Description as amended.

...heard a report on plans for our Bicentennial Celebration.

...heard a report from Elder Wasmer who attended the March Presbytery meeting as our Elder Delegate.

...approved the revised Scholarship Program Policy.

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

## **THANK YOU**

to the volunteers serving in May:

### **May 1\***

Greeters: Jerry Huffman and Nancy Huffman  
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten  
Childcare: Linda Enright  
\*Communion: Lisa Snover, Barb Wasmer, Dan Wooten  
 Jerry Huffman, Nancy Huffman

### **May 8**

Greeters: Tom Leahy and Vicky Leahy  
Jr. Greeter: Grace Varner  
Childcare: Barb Boerschlein

### **May 15**

Greeters: Mick McCauley and Sandy McCauley  
Jr. Greeter: Madelyn Komarisky  
Childcare: Lori Oliver

### **May 22**

Greeters: Grace Azzolino and Evan Engelbrecht  
Jr. Greeter: Ashleigh Naugle  
Childcare: Laurie DePaul

### **May 29**

Greeters: Fred Schultiz and Jane Schultiz  
Jr. Greeter: Aidan Snover  
Childcare: Sue Edwards



## **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

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



## **SPRING...SPRUNG... AT THE CHICKEN BBQ!**

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

We are pleased to report that 450 dinners were ordered and over 30 meals were given to our community as a "neighborhood give-back." Proceeds of \$2,295.05 will benefit Chili Presbyterian Mission Outreach. Bless you all!

## 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



### Adult Faith-Formation Experience!

Many of you participated in the very successful and well received study with Animate: Faith. Animate has also created **Animate: Practices**. This is a seven-session adult faith formation course using video, conversation and journaling. No pre-study required. Here are the remaining sessions:

May 1<sup>st</sup>                      Money: *The Joy of Sharing*  
May 15<sup>th</sup>                    Service: *The Need Right in Front of You*  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>                    Community: *An Unexpected Family*

Pastor Brandi is facilitating these classes.

### "Just Desserts"

### Afternoon Social

Saturday, April 23, 2016

*It was a "dazzling" afternoon . . .  
Thanks to all who participated!*

### Church World Service

### "Blanket Sunday"

Mother's Day, May 8, 2016

We can help our neighbors around the world recovering from disasters by partnering with Church World Service through their **Blankets Program**. For example, \$50 can provide five blankets for a family left homeless by a natural disaster such as a tornado. Any donation is appreciated and envelopes will be available as Mother's Day draws near. Please help!

Deadline for articles for the June 2016  
issue of "Roots & Wings"  
Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, by 10 a.m.



### AT CHILI PRES

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

Please join us on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>,  
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 21<sup>st</sup> for some good clean fun . . .  
coffee and doughnuts provided!



Please bring food for SWEM on **Communion Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** so we can support those members of our community who depend on SWEM. At this time of year, after the holidays have passed, the food cupboard shelves become rather bare, so it is very important that we continue to donate food and supplies. **As we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month**, we remind you all to continue to bring your food and personal hygiene donations for this important local mission. Thank you to everyone for their past donations – and check out the next issue of "Roots & Wings" for a year-to-date tally.

*~Jane & Fred Schultiz*

# 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 funds raised will go to the Mission Fund to help fund the upcoming mission trip to Honduras in September 2016. We are looking for donations to start May 14<sup>th</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 with music and 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, emus, bison, ostriches -- and many more. 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.

### Fellowship

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





# 1<sup>st</sup> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHILI 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1816 – 2016

*200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force: Pastor Brandi, Sharon Breeze, Ginny Harkness, Harvey & Sara Heer, Nancy Huffman, Laurie Stowe, Geoff Wasmer, Portia Westfall*

## **BICENTENNIAL CHURCH COOKBOOK**

The new cookbook will be ready for sale **beginning Mother's Day, Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall**. The sale will continue each Sunday throughout May and June. The cost of each cookbook is \$15.00. Cash or check made payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Chili (with cookbook noted on memo line).

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## **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP...**

The 200<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fpc3600@gmail.com), or to Sharon Breeze [sbreeze@frontiernet.net](mailto: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 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. **Thanks for any information you can give us!**

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## **WHO'S THAT?**

The Anniversary Task Force is looking for "CPC PICTURES FROM THE PAST!" If you have any pictures from Chili Pres church events throughout the years, and would be willing to share them, the Task Force would love to use them as part of a display we are putting together. Your pictures would be scanned and then returned to you. Pictures over the years of our Fall Suppers, Mission Trips, Fellowship Club (Couple's Club), Retreats, Worship, etc. would be wonderful to receive! Please put pictures in an envelope marked with your name, and give to either Sharon Breeze or Portia Westfall. Or you can submit your pictures electronically by going to our website and following the directions on the "2016 Bicentennial" tab. **Thanks for your help with this project!**

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## **A "RETRO" DINNER**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.**

Please plan to join us on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for a very special Anniversary Celebration Supper! A "retro dinner" will be served – a meal that replicates the menu which was offered at our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1966!

#### **Menu**

***Baked Ham Loaf***

***Potato Salad***

***Tossed Green Salad with Ranch or French Dressing***

***Assorted Desserts***

***Coffee, Tea, Milk, Ice Water***

This is sure to be a lovely event for all. Our entire church family is encouraged to attend, and special dignitaries have been invited. A signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

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## **BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016**

***Mark your calendars!***

***This is a big day of celebration!***

***Special Worship Service – 3:00 p.m.***

***Ice Cream – after worship***



## Thoughts from the Minister of Music – May 2016

### 200 Year History Reflections

*“Without a struggle, there can be no progress.”*

*Fredrick Douglas*

I have been spending significant time looking back at the history of our church over the last few weeks in preparation for our 200 year celebration, which is in the upcoming weeks. There are many fascinating stories that you can discover about our church in the history books, and so much you can learn about our church ancestry throughout many generations. There were times of great success and growth, and times of real struggle to stay open. There are stories that can make you feel proud to be a member, and others that can make you say, “What were they thinking?!”

There are a few things that I found most intriguing that you might not know. I thought I would share some of them this month.

Did you know that we had a string orchestra playing music every Sunday during service? This was pretty significant in the mid-1800s. There is also documentation of selling the bass viol for \$25 in 1880, and the funds were used to purchase the church’s first organ. To purchase a bass viol nowadays would be thousands of dollars! Also, the first organ that was purchased is currently upstairs in our balcony area in the sanctuary. Run up and take a look sometime!

It was also really interesting to read about the Ladies Aid Group. This group was instrumental in keeping our church functioning from 1903-1991. The ladies of our church came together in the Ladies Aid Group to raise money for the maintenance needs of the church, but also to do missions outside the walls of the church, including raising money and supplies for the Red Cross during World War 1. They would host dinners, fairs, and fundraisers to support the various needs of the church. It’s documented that the church first got electricity because of Ladies Aid. When the church wanted to do a project or fix something, it was evident that the Ladies Aid Group was at the front lines of supporting it. Thank God for our Ladies!

There are so many stories that I hope you will be able to learn about in the upcoming weeks, but what I find so important to note throughout the history books is how God was moving in our church throughout the years. From the original founding members, who took care in helping each other and reaching out to the community, to years of reaching out to do God’s work through missions, including the Ladies Aid, God was using us to do great things. God was moving when we were strong with 180 members in 1850, and God still had a plan for our church when we were down to only 26 members in the late 1800s. God is still moving in us today.

Sometimes it is hard to see God’s work from week to week in a church body, but when weeks turn to years, and years turn to decades, you begin to realize that you are a part of a great and mighty work that God is doing here at Chili Presbyterian. So as we enter into a season of celebration of our church, please consider what God has done and is doing in your life because of our church -- and give thanks for the opportunities we get to have together in this community here at Chili.

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

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# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUP

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

It is springtime, which means the snow is gone, and it also means we are closing in on another school year!

April was awesome! We first want to thank all who helped in supporting another successful Chicken BBQ. We are truly blessed to have a supporting church that cares about missions and likes to eat chicken!

We have also been able to start planning for our youth service! It is going to be epic!

The upcoming events are listed below – check it out!

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE!

**Youth Group – May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Presbytery Youth Group @ Irondequoit Pres – May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Meet after church, return by 3 p.m.

**Youth Group – May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Practice for Youth Service and LASER TAG EVENT! – Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Time TBD!**

**Youth Service – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
No youth group after!

**MAY 29<sup>th</sup>, NO YOUTH GROUP**  
Scovilles are away!

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – OUR FINAL YOUTH GROUP BEFORE SUMMER!**  
After church – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

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