

# Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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3600 Chili Avenue  
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*A Stephen Ministry Church*

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...Joy

## Worship With Us Each Sunday In



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

*(childcare is always available)*

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### May 7

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Service of the Lord's Supper

### May 14

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### May 21

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### May 28

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## Wooten's Wonderings...



In the Easter Season, we particularly remember that Jesus came, died, and rose for us so that we may have life in the knowledge that we are fully loved and known by God. God intends us to thrive through our connection to the Lord. Like a branch that bears good fruit is grounded securely in good soil, so we, when grounded in Christ, will thrive and bear fruit. I think that we can all agree that we *want* to thrive. No one goes through life saying that they don't want to live a happy, fruitful life.

So the question that we as people on the journey of faith need to frequently ask ourselves is "**how** do we connect and ground ourselves in Christ?" We come back to this question over and over again -- measuring how we are doing and where there are places that could use a little more attention.

I have created an acronym to guide us as we once more ask ourselves the question "how do we ground ourselves in Christ so that we can **thrive**?" The acronym helps us remember some of the ways we can develop our faith in order to **thrive** in God's love and invitation to new life.

**T – Trust**...*God with our whole selves.*

**H - Hold**...*hope and faith even when the world tells us we are foolish to do so.*

**R - Reflect**...*God's love.*

**I - be In**...*the Word and in prayer regularly.*

**V - be Vulnerable**...*and honest before God, ourselves and others. Admit our mistakes and seek to reconcile ourselves with God and others when it is appropriate to do so.*

**E - Enjoy**...*the daily gifts of God's presence -- both big and small, and give thanks to God for them.*

*~Grace and peace, Brandi*

## Easter Feeling

*The Easter feeling does not end.*

*It signals a new beginning,  
of nature,  
spring,  
and brand new life,  
and friendship,  
peace,  
and giving.*

*The spirit of Easter is all about  
hope,  
love,  
and joyful living.*

*Author Unknown*



## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

*Contact Sharon Breeze (293-1340)*

*or Pastor Brandi on Sunday,*

*or call the Church Office (889-9896).*



## SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

### *At its meeting on March 21, 2017, Session...*

...with joy, received Kenneth Richard Milner Jr. into the church by Reaffirmation of Faith. He will be publically received during worship on May 14, 2017 with Elder Carrie Horton assisting.

...received the Treasurer's Report and Financial Summary for the month ending February 28, 2017.

...noted that Pastor Brandi finished her last class in Spiritual Direction. She will complete 8 months of additional preparation hours before she receives her Certificate.

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar:

- April 1 Progressive Dinner*
- April 2 Chicken BBQ*
- April 13 Maundy Thursday Service*
- April 16 Easter breakfast*
- May 14 Receive New Members During Worship*
- June 3 Rummage Sale*
- June 7 Memorial Service, 11 a.m.,  
William Matern (followed by lunch)*

...approved the revised Funeral/Memorial Services Policy.

...reviewed and updated the current Wedding Policy. A final draft will be prepared for Session review and approval at the April Session meeting.

...agreed to create a task force to develop our Child Protection Policy.

*Remitted by,  
Elder Carrie Horton  
Clerk of Session, Pro-Tem*



*"God does not call the qualified;  
God qualifies the called."*

*from Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers,  
by Joan S. Gray*

## SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

### *At its meeting on April 18, 2017, Session...*

...welcomed Grace Azzolino, Deborah Lamphron, Thomas Leahy, and John and Rebecca Sosik who have attended a new membership class with Pastor Brandi. There they explored Presbyterianism, Christian beliefs, polity, and the meaning of membership affiliation, and the work and ministry here at First Presbyterian Church of Chili. As part of our discussion, each shared what brought them to this church and why they decided to affiliate. Tom had been actively participating in the congregation, serving on committees and worshipping for several years. His children were raised in our church. It was time, he said, to formally affiliate. Grace has had a connection for several years beginning with our Youth Group. She participates by sharing her gift of music and voice. She was on the committee that developed our most recent Mission Statement, she has participated on Season Teams, and is part of the Worship Team. Deborah has been attending church for a few years and has worked on the Fall Supper and participated most recently on the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Season Team. John and Becky started attending last summer. They had been searching for a church home. All shared that our church was very welcoming and comfortable. They felt the welcoming warmth of the members and they easily developed bonds with members. They appreciated the opportunity to become involved and engaged at their own pace. We also talked about what it means to be a member and each Session member expressed their own views on how membership was meaningful to them.

*-by motion, Session with joy, received Thomas Gerard Leahy, John Joseph Sosik and Rebecca Miriam Smith Sosik into the church by Profession of Faith.  
-by motion, Session with joy, received Grace Marie Azzolino into the church by Reaffirmation of Faith.  
-by motion, Session with joy, received Deborah Ann Horne Lamphron into the church by Certificate of Transfer.*

They will be publicly received during worship on Sunday, May 14, 2017 with Elder Carrie Horton assisting.

...received the Treasurer's Report and Financial Summary for the month ending March 31, 2017.

...noted that Pastor Brandi has had 18 pastoral contacts (in person, phone, hospital visits and home visits).

...noted that Pastor Brandi recently led a new member's class. Five new members met with Session tonight and were received.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on a discussion study she led with the Simple Supper group on what the Bible says about homosexuality.

...noted that Pastor Brandi will be taking vacation 4/26-4/27/17.

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar:

May 13 Church Spring Cleaning Day  
May 14 New members received during worship  
May 20 LuLaRoe fashion fundraiser  
May 21 last day for Children's Church  
June 13 Joint Session training for our Presbytery  
"Neighborhood" group of churches  
7-9 p.m.

...approved the revised Wedding Policy.

...noted that people have been contacted to work on a Task Force to develop a Child Protection Policy.

...received the report of the Clerk of Session, Elder Huffman, that upon review by the Presbytery Congregational Ministries Committee on March 19, 2017, the Session minutes, October 27, 2015 to December 31, 2016, were approved without exception.

...identified individuals to invite to facilitate the Harvest Season Team.

...heard a report on the recent Presbytery meeting and noted that Susan Orr was appointed Presbyter for Healthy Congregations/Stated Clerk.

...discussed a survey sent to Clerks of Session from Presbytery seeking input on Triennial visits. A Presbytery "Triennial Visit Working Group" is exploring different ways to support and encourage congregations. Our Session's discussion suggested that from our past experiences, the current model is not effective and does not make best use of Presbytery's volunteer resources. We suggested that the new Presbytery restructure creating church neighborhoods, might be a mechanism to foster support for churches in sharing their challenges and accomplishments and strengthening good ministry.

...heard a report from Elder Geoff Wasmer that we will be moving to an expanded high-speed internet service though at considerable savings from our current system. This will allow for improved email capability, Skype, greater storage of data, improved voice mail management and other features such as opportunities to access webinars.

...noted that Children's Church will continue through May 21, 2017.

*Remitted by,  
Elder Nancy Huffman  
Clerk of Session*

## SWEM NOTES

Poverty and food insecurity are very significant realities for a large population of the Rochester community.

Therefore, our food donations to SWEM are greatly needed throughout the year. Our church continues to do a great job supporting the SWEM Food Cupboard.

In March, Roger Willis delivered 43 food items plus supplies to SWEM – thank you Roger!

76 food items plus numerous supplies were donated to SWEM in April – and we thank those who donated with such generosity!

Please remember to bring food items and supplies to church on **Communion Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Our mission to SWEM is an important outreach to those in our community who are in need.

*~Jane & Fred Schultiz*



### AT CHILI PRES

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

**Please join us on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</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 13<sup>th</sup> for some good clean fun . . .  
coffee and doughnuts provided!*



*Proceeds (\$9232 total) over the last 12 years  
have been used to support many mission projects.*

### **How did we do that?**

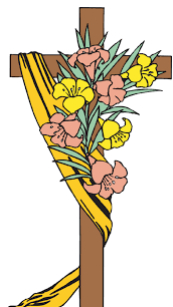
*Check out page 6 for all the details.*

# Easter Season 2017

(4-16-17 to 6-3-17)

Easter Team Members:

Andy Atwater, Whitney Scoville, Barb Wasmer, Roger Willis



Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter plant and/or made a contribution to the Chili Presbyterian Scholarship Fund...

and...

We hope that Holy Week and Easter Day were meaningful to all who participated in our special services and activities!

**Palm Sunday Worship**

April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday Worship**

April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Keep the Vigil**

April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Sunday Breakfast**

April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Sunday Worship**

April 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Mission Focus for our Easter Season**



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+**

Thank you for your dedication to providing Blankets for Church World Service (CWS). Last year, our congregation helped to provide CWS Blankets to people throughout the world. Thanks to you, families in emergency shelters across the country received blankets. You helped them stay warm in their time of need. You have shared God's grace with people and have made a difference in their lives.

**Last year we raised \$1140  
for Blanket Sunday.**

That is amazing! Your donations to CWS provided warm blankets to people in their time of need. Your donation provided the tools needed for people to rebuild their homes after an earthquake. Your donation provided seeds for farmers beginning to grow food to feed their family.

Each year, we are supporting the critical relief and development work of CWS and giving a hand-up to people in need -- enabling them to feel the warmth of compassion and hope.

Families arrive at emergency shelters during their darkest hours. Whether struggling in the face of grinding poverty or attempting to rebuild after devastation like a house fire, families are in search of warmth and comfort. When they are met with CWS Blankets, they have a tangible reminder that they are not alone. Children - and their parents - can rest a bit more warmly because of your love.

For your wonderful support of Blanket Sunday and on behalf of all the families you have helped, but may never meet—THANK YOU.

**Please continue your support this year  
as we celebrate Blanket Sunday  
on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Mothers are the heart of the family, and many are its sole support as well. Church World Service (CWS) provides gifts of hope and help to mothers in need around the world. CWS Blankets provide comfort in many communities hit by disaster, and in shelters or agencies assisting those experiencing hard times.



# “VISION FOR CAMASCA” MISSION 2018

March 12 to March 21, 2018



**When:** Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Location:** 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Chili

**Why:** Fundraiser to support  
Chili Pres 2018  
“Vision for Camasca”

Yes, Chili Pres reps are once again heading to Honduras! Our trip is planned for:

**March 12 to March 21, 2018**

Our goal is to bring affordable quality eye care to the people of Camasca, Intibuca Honduras.

Your support of our fundraiser activities will mean so much to us, and to the people we will help in Honduras.  
Thank you!

If you have questions or want more information about our fundraising events or the Honduras Mission Trip, please contact Whitney Scoville with questions.

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## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!

**SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2017!**

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

Please 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 décor, home décor, and furniture
5. Please place your donations in the West Sunday School Room or the Youth Room in the basement beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>
6. Proceeds for: “Vision for Camasca, Honduras Fund” to bring eye care to this region of Honduras which is not available (especially for children)

### Also Needed:

1. Volunteers to post sale flyers
2. Volunteers for setup / pricing – Tues. May 30, Wed. May 31, Thurs. June 1
3. Volunteers for working the sale – Sat. June 3
4. Volunteers to help with cleanup – Sun. June 4

There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.  
Contact Roger Willis at 293-3561  
or [rwillis004@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rwillis004@rochester.rr.com) with questions,  
or to volunteer.

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## VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN:



### May 7\*

Greeters: Bruce Olson and Dan Wooten  
Jr. Greeter: Jessica Bilyou  
Childcare: Judie McGaffick  
\*Communion: Sue Johnson, Sandy McCauley,  
Pat Olson, Lisa Snover, Dan Wooten

### May 14

Greeters: Grace Azzolino and Evan Engelbrecht  
Jr. Greeter: Jordan Wilson  
Childcare: Kathy Mathewson

### May 21

Greeters: Andy Atwater and Sue Atwater  
Jr. Greeter: Jacob Bilyou  
Childcare: Brenda Naugle

### May 28

Greeters: Grace Azzolino and Evan Engelbrecht  
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten  
Childcare: Lori Oliver

**Deadline for articles for the  
JUNE 2017 ISSUE of  
"Roots & Wings":**

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, by 10 a.m.**



**Memorial Day Observed  
Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**



**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Church Picnic**

***Watch for details in Sunday bulletins,  
and in the next issue of "Roots & Wings."***



*"Rest is not idleness,  
and to lie sometimes on the grass  
under trees on a summer's day,  
listening to the murmur of the water,  
or watching the clouds float across the sky,  
is by no means a waste of time."  
(John Lubbock, *The Use Of Life*)*



## Thoughts from the Minister of Music – May 2017

### *The Blessings of Spring*

by Deborah Ann

There are many blessings,  
that each new Spring brings  
you can see it bloom about  
and hear the song it sings.

With winter's bleakness over,  
and brighter days ahead  
comes promises of new life  
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,  
and their buds begin to show  
He gives to us the assurance  
grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song,  
with the promise to provide  
a shelter under His mighty wing  
where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers,  
and sends the refreshing rain  
sprinkling us with His mercies  
to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son,  
to shed upon us a new light  
and the real blessing of Spring . . .  
is keeping Jesus in our sight!

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



# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS

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Thank you all who helped with or supported the Chicken BBQ! It was another great success and it is only possible because of all the great people who help to make it happen.

We had fun and had some personal reflection in April. It is only appropriate to take the time to remember what Holy Week is for us, and we did that through an activity where we made a Holy Week box, with everything from palms to linens from an empty tomb. It was meaningful for our youth and prepared our hearts for the week that was upon us during Easter.

May is upon us and we are starting to plan for our mission trip this summer to Loveland, Colorado through Group Mission Trips. The trip will take place from July 15-23, so please put this on your calendar and begin to pray for this amazing adventure we are planning to go on! #LIFECHANGING!

Look below for sweet events!

-Adam and Whitney

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE! (Subject to change!)**

**NO YOUTH GROUP – April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Adam is away!

**Youth Group LUNCH AND MINI GOLF – May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**NO YOUTH GROUP – May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Mother's Day! – Go spend time with your Madre!

**Youth Group – May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**NO YOUTH GROUP – May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Scovilles are away!

**RUMMAGE SALE – June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Morning and afternoon. Come help when you can!**  
(Also we need help pricing and organizing items throughout the week!)

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

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.

171  
Following

180  
Followers



Chicken BBQ cookies –  
Oh how I miss thee.

## Just for fun



### Grace . . . for a Picnic

**Leader:** For birds, bugs, and butterflies,  
**All:** We thank you, Loving God.

**Leader:** For hot dogs, hamburgers, hiking and home runs,  
**All:** We thank you, Loving God.

**Leader:** For lollipops, lemonade, lilacs, licorice, ladybugs, and love,  
**All:** We thank you, Loving God.

**Leader:** For sand, sunshine, and sprinklers,  
**All:** We thank you, Loving God.

**Leader:** For popsicles, parks, and picnics,  
**All:** We thank you, Loving God.

**Leader:** For family, friends, fun,  
**All:** We thank you, Loving God.

**Leader:** And for this food we are about to share...



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