

THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN

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First Presbyterian Church of Chili
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Worship... and Give Thanks... *Each Sunday in November!*

The Harvest Season Continues!
(Childcare is always available)



“More than enough.”

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9th Sunday of Harvest
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Wooten Wisdom...



November is the beginning of the “hospitality holidays.” First comes Thanksgiving where we welcome family and friends into our homes for good food and fun. We take the time to express our thanks to those that have meant something to us. Then, as Advent moves into Christmas, we make space to welcome Jesus into our lives -- cleaning out the clutter to make room for our Lord.

November and December are often depicted as an idyllic greeting card scene -- where the houses are warmly lit, the food is perfect and the house guests get along without a hint of an argument. But that is not always how our holidays go is it? The main dish may get burnt or eaten by the dogs, the house is not always decorated to Martha Stewart standards, and often the same family arguments are reignited. Hospitality is not the easy idyllic task the greeting cards would suggest, is it?

Hospitality is easy when the people we are making room for are like us -- when they look, act and think like us. But what about when the people we are called on to welcome are different? Hospitality is about welcoming the other. It is about being willing to listen to the point of view of someone who sees things differently than we do and respect their opinion. When we are willing to talk openly about what we disagree on, we learn about the other person on a deeper level. We learn what they care about and why -- and we are often opened up to a new perspective we hadn't thought of. God calls us to the important task of hospitality -- the task of making room in our hearts as well as our physical space for those who are not like us.

Hospitality is easy when the God we are making room for does not ask us to do anything out of our comfort zone. But we do not worship a God like that. We worship a God who is constantly doing the unexpected, showing up in places we would not expect, calling us to act in ways that challenge the status quo and common sense of society.

True hospitality is hard work. It takes effort -- effort to truly see the other person for who they are, effort to suspend our assumptions, effort to look beyond the challenge and see the potential for greater love, peace, joy, and hope. May we embrace the important and often difficult task of hospitality this holiday season!

~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.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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



**CARE
PACKAGES!!!**
It's that time again!

Thank you to everyone who contributed!



ANNUAL JOINT MEETING of Session and the Board Of Deacons on September 17th ...

...shared our thoughts on four reflection questions:

1. **What is your favorite part of being a church leader?** *Our thoughts included - greeting people, fellowship within our leadership group, serving communion, knowing there is a place for each of us in God's house, being able to serve our congregation in a different way.*
2. **When has it been hard to be a church leader?** *Our thoughts included - finding comfort in formulating a prayer, guiding the congregation during difficult periods, knowing what to say to a person in need, learning to simply be a listener, trying to discern what God has in mind for us.*
3. **What have you learned about God from being in church leadership?** *Our thoughts included - confidence that God just "shows up" as has happened with our Season Teams, that God is "just there" "everywhere," that God sparks creativity - like our current "Flat Jesus" activities.*
4. **How has your understanding of God and faith grown as you live in to your particular type of church leadership?** *Our thoughts included - thinking about stewardship as a way of connecting with and building relationships within our congregation, establishing relationships, and listening to the people we visit with.*

...discussed:

Hosting Presbytery on January 28, 2014.

Presbytery is configuring meetings differently so that hosting a meeting does not necessarily mean providing a dinner. This meeting will be an afternoon meeting approximately 1-4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to: set-up, provide snacks and beverage, handle parking, and assist as needed.

Hospitality. We discussed how we could expand our hospitality. Ideas include being sensitive to people with allergies by using gluten-free bread for communion, using a particular brand of grape juice or other juices, avoiding nuts in foods prepared for coffee hour or potluck gatherings, labeling foods as being nut-free, etc. We discussed prayers of the people and ways of asking people who cannot attend worship, to share ideas of how we can pray for what is on their heart. We also discussed implementing the serving of home communion to those who are unable to attend church to receive communion.

Mission Statement. A Listening Team has met during the past year to reflect upon questions from scripture and how they relate to our church life. We are now ready to develop a new, updated Mission Statement for the First Presbyterian Church of Chili. Pastor Brandi asked for two volunteers from both Session and Deacons to serve on the team to write a new Mission Statement.

...noted that there is a new communion tablecloth that is easy to launder and there is an ample supply of napkins. Elders and Deacons are reminded to launder the napkins and tablecloths after each communion.

There being no further business, by consensus, the Annual Joint Meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Pastor Brandi gave the benediction.

*~Remitted by,
Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session*

SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its October 15th meeting, Session...

...authorized the baptism of Cora Lynn Reitano, born June 22, 2013 in Rochester, NY, son of Andrew John Reitano and Maeghan Michelle Hoyt Reitano -- on Sunday, November 24, 2013, during worship with Rev. Everett Waite presiding, and Elder Janice Hoyt assisting.

...noted that Rev. Bob Kaiser will be our guest minister on October 20, 2013 while Pastor Brandi is away. Elder Wasmer volunteered to serve as liturgist. Elder McCauley volunteered to handle calls for pastoral care during times when the office is closed.

...noted that Pastor Brandi will be away 11/29/13 - 12/6/13. Rev. David Kilgore will be the guest minister on December 1, 2013.

...discussed the need for two Session volunteers to work on the team to revise the church's Mission Statement.

...heard a report from Elder Hoyt on Stewardship activities.

...heard a report from Elder McCauley on the Nominating Committee.

...heard a report from Finance Chair, Dave Abell on financial reports, 2014 strawman budget and church's insurance policies.

...approved the Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2013.

...noted that the Personnel Committee is reviewing the Sexual Misconduct Policy.

...discussed leadership of the Personnel Committee since Elder Constantine is resigning.

...approved Elder Sandy McCauley as Session's nominee for election to service on the 2014 Nominating Committee.

...heard reports from Elder Delegate to Presbytery, Joe Harkness and Pastor Brandi on the July and September Presbytery meetings.

...discussed Season Team Sign-Up which will occur on November 17, 2013 during worship.

...expressed deep appreciation for Elder Bob Constantine's leadership and service on Session.

*~Remitted by,
Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session*



Thanks to members of the congregation who continue to support SWEM as the food cupboards struggle to keep their shelves stocked. The increased demand for food during these difficult times makes SWEM a vital mission for our church.

During September and October a total of 116 food items plus hygiene items were delivered to SWEM. Please continue to bring food and hygiene items for SWEM on Communion Sundays and other Sundays. "It's never too late to help God change the world."

*~Thanks again for your support.
Jane Schultiz*

THANK YOU

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

November 3*

Elder/Deacon: Pat Olson and Barb Boerschlein
Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle
Childcare: Lori Oliver
*Communion: Pat Olson, Barb Boerschlein,
Marj Strine

November 10

Elder/Deacon: Joe Harkness and Gail McArthur
Jr. Deacon: Jack DiPietro
Childcare: Whitney Scoville

November 17

Elder/Deacon: Bill Hoyt and Mark Carden
Jr. Deacon: Nicole Mathewson
Childcare: Christine Shaffer

November 24

Elder/Deacon: Roger Willis and Alice Zah
Jr. Deacon: Alex Mathewson
Childcare: Abby Wasmer and Audrey Engelbrecht

RAISE YOUR VOICE!



Senior Choir rehearsals happen on a new night! **Everyone is welcome to join us on TUESDAYS at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** All are welcome to participate -- sing, come for the companionship of those who experience worship in new ways, enjoy some music -- just come! Contact Adam Scoville at 269-8746 or cpministerofmusic@gmail.com with questions.

BUDGET UPDATE



FINANCIAL STANDING (9 months)

2013 PLEDGES VS. EXPENSES

Pledged	\$127,452
Received in 2012	\$ 13,383
Received in 2013 thru Sept.	\$ 82,689
Pledge Remaining	\$ 31,380
Other Budgeted Income	\$ 27,150
Received thru Sept.	\$ 22,247
Remaining	\$ 4,903
Expenses Budgeted	\$154,702
Spent thru Sept.	\$128,572
Expenses Remaining	\$ 26,130



FINANCE WORK GROUP REPORT

The Finance Work Group report published in the October issue of THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN inadvertently omitted our Church Treasurer, Laurie Stowe, as a member of the group. Laurie was instrumental in developing, and now implementing, new procedures. Apologies are in order!
~Nancy Huffman, Facilitator



HOME COMMUNION

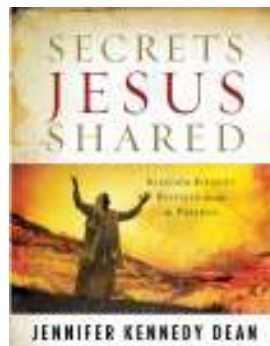
*This is my body,
broken for you....
take, eat, all of it.*

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.

Reflections of God's Kingdom ...

THE HARVEST SEASON CONTINUES!



AN INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY

*Kingdom Insights Revealed
Through the Parables*

“The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of God has been given to you.”
(Luke 8:10, NIV)

KINGDOM LIVING

It can be yours – here and now!

We have 19 people signed up for this 3-part study.
Thank you for your interest!

There is 1 class left: November 17th.

Sunday, September 22nd
“Rock” to End Alzheimer’s
Potluck Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful event!

I am very grateful and want to give special recognition to the Harvest Team for their faithful efforts. Joe and I went Saturday, October 19th to Brockport to participate in their Alzheimer’s Walk.

I am pleased to report the following:

- The church was recognized as "Champion" fundraisers with a total contribution of \$651.
- The total raised by 220+ Brockport walkers including us was over \$23,000.
- Today, over 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, including an estimated 200,000 under the age of 65. By 2050, up to 16 million will have the disease.
- Alzheimer’s disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States overall.
- In 2012, 15.4 million family and friends provided 17.5 billion hours of unpaid care to those with Alzheimer’s and other dementias – care valued at \$216.4 billion.

*~With our deepest gratitude to all of you who continue to support the two of us,
Ginny and Joe*

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Sunday, October 13th
Reflections of God’s Bounty and Beauty:
Fall Foliage and Fellowship Feasting

Glen Iris Inn
at Letchworth State Park



A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to everyone who participated!

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2013
is a BIG DAY
at Chili Pres!

Come early and stay late –
to volunteer, to shop,
to eat!

Check out the...

BROWSE & BUY BOOTH

and...



Starting at 4 p.m. ...

ANNUAL FALL SUPPER



Sunday,
November 3, 2013
at 2:00 a.m.
FALL BACK ONE HOUR!

Stewardship



"More Than Enough"

Join us for a special worship service...

Join us for a "Stewardship Pizza Celebration

Luncheon" immediately after worship...

(Lunch includes: regular and gluten-free pizza, tossed salad, beverages, and potluck desserts.)

Please join us for a very special day...

at Chili Pres!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 10, 2013



BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 17, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Adults: \$6.00

Children (4-10): \$4.00

Come and support the Boy Scouts, and enjoy a delicious pancake & sausage breakfast! Scoutmaster Tim Engelbrecht will be selling tickets. Please contact Tim with questions (889-3833).

SEASON TEAM SIGN-UP

November 17, 2013

It's time again for you to choose your Season Team!

***Recall how we had so much fun
enjoying the Seasons of 2013!***

Remember Epiphany where the pulpit was covered with wrapped gifts and we opened one each week?

"Walk in my shoes" was the theme for Lent. During that season we held a Walk for MS at the Legacy, heard about Pat Jones' experiences in the Middle East, and the pulpit was covered with crates containing all kinds of shoes.

Our Easter Season theme of "Rejoice, Renew and Respond" had our church bursting with flowers. We served lunch at Cameron and we enjoyed a tour of Mt. Hope Cemetery.

During Pentecost, with the theme "Speaking with One Voice," we had our church picnic and worship, reached out to the community with our Annual Fun Fair, and enjoyed a trip to the zoo.

And, now into the Season of Harvest we've celebrated the presence of Jesus in our lives by carrying "Flat Jesus" and photographing him as we go about our activities. We have reflective mirrors and lights in our sanctuary to symbolize the theme, "Reflections of God's Kingdom."

We had a potluck fund-raiser to end Alzheimer's, enjoyed a fall day at Glen Iris Inn in Letchworth Park, where God's reflective colors in foliage predominated, and reflected upon insights from the parables, led by Pat Jones.

***The Advent Team is now meeting and planning
for this year's Advent Season.***

***So -- think now about which Team you will join to
plan creative meaningful worship, outreach activities,
Christian education, and fellowship events for 2014!
Check your calendars to see which time of year
best suits your schedule!***

***Check out the next page
for the Season Schedule for 2014-2015!***

Season Team	Planning	Implementation
Lent	Jan. 12 – Mar. 4, 2014	Mar. 5 – Apr. 19, 2014
Easter	Feb. 25 – Apr. 19, 2014	Apr. 20 – Jun. 7, 2014
Pentecost	Apr. 20 – Jun. 7, 2014	Jun. 8 – Sept. 6, 2014
Harvest	Jul. 27 – Sept. 6, 2014	Sept. 7 – Nov. 29, 2014
Advent	Oct. 12 – Nov. 29, 2014	Nov. 30 – Jan. 10, 2015
Epiphany	Nov. 23 – Jan. 10, 2015	Jan. 11, 2015 – Mar. 4, 2015

Here are a few questions that people often ask.

Hope the answers are helpful.

If you'd like more information be sure to contact any Session member or Pastor Brandi.

Q. What are the Season Teams? How many are there?

A. We have six Season Teams. They are Advent/Christmas (Preparation for the coming of Jesus, God in Human Form), Epiphany (Visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus), Lent (Death of Christ), Easter (Resurrection of Christ), Pentecost (Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Jesus), and Harvest (the season of gathering and blessing life's abundance).

Q. Why has the Season Team Model for organizing our church's activities been so successful?

A. This will be our fourth year using the Season Team model! With this model, people can choose to make a short-term commitment for sharing time and talent. For example, snow birds, college kids home for the summer, or maybe teachers may choose a summer season for their commitment. Those who are away during the summer may choose a winter season. The Season Team works together to plan for social opportunities (Fellowship), mission and community presence (Outreach), growing disciples (Christian Education for children, youth and adults), worship, and music programs. There's lots of synergy and creativity!

Q. What do the Season Teams do?

A. The Team and its Facilitator hold an initial "gathering" meeting. At this meeting Pastor Brandi holds a Bible study where the liturgy for the season is reviewed. At this meeting Teams pick out their "theme" for the Season. They agree on a meeting schedule that will be convenient for each member. They identify a notetaker/secretary. They even begin brainstorming ideas for worship, education and Sunday Circle, music, social activities, community presence and mission, fund-

raisers, etc. for our church. As the Teams continue to meet, Pastor Brandi outlines her plans for sermons and works with the Team as she develops her sermons. Based on the seasonal theme, the Team will plan and oversee social activities for the church family, mission activities, activities for learning and continuing the growth of disciples in our family, music activities and worship.

Q. Can a person sign up for more than one season?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have to be a member of Chili Presbyterian Church to work on a Seasonal Team or participate in Season activities?

A. No, anyone can be on a Team.

Q. Can children and youth participate?

A. Absolutely and it is encouraged. Anyone can sign up for a Seasonal Team. In fact, families may choose to work together in a particular season and are encouraged to do so.

Q. Does the Seasonal Planning Team have to "do" or "be in" every activity it plans?

A. No, the Team is responsible to "see" that the activities and responsibilities of the season are accomplished. The Team can recruit people with special talents or gifts to assist them in carrying out activities.

Q. How large will each Seasonal Team be?

A. An ideal, workable Team is about 12-15 people. Many hands make light work!

Q. Will the Seasonal Team have a budget?

A. Yes, the Church budget allocates a budgeted amount for each Season and we have been able to increase this amount each year.

Q. Will there be guidelines available for each Seasonal Team?

A. There is a Season Team Handbook for each team. The handbooks are brimming with ideas because each team has added to the handbooks. Seasonal Teams are encouraged to be creative and innovative. They have the freedom to identify new activities, new missions, and new community presence as they carry out their planning. At the close of their season, each Season Team shares and lists thoughts about what went well, what could have been different, next time we would..., etc., so that future teams might benefit from past experiences.

"THE CHILI PRESBYTERIAN"

*Your next newsletter will be the
December 2013 issue.*

The deadline for that newsletter will be:

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



Announcements:

Choir Rehearsal has changed days! We now meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.! Please come out and sing with us – we would love to have anyone and everyone singing and worshipping God!

Bell Choir – If you are interested in playing bells this fall, please get in touch with me in church, or email me – cpministerofmusic@gmail.com, or call me at 269-8746. I would like to do more with the bells this year, and utilize those beautiful chimes we got in the spring! We rehearse on Sunday mornings before church at 8:30 a.m. **I am looking for 2 or 3 more people to ring for Christmas and Spring!** (Note: the chimes were purchased with monies from our Memorial Fund, and are in memory of Ron Horton and Ann Abell.)

Time Flies When You're Having...Life!

The holiday season is coming fast! Can you believe in a few short weeks we will gather together with friends and family to eat way too much turkey and mashed potatoes, and hopefully give some thanks to our Creator?

Have you heard this expression -- "Time flies when you're having fun!" I wonder how many times I have said that in my life. Many times I just cut it down to "time flies!" I run into an old friend, or look back at my life's pattern over a certain amount of time and that phrase slips off my tongue.

First of all "time" is an ordered pattern to keep life moving and "flying" and soaring through the air somehow – they are not connected (Unless you throw a clock through the air...). But why does life move so quickly?

I often contemplate this idea around this time of year for some reason. I've questioned whether or not it has to do with the excitement this time of year brings with the holidays. But I think it's more than that.

Our earth is always moving. Not only that, the solar system around the earth is always moving. Day will always bring night, and vice versa. We will always grow. We simply aren't born and stay the same shape and mental capacity throughout the years. We are constantly moving with our surroundings.

God created all of this. God created us to be moving, intellectual beings. It is part of the life that the Creator has gifted to us. Time moves and we follow; it doesn't speed up or slow down. I think we as humans can be very unaware of the steady movement of time. Maybe that is why we have holidays like Thanksgiving. A time to reflect and thank our Creator God for the gift of time and everything it brings to us.

However, I know I get caught up waiting at the table for pumpkin pie. One more slice of turkey, then a nap while watching football on the nearby couch. I know I can be very unaware of time, and then a month has passed and I haven't contacted family and friends, and I feel way out of touch with them. Or plans that I wanted to get done continue to be pushed to the side for months and even years.

One of my life lessons I have learned is that we need to make the most of our time on earth. We are only one of thousands of generations to walk this earth. We need to be the best we can be with the time that God gives us on this earth.

So may you find the real importance of the holiday season, try not to eat too much turkey, and know that time is a cycle that steadily continues to move us through our lives here on earth. Ask God what more you can be doing and reflecting on during Thanksgiving and beyond, or even what you might be missing.

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

ST. PAULY BOX SCHEDULE FOR THE REMINDER OF 2013

Oct 21 – Nov 3	= Daniel Cuffe 889-7081
Nov 4 – Nov 17	= Connor Snover 293-3195
Nov 18 – Dec 1	= Sterling DePaul 889-3213
Dec 2 – Dec 15	= Abby Wasmer 889-3579
Dec 16 – Dec 29	= Grace Azzolino 402-8618
Dec 30 – Jan 12	= Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS

Join us in November for some amazing events. . . bring friends

11/2 - SATURDAY - Annual Roast Beef Dinner,
help serving (shifts from 3-9pm)

11/3 - DTO Youth Group 11am after
church!

11/10 - DTO Youth Group 11am after
church!

11/15 - 11/17 - Presbytery Youth
Retreat!

-Meet at church Friday at 6pm

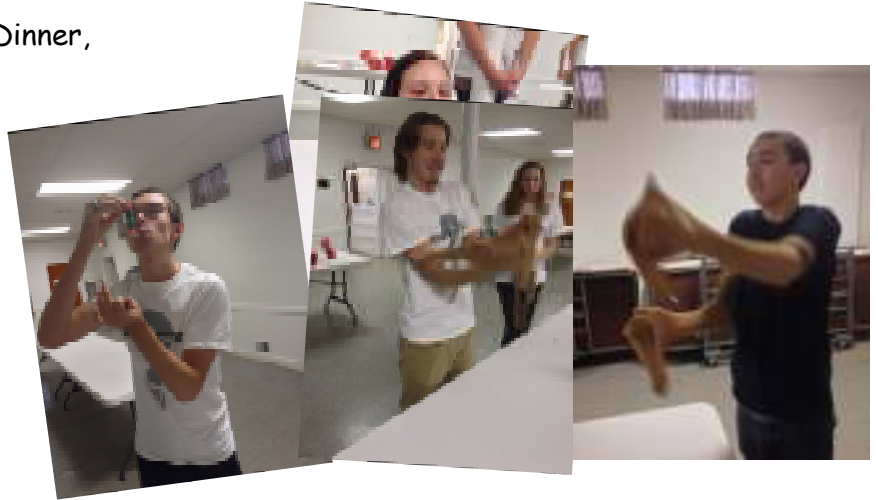
-Returning Sunday at Noon!

-Contact Adam for more details!

11/24 - Jr High Youth Group - 9-10am

-DTO Youth Group 11am after church!

12/1 - NO YOUTH GROUP -THANKSGIVING BREAK!



It's November Already?

Can you believe we are already in November? Christmas is right around the corner! This October was AWESOME. We had a very successful Mission Trip Service at the beginning of the month. Adam put together a bunch of video interviews from the participants on the trip that were really powerful, so if you missed it and would like to hear the amazing stories from our trip, please see him and he can get you a disc to borrow!

Also in October, the youth group decided to take some seed money from the Stewardship Committee to do a couple of projects to raise money for Child Advocacy programs here in Rochester. More details to come about our plans to use the money through email blasts and during announcements in church, so be ready to help us in any way that you can!

Another important reminder to our youth! November 15-17th is the Presbytery Youth Retreat! Please keep this free as we are going to be heading to Sunshine Camp with many youth from our presbytery to spend a weekend of fun and learning, featuring nationally acclaimed speaker Mark Yaconelli! Retreat is \$25, and the forms and money are due by NOVEMBER 6th!

Look above for the great events that are coming up for the youth this fall! We are excited about all that God is doing in our church with our youth!

Questions or concerns?

Adam Scoville: cpministerofmusic@gmail.com or 585-269-8746

LOOK AHEAD

YOUR ADVENT SEASONAL TEAM

Sandy McCauley (Session Facilitator)

Bruce Olson

Pat Olson

Fred Schultiz

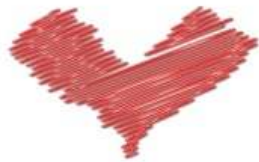
Jane Schultiz

Alma Stowe

Dick Stowe

Alice Zah

Fred Zah



“FINDING JOY...

For Every Longing Heart”

Earth’s history is filled with examples of our broken world – violence, oppression, fear, disease, terrorism...the list goes on and on. The Hebrew people were looking for a Messiah to rescue them from Roman oppression and domination. God’s gift of a Savior, in Jesus Christ, was the *Joy That Filled Their Longing Hearts*.

The Advent/Christmas Season Team chose this theme because in 2013 there still are worldly and personal challenges that fill our lives and hearts. We all are looking for the *Joy to Fill Our Longing Hearts*.

We have many wonderful traditions at Chili Presbyterian Church that we are planning to continue this season -- and we will be adding a few more! Additional details will be forthcoming.

Here are a few things for you to place on your calendars, so that you don’t miss anything...

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 24th after worship



Brooklea Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11th



Poinsettia Ordering Deadline

Sunday, December 15th



“Blue Christmas” Service

Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Caroling and Soup Supper

Sunday, December 22nd



Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th

Our mission will include the denominational Joy Offering, collection of mittens, scarves and gloves for Starlight Pediatrics, SWEM, and donation of toys for the Salvation Army.

**Your Advent/Christmas Seasonal Team
invites you to join us as we all search for the
*Joy in Our Longing Hearts.***

insert November calendar

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