

Roots & Wings

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Worship With Us Each Sunday In



at 10:00 a.m.

(childcare is always available)

October 2

4th Sunday of Harvest Season
World Communion Sunday

"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

★*Special Sermon Series*

★*Event: "The Many Faces of Truth: An Unbiased View of World Religions"*

October 9

5th Sunday of Harvest Season

Guest Worship Leader: Sr. Barbara Moore

October 16

6th Sunday of Harvest Season

October 23

7th Sunday of Harvest Season

"God Won't Give Us More Than We Can Handle"

★*Special Sermon Series*

October 30

8th Sunday of Harvest Season

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and so much more...

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Wooten's Wonderings...



As I write this article, it is the International Day of Peace. It is also the day that our group of 11 people took off to Honduras. Looking into October, we anticipate celebrating World Communion Sunday and collecting the Peacemaking Offering. Messages inspiring us to pray for and claim with our actions and words -- God's message of peace -- are especially around us during this season.

And yet today, as I skim through my Facebook feed and watch the news reporting on current events, my heart hurts as examples of hate, fear, violence, anger and winning at all costs becomes the dominant narrative. It seems that more than ever, we need to consciously and in as many ways as we can, live and perpetuate peace.

Mr. Rogers gave sage advice when bad things happen. He said: **"look for the heroes."** That advice can be translated into our current climate. While refusing to turn a blind eye to the violence and the anger and the whirlwind of hate, we can look for the stories of peacemakers and share those stories in conversation and even social media.

We are also called to be the peacemakers. The first step in being a peacemaker is taking a deep and honest look at the conscious and even unconscious parts we play in perpetuating an atmosphere of division. By facing the places in which we have been complicit in the broken places in our world, we are then able to work toward healing them. And we can't do that by being silent. We need to stand for peace, speak out in love, and promote the dignity of all human beings.

Jesus said:

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

May we take up the call to be peacemakers in our world today.

~Grace and peace, Brandi



September 18

"Everything Happens for a Reason"

October 2

"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

October 23

***"God Won't Give Us More
Than We Can Handle"***

October 30

"God Said It, I believe It, That Settles It"

November 6

"Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"

The World Peace Prayer

Lead me from death to life
From falsehood to truth

Lead me from despair to hope
From fear to trust

Lead me from hate to love
From war to peace

Let peace fill our hearts,
Our world, our universe





ROCHESTER HABITAT HOME DEDICATION SEPTEMBER 1, 2016



We had many people attend the dedication of the Habitat Home that we co-sponsored and built in 2015-2016. The home was dedicated to the founder of Flower City Habitat (1984), Roger

Cross. Thank you to all who contributed their funds, time and talent to make this home possible!

The home owner's name is Robert Brown, a father of 8 children, 2 of whom are still at home. He has done much over the years to help the community and partnering with Flower City Habitat. He is a true example of someone that does not allow life circumstances dictate how he lives his life. He lost a son to gun violence and has suffered a life-changing injury. Through this, however, Robert has been able to use faith and his trust in God, to strive for bettering his family.



"You have given me an unbelievable gift. I am one of a very few people that can say that I have helped to build my own home. Thank you."



Food insecurity continues to plague so many in our community, so your donations to SWEM are greatly appreciated by those in need. **During July**

and August, 54 food items plus numerous paper and hygiene products were delivered to SWEM.

Please bring your SWEM donations to church on Communion Sunday, October 2nd – but remember donations are welcomed at any time! We will report on September and October donations in the November issue of "Roots & Wings." Thanks again for your support of SWEM throughout the year!

~Jane & Fred Schultiz



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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

THANK YOU

to the volunteers serving in October:

October 2*

Greeters: Jan Hoyt and Bill Hoyt
Jr. Greeter: Jordan Wilson
Childcare: Laurie DePaul
*Communion: Jan Hoyt, Bill Hoyt, Marla Guarnieri, Sherman Gittens, Ginny Harkness

October 9

Greeters: Alice Zah and Fred Zah
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten
Childcare: Linda Enright

October 16

Greeters: Gail McArthur and Brenda Naugle
Jr. Greeter: **Need Volunteer**
Childcare: Vicky Leahy

October 23

Greeters: Jay Mathewson and Kathy Mathewson
Jr. Greeter: **Need Volunteer**
Childcare: Pat Olson

October 30

Greeters: Andy Atwater and Sue Atwater
Jr. Greeter: Ashleigh Naugle
Childcare: Sue Edwards



SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its September 20, 2016 meeting, Session...

...discussed "Affectional Churches" and "Directional Churches." We are participating in a pilot project study conducted by Presbytery's Mission and Advocacy Committee. As one result of the pilot project study, our church emerged as an "Affectional Church." In an Affectional Church, relationships within the congregation are primary; people are the essential reason to belong; and self-descriptions typically include "family." Further, it was noted in the pilot project activity, that our Mission Statement reflects the essence of an Affectional Church, i.e., our church. This means that what we do as a church is consistent with our Mission Statement. We discussed how relationships are foundational in our church and how we value our relationships as we engage in our many activities. Pastor Brandi then opened the meeting with prayer.

...met with the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, Tim Engelbrecht for a quarterly review of finances. This included a review of the 2016 budget and whether or not we are on target for anticipated income and anticipated expenses. We noted pledge income is typically low for this time of year and typically rebounds. Since several bills come due at this time of year, we need to encourage pledges to come in to maintain cash flow. Quarterly giving statements are in preparation and will be sent soon so people will know the status of their giving. Session also reviewed a month-by-month report of income and expenditures. This gives us accurate information of trends and cycles in terms of when income is received and when bills are paid. Finally Session reviewed the Treasurer's Report which we receive on a monthly basis.

...discussed stewardship and transitioning to a new financial structure for handling stewardship and involving Season Teams for promoting stewardship. Tim Engelbrecht will convene a meeting of the currently existing Stewardship Committee to plan for the Stewardship Program this year.

...received year-to-date budget and profit/loss reports and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2016.

...noted that Pastor Brandi has had 20 pastoral contacts including (13 in person, 3 phone, 3 Facebook, and 1 email visit).

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi and Elder McCauley on a Stewardship resource event they attended at Geneseo Church.

...Pastor Brandi said a new couple has been attending the Simple Supper Group.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on some changes in worship based on suggestions as part of her personnel performance review. First, we will no longer specify a "blended service" (i.e., contemporary service) as occurring on a specific Sunday of the month. All of our services have evolved to have both contemporary and traditional aspects. Second, Pastor Brandi has new materials to use for Children's Moments that are more developmentally appropriate for young children. We will also see a children's "bulletin."

...approved the request of Alma Stowe, Lauren Stowe, and Richard E. Stowe that contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of Richard W. Stowe be designated as Option 4: Session identifies how the funds will be used and contacts the family seeking concurrence.

...approved the request of Neil Brehse that contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of his sister, Diane Dietz, be designated as Option 3: Funds are used for a purpose specified by the family, subject to approval by the Session. Mr. Brehse desires that funds be used for music and youth ministry.

...received and discussed the Memorial Fund Report prepared by Memorial Fund Coordinator, Alice Hassett. Session also discussed correspondence to families about use of funds given in memory of a loved one. Session will continue the discussion.

...distributed an updated Section 1 and Section 3 of the Manual of Administrative Operations prepared by our Office Administrator. Session will review these updates and work on further updates given our review of committee structure.

...Community Presence -- heard a report from Pastor Brandi that the Monday morning prayer group did a prayer walk through the Chili Heights Apartment Complex. They passed by the housing office and the maintenance building and spoke with some of the staff. The group noticed that there is a very nice community room gathering space and a rather large green space.

This sparked a conversation about being neighborly and taking some of our activities to the apartments: for example -- a mini-fun fair, or a Saturday morning children's activity. Ideas flowed for Season Team activities.

...Church structure -- Session and Trustees will meet on October 3, 2016 to plan for changes in the Finance Committee and structure.

...discussed a projected 2017 budget prepared by Elder McCauley and pointed out some areas where increases will be necessitated. We will receive the Pastor Terms of Call recommendations from Presbytery next month. The 2017 budget is not finalized until January when pledge income for 2017 is known.

...heard a report from Elder McCauley, Chair of the Nominating Committee that nominees have been secured for most positions. However, the Committee continues its work to fill positions.

...heard from Elder Horton that the Fall Supper Committee has met. The price for the dinner will be \$12.00. There will be a sign-up sheet for preparation and dinner volunteers, which will be posted on October 2, 2016.

...approved using Memorial Fund monies held in Option 1 in the name of Helen and William Daugherty since 2012 (\$534.67) for the purchase of Children's Church Curriculum which is rotated on a three-year basis. Approximate total cost for curriculum software is \$450.00.

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



(More info on page 7 of this issue of Roots & Wings)

Sunday, October 2, 2016 Please join us!

| October 2016  | | | | | | |
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WELCOME TO HARVEST SEASON 2016

“Take Hold of Life That is Truly Life”

Plan: 7-24-16 to 9-10-16 / Implement: 9-11-16 to 11-26-16

*Andy Atwater, Sharon Breeze, Nancy Huffman (facilitator),
Sandy McCauley, Pat Olson (facilitator)*



Welcome back and welcome to the Season of Harvest at Chili Presbyterian - after a very hot and summery summer! Your Harvest Season Team has planned many activities and opportunities for worship, education, community outreach, and fellowship. Enjoy “life that is truly life” here at Chili Presbyterian!

Sunday, September 11 – Harvest Season Begins – Kick-Off Sunday

Join us as we begin the 2016-2017 Church Year!

Honduras Here We Come! Celebrate the Mission Trip! “Meet and Greet” our members and friends who are preparing to leave on this exciting trip. Children’s Church begins – new curriculum ready to go! Coffee Hour resumes – specially hosted today by your Harvest Season Team!

Sunday, September 25 – Glen Iris Inn Luncheon

Join us for a scenic ride to Letchworth State Park and lunch at the historic Glen Iris Inn. Signup in Fellowship Hall!

Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday

World Communion, Annual PC(USA) Peace Offering, and Part 1 of the Study Series – “The Many Faces of Truth: An Unbiased View of World Religions”
Series leader -- Rev. Sinnathamby Thevanesan

Saturday, October 22 – Fashions Through the Decades + High Tea

Join us for this fun and unique afternoon. Live models and traditional High Tea! A community-wide event!

Sunday, October 30 – Part 2 of Study Series

Part 2 of “The Many Faces of Truth: An Unbiased View of World Religions”

Sunday, November 20 – Stewardship Sunday

Special Worship Service and Luncheon *(provided by the Boy Scouts and your Harvest Season Team)*

Mission Project

The Harvest Season outreach project is The Open Door Mission Women’s and Children’s Residential Care Facility. The facility is located in our own locale on Coldwater Road. Watch for details.

HARVEST SEASON LUNCHEON

On Sunday, September 25th the Harvest Season Team organized a luncheon at the Glen Iris Inn in Letchworth Park. A large group participated -- and enjoyed delicious food, fellowship, and a scenic ride through the "Grand Canyon of the East." Thanks to all who supported this Harvest Season Team event!



THE MANY FACES OF TRUTH: AN UNBIASED VIEW OF WORLD RELIGIONS

Sunday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 30th
11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

The Harvest Team is pleased to announce this event.

This is a 2-part series led by

Rev. Sinnathamby Thevanesan ("Theva").

The first session on October 2nd will focus on an introduction to four of the major world religions -- Judaism, Islam, Hindi, and Buddhism. The second session on October 30th will focus on Christian dialogue -- "how do we talk to people of other faiths?", "what does it mean to be in conversation with those of other faith traditions here in our local context?"

A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The PC/USA Peace and Global Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd.

The offering gives us a way to contribute to the work of peace and reconciliation, enabling the Presbyterian Mission Agency to inspire new approaches to active peacemaking, to equip God's people to be compassionate peacemakers, and to connect communities of peace and shared action for the reconciliation and transformation of the world. Look for further information in bulletin inserts. Envelopes are in the pews. In the spirit of the Harvest Season Team 2016 theme:

"Take Hold of Life That is Truly Life"
Please give generously. Thank you!

Fashion Through the Decades *Plus High Tea*



*This is the culmination of our
Bicentennial Celebration!*

October 22nd
at 1:00 p.m.

*This event is open for our church
and our community.*

*Join us for an informative,
fun, one-of-kind event!*

Tickets will be sold starting September 11, 2016.
Ticket donation - \$10.00

*Questions? Please call Harvest Season Team member,
Sandy McCauley at 615-1911 or the church office.*

You are cordially invited to come and spend a lovely afternoon seeing fashions that will take you through the decades beginning with early 19th Century -- when Chili Presbyterian Church was first organized in 1816 -- right up to the present! We will be able to see what women that attended the early First Presbyterian Church of Chili wore for leisure and what they may have worn when they attended services. The Genesee Country Village and Museum will be presenting all the 19th Century fashions. The 20th and 21st Century fashions will be modeled by greeters and hostesses who currently attend Chili Church.

Following the Genesee Country Museum presentation, a High Tea will be held in our "downstairs tea room." Get your ticket early as this is going to be a well-attended event! There is limited seating and tickets will be available on a "first come, first served" basis!



Wear your finest hat (and gloves) and bring your favorite tea cup if you would like! Come join us for a wonderful celebration of fashions, friends, and a "slice of history!"

You don't want to miss this special event!



Check out the miniature washing machine in the Fellowship Hall. Wonder what it's all about? It's looking to "**CLEAN**" your pockets of some loose change ... or "quiet" money!

Read the brochure by the machine ... and you will **GAIN** an understanding and **CHEER** for the ongoing mission project that is showing **ALL** God's and CPC's love to our new neighbors. Be **BOLD** and give generously!

The Open Door Mission is coming to Gates! A much-needed residential program for women and children will be opening in the Fall of 2017 on Coldwater Road. Your Harvest Season Team and Board of Deacons discussed ways to support this new community, as well as provide them with something practical and useful. Contact was made with a representative from the Open Door Mission and it was decided that a washer and dryer would be a wonderful way to show our support to this new neighbor.

Although this is a large project, it will be ongoing for the next year ...

*SO, be **BOLD** in your giving and we will be able to turn the **TIDE** for our friends who need a helping hand. It will help them **GAIN** an understanding of the love of Christ and the caring, love, and support they have from*

***ALL** of us at the First Presbyterian Church of Chili.*

If you would like more information about this project, there are details in the Fellowship Hall, or please talk to a Harvest Team member (Nancy Huffman, Sandra McCauley, Pat Olson, Andy Atwater, or Sharon Breeze) or to one of the Deacons. Thank you so much!



GIFT CARDS – FROM HOME!

Fall is definitely in the air!

This season brings to mind students returning to school, particularly those heading off to college, and those loved ones serving in the military so far from home.

Please supply us with names and addresses of your loved ones who are either in college or in the military. We want them to know we are thinking of them – and we want to send them some gift cards – so they can enjoy an "outing" from our church family.

Each package will contain a variety of gift cards.

Please consider contributing to this outreach ministry, by donating gift cards from: Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Subway, etc.

Remember, appetites are always **BIG** and sometimes funds are **small** – so this is a way to say "enjoy an outing on our church family!"

*Donations will be accepted until **October 16th** and can be given to Marla Guarnieri or placed in the Deacons' mailbox in Fellowship Hall.*

Thank you for your support of this yearly outreach!

**Deadline for articles for the
NOVEMBER ISSUE of
"Roots & Wings"**

Tuesday, October 18th, by 10 a.m.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We have had six to eight enthusiastic knitters and "wanna-be-knitters" gathering on a regular basis this past summer making prayer shawls.

There is a lot of excitement about prayers shawls and the ministry and outreach they will provide, plus great fellowship!

Our next gathering will be:

**Tuesday, October 25th
at 10:30 a.m. at church**

If you would like to be a part of this ministry but this time/day is not convenient, let us know. . . we are flexible.

You don't need to know how to knit – we will teach you and provide materials – we will even come to you!

***Call Sandy McCauley (615-1911)
if you are interested or have questions.***

PLAN AHEAD

Annual Fall Supper
Saturday, November 5th

Annual Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, November 20th
Pledges and Lunch

Annual Season Team Signup
Sunday, November 20th

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Season
Begins November 27th



"It'll take my husband a while to get here. He won't ask directions."



Thoughts from the Minister of Music – October 2016

Announcements

Choir Rehearsal

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m.!

Please come out and sing with us – we would love to have anyone and everyone!

Note: We can use more male voices!

Glorious Ringers Bell Choir

We still are in need of a couple people to play bells!

We meet on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

If you are interested in being in Bell Choir, please contact me.

Worship Team

This year, we are putting together a weekly worship team rehearsal.

Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Please come out if you are interested in singing or playing!

Calling All Singers and Instrumentals!

I would love to put together some duets, trios, etc. of any mix of voices and instruments.

If you are interested please see me!

As you are reading this, know that we are working hard in Honduras and returning home soon!
Please continue to pray for us and for the people in the region of Intibuca where we are staying.

I cannot wait to share all the many awesome things God is doing on our trip.

I am so proud to serve in a church that is able to send groups out on trips like this.

I have felt that God has been stirring within our church to do great things,
and I believe this is only the beginning of the plans!

So please keep “Holding the Ropes” while we are away!

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

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS
October 2016 Newsletter

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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Following

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Followers



Hey everyone! We are in full swing with youth group and it has already been epic! We started the year with a Mystery Retreat with other churches in the Presbytery. We went down to the southern tier for an overnight at a bed and breakfast, where we swam, played games, had a sweet fire, and rode a crazy 7 person bike!

We also spent some time at a shelter for cats, where there were 100 cats being cared for. A woman runs the shelter out of her home and her parents' home on the same property. She rescues the cats, cares for them, and helps to find new homes for them. We were able to socialize with the cats and learn more about the shelter and the needs they have. It was a very rewarding time!

Look below for upcoming events!!!
-Adam and Whitney

UPCOMING SCHEDULE!

Youth Group – October 2nd
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

YOUTH EVENT – October 8th – TBD!

Presbytery Youth Group– October 9th
Meet at Chili after Church, home around 3:00 p.m.

October 16th – NO YOUTH GROUP!
Adam and Whitney are away!

Youth Group – October 23rd
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Youth Group Fall Party – October 30th!
After Church - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – 1 Hour longer!!!

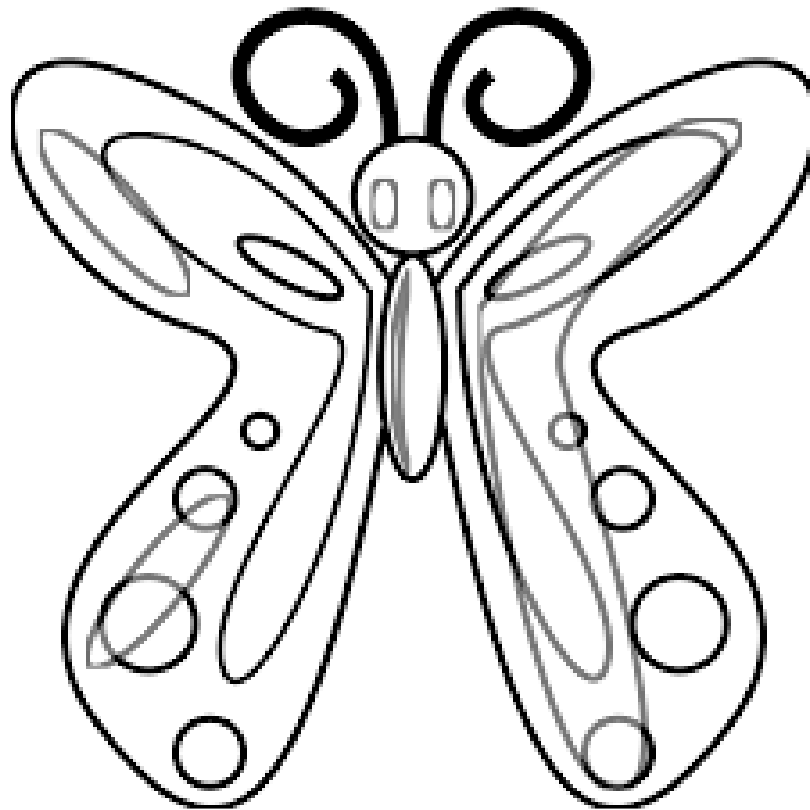


Questions? Contact Adam Scoville / cpministerofmusic@gmail.com / 585-269-8746

Just for fun



"Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew . . ."



Color me please!

insert October calendar

insert back postage page