

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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16th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



September 11

1st Sunday of Harvest Season
Kick-Off Sunday

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2nd Sunday of Harvest Season
"Everything Happens for a Reason"
(Special Sermon Series for Harvest Season)

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Have you ever heard people say these phrases?

"Everything happens for a reason"

"God helps those who help themselves"

"God won't give you more than you can handle"

"God said it, I believe it, that settles it"

"Love the sinner, hate the sin"

These are popular sayings and they sound like something you might find in the Bible. Yet while they hold some element of truth, they miss the mark when it comes to capturing the whole truth found in scripture. Often, these phrases are used with the intention of providing comfort or help to someone, yet more often than not, they are neither helpful nor comforting.

This year's Harvest Season theme is:

"Take Hold of Life That Is Truly Life"

This phrase is from 1 Timothy 6:19 where Paul exhorts Timothy to fully embrace the grace and love of God which has been poured out for him. He says that we can do this by pursuing a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy and generosity.

So as we spend some time this season figuring out what it means to "take hold of life that is truly life", I will be doing a sermon series exploring the commonly used phrases listed above and why they are not life-giving to say.

We will look at where they came from and what we are really saying when we say them. And finally, we will look at how scripture offers us a better, truer picture of the God who gives us life.

~Grace and peace, Brandi



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October 23

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

October 30

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November 6

"Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"

A New Church Year Begins

2016-2017

September 11th

Harvest Season Begins

KICK-OFF SUNDAY / MISSION TRIP SUNDAY

Children's Church

Coffee Hour



SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its August 16, 2016 meeting, Session...

...studied Luke 10: 38-42 and discussed questions for reflection. Pastor Brandi then opened the meeting with prayer.

...received the Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30 and July 31.

...postponed the quarterly review of financials until the September 20, 2016 Session meeting.

...planned for a meeting with Trustees to discuss the structure and function of the Finance Committee and transitioning to new Stewardship planning.

...approved the request of Ann Armstrong that her contribution to the Memorial Fund in memory of Helen and William Daugherty, Judith Tobey, and Robert Armstrong be designated Option 1: Contributions are placed in the fund with no restrictions. Session determines both time and use of funds.

...approved the request of Sheila Ouweleen that contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of Richard Ouweleen be designated as Option 3: Funds are used for a purpose specified by the family, subject to approval by the Session. Session also approved the request of Richard Ouweleen's family that contributions to the Memorial Fund in his memory be used for the purchase of coach lamps at the front of the church and a post lamp.

...approved with regret, the request of Karen Shaffer, Randy Shaffer, and Christine Shaffer Maneti that they be placed on the Other Participants-Inactive membership list.

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar:

<i>September 4th</i>	<i>Dedication of Habitat House</i>
<i>September 11th</i>	<i>Kick-off Sunday</i>
<i>September 25th</i>	<i>Luncheon at the Glen Iris Inn</i>
<i>October 2nd</i>	<i>World Communion Sunday and Adult Study Session 1: The Many Faces of Truth: An Unbiased View of World Religions</i>
<i>October 3rd</i>	<i>Annual Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons</i>

<i>October 22nd</i>	<i>"Fashions Through the Decades and High Tea"</i>
<i>October 30th</i>	<i>Adult Study Session 2</i>
<i>November 5th</i>	<i>Fall Supper</i>
<i>November 20th</i>	<i>Stewardship Sunday and Luncheon</i>
	<i>Season Team Sign-up</i>

...identified examples of our community presence: our Bicentennial display at the Riga Library, newspaper articles, and letters of recognition of our 200th Anniversary from politicians and even the President! We are also advertising our fashion show and our adult study series on world religions.

...confirmed the Annual Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons to take place on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

...approved the revised Nominating Committee job description with changes as stated.

...heard a report from Elder McCauley that the Nominating Committee has met and will begin its work. It is the goal of the Committee to fill all positions including the two vacant Session positions that were left unfilled last year for the Class of 2019.

...established that Season Team Sign-Up will occur on Stewardship Sunday, November 20, 2016.

...will be contacting individuals to assist the current Stewardship Committee with Stewardship planning and invite a Trustee to convene a meeting for planning.

...noted that in her role as Finance Committee Co-Chair, Elder McCauley will attend a Presbytery Workshop on Stewardship.

...approved the report of the Annual Financial Review as of December 31, 2015 and expressed appreciation to Darla Diehl for sharing her accounting skills.

...approved the Memorial Fund Report prepared by Memorial Fund Coordinator, Alice Hassett.

...discussed Memorial Fund policies and procedures and will coordinate with Alice Hassett to update the Memorial Fund Policy document.

...approved by motion, that when total contributions for a deceased person exceed \$100.00, the Memorial Fund Coordinator notify families of the total amount received.

...heard a report from Elder Willis that the current Habitat House is completed and its dedication will occur on September 1, 2016.

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



We hosted a Book Drive at Chili Pres to benefit the Book Angel Program through the Rochester Public Library. Thank you to everyone who donated!

HIDDEN VALLEY TRIP

It was a beautiful day and 18 people from Chili Pres enjoyed the day. We all arrived at about 1:30 p.m. and had lunch there. After lunch we all went on a tour to view and feed wild animals – Camels, Zebras, Wildebeests, Llamas, Emus, Bison, Ostriches and may more! An enjoyable and fun day!



Thanks to everyone who participated in this Pentecost Season Team event!

A side note: the owner and founder of Hidden Valley Animal Adventure, Hans Boxler, recently passed away due to an accident at the Park. He enjoyed bringing a variety of wild animals from all over the world for people to see in a beautiful setting.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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

Sunday, August 21st

*** Flowers for Shut-Ins ***

Thank you to everyone who participated!



Many thanks to all who are keeping up-to-date with their volunteer assignments for Greeters and Childcare. It is a way to get to know one another and become more active in the worship experience.

The Volunteer Assignment Schedule covers “February to February” and is sent to every person whose name appears on the list, as soon as it is completed. Most people are assigned just one or two dates during the year to help. Thereafter, each person is sent a reminder about 10 days prior to their date of service.

During the summer months, one (1) reminder is sent to every person on the summer schedule, via a mass e-mail and/or snail mail (early in July).

All reminders have the Greeter instructions attached; and if there is communion, the communion instructions are also attached.

In addition, volunteer assignments are published monthly in “Roots & Wings”, the master schedule is posted in the church office, just outside the church office, and in the nursery.

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and notify Office Administrator, Candy Rogers, of the change – no later than 10 a.m. on the Wednesday prior to your date of service. This will ensure that the bulletin information is correct and that the master list is kept up-to-date.

THANK YOU

to the volunteers serving in September:

September 4*

Greeters: Need 2 Volunteers
Jr. Greeter: None Assigned
Childcare: Sandy McCauley
***Communion:** Mark Carden + 2 Volunteers

September 11

Greeters: Pat Jones and Tim Engelbrecht
Jr. Greeter: Need Volunteer
Childcare: Kathy Stowe

September 18

Greeters: Jean Bartholomew and Roger Willis
Jr. Greeter: Ashleigh Naugle
Childcare: Sue Atwater

September 25

Greeters: Alice Alger and Gary Alger
Jr. Greeter: Aidan Snover
Childcare: Grace Azzolino

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The office is closed on Mondays and Fridays.

You can leave a secure message
on the answering machine at any time.



**Begins a new year on:
Kick-Off Sunday,
September 11, 2016**

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

Tuesday, September 20th, by 10 a.m.



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP UPDATES

As we quickly approach our departure on September 21, 2016 for our 10-day mission trip to Honduras, I am honored to share some amazing things God is doing:

- *I was told planning from December to September was not enough of time. God made it enough -- we are ready, and we will go.*
- *I was told it would be hard to raise the funds. God provided and is providing -- there is enough!*
- *It was implied that our Little Church COULDN'T send a group of any size. We were too small, too old -- God made a way. WE the First Presbyterian Church of Chili are sending 11 people.*
- *With God's help we have over 500 books and counting that have been donated to build a school library for the Good Shepherd Bilingual School we are serving.*
- *We needed extra money to buy materials for the water collection system we will be building. Running water is unreliable at the school in this community. God provided -- we have the funds needed.*
- *We needed mosquito nets to protect our team from those pesky creatures and the diseases they carry. God provided a donor who bought 11 mosquito nets we will use and be able to share with Shoulder to Shoulder to provide continued protection to their team when we leave.*

I have been blessed to witness GOD MOVE. Obedience to follow a call is challenging. But will you go in the name of the Lord? Fear, anxiety, and doubt are constant enemies -- but with God we already have victory.

We are all missionaries. Whether you are going to Honduras or staying in the states, you are called to serve and share God's love and what God is doing. Will you go?

*Ready to serve,
Whitney and the Honduras Crew
Adam Scoville, Jeff Bartholomew, Tony
Filer, Chris Foote, Andy Atwater, Pat
Jones, Dan Wooten, Lori Gittens, Jan
and Bill Hoyt*



PPN FOR CPP

(Prayer Partners Needed for Chili Pres Participants)

The trip to Honduras will be happening soon – September 21-30! Eleven friends will be sharing Christ's love in many, many ways with children and adults in this impoverished community. Those going on this mission trip need our support and prayers! Would you be interested in giving this support through prayer?

A Prayer Partner is a person (or persons) who will pray for one... or two... or more of these individuals while they are in Honduras. (A Prayer Partner could also send a short note or card to the person they will be praying for that would be tucked in their luggage before the trip).



If you would like to be a Prayer Partner, please call Sharon Breeze, 293-1340 or send an e-mail to sbreeze@frontiernet.net. It would be WONDERFUL if we could get two or three Prayer Partners for each person.

Think about it, pray about it, and then say, "YES!" I would LOVE to be a Prayer Partner!!

The following is a list of those who will be going on the Honduras Mission Trip:

- Andy Atwater
- Jeff Bartholomew (Jean's youngest son)
- Tony Filler (friend of the Scovilles)
- Chris Foote (friend of the Scovilles)
- Lori Gittens
- Bill Hoyt
- Jan Hoyt
- Pat Jones
- Adam Scoville
- Whitney Scoville
- Dan Wooten

SECURITY

Please take an extra moment when you leave the church building to double-check that the door locks behind you. REMEMBER: When the door is not properly latched, anyone can enter the building, for any reason. That free access leaves those of us in the building, in a very vulnerable position.

Your consideration for the safety of the staff is appreciated. We are often alone in the building and it is very disconcerting to have any person appear without warning. **So please, keep security in mind and also ring the bell to let us know you are here. Thank you!**

YOUR PRESBYTERY AT WORK



Here is a link to the Presbytery E-News. Read all the news from our Presbytery!

<http://www.pbygenval.org/documents/e-news/>

FELLOWSHIP



Coffee Hour will resume on Sunday September 11th, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The signup sheet and instructions are in Fellowship Hall.



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.

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!

A RECAP OF THE FIRST YEARS...

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili

The church was formed in 1816 by eighteen "professors of faith" meeting in a home at the corner of Paul Road and Union Street. In 1818 a small structure was built on the site of the present church, and was used for fourteen years. In 1832 that structure was moved across the street to the farm owned by Ben Sheldon for use as his shop. During 1832 and 1833 the present building was constructed at a cost of \$2,650 by Jacob Hovey, contractor. There has been little change in the outside appearance since that time. Inside, however, there were major changes several times.

Originally the pews faced south and the floor sloped from north to south. The balconies were connected at the north end where the choir and (during the mid 1800's) a small orchestra sat. In 1866 the floor was leveled, the box pulpit at the south end was removed, and the semi-circular gallery that had connected the balconies at the north end was removed and re-installed at the south end, some pews were raised at the south end for the choir, and the raised platform for the pulpit was installed. The reason for these major changes is not well documented, but a reference at the Presbytery level states that several churches made similar changes because the Civil War was on everyone's mind, and it seemed inappropriate to have worshippers facing south.

In 1907 the plain glass windows were replaced with today's stained glass windows; in 1915 (or '16) the tall slender steeple blew off and was replaced with today's stubby variety; in 1916 two pipeless furnaces were installed after "digging out" the basement; and in 1923 the church was electrified. Since those years the sanctuary has been renovated several times, but with only minimum structural modification.

During the early years the church was often referred to as either the Congregational or Presbyterian Society of Chili, and in fact they "changed hats" two or three times during that period. In 1844 the last switch took place and the church has been under the care of the local Presbytery since that time. In 1832 it was legally incorporated. There have been good times and times of struggle, times with full-time Pastors, and

times with “supply” Pastors or Student Pastors. The 1820’s to 1850’s were robust years and there were full-time Pastors most of the time. The next hundred years were supported mostly by Supply and Student Pastors. The community saw substantial growth starting in the 1950’s and following the expansion of the facility in 1954, there has been sustained full-time pastoral support.



Thoughts from the Minister of Music – September 2016

Choir Rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m.! Please come out and sing with us – we would love to have anyone and everyone! We can always use more male voices as well!

Worship Team will also be starting up again on Wednesday September 7th at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in singing or playing, please see Adam.

Bell Choir will begin our rehearsals starting on September 18th at 8:30 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you all and making wonderful music together!

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 Adam!

God's Love is Fierce!

One thing I feel God has been teaching me this summer is that the love of God is fierce. It started with hearing a new worship song called "Fierce" by a group called Jesus Culture. I've never really thought of this concept of God's love being fierce, so this idea intrigued me. The song talks about how God's love endlessly reaches us and is relentless in its pursuit of getting to us no matter what struggles we face. A great concept and a very catchy tune got my attention, but I was questioning whether I really felt that "fierce" was an appropriate word for God's love.

Then a few Sundays ago, Pastor Brandi preached on the passage about the Lost Sheep from Luke 15. There are 100 sheep in the flock and one goes missing. It seems ludicrous to leave 99 sheep to go find one missing (and how long did it take to count 100 sheep to figure out one was missing?). But in the parable, the shepherd goes and seeks out that lost sheep until he finds it.

From this parable we see how aggressive God's love is in finding us. No matter how lost we may feel, God's love does not lose hope for us and does not give up on us. Think about the obstacles the shepherd might face as he goes to find the lost sheep. Maybe he has to walk for miles to find the sheep. Maybe he has to fight a lion to retrieve us. Maybe the sheep is lame and needs extreme healing. And God's love can handle all of those scenarios, and will not give up on us. That is a strong, fierce kind of love.

So no matter where you are right now in life, look for God's fierce love surrounding you. It is there, and no matter what struggles you are going through -- take the time to recognize God's love in your life and your circumstances. It may change your whole perspective, and has the ability to help you to persevere.

God is also calling us to be fierce in our pursuit of reaching those who are lost. We need to be aggressive in reaching the world with God's love. The 1 missing sheep is just as important as the 99 that are found, and we need to reach each individual who needs God's love -- and give it abundantly.

We all have someone on our hearts that needs God's love. Take the time to reach out to that person. Be intentional, but not overbearing. Be compassionate, patient and forgiving. Show mercy. We are all called to share this fierce love of God to the world.

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

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS
September 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.

100
Following

100
Followers



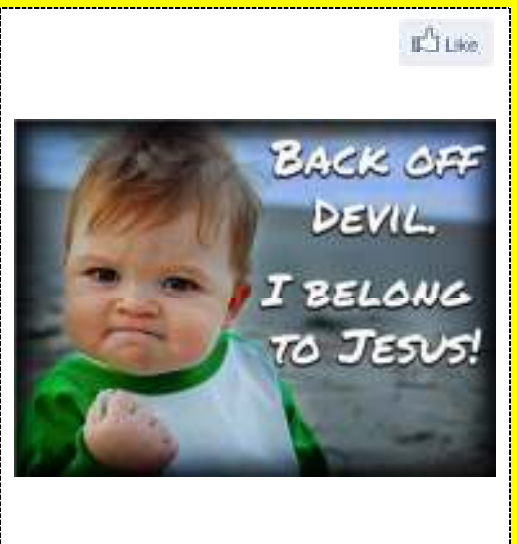
IT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

Fall is soon approaching and youth group is coming very soon! We hope your summer was awesome! We are excited to hear about all the adventures you have gotten to experience.

We are still putting the schedule together for the new year! Our focus will shift more toward our Presbytery Youth Group, where we will be investing some of our efforts doing various mission work.

We would like to have a parent meeting on September 11th to discuss our plans. Youth and parents are invited and lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing all of you and starting another year of crazy youth group fun!

-Adam and Whitney



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

Just for fun



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