

# 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!

*(childcare is always available)*

### September 3

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Jeff Falter

### September 10

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Harvest Season

Kick-Off Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Children's Church Kick-Off

Fellowship Coffee Hour Kick-Off

### September 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Harvest Season

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Harvest Season

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## Wooten's Wonderings...



In the wake of the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia fomented by the “alt-right,” I find myself full of many emotions -- grief, horror, helplessness, desiring justice -- to name a few. All these thoughts and feelings lead me to think about what I can do and what the church’s role is in the midst of these acts of racism. I do not yet have all the answers, but I am asking the questions.

On August 14, 2017 four top leaders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in response to the events in Charlottesville, VA, issued a statement condemning white supremacy and racism. The leaders – General Assembly co-moderators Jan Edmiston and T. Denise Anderson, Presbyterian Mission Agency Interim Executive Director Tony De La Rosa, and General Assembly Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, II -- praised the “faithful witness” of church leaders, especially those in Charlottesville, and acknowledged that “Scripture has been misused to justify white supremacy and racism.”

**This is what the leaders of our denomination have to say about the recent events in Charlottesville:**

*In the aftermath of the events of August 11 and 12 in Charlottesville, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reaffirms its condemnation of white supremacy and racism, names them as sin, and renews its commitment to disrupting them and working for justice and equity.*

*We give thanks for the presence and faithful witness of church members who stand against white supremacy and racism. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, stood against hate in Charlottesville. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, works to disrupt racism and to build racial equity in places across the country. We grieve for Heather Heyer, who was killed while standing witness; we grieve for state police officers H. Jay Cullen and Berke Bates, who died in a helicopter crash while monitoring events in Charlottesville; we pray for the recovery of all who were injured.*

*We acknowledge that Scripture has been misused to justify white supremacy and racism. However, we proclaim that the Bible’s message presents a far more consistent and insistent witness to God’s love for diversity and justice.*

*This may be observed in God’s delight in the varied creation; heard in the words of prophets who reject oppression and commend justice as true worship; seen in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, who values all persons regardless of any aspect of their identity; and experienced through the work of the Holy Spirit, who consistently blows through all the divisions we create, to reveal God’s love for all humanity.*

*White supremacy and racism stand in stark, irreconcilable contradiction to God’s intention for humanity. They reject part of the human family and are utterly contrary to God’s Word made incarnate in Jesus. They are idolatries that elevate human-created hierarchies over God’s freely given grace and love. They are lies about the human family, for they seek to say that some people are less than other people. They are lies about God because they falsely claim that God favors some people over the entirety of creation.*

*But as we give thanks, we acknowledge the church’s complicity in the creation of white supremacy and racism. We confess the church’s failure in challenging and disrupting white supremacy and racism. Too often we have accepted the status quo. Too often we have stood silent in the face of injustice and oppression.*

*By God’s grace may we remember the events in Charlottesville; repent of our acquiescence and failures; and renew our commitment to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ. May that commitment lead us to stand against, speak against and work against racism and white supremacy, this day and every day. May it be so. Amen.*

**Rev. T. Denise Anderson and Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston**  
Co-Moderators of the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016)  
**Tony De La Rosa,**  
Presbyterian Mission Agency Interim Executive Director  
**J. Herbert Nelson II,**  
General Assembly Stated Clerk



**9-10 “Faith Questions?”**

*Matthew 18:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

**9-17 “A Question of Forgiveness”**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**9-24 “A Question of Fairness”**

*Matthew 20:1-16 and Philipians 1:29-2:4*



## **SESSION MEETING SUMMARY**

### ***At its meeting on June 22, 2017, Session...***

...held devotion based on Psalm 133, God's goodness that comes when we work in unity. Our discussion was a reflection on what affects us in unity with awe – a quiet snowfall, a beautiful sunset, crocus and grape hyacinths signaling spring.

...received the financial summary for the month ending May 31, 2017.

...noted that Rev. Melissa DeRosia and another pastor to be determined will be available for pastoral care while Pastor Brandi is on vacation. Elder Huffman will be the contact for those in need of pastoral care.

...received a Certificate of Transfer from Gates Presbyterian Church for Deborah Ann Horne Lamphron.

...heard a report from Elder McCauley and Pastor Brandi who attended Session training for our Presbytery's Neighborhood Churches led by Amy Fowler.

...identified persons to invite to facilitate the Harvest Season.

...identified Session volunteers to assist with hosting the Presbytery Council Meeting on August 21, 2017.

...identified a proposed date for the Annual Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on the June 20, 2017 Presbytery Meeting.

...approved the last Wednesday of the month as the date for our *Roots and Wings* newsletter to be mailed.

...appointed Sandra McCauley, who resigned as Co-Finance Chair, to be Interim Treasurer through January 31, 2018. (Elder McCauley abstained from the vote).

...heard a report from Elder Huffman, Chair of the Endowment Committee who brought to Session's attention that a 10-year review of the Endowment Policy is to occur this year. (The previous 10-year review was done in 2007). The Endowment Committee will coordinate this review seeking input from the congregation.

...heard a report from Elder Geoff Wasmer on the many forthcoming Pentecost activities—Bonfire Gathering (Engelbrecht's), Red-Wings Baseball Game, Worship by the Water (Churchville Park), and the Blessing of Pets.

...had an "ideation" discussion (sharing ideas and dreams) for possible changes to the front of the building, the entry-way, and road front signage -- and agreed to convene a meeting between Session representatives and Trustee representatives to explore possibilities.

...noted that the next Session meeting will be August 15, 2017 at 5 p.m. at Ferrari's restaurant.

### ***At its August 15, 2017 Meeting, Session...***

...held its summer meeting at Ferrari's Restaurant in Chili Center!

...received the Treasurer's Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2017. Session discussed items pertaining to the transition to and changes in finance management and reporting.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi that plans for Confirmation Class are underway. Confirmands are Alex Mathewson, Nicole Mathewson, Ashleigh Naugle, and Aidan Snover. Pastor Brandi and Adam Scoville, Youth Director will lead the Confirmation Class. Faith partners will be identified and a new curriculum will be used.

...approved the purchase of a confirmation curriculum using Session discretionary funds.

...approved canceling the First Presbyterian Church of Chili (rather costly) listing in the Gates-Chili Messenger Post of local churches noting that churches can easily be locate online.

...approved the purchase of "Seasons of the Spirit" pastor resource at an approximate cost of \$279.00 using Session Discretionary funds.

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

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar:

August 22, 2017

*Nominating Committee Meeting*

August 28, 2017

*Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Team meeting 6:30 pm*

November 19, 2017

*Stewardship Sunday*

November 19, 2017

*Season Team Sign-Up*

February 10, 2018

*Presbytery's Church Leadership Development Day*

...discussed opportunities for giving to the church that have been used in the past for "in honor of...", "in memory of...", "bequests", "gifting," etc. For example: the Church-General Fund, Endowment Fund, Mission Fund, Scholarship Fund, etc. Session will encourage greater awareness of these options among members and friends. Clerk Huffman will prepare a summary of options for Session's review.

...noted that the Harvest Team has met and plans are underway for the Season.

...confirmed the Annual Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons meeting date for October 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

...noted that Elder McCauley will convene the meeting of the Nominating Committee on August 22, 2017.

...established Stewardship Sunday and Season Team Sign-Up for Sunday, November 19, 2017.

...noted that Elder Geoff Wasmer will serve as Clerk Pro Tem for the Session meeting on September 19, 2017.

...expressed deep appreciation for all who have served as ministers of God by serving as greeters, communion servers, and child care as scheduled. The master schedule was published earlier this year and reminders are published in the church newsletter each month. Reminders are also sent out weekly via e-blast, listing those who are scheduled to volunteer. If you are not able to volunteer that week please find your substitute and contact the church office so the bulletin will be accurate!

...noted that the PC/USA Book of Order is published every two years and is now available through the Presbytery or PC/USA.

...heard a report of a meeting of representatives of Session and Trustees who met on August 10, 2017 for an "ideation" discussion of ideas for future projects dealing with preservation and restoration of the church and potential costs and funding sources. Ideas include repair of the front entrance, additional lighting at the front entrance, improved signage, steeple repair and other ideas. The group will investigate costs of various ideas and funding sources including grant opportunities.

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

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## **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

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

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*Thank you to each and every one of you,  
and all who helped setup, worked the  
kitchen, cleaned up etc.*

*My church family has always been there  
for me and my family to pick up the pieces  
where ever it was needed.*

*So proud to tell people about our little  
church family!*

*~Love and blessings to everyone,  
Gail McArthur and Family*

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

***Why not sign up today!***

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## **ONGOING MISSION**

During July and August, 72 food items plus numerous hygiene items were donated to our church and delivered to SWEM. Summer is a time when donations are lower and need is great. Children are out of school and no longer get breakfast and lunch provided at school. Therefore your food donations were greatly appreciated.

***Please remember to bring your food for SWEM on  
Communion Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Canned soup is  
an item that is needed, so think about purchasing an  
extra can or two when you shop for groceries. Thanks  
again for your summer donations.***

*~ Jane & Fred Schultz*

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Deadline for articles for the  
October 2017 ISSUE of  
"Roots & Wings":  
Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, by 10 a.m.

**THANK YOU TO  
VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN  
SEPTEMBER:**

**September 3**

Greeters: Rich Stowe and *volunteer needed*  
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten  
Childcare: Sandy McCauley

**September 10\***

Greeters: Sharon Breeze and Brenda Naugle  
Jr. Greeter: Ashleigh Naugle  
Childcare: Kathy Stowe  
\*Communion: Sharon Breeze, Gail McArthur,  
Dan Wooten

**September 17**

Greeters: Mick McCauley and Sandy McCauley  
Jr. Greeter: Jennifer Bilyou  
Childcare: Marla Guarnieri

**September 24**

Greeters: Jay Mathewson and Kathy Mathewson  
Jr. Greeter: Aidan Snover  
Childcare: Linda Enright

**ENDOWMENT POLICY REVIEW**

Our church's Endowment Policy, which was adopted in January of 1997, requires that it be reviewed in at least ten-year intervals (Section X). As part of the 10-year review, the Endowment Committee is asking for your input for any items that should be considered by the Committee. A copy of the policy is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Or, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the church office. There are forms on the bulletin board to write your suggestions as well as an envelope to place your suggestions. If you have any ideas for the Endowment Committee to consider as we review the policy, please place them in the return envelope by **October 1, 2017**. Or, you can contact Nancy Huffman, Committee Chair.

*~Endowment Committee  
Darla Diehl, Tom Leahy,  
and Nancy Huffman*

**CHILI PRES**



**IS LOOKING...*FOR YOU!***

The Nominating Committee has already met to prayerfully consider members of our church to serve in leadership roles. Our philosophy is that serving on a church Board or Committee is a calling (not just "filling a slot"). Everyone has God-given gifts that fit better in different positions within a church, and we want potential candidates to feel their gifts and talents match the Board or Committee's tasks. We ask that if you should get a call from one of the members of the Nominating Committee that you will prayerfully consider serving. Or even better . . . call **US**, if the Spirit moves you to serve our church!

*~Your Nominating Committee,  
Tom Leahy, Trustee Rep  
Vicky Leahy, Congregational Rep  
Sandy McCauley, Elder/Chair  
Jane Schultiz, Congregational Rep  
Alice Zah, Deacon Rep*

**Presbytery-Sponsored  
Events**



Please plan to participate in these events scheduled for the Fall:

***September 22-23, Come to the Table...***

*a 24 hour celebration at Stony Point Center,  
sponsored by our Synod of the Northeast*

***October 21, Crossroads Anti-Racism Training  
Event...***

*a day-long workshop at Gates Presbyterian Church  
with three other presbyteries, funded by our Synod  
**November 3-4, Two Events, Friday and Saturday...**  
presented by Lifelong Faith Associates on Faith  
Formation for Every Adult, and Nurturing the Faith  
of Children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

Contact the Presbytery office at 242-0080 or visit their website at [www.pbygenva.org](http://www.pbygenva.org).

# 2017 Harvest Season

## "Faith Questions?"

9-10-17 to 12-2-17

*Sharon Breeze and Sue Edwards (co-facilitators), Cindy Blair, Mark Beker, Portia Westfall*

*As the days grow shorter and a bit cooler, our thoughts begin to turn to autumn and the beauty of the season and the bounty provided by our Creator. We celebrate the blessings of harvest.*

*After studying the scripture passages for this period in the church year and with guidance from Pastor Brandi at our first meeting, the Harvest Team agreed upon the theme "Faith Questions?" On part, this theme was decided upon as many questions came up in the various bible verses and as a team, we had several questions.*

### Dates to keep in mind for the Harvest Season:

September 10  
*"Kick Off" Sunday*  
*Children's Church resumes*  
*Coffee Hour resumes*

October 1  
*World Wide Communion*  
*Peace Offering Received*

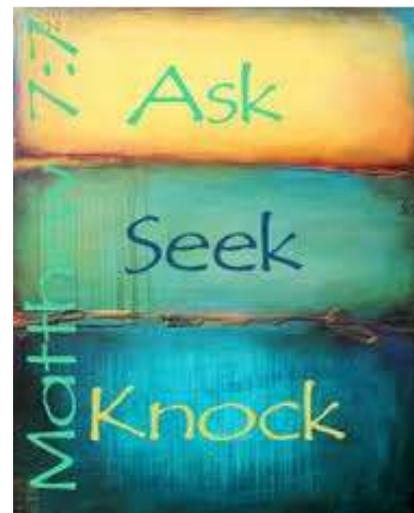
November 19  
*Stewardship Sunday*

*Your Harvest Team is working on planning a church-wide fun family activity in October. More details will be shared as plans are firmed up.*

*The team is also looking into possibly offering a book study to go along with the Faith Questions? theme.*

*Our mission outreach focus will be to continue to add to the washer and dryer fund for the Open Door Mission that will be opening on Coldwater Road next fall. We also plan on helping out the less fortunate who call Open Door Mission home. Again, more details will be forthcoming.*

*Blessings from your Harvest Team!*





## Thoughts from the Minister of Music – September 2017

### **Choir:**

Choir is back! If anyone is interested in singing, I would sure appreciate your voice!  
We practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. -- starting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Please consider joining, and worshipping in our church through song.

### **Worship Team:**

I am looking for anyone interested in singing or playing on the Worship Team.  
Please see me if you would be interested in being a part of this ministry.

### **Bell Choir:**

The Glorious Ringers will be starting soon!  
Please let me know if you are interested in ringing this year!

### **Special Music:**

I am looking for anyone who would like to share special music or talents in our church.  
It can be anything that you might be interested in doing, including playing an instrument, singing, dancing, poetry, juggling, “magician-ing”, etc.  
I am looking to get as many people as I can involved in our worship program on Sundays, and would love for anyone interested in doing something to see me in church, or contact me at [cpministerofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cpministerofmusic@gmail.com) or 269-8746.  
If you would like to do something musical, but don't have any ideas, I can definitely find something for you!  
Please contact me and share the beautiful gifts God has given you!

There are so many announcements above! As I have been reflecting about music in our church since I started in the fall of 2011, I can clearly see how God has moved through our music in my time at Chili! We have been able to do many great things and create new experiences within our church. I thank God for these great years in service.

Another thing I have been feeling about my reflections with our music at Chili is that there is still more to be done musically to connect us closer to Christ in our services. I don't deny that God has done great things with our music, but I feel there is still a greater calling for music in our congregation. Though I don't know exactly what this means, I ask for your continued prayers and support for our church and for the music programs we are blessed to have. Pray for God's direction as we move into this fall season.

I know God will reveal great things to us if we continue to diligently pray for our church. This is so important, and sometimes we spend so much time praying for everything else around us that we overlook what God is trying to do in us. So let us be diligent in prayer for our church and its members and programs this fall.

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

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# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUP  
September 2017 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



Fall is soon approaching, but we have had an EPIC summer! As you can see from the pictures, we travelled to Loveland, Colorado for our Youth Mission Trip this year. There were new challenges, and new adventures that were life-changing in our youth group. We were blessed each day by the prayers of our congregation, and we were able to do great things in Loveland. We watched each of our youth grow spiritually throughout this trip and it was a very rewarding experience as a Youth Leader! Thank you so much for those prayers and your support as these trips are not possible without you!

So fall is about to begin! A new year, and some new things happening with our youth this year. Please look below for our upcoming events!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** We will be providing Confirmation Class for our Senior High youth this year. Each youth will need a faith partner and our classes will take place (tentatively) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, after church from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you are interested in being a faith partner, please see Adam or Pastor Brandi. We will need 4 adults willing to prayerfully commit and provide some Christian leadership for our youth throughout the year.

Looking forward to an awesome new year!  
~Adam and Whitney

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

September 10<sup>th</sup>: Youth and parent meeting after church!

September 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>: Tentative youth event

15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9 p.m. or

16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. or 1 until 4 p.m.

September 17<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group after church 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

September 24<sup>th</sup>: **NO YOUTH GROUP! Scovilles are away.**

October 1<sup>st</sup>: **NO YOUTH GROUP! Scovilles are away.**

October 8<sup>th</sup>: Youth group after church 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

October 15<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Class! After church 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mission Trip 2017 - Loveland, Colorado



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

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