

# Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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### **All in this issue of Roots & Wings!**

## Pastor's Musings...



### "Did You Know?" Series

*As we begin to have conversations about and live into our new Mission Statement, I thought I'd talk a little bit about how what I do in my role as your pastor that directly connects to our new Mission Statement. This month, I will focus on the first section: **rooted in faith.***

**Being grounded in God's word through preaching, teaching and the sacraments.** Worship is a big part of both my personal call and my responsibilities as your pastor. It is a joy to work alongside the Season Teams as we study scripture together and then come up with a theme. I realize the great responsibility and privilege it is to bring God's word to our community, and apart from the Spirit, I cannot do it. I often prepare the scripture, sermon topic and sometimes the liturgy weeks in advance, and I constantly marvel at how our God moves through my worship preparation. There have been many times during worship that I realize all of a sudden why I had been moved to include a particular prayer or preach on a particular scripture topic. God touches us in worship in ways I cannot anticipate and it is wonderful to see God moving among us through our Sunday service.

Worship is the most basic part of our Christian life. Without taking time to give praise to God and hear God's word to us, our faith life becomes stale. But when we are grounded in God's word, we are better equipped to navigate the ups and downs of life.

**Courageously seeking the Spirit in an age of changing dynamics.** A large challenge in being a pastor in today's culture is understanding how society views the church, why churches are no longer seen as relevant to a large section of the population, and how we can reinvigorate our faith and witness in a world which often leaves us struggling to keep up.

I am constantly trying to stay informed about current trends in culture and the church in order to resource and guide our Session, Deacons and Season Teams. I do this by attending presbytery learning events and meeting with clergy support and enrichment groups. Two such groups have been particularly fruitful for me this year. The first is the presbytery's Clergy Book Club.

Here I am able to discuss a particular contemporary book on church culture/spirituality with other clergy, gaining insight and new ideas. The second is my Creative Connections Group. This is a small group of five local clergy who come together with the purpose of exploring the subject of creativity and how it impacts and enriches our ministry to congregations. This group is funded by a grant we received from the Lily Endowment and is sponsored by Columbia Theological Seminary.

**Following Jesus' example in humility.** I think this is a tough one for all of us. It is so easy to think that we have all the answers and that if other people would just do what we think they should, life would be much easier. One great example of this is the "Mommy Wars" where women in social situations and over social media judge and criticize other mothers for the decisions they are making -- stay at home moms verses working moms, home school moms verses moms who send their children to public school, moms that let their children eat fast food verses moms who choose only organic and homemade foods, moms of an older generation judge the parenting techniques of a younger generation and vice versa - the list goes on and on. And it doesn't stop with moms -- all of us do it.

I recognize that while I am constantly striving to live into the life of faith, I am not perfect and will make mistakes. I continually seek to learn from my mistakes offering both grace to myself and to all of us. I try hard to keep my heart and my mind open -- open to hearing people's stories, open to hearing opinions which differ from mine, open to the opportunity to learn something new, and open to the Spirit at work as I do so. In this way, I seek to be guided by Jesus' example of grace and welcome, for Jesus welcomed and loved everyone -- even those whom the broken society judged.

*This new Mission Statement highlights both the things we already do pretty well and provides us areas of growth. I continually come back to the Mission Statement as a source of inspiration and guidance for how to best serve you as your pastor. May you also find inspiration and challenge in this Mission Statement as you seek to live out your Christian calling.*

*~Grace and peace, Brandi*



## **“Living Into Our Mission”**

### **Conversations**

Be part of the conversation...  
as we discover together ways in which  
we can live into our new Mission Statement!

We will be holding conversation times after church  
on three Sundays (see below).

The conversations will conclude by 12:00 noon.

Each Sunday will center around  
one of the following points of our Mission Statement:

***Rooted in Faith  
Growing Together  
Caring for the Community***

On Kick-Off Sunday many of you chose a particular  
section of the Mission Statement that intrigued,  
excited, or perhaps was a way in which  
you wanted to grow in your Christian development.

These conversations are an opportunity for you  
to come and share ideas or thoughts about  
what each of these sections could mean for us  
as we live them out.

Come to one or all three!

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
***Rooted In Faith***

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
***Growing Together***

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
***Caring for the Community***

# MINISTRY OF CARE

## **YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **CLASS OF 2015:**

Harvey Heer, Gail McArthur, Marj Strine

### **CLASS OF 2016:**

Marla Guarnieri, Whitney Scoville, Alice Zah

### **CLASS OF 2017:**

Barb Boerschlein, Sue Edwards, Lori Oliver



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

***A Stephen Minister can help.***

***Bev L'Hommedieu (349-1501)***

***Sandra McCauley (293-1086)***

***Brandi Wooten (889-9896)***



## **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

***Contact Sharon Breeze (293-1340)***

***or Pastor Brandi on Sunday,***

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



## MEET... CLIF GENGE

Hello, my name is Clif Genge. I am the new intern here at Chili Pres. I am in my last semester of study at Northeastern Seminary, and in December I will receive a Masters of Divinity. After

this I have to prepare for the Presbyterian Ordination Exams; upon completion of them I will be seeking a full time call as a Teaching Elder (Pastor). It has been a long journey and as I am just starting with you I thought it might be nice to turn back the clock and see where I came from and how I ended up here.

I grew up for the most part in Corning, NY. Early on my parents instilled that there was a God that loved us. Jesus was the son of God and he died on the cross for our sins. There was a heaven and a hell. Heaven was for the good people (the ones who we liked and who agreed with what we thought was right) and hell was for the bad people (the ones we didn't like or who didn't agree with us). This was the extent of exposure to the faith I had. As I went through life I always held on to this belief, but it really had no bearing on my daily life. As I grew up my parents also instilled in me a sense of right and wrong. Again right was what we thought was right and wrong was whatever we thought was wrong.

After High School I attended Union College where I studied Economics and was a member of the football and track teams. In 1989 I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Economics and went on to pursue a career. Just out of college I had a variety of different positions including retail management, restaurant management, coaching, and sales. One of the most rewarding experiences of these jobs was my time as a football coach. I had the chance to be a part of the coaching team at my High School and found a great deal of reward in seeing the difference I could make in the lives of the players. Not just as football players, but as people as well.

After an extensive training program and a lot of hard work I opened my own sales company, CKG Advertising. In the process of my training and preparation I had the opportunity to run a small sales office in Syracuse. This gave me the unique opportunity to interview my wife prior to dating. She came in looking for a summer job and was answering an ad I had in the paper. She got the job and we hit it off over the summer. When the summer was over we kept in touch and once she finished school she returned and one thing lead to another and we were married in 1999.

Although I didn't know it at the time this was the start of my faith journey. I still had the concept of God my parents instilled in me at an early age, but no real interest in church. For my wife however, faith was very important. She insisted on us going to church -- and with me running a business I was spending a lot of time working -- so to make her happy I tagged along on Sunday mornings. This continued for a few years. Then one day we went to a small country church which had just built a new building -- Mendon Presbyterian. Almost immediately my outlook changed. The Lord began to work on me and I was drawn back to the church and into service. I became aware of my need for Jesus in my life. Over the next couple of years my wife and I were very active in the bible studies and church functions. We became lead teachers for one of the Sunday School classrooms. Eventually we felt the call to leadership. She became a Deacon and I became an Elder. In my time as an Elder I was charged with the Evangelism Committee and the Youth Committee. In this service the Lord continued to speak to my heart and I felt the call to pastoral ministry.

Although it was a drastic change in our lives, the family has embraced my journey as their own. We like to look at it as our family being called into service. Once the family was on board, I entered seminary in September of 2010. There have been ups and downs on the journey and now I am excited and honored to be here with you all at Chili and looking forward to this next phase of my ministry.

*~Clif*

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## **SESSION MEETING SUMMARY**

### ***At its October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Session...***

...had devotion led by Clif Genge which was based on Moses being "called" by God. Moses questioned God and God persisted. We reflected on the meaning of the interchange between God and Moses and how we ourselves have similar experiences.

...received the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2014.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on pastoral contacts including home visits, hospital visits, phone conversations, email, etc.

...affirmed Pastor Brandi's attendance at a Presbytery Moderator's Conference 11/6 - 11/9/14. Clif Genge will preach on 11/9/14.

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar:

***Special Meeting of the Session  
to Approve the 2015 Budget  
January 7, 2015***

*Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation*

January 25, 2015

***Special Meeting of the Session for Examination  
and Training of Newly Elected Officers  
February 1, 2015***

*Installation/Ordination of Newly Elected Officers  
and Recognition of Trustees*

February 1, 2015

...heard reports from Season Team Facilitators Elder McCauley (Harvest Team) and Elder Wasmer (Advent/Christmas Team).

...continued the Big Picture Ministry conversation on Sunday Circle, Community Presence, and Church Structure.

...welcomed Rev. Susan Hartley from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) and discussed the overall purpose of a Triennial Visit. It is an opportunity for the COM Liaison to keep in touch with the church and an opportunity for churches to share what's going on, challenges they are facing, and an opportunity to become more familiar with how the Presbytery can be of resource. We discussed the draft reports we have received thus far on our Triennial Visit in June 2014 and how we have responded to the reports. We anticipate receiving another report draft for our review.

...heard a report from Elder Gittens on the Stewardship Campaign.

...heard a report from Elder McCauley that the Nominating Committee has completed its work.

...approved the Communion Schedule for March 2015 - February 2016 and further, granted permission for the Pastor to administer communion at any church-related function per her discretion.

...authorized blanket approval for serving the Lord's Supper (home communion, communion at Session-approved events, etc.).

...approved Elders McCauley and Wasmer (as co-nominees) to be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee.

...noted that the September Presbytery Meeting was Pastor Brandi's first meeting as Moderator.

...noted that at the September Presbytery meeting, our intern, Clif Genge completed the Inquirer phase in his preparation for ministry and was approved for the next phase as a Candidate for Ministry. Congratulations to both Brandi and Clif on their accomplishments!

...approved the dates (listed below) for Season Team planning and implementation from January 4, 2015 - February 8, 2016.

Season	Facilitator	Planning Period	Implementation
Lent	Elder Horton	1/4/15-2/18/15	2/18/15 - 4/4/15
Easter		2/15/15 - 4/4/15	4/5/15 - 5/23/15
Pentecost		4/5/15 - 5/23/15	5/24/15 - 9/12/15
Harvest		7/26/15 - 9/12/15	9/13/15 - 11/28/15
Advent		10/11/15 - 11/28/15	11/29/15 - 1/9/16
Epiphany	Elder Wasmer	11/22/15 - 1/9/16	1/10/16 - 2/8/16

...noted that Elder Huffman will coordinate the Season Team signup scheduled for December 7, 2014.

...approved posting information about our church to the Blueberry Hill newsletter. Elder McCauley will coordinate this with Harvey Heer.

...noted that Elder McCauley has made a seasonal banner to donate as a raffle item at the Fall Supper.

...approved the minutes of the Annual Joint Meeting of Session and the Board of Deacons that was held October 6, 2014.

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

## SWEM RESULTS

A record number of 66 food items plus hygiene items were collected for SWEM on Communion Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful response to a growing problem of hunger in our community. Karen Woodward, a church member who works at SWEM, said demand for food continues to increase while supplies at the food cupboard are strained. **She also mentioned that paper supplies are needed because paper goods are not covered by food stamps.** Dick Miller who delivers food from three churches including ours, said that donations from these churches have been low. He was very appreciative of the large amount of food that Chili Presbyterian donated in October. **Thank you all for your generosity to SWEM in October, and please support our mission to SWEM on Communion Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>!**



*~Jane & Fred Schulitz*



## CARE PACKAGES!!!

## A HUGE THANK YOU!

As a result of the generous donations of money and “goodies” from you, the congregation, the Deacons have mailed ten (10) Fall Care Packages to our college students. Thank you for your continued support of this tradition. It is a tangible way in which we can let our students know that we are thinking of them, praying for them, and wishing them well as they continue on their chosen paths toward future happiness and success. Thank you!!

*~Your Board of Deacons*

### Clothing Box Schedule – Remainder of 2014

Oct 20 – Nov 2	= Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Nov 3 – Nov 16	= Daniel Cuffe 889-7081
Nov 17 – Nov 30	= Connor Snover 293-3195
Dec 1 – Dec 14	= Abby Wasmer 889-3579
Dec 15 – Dec 28	= Jack DiPietro 401-330-6874
Dec 29 – Jan 11	= Adam Scoville 269-8746

## THANK YOU

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

### November 2\*

Elder/Deacon: Pat Olson/Sue Edwards  
Jr. Deacon: Jordan Wilson  
Childcare: Lori Oliver  
\*Communion: Pat Olson, Sue Edwards, Marj Strine

### November 9

Elder/Deacon: Carrie Horton/Gail McArthur  
Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle  
Childcare: Barb Boerschlein

### November 16

Elder/Deacon: Mel Olver/Mark Carden  
Jr. Deacon: Nicole Mathewson  
Childcare: Lori Oliver

### November 23

Elder/Deacon: Roger Willis/Alice Zah  
Jr. Deacon: Aidan Snover  
Childcare: Mike or Mollie Conklin

### November 30

Elder/Deacon: John Heer/Karen Shaffer  
Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle  
Childcare: Lori Oliver



In the fading of the summer sun,  
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,  
swallows' flight and moonlight rays,  
**WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND.**

In the browning of leaves once green,  
morning mists, autumn chill,  
fruit that falls,  
frost's first kiss,  
**WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND.**

## HARVEST SEASON:

*"Side by Side, God's Abundance Abides"*

9-7-14 to 11-29-14

### Fellowship Events

- ❖ **"CELEBRATING THE GRAPE"** -- Thanks to Bill & Jan Hoyt for hosting our first fellowship gathering. This was a fun event!
- ❖ **FALL FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL** -- Thank you to everyone who supported this event!

### Mission

- ❖ **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** kicked-off on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **CENTER FOR YOUTH SERVICES** provides for the needs of homeless children. We are collecting clothing items for children of all ages and will deliver them at the end of November. A detailed list of needed items is in the sanctuary.
- ❖ **CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES.** Another mission project was volunteering at Cameron. They needed help with their after-school tutoring program and serving a meal to the children. We helped on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Christian Education

- ❖ **BIBLE/BOOK STUDY** is offered Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. (bring a bag lunch) with Pat Jones. This event focuses on **prayer**. The series is based on the book The Power of Simple Prayer: How to Talk with God about Everything by Joyce Meyer. If you cannot attend all the sessions, please come when you can. This is a great opportunity to learn, grow, and have meaningful fellowship.
- ❖ **BOOK STUDY DISCUSSION** on the book God Loves Broken People by Sheila Walsh will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This discussion will be led by Cindy Blair. Is it hard to see God's abundance in your life? In the book, God Loves Broken People (and those who pretend they're not), Sheila Walsh helps us see his work in our lives. Even through the hard times and the dark times, God is there!

*Your Harvest Season Team  
Cindy Blair, Sharon Breeze,  
Harvey Heer, Sara Heer,  
Sandy McCauley, Marj Strine*

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1, 2014  
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. ...

**at the ANNUAL FALL SUPPER**



**Sunday,  
November 2, 2014  
at 2:00 a.m.  
FALL BACK ONE HOUR!**

### **RAFFLE**

**FOR A HAND-QUILTED FALL WALL HANGING**  
(to benefit the Mission Fund)

**\$1.00 per chance or \$5.00 for 6 chances**

**Quilt drawing will be held on:**

**November 2, 2014**



*You do not need to be present to win!  
Thank you for your support.*

*Contact Sandy McCauley at 615-1911.*



## **ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY**

Our new Adult & Family Ministry is hosting a:

### **Simple Supper with Conversation**

**on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Check us out in the Dining Room at Chili Pres!**

As details are firmed up, more information will follow.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend...

**THIS BRAND NEW MINISTRY KICK-OFF EVENT!**



## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014**

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHILI**  
**A Winning Evening for all!**

**Enjoy a delicious dinner, have some fun,**  
**and support our local Boy Scout Troop 275!**

#### **Seatings:**

**4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$6.00 for adults / \$3.00 (10 & under)**

**Takeouts will be available.**

**Raffle Tickets may be purchased for gift baskets!**

**Contact Tim Engelbrecht for tickets:**

**889-3833 (H) or 683-1307 (C)**

**or engelbrechttim@yahoo.com**

### **"ROOTS AND WINGS"**

**Your next newsletter will be the**  
**December 2014 issue.**

**The deadline will be:**

**Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, no later than 10:00 a.m.**



## **IT TAKES 13,000 PIES** **TO BUILD A HOUSE!**

The Harvest Home Coalition is having a pie sale fund raiser to build a Habitat Home in Rochester, NY in 2015. The profit for each pie goes toward the materials and construction supervision for this home. This home is being dedicated to Roger Cross, the founder of Flower City Habitat in Rochester, NY.

#### **Pies are from Kelly's Farm Market (Hilton, NY)**

Apple Crumb - \$16

Apple Raspberry - \$16

Pumpkin - \$16

Christmas Crumb (Apple, Cranberry, Pineapple) - \$16

Apple Crisp - \$12

*Made from scratch without preservatives  
with fruit grown on their farm!*

*Pies are deep 10" fruit pies, weighing about 4.5 lbs.*

*Pies freeze nicely!*

**There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to order pies.**

Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church of Chili (memo Habitat Pies). Orders for pies need to be in by November 16, 2014.

**Delivery of pies will be at Chili Pres Tuesday, November 25, 2014 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Flower City Habitat partners work with low-income families to make home ownership possible. Partner families agree to Habitat's three foundational principals:

1. A demonstrated need for adequate shelter.
2. An ability to pay a no-profit mortgage or loan.
3. A willingness to partner with Flower City Habitat for Humanity with a belief in "a hand up not a hand out." Families work sweat-equity hours and once they close on their home pay a no-profit mortgage.

Any donation to the Habitat Fund at Chili Pres would be welcome.

*~Roger Willis*





*Consecration Sunday at Chili Pres!*  
*November 16, 2014*

*Everyone is cordially invited to the*  
*Consecration Luncheon,*

*right after worship on*  
*Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please join us as we share a meal to celebrate...*

***...Abundant Joy and Overflowing Generosity!***

*~Your Stewardship Committee~*  
*Sherman Gittens (Chair)*  
*Pat Jones (Congregational Rep)*  
*Bruce Olson (Congregational Rep)*  
*Jerry Huffman (Congregational Rep)*



## Thoughts from the Minister of Music – November 2014

### We Gather Together

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,  
Sing praises to his name: He forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!  
Amen.*

--Traditional Thanksgiving Hymn--  
(A translation by Theodore Baker: 1851-1934)

When this (Dutch) hymn was written, the Dutch were engaged in a war of national liberation against the Catholic King Philip II of Spain. "We Gather Together" resonated with the believers because under the Spanish King, Dutch Protestants were forbidden to gather for worship. ("Oh Lord, make us free") As we prepare the turkey, mash the potatoes, bake the pie, clean the house, and welcome our friends and families into our home, try to reflect on this familiar hymn and thank God not only for our families, our home and our food, but also for our freedoms to worship together openly anytime and anywhere.

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

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# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS  
November 2014 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.

Time for Turkey! #pumpkinpiewishes

It was a spectacular October! It started with a trip to Open Door Mission to help serve about 90 homeless people in the Rochester area. It is always an eye-opening trip, where we see firsthand the needs of our area.

We followed that up with an epic God-iators (Jr. High Youth) Laser Tag event! It was the first opportunity the Jr. High group has been able to play Laser Tag, and they were so energetic! Later in the month we took our DTO (Sr. High Youth) to a Joint Presbytery Youth Group meeting where we talked about the reality of prayer. It was a lot of fun and we will continue to do this monthly throughout the year!

At the end of the month, we had a great time at the Fall Family Dinner event where we did classic Fall Family Games! We finished out the month doing a fun Geo Caching event.

**DTOYOUTHGROUP:** #QUACK! Don't forget to memorize verses!!! Take 5 minutes out of the day to read a verse over and over. #YOUcandoIT!

**Serving at the Annual Roast Beef Dinner! – November 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Both youth groups – various times from 3-8pm

**Youth Groups – November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00-9:45 a.m. - Jr. High Youth Group

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - DTO Youth Group

**JOINT PRESBYTERY YOUTH GROUP! – November 9<sup>th</sup>**

1:15-3pm – at Chili Presbyterian Church

**Youth Groups – November 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-9:45 a.m. - Jr. High Youth Group

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - DTO Youth Group

**DTO Youth Group – November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

After Church - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

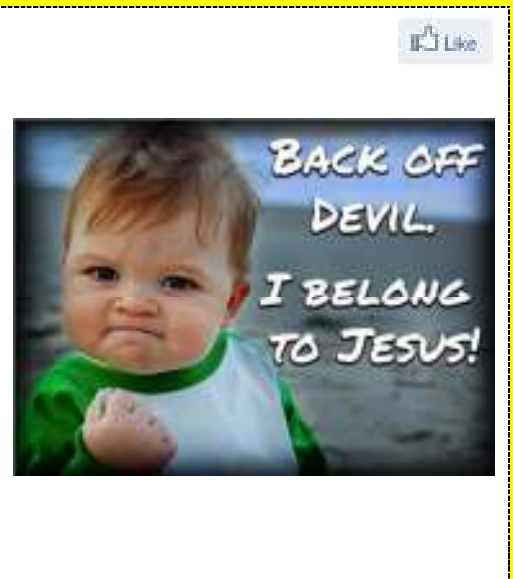
**NO YOUTH GROUP – November 30<sup>th</sup> (THANKSGIVING BREAK!)**

**OPEN DOOR MISSION! – December 6<sup>th</sup> (SATURDAY!)**

Meet at church at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner following!

96  
Following

67  
Followers



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



## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Plan: 10-12-14 to 11-29-14  
Implement: 11-30-14 to 1-20-15

### Facilitator

*Barb Wasmer*

Lori Gittens

Jan Hoyt

Pat Jones

Mathewson Family

Laurie Stowe

Roger Willis



## **SEASON TEAM SIGN-UP** **FOR 2015**

**What's your season? Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, Advent/Christmas???**

Right now we're in the midst of the Harvest Season with its theme, "Side By Side, God's Abundance Abides." There's been something for everyone -- a daytime Bible Study, a change in Sunday Circle, a Fall Fun Festival, a Celebration of the Grape, volunteering at Cameron Community Ministries, and donating to the Center for Youth Services. Oh -- and yes, of course, our Annual Roast Beef Dinner -- such abundance in fellowship and community presence! Soon we will be into the Advent/Christmas Season with all of the preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ.

Yes, we've had a wonderful year of activity planned by our Season Teams. Remember Epiphany and "GPS- God's Positioning System"? Then during Lent we focused on "Opening New Doors" with our outreach being the Open Door Mission. We went as a group, to see the movie, "Son of God" - a perfect Lent experience. Easter Season, "Awakening to New Life" came with our sanctuary bursting with flowers and butterflies -- symbolic to Eastertide and new life. The *Animate Faith* series stimulated several creative discussions. In the summer, Pentecost with its theme, "Ignited by God's Story" was perfect for our presence at the Town of Chili "Chil-e Fest." We even had our own Chili Cook-Off at the church picnic, with close to 20 tasty pots of chili! We also had a Remembrance Day in August where cheerful bouquets from our own garden bounty were delivered to many friends in our congregation.

**Now, it's time again to begin thinking about which Team you'd like serve on in 2015-2016.**

**Season Team Sign-Up Will Be:**  
**December 7, 2014**

So, think now about which Team you will join to plan creative meaningful worship, outreach activities, Christian education, and fellowship events for 2015. Check your calendars to see which time of year best suits your schedule!

## **Here's the Season Schedule for 2015-2016**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Planning Period</b>	<b>Implementation</b>
Lent	1/4/15-2/18/15	2/18/15 - 4/4/15
Easter	2/15/15 - 4/4/15	4/5/15 - 5/23/15
Pentecost	4/5/15 - 5/23/15	5/24/15 - 9/12/15
Harvest	7/26/15 - 9/12/15	9/13/15 - 11/28/15
Advent	10/11/15 - 11/28/15	11/29/15 - 1/9/16
Epiphany	11/22/15 - 1/9/16	1/10/16 - 2/8/16

Here are a few questions that people often ask. We 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 Seasonal Team Model for organizing our church's activities been so successful?***

A. 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 Seasonal 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, fundraisers, 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 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 6-10 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.

### ***Q. Are there 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 adds to the Handbook. 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, Season Teams share and list thoughts about what went well, what could have been different, next time we'd... so that future Teams might benefit from past experiences.

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# Bible Word Search

Using an NRSV Bible, look up the verse beside each row of boxes and find a word that fits. The letters in the circles spell today's mystery words.

**MYSTERY WORDS**  
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Revelation 7:12     **Y**

**A**   Colossians 2:7

**E** 1 Corinthians 13:1

Nehemiah 12:27     **C**

**H**     Romans 1:8

Psalm 100:4    **K**

**R**   1 Corinthians 1:4

Psalm 69:30  **A**

Psalm 100:3    **W**

Psalm 147:7  **I**



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