

Roots & Wings

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community

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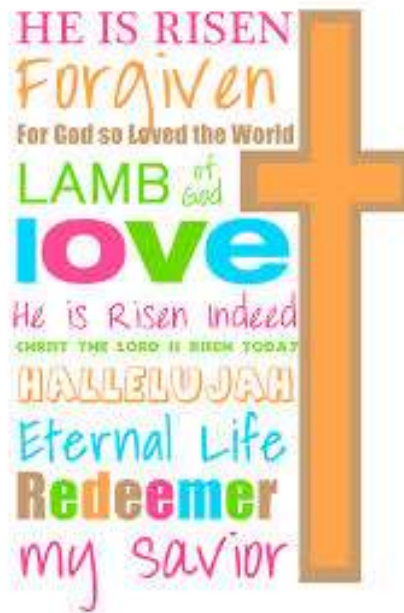
Worship with Us Each Sunday in...

April

(childcare is always available)

The Easter Season Begins...

"Seeking Understanding After the Resurrection"



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Pastor's Musings...



Ministry is like a big group dance. The congregation, along with its pastor, dance together in a partnership. Each person in the dance has a different part to play and is responsible for different steps. At times we dance arm in arm, other times we dance alongside one another. I picture it like one of those big group dances you sometimes see on stage or in the movies. In these dances a group to the left may be doing high kicks while on the right they are waving their arms in the air. The people in the center front and back are also doing completely different moves. The beauty of these kinds of dances are the intricacies -- we don't always dance with the exact same dance moves, yet each variation still fits together in rhythm and purpose with the whole.

Over time, dance partners get to know one another and even begin to anticipate a change in the dance so that it flows effortlessly and seamlessly. With any dance, doing the same moves over and over again can get stale, so it is important for dancers to regularly learn new moves in order to keep the joy of the dance alive. And of course, no dance would even be possible without the "music maker" or "Lord of the Dance", leading us by the music of God's love expressed in scripture and prayer.

As many of you may have heard, the Session has granted me a Sabbatical stating June 1st through August 31st and this period will offer us a new way of dancing together. I am grateful for this gift of sacred time and space in which to rest and renew my relationship with God and my call to this congregation. But this Sabbatical is not just for me. It is an opportunity for both you as the congregation and me to pause and reflect on who God created us to be so that we can come back together re-energized. Through intentionally filling the pulpit with preachers who are different in style and voice, we will be able to broaden our experience of what it means to worship God. And while you are experiencing the different preachers here in this congregation, I will be visiting a wide variety of churches during my Sabbatical. The hope is that through this opportunity we will learn something new about ourselves and about the God we worship.

Then, when the Sabbatical period has ended, we will once more take up the dance together with the new steps we learned and see what the Lord of the Dance will do in, among, and through us.

~Grace and peace, Brandi

MINISTRY OF CARE

YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2016: M. Guarnieri, W. Scoville, A. Zah

CLASS OF 2017: B. Boerschlein, S. Edwards, L. Oliver

CLASS OF 2018: S. Breeze, S. Heer, G. McArthur

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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



Participating in communion is a wonderful opportunity to feel the love of Jesus for each of us through the breaking of bread and drinking the cup. However, many elderly and infirmed folks, who would love to participate in communion, cannot because they are unable to attend church to receive the elements.

If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon (***you do not need to be currently serving***) and would like to help serve communion at Westwood Commons or the Legacy, please let Sharon Breeze know at 293-1340 or sbreeze@frontiernet.net. The commitment would be minimal - one or two times a year - as communion is taken to both facilities the first Sunday of each month. Two people will be assigned to each facility so that you would not be serving alone. The elements will be provided as well as a short service for distributing communion. ***Thank you for your consideration of this important ministry to the elderly and infirmed in our community.***



SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its February 17, 2015 meeting, Session...

...reflected on our Mission Statement asking "which statements resonate with you?" and "which statements rub against our comfort zone" as we live in to our Mission.

...received the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2015.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on her pastoral contacts.

...approved to allow "Companions on the Way," a worshipping community led by Rev. Kevin Hershey, to meet at our church on Sunday evenings.

...approved the request of the Erbelding family that donations to the Memorial Fund made in memory of Lois Erbelding be designated as Option 2:

"Contributions are placed in the Fund with no restrictions, but when the funds are used, the family is to be notified of the use."

...noted that the Task Force on Sabbatical Leave has been meeting and will report to Session in March.

...heard a report from Elder Horton that the Lent Team is ready to implement its theme, "Puzzling Our Way to the Cross."

... Big Picture Ministry Conversation--covered in items of discussion this evening.

...received the Statistical Report for 2014 and the Clerk's Annual Questionnaire that Clerk Huffman will submit to PC/USA.

...approved the organization and responsibilities of Session as follows:

-Season Team Leaders:

Lent: Carrie Horton; Easter: Barb Wasmer; Pentecost: Sandy McCauley; Harvest: Roger Willis; Advent: Judie McGaffick

-Session's representative to the Nominating Committee: Sandy McCauley/Barbara Wasmer

-Elder Delegate to Presbytery: To be determined

-Elder of Responsibility Personnel Committee: Carrie Horton

-Elder of Responsibility Stewardship Committee: Sherman Gittens

-Elder of Responsibility Mission and Outreach: Roger Willis

-Elder of Responsibility Scholarship Committee: Judie McGaffick

-Session's representative to Mission Fund Committee: Barbara Wasmer

-Clerk of Session: Nancy Huffman (Appointed in 2013 for an Open-Ended Term)

...appointed Elder Judie McGaffick as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. She will identify three individuals to serve on the Committee.

...appointed Darla Diehl to conduct the Annual Financial Review and expressed our appreciation for her willingness to do this.

...approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on the January 2015 Presbytery meeting and changes in format of Presbytery meetings.

...agreed to not pursue a Presbytery Congregational Resource Grant opportunity this year since we are still implementing a grant we received last year.

...heard a report from Elder Willis on Chili Pres Mission and Outreach Activities and Fund Raisers planned for 2015.

...made plans for set-up and refreshments for the Presbytery Council Meeting we are hosting on February 23, 2015.

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

SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

At its March 17, 2015 meeting, Session...

...began using the study workbook, Being Reformed.

We focused on the first section, "Transformational Leaders Embrace Change and Discomfort." In particular we explored the meaning of "transformation." We reflected on the term "groan zones" and the Biblical origins of groaning as expressed in Exodus, Romans and Psalms. We talked about how God dealt with the groaning of his people. Finally, we studied the Serenity Prayer and several of us noted that there was a second verse to the prayer which is not as familiar as the first verse. Pastor Brandi opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

...welcomed Mike and Mollie Conklin and their sons, Kai and Cian. Mike and Mollie wish to have Cian baptized. We discussed baptism and how raising Cian in the faith is a shared experience between the church family and parents. Session authorized the baptism of Cian Andrew Conklin, born December 5, 2014 in Rochester, NY, son of Michael Andrew and Mollie DiPietro Conklin on Sunday, April 26, 2015 during worship.

Rev. Brandi Wooten will preside and Elder Alan Conklin, Cian's grandfather will assist.

...reviewed financial statements and received the Treasurer's Report.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on her pastoral contacts including visits, cards, emails and phone conversations.

...noted that Pastor Brandi will be on vacation Monday, April 6 - Sunday, April 12, 2015. Clif Genge will preach on April 12. She will also be on vacation Monday, May 25 - Sunday, May 31, 2015. Pulpit supply will be identified.

...received correspondence from Bob and Jean Constantine who have joined a new church in Penn Yan, NY. Session approved the request of Robert and Jean Constantine to be dismissed from the Active Membership Roll.

...placed items on the Master Calendar:

12 April -- Chicken BBQ

26 April -- Cian Conklin Baptism

26 April -- Mandala Workshop and Potluck Luncheon

6 June -- Rummage Sale

7 June -- Rummage Sale Cleanup (after worship)

19-25 July -- Youth Mission Trip

...welcomed Pat Jones and Geoff Wasmer as members of the Task Force on Sabbatical Leave. (Task Force members are: Carrie Horton, Pat Jones, Geoff Wasmer, and Rev. Brandi Wooten). Pastor Brandi is requesting a sabbatical leave. Session reviewed and discussed Pastor Brandi's Sabbatical Plan Description, "*Dancing to a Different Rhythm with the Lord of the Dance.*" Session discussed Brandi's goals as they pertained to her growth and as they pertained to the congregation's growth. Session also discussed the church's responsibilities in supporting the work of the church, pulpit supply and pastoral care during Brandi's absence. The Task Force has prepared an information document for the congregation and opportunity for information exchange will occur beginning immediately. Session approved a sabbatical leave for Rev. Brandi Wooten beginning June 1, 2015 and concluding August 31, 2015. Session thanked the Task Force for their work in developing this sabbatical leave plan and their anticipated leadership as we as a congregation carry it out. We look forward to renewed energy as a result.

...heard a report from Elder Wasmer, Easter Season Team Facilitator, that the Team has met and identified the theme, "Seeking Understanding After the Resurrection." Planning is underway for the outreach project of collecting used eyeglasses for OneSight. They will also be presenting a Mandala Workshop.

...conducted its annual review of the Roll of Active Members, the Roll of Other Participants-Inactive and the Roll of Other Participants-Active. Session identified members to be transferred to the Other-Participants-Inactive Roll. Session identified members to be contacted regarding their membership status. Session identified members to be dismissed from the membership rolls. Session identified persons (non-members) on the Other Participants-Active roll who are no longer actively participating in the life of the church. ...accepted the report from the Chair of Board of Trustees Andrew Atwater, that review of the church's insurance has occurred and that the church continues to have insurance (i.e. fire, liability, and Workmen's Compensation through Christopher Williams Agency as per Presbyterian policy).

...approved Elder Judie McGaffick to serve as Clerk, Pro Tem for the April 21, 2015 Session meeting.

~Remitted by,

Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session

"SOUPER" BOWL and SUPER BOWL!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2015 "Souper" Bowl of Caring, and those who purchased "Super" Subs. **\$169.00 was collected for the "Souper Bowl", along with 116 food items! And, \$562.00 was raised for the "Super" Subs!**



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your loving kindness this past month. With the passing of Everett Waite we have been surrounded by support, love, kindness, food, and prayers. We are all truly grateful for all of you and deeply thank you for your love and support during our time of loss.

*With thankful hearts and love,
Jan & Bill Hoyt, Whitney & Adam
Scoville, Maeghan & Andy Reitano,
and Jen & Mike Flanagan*

THANK YOU

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

April 5*

Elder/Deacon: Dave Diehl and Darla Diehl
Jr. Deacon: Jordan Wilson
Childcare: will be paid care
*Communion: Dave Diehl, Darla Diehl, Roger Willis

April 12

Elder/Deacon: Nancy Huffman and Alice Zah
Jr. Deacon: Hailey Genge
Childcare: Need Volunteer

April 19

Elder/Deacon: Nancy Huffman and Marj Strine
Jr. Deacon: Grace Verner
Childcare: Need Volunteer

April 26

Elder/Deacon: Dick Stowe and Alma Stowe
Jr. Deacon: Ashleigh Naugle
Childcare: Grace Azzolino



Dear Chili Presbyterian Congregation,

We are writing regarding our Coffee Hour, following worship. We thought it a good time to reacquaint the congregation with our Coffee Hour procedures.

As most of you know, the Coffee Hour is hosted throughout the year by volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall, which also includes instructions for preparing the coffee. **It is not necessary to decorate the table, or supply goodies, unless you wish to.**

We very much appreciate our volunteers, and hope you will consider hosting the Coffee Hour sometime in the future. It is a wonderful time to socialize with your fellow congregation members.

~Your Board of Deacons

Here are the instructions for Coffee Hour.

These instructions are also included on the Coffee Hour signup clipboard.

1. Supplies are stored in the cabinet behind the table in the Fellowship hall. These supplies include a tablecloth, disposable cups and cutlery, napkins, coffee, tea, sugar, and powdered creamer. You may supply real milk or look in the refrigerator for leftover milk. Whatever else you may need can be found in the kitchen.
2. The coffee pot should be filled with enough *cold* water for 30 cups. Use 1 ½ cups of ground coffee for the 30 cups. The coffee needs to perk for 1 – 1 ½ hours. Plug the coffee pot into the outlet to the left of the opening. The red light will go on while warming and perking. When done, the green light will be on. Be sure that the coffee starts to perk before going into church.
3. Leave worship during the last hymn to begin pouring the coffee.
4. You may decorate the table or supply “goodies” if you so desire.
5. Please clean up the area and put everything away when you are through.
6. Should you have any questions, please contact any Deacon.

St. Pauly Clothing Box Schedule--2015

Dec 29 – Jan 11	Abby Wasmer 889-3579
Jan 12 – Jan 25	Aidan Snover 293-3195
Jan 26 – Feb 8	Adam Scoville 269-8746
Feb 9 – Feb 22	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
Feb 23 – Mar 8	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
Mar 9 – Mar 22	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Mar 23 – Apr 5	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Apr 6 – Apr 19	Connor Snover 293-3195
Apr 20 – May 3	Nicole Mathewson 594-1513
May 4 – May 17	Jack DiPietro (401-330-6874)
May 18 – May 31	Abby Wasmer 889-3579
June 1 – June 14	Aidan Snover 293-3195
June 15 – June 28	Adam Scoville 269-8746
June 29 – July 12	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
July 13 – Jul 26	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
July 27 – Aug 9	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Aug 10 – Aug 23	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Aug 24 – Sept 6	Connor Snover 293-3195
Sept 7 – Sept 20	Nicole Mathewson 594-1513
Sept 21 – Oct 4	Jack DiPietro (401-330-6874)
Oct 5 – Oct 18	Aidan Snover 293-3195
Oct 19 – Nov 1	Adam Scoville 269-8746
Nov 2 – Nov 15	Audrey Engelbrecht 889-3833
Nov 16 – Nov 29	Alex Mathewson 594-1513
Nov 30 – Dec 13	Vicky/Tom Leahy 889-5494
Dec 14 – Dec 27	Ashleigh Naugle 889-7081
Dec 28 – Jan 10	Connor Snover 293-3195



LENTEN SEASON 2015

"Puzzle of the Cross"

Plan: 1-4-15 to 2-17-15 / Implement: 2-18-15 to 4-4-15

PROGRESSIVE DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 21st

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



Monday, March 30th until Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Join us for a Maundy Thursday Service
on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Our annual Easter Vigil is as follows:
Friday April 3rd (7 p.m. until 12 midnight)
Saturday April 4th (7 a.m. until 12 midnight)
Sunday April 5th (7 a.m. until 8 a.m.)

You can signup for a 1 hour time slot,
or multiple slots. You can signup as an individual,
a family, or a Season Team.

Join in this time-honored tradition of
"keeping the vigil."

The poster is in the sanctuary.

*~Your 2015 Lent Season Team
Carrie Horton (Facilitator),
Susan Johnson, Ashleigh Naugle,
Gail McArthur, Laurie Stowe*

"ROOTS AND WINGS"

Your next newsletter will be the May 2015 issue.

The deadline will be:

Monday, April 20th, no later than 10:00 a.m.



*There are still plenty of openings
for the following Season Teams:*

Pentecost

Harvest

Epiphany

*Please prayerfully consider
sharing your time and talents
on any of these Teams.*

*Contact the Church Office
for more information, and/or
to have your name added
to a Season Team!*

DON'T FORGET

Each congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is responsible for a "Per Capita" assessment. It's the closest our denomination comes to dues. The per-member amount provides financial support for administrative expenses at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

The 2015 per capita amount for Chili Pres is \$29.38 per church member.

The breakdown is as follows:

Genesee Valley Presbytery	\$18.31
Synod of the Northeast	\$ 4.00
General Assembly	<u>\$ 7.07</u>
	\$29.38

You can help by making your contribution of **\$29.38** for each person in your family who is a member of our congregation. You can drop your check in the collection plate, or mail to the Church Office. Thank you!

PRAYER GOES MOBILE

Available now on iPhone and Android smartphone devices, the highly successful PC(USA) **Daily Prayer app** provides simple yet rich devotional resources for morning, midday, evening, and close of the day.



Risen as high as No. 19 on the lifestyle list of Apple's App Store, **Daily Prayer** – with its customizable prayer services – has been an instant hit!

For more: pcusa.org/dailyprayer.



ONGOING MISSION SUPPORT FOR SWEM

This is a list of items which are always needed at SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries). These items are included in pre-packed bags which are routinely given to those in need. In addition, other food and personal hygiene items are always welcomed.

The donation box is in the sanctuary.
Thank you for your past contributions, and please continue to support our mission to SWEM.

"It's never too late to help God change the world."

Items Included in Pre-Packed Bags

Peanut Butter	Rice
Canned Fruits	Instant Potatoes
Canned Vegetables	Jiffy Mix or Baking Mix
Boxed Mac & Cheese	Dried Milk
Soups	Cereal
Canned Pork & Beans	Jello
Tuna Fish	Pudding
Tomato Paste	Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce	

Meat dishes

Beef Stew, Chili w/Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Chicken

Odds & Ends

Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix and Frosting, Condiments, i.e., Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayonnaise. These items are nice to add if we have them.

Easter Season 2015

"Seeking Understanding After the Resurrection"

Plan: 2-15-15 to 4-3-15 / Implement: 4-4-15 to 5-23-15



Easter Sunday Breakfast

Your Easter Season Team invites you to celebrate Easter at Chili Pres. Join us for a delicious breakfast and a special worship service.

Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m., with worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 5, 2015

Delicious food, a special worship service, and a beautiful flower-filled sanctuary! Come and celebrate the Resurrection!

And watch for these events...

Easter Outreach:
One Sight
Blanket Sunday

Mandala Workshop and Potluck Luncheon (April 26th)

Your Easter Season Team invites you on a spiritual journey. Join us as we explore the Mandala technique, which is used as a tool for praying and reflecting on scripture. This is a one-time event at Chili Pres - so don't miss it!

We will enjoy a potluck luncheon after worship,
and the workshop will follow.

(watch for a signup sheet)

Red Wings Baseball Game (Date TBD)

(watch for a signup sheet)



Thoughts from the Minister of Music – April 2015

“He Will Walk”

First off, thank you for all your cards and prayers throughout the last couple months. I missed the deadline for the March newsletter as Whitney and I were grieving the loss of Reverend Everett Waite, Whitney’s grandfather. As hard as it is to lose a loved one, we are indeed confident that Grandpa is smiling down on us in heaven and we will definitely see him again someday. But once again, thank you for your support through our time of loss. We know that we are not alone and we have our church family to lean on in times of need.

As I have been reflecting on the season of Lent, I like to think back to previous Lenten seasons when I have led worship. I was reminded of a song I wrote to coincide with a sermon that Pastor Brandi and I did on a Palm Sunday a few years back. I wanted to share the words with you, as I feel it was a moment where I know God was speaking through me. It’s also a clear representation of what Christ did for you and for me. As you go through the rest of our Lent season and head into Easter, please take a moment to absorb the words of this song and praise our great God for this amazing miracle.

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

“He Will Walk” by Adam Scoville

He will walk this lonely road
To take the stand for the sin we hold
Each step He takes is made in faith
The Chosen One with no mistakes
And He moves closer to the Cross
And He moves closer to the Cross

He will walk this lonely road
To reach the lost and bring them hope
Through miracles and acts of love
Giving life to the broken ones
And He moves closer to the Cross
And He moves closer to the Cross

He will walk this lonely road
Through lies and hate that’s been foretold
With pain so deep we can’t comprehend
The price for us only He could mend
And He moves closer to the Cross
And He moves closer to the Cross, the Cross

Each step He takes
Each move He makes
Are breaking through the chains
of death’s strong torment
Each breath He takes
In these final days
Will breathe new life into all Creation
With one more step
With just one more step

He has walked this lonely road
Has suffered death through His human form
Gave His life to save the world
A love so deep, sin cannot control
And we move closer to the Cross
And we move closer to the Cross, the Cross

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUPS



@CHILIYOUTHGROUPS

April 2015 Newsletter

We have had lots of fun the last few weeks! We were able to go bowling at the end of February, and bowl some strikes! We have also been able to attend Joint Youth Group with the Presbytery several times this year and that has been enjoyable, except for the pie in my face! This has been a great opportunity for youth to visit other churches and meet other youth in our area. It has been a great experience!

Our Jr. High Group continues to meet at 9am where we are talking about the story of Moses and how his great faith in God is a model for us. We were also able to go roller skating recently at Horizon Fun Fx, where we attempted to roller skate and played lots of arcade games.

The Chicken BBQ is coming soon April 12th and we can use lots of help from our church congregation! Please contact Adam or Whitney if you would like to help!

April is almost here! Look below for upcoming events!

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

OPEN DOOR MISSION – April 4th (SATURDAY)
Be at the church at 5:30pm – returning by 8pm

NO YOUTH GROUP EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th.

April 12th - CHICKEN BBQ! Be at church around 9am.

-SELL YOUR TICKETS!!!

-BBQ ends around 3pm.

Youth Groups – April 19th

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

11:00am-1pm – DTO Youth Group

NO YOUTH GROUP April 26th. Adam and Whitney are away!

Youth Groups – May 3rd

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

11:00am-1pm – DTO Youth Group

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.

255
Following

144
Followers

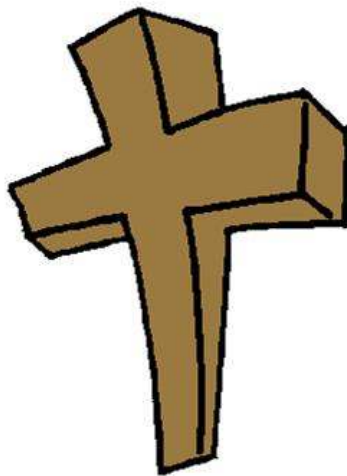


Questions? Contact Adam Scoville / cpministerofmusic@gmail.com / 585-269-8746

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E
O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R
H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y
T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z
X C R U C I F I X I O N N K Q

APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS



WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!



SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2015!

The Sale will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

It is time to clear out and donate those items that you no longer need but that might be useful to someone else. Keep the following in mind when you prepare your donations:

1. *Items should be clean and of decent quality.*
2. *No clothing items will be accepted for the Rummage Sale. If you have clothing items, they may be bagged and placed in the St. Pauly Box.*
3. **Items should be clearly marked with a reasonable price.**
4. *Items of particular interest: dishes, housewares, books, sports items, toys, working/quality electrical items, holiday decor, home decor, and furniture.*
5. *Please place your donations in the **West Sunday School room beginning May 17th (or youth room in the basement).***
6. *Proceeds (tentatively) will go to a local Habitat Home.*

Also:

1. *Volunteers are needed to post sale flyers.*
2. *Volunteers are needed for setup/pricing – from June 2 - June 5.*
3. *Volunteers are needed for working the sale – Saturday, June 6.*

Contact Roger Willis at 293-3561
or rwillis004@rochester.rr.com with questions,
or to volunteer.

CAMP WHITMAN

Camping and Open Positions!

Detailed information is in Fellowship Hall,
or go to www.CampWhitman.org

Camping

Holiday Camping Weekends
May 22-25, 2015 and September 4-7, 2015

Open House

Open House & Chicken BBQ
Saturday, June 6th (12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.)

Open Positions (June 29 – August 15, 2015)

Camp Counselor
Program Coordinator
Camp Nurse
Aquatic Director
Lifeguard
Head Cook
Assistant Cook
Prep Cook/Dishwasher

K-5th Grade Camps

Pioneer

3rd – 5th Grade Camps

Camp Quest
Adventures

6th – 8th Grade Camps

Arts & Culinary
Extreme Whitman
Anything Goes
Moonlight Mystery
Discovery
Water Rec

6th – 12th Grade Camps

Sunfish Sailing
Bridge Weekend
Wilderness Survival
Extreme Whiteman
Nite Owl

10th – 12th Grade Camp

Counselor in Training

“Dancing to a Different Rhythm with the Lord of the Dance”

Sabbatical Plan Description

Approved by the Session 3/17/15

Sabbatical Task Force Members: Carrie Horton (Personnel Chair), Pat Jones, Geoff Wasmer, Brandi Wooten

One of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley policies attached to Pastor Brandi’s Terms of Call is the “Sabbatical Policy.”
The beginning of that policy reads:

“The Presbytery of Genesee Valley recommends to the sessions of its churches that Pastors be granted, upon request, a compensated Sabbatical Leave of at least three (3) months after six (6) years of service to an individual church. Upon returning to the church from the Sabbatical Leave, the Pastor will be restored to his/her former position and status and shall receive salary as per their terms of call and she/he will remain in their position for at least one (1) year or otherwise forfeit the salary provided during the period of the Sabbatical Leave.”

Often on completion of years of ministry and service, pastors need time to refocus their vision, update professional skills and find renewal of their sense of call. During their period of ministry and service, pastors endure many of the burdens, the anguish, the pain, hurts and emotional strain of their parishioners. As a result, many experience symptoms of emotional collapse, stress related illnesses and “burnout,” all of which diminish their effectiveness and jeopardize their well-being. A Sabbatical Leave offers an opportunity for a change-of-pace.

A Sabbatical Leave is a planned time of renewal by which a pastor seeks personal and professional growth. A Sabbatical Leave may include continuing education, spiritual formation, mentoring with respected leaders, and personal refreshment. It is an opportunity for an individual to disengage from regular and routine tasks so that their ministry may be viewed from a new perspective.

A Sabbatical Leave is an extension of the biblical concept of the Sabbath Day of renewal. It is both an act of faith that God will sustain us through a period of reflection and an occasion for the renewal of vital energies. Just as the Sabbath Day is a gift from God during a busy week, so the gift of a Sabbatical Leave can offer refreshment and rejuvenation for those who labor continuously for God’s people. The goal of the Sabbatical Leave is to allow the pastor to return to the responsibilities of the congregation with renewed energy, spiritual vision, and effectiveness. Pastors who have the opportunity to reflect on issues of professional growth and development are more likely to stay more years in a particular call.”

Plan Description - During the period of Brandi’s Sabbatical leave (**June 1st - August 31st, 2015**), she plans to study and experience worship planning and practice. She will do this by attending a variety of worship services within and outside our denomination (i.e., Twelve Corner’s Companions on the Way, Pearce Memorial Church, Penfield Presbyterian Church, The Father’s House).

She will also study new techniques and theories of preaching using the books The Jazz of Preaching by Kirk Byron Jones, What is Wrong with Preaching Today edited by Mike Graves, and Let the Whole Church Say Amen! by Laurence Hull Stookey.

Acknowledging that the purpose of Sabbatical Leave is for rest and spiritual renewal as well as study, Brandi will explore the spirituality of photography, using the book Eyes of My Heart by Christine Valters Paintner and Visual Journaling: Going Deeper than Words by Barbara Ganim and Susan Fox for a guide into this process.

In order to cover the expenses incurred with this Sabbatical Leave, Brandi is willing to use her professional expense account to pay for pulpit supply (\$1,625.00) as well as any per diem emergency pastoral care needs. Brandi will line up people to preach during the Sabbatical time as well as pastors to be on-call for pastoral care emergencies during her time away.

The Sabbatical is not only for the pastor but allows the church to learn and grow as well. During the Sabbatical time, the church will echo Brandi's experience of new worshipping styles. The Sabbatical Task Force, with Pastor Brandi, will intentionally fill the pulpit with guest preachers who are diverse in style and worship tradition (from both within and outside of the Presbyterian Denomination). They will be invited to plan the service how they would in their own tradition so that the congregation can experience a variety of worship styles. During this experience, the congregation is invited and encouraged to reflect on what aspects of worship resonated with them and what aspects of worship pushed at their comfort zones. At the end of the Sabbatical time, an event will be planned where both Pastor Brandi and the congregation can share what they learned about worshipping God.

Benefits of Taking a Sabbatical

By taking this time for rest and renewal, Brandi will be able to reconnect with God in a new way and deepen her understanding of her call. Through worshipping in different communities, she will be able to "fill the well" for creative worship planning, which is something that she is deeply passionate about.

Questions to Be Considered:

- **Who will moderate a Session meeting?**
Brandi will request that the COM appoint someone of her choosing.
- **How will the Season Teams prepare for their work while she is away?**
The Harvest Team will have their initial meeting and begin their work prior to Brandi's Sabbatical.
- **How do we prepare to cover everyday pastoral care?**
One of the wonderful things about this church is our skilled and caring Deacons and they will continue their ministry of care through this period. Before she goes on Sabbatical, Pastor Brandi will brief the Deacons on particular situations that might need attention.
- **What happens if someone dies while Brandi is away?**
If Pastor Brandi is truly to be able to engage in her Sabbatical it is necessary for her to be gone from all church activities and functions during that time. She will not be responding to funerals. There will be gifted pastors on call in case of such an emergency. One of the gifts of this church is that we are all able to minister to one another in times of stress, grief and crisis. It is also important to note that while this might be difficult for the congregation, it is also difficult for Pastor Brandi to be away from the people she cares deeply for.
- **Is this an extended vacation for Pastor Brandi?**
Here is how the Sabbatical Policy addresses this question:
"While a Sabbatical is a time of rest and renewal, it is not vacation. A Sabbatical Leave is qualitatively different from "time off" or "vacation" in that there is a plan for personal and professional renewal. Proper sabbaticals involve a plan, a goal, and accountability. A Sabbatical Leave should not, however, be so tightly structured that the Spirit has no freedom to lead and reveal. The plan should have built-in flexibility. Neither vacation nor continuing education/study leave should be affected by a Sabbatical Leave. However, accrued vacation or continuing education/study leave may be taken in conjunction with the Sabbatical Leave, adding no more than four additional weeks to the Sabbatical Leave."
- **Will Brandi be expected to produce something at the end of the Sabbatical Period?**
The "product" of the Sabbatical will be an inspired pastor and an inspired congregation. As we experience new ways of being church and doing ministry, we will come back with "new dance steps" which will enhance our community's understanding and experience of God's work in the world.

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