



# Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

“Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community”

June 2

Israel Trip Sunday  
Communion  
Personnel Evaluations

June 9

Pentecost  
Hosting a neutral pulpit

June 16

Church Picnic  
Father's Day

June 23

Graduation & Youth Sunday

June 30

Guest Speaker: Rev. Rod  
Frohman



2019

## Pentecost: “Seeking Aliveness”

**June 9 Pentecost Sunday**

**June 16 Church Picnic at Union Station Park**

**June 23 Youth and Graduation Sunday**

**July 13 Redwings Baseball Game**

**August 18 Garage Tour and Ice Cream Social**

**More details inside this newsletter.....**



*Our Officers:* Session, Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees

*Our Committees:* Endowment, Finance, Mission Fund, Nominating, Personnel, Scholarship

*Our Season Teams:* Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Advent/Christmas /Epiphany

*Our Music Program:* Choir, Glorious Ringers, Chili Worship Team

*Mission Support:* Cameron Community Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Open Door Mission, Presbyterian Church special offerings, SWEM, Vision for Camasca and much more.

## Wooten's Wonderings



As I am sure you have heard, the theme for this Pentecost Season is "Seeking Aliveness". While the Pentecost team did not know this, I have a book that has been on my shelf for several years with that title. The theme of that book encompasses what the Pentecost Team desired to get across with the choice of their theme. I would like to share with you the opening paragraphs of Brian McLaren's devotional style book "Seeking Aliveness" because he sets the stage for his book and our season so well:

"What we all want is pretty simple, really. We want to be alive. To feel alive. Not just to exist but to thrive, to live out loud, walk tall, breathe free. We want to be less lonely, less exhausted, less conflicted or afraid... more awake, more grateful, more energized and purposeful. We capture this kind of mindful, over-brimming life in terms like well-being, shalom, blessedness, wholeness, harmony, life to the full, and *aliveness*. The quest for aliveness explains so much of what we do. It's why readers read and travelers travel. It's why lovers love and thinkers think, why dancers dance and moviegoers watch. In the quest for aliveness, chefs cook, foodies eat, farmers till, drummers riff, fly fishers cast, runners run, and photographers shoot. The quest for aliveness is the heart beat that pulses through the Bible- and the best thing about religion, I think. It's what we're hoping for when we pray. It's why we gather, celebrate, eat, abstain, practice, sing, and contemplate. When people say, 'I'm spiritual,' what they mean, I think, is simple: 'I'm seeking inner aliveness.'"

So as we move into this season of Pentecost, may we enjoy the warm summer days which inspire us to get outdoors, move and enjoy all that life has to offer. May we take up those things which give us joy and may we experience the presence and blessing of God in them. May we seek aliveness in our bodies, minds, hearts and spirits!

### Personnel Evaluations

The Personnel Committee will be having a discussion on the performance of our Church Staff on **Sunday, June 2** after the Fellowship Hour in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to participate in the discussion. If you need a copy of the job descriptions, please call the office or they can be found on the church web page: <http://chili-presbyterian.org>. Under the "About Us" tab you will find the Manual of Administrative Operations. Section 3— Personnel will have the job descriptions of the Pastor, Minister of Music, Accompanist, Youth Director, Custodian and Office Administrator.

### New donation envelopes

New envelopes have been created to give the donor the option of six different church funds. These envelopes can be used when making a donation *in honor of* or *in memory of* someone and can be found in the pew racks.

As a Presbyterian Church we pay a “head tax” to the national Presbyterian Church (USA) and the local Presbytery of Genesee Valley. This yearly cost is based on the number of active members in a local church. Our 2019 per capita is:

Presbytery	\$2,224.80
Synod	\$ 442.80
General Assembly	\$ 966.60



*Per Capita -  
For Love of  
Christ's Church*

To help defray this budget item, we ask members of Chili Pres to consider covering the cost of \$33.65 for each active member in your family. As of April 30, 2019 we have received \$830.65 towards the \$3,635 we need to pay this year. Thank you for your consideration of supporting this church budget item.

*Celebrating*

each other ...

**June**

- 1 Kathy Stowe
- 2 McArthur's Anniversary
- 5 Geoff Wasmer
- 12 Sandy McCauley
- 15 Harvey Heer
- 17 Alice Zah  
Zah's anniversary
- 19 Tim Abell Jr
- 20 McKenlee Scoville
- 21 Shane Oliver
- 26 Jean Leiske
- 29 Danny Gittens

We're moving and I extend an invitation to the church family

As you may have heard, Joe and I will be moving to Georgetown, Texas sometime this fall to be nearer family. I'm building us a new home in the Sun City Del Webb retirement community north of Austin and anticipate closing sometime between September 25-November 25<sup>th</sup>. I plan to tell Joe about this happy news July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please don't mention our move to Joe until after that date. With his Alzheimer's progressing and the harsh winters we have had to contend with these past few years, I think we will both be happier in future.

Below is a link to the web site. We're building the Noir Coast model.

[https://www.delwebb.com/homes/texas/austin/georgetown/sun-city-texas-16369?cmp=SEM\\_DWB\\_DIV\\_DMA39\\_CTX\\_ONGOING\\_Bing\\_B&gclid=CJf5-ILMqOICFVn6swod84sCYg&gclsrc=ds](https://www.delwebb.com/homes/texas/austin/georgetown/sun-city-texas-16369?cmp=SEM_DWB_DIV_DMA39_CTX_ONGOING_Bing_B&gclid=CJf5-ILMqOICFVn6swod84sCYg&gclsrc=ds)

I extend an invitation to you, our church family, to come and enjoy a professionally catered brunch on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following Worship. A sign up sheet will be made available in July on the bulletin board in the Fellowship room..

Ever thankful for all our beloved church has done for us these many years.

*Yours in Christ,  
Ginny Harkness*

Pastor Brandi will be on vacation from June 24 to July 26.

**The Summer Newsletter  
(covering July & August)  
Deadline is June 18**

# Leadership News.....

## At its meeting on May 7, 2019 Session...

...discussed Chapter 9, "Gratitude" in the book, Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus Christ. We reflected on how God is a "giving" God and how we can discern our gifts and assets in order to regift them to the community. For example, discerning the use of property we own on Chili Avenue, or expanding services to the community such as what we have done with WIC. We also discussed the importance of gratitude in saying "Thank you" to those around us who help us in both big and small ways in our daily lives.

...received the Treasurer's report and financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2019.

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

... noted that Pastor Brandi will be taking vacation June 24, 2019 – July 25, 2019.

...noted that Rev. Kevin Hershey will be on call the week of May 13, 2019 while Pastor Brandi is on study leave.

...discussed recent communication from Presbytery regarding Sexual Harassment Prevention Training, conducting background checks of employees and volunteers working with youths.

... approved using Presbytery's recommendations for Sexual Harassment training and background checks and that Pastor Brandi, as chief of staff, be the designated Administrator.

... placed Activity dates on the Master calendar

June 2, 2019 – Worship: Israel trip experiences

June 9, 2019 – Pentecost Sunday

June 16, 2019 – Church Picnic at Union Station Park Lodge

June 23, 2019 – Youth Sunday/Graduation Sunday

August 20, 2019 – Session meeting at Ferrari's 5:30 PM (No July Meeting)

September 22, 2019 – Harkness Brunch

...approved the request of Ann Armstrong that her contribution of \$1000.00 to the Memorial Fund in memory of Helen and Bill Daugherty, Judith Tobey, and her husband, Robert Armstrong be designated Option 1: "Contributions are placed in the Fund with no restrictions. The Session determines both the use and the timing of the use of these funds."

...approved the request of Sarah Trenton Ladino that her donation of \$1707.48 to the church be designated for the General Fund for Session to determine its use.

...approved transferring \$1707.48 from the General Fund to the Designed Fund, "Session Fund".

...established the summer Stated Session meeting for Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 5:30 PM at Ferrari's Chili. (There will be no July meeting)

...noted with gratitude, that the Board of Deacons has accepted Session's invitation to take responsibility for the Scholarship Program. Dale Faatz is leading the Committee this year and work is well underway.

...conducted performance evaluations for Office Administrator, Sandy McCauley and Pastor Brandi.

...noted that Ginny and Joe Harkness will host a Brunch in place of coffee hour on Sunday, September 22, 2019.

...discussed the "Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations Program" supported by the Board of Pensions. The program brings a pastor and congregational leadership together to work toward financial sustainability by providing financial education and consultations to both the pastor and congregational leaders. Pastors who complete the program receive a grant of up to \$10,000 which can be used to reduce or eliminate the pastor's education or other debt, or, to boost personal savings for retirement. By motion, Session approved enrolling our church in the "Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations Program". Our enrollment included a \$200 donation.

## Leadership News (continued)...

...approved purchasing 500 pew envelopes for donors to use when placing a donation to one of six church Funds (General Fund, Mission Fund, Scholarship Fund, Memorial Fund, Endowment Fund, Housing/Investment Fund). *See the March issue of "Roots and Wings" for the Special Gift and Fund Allocation Policy and a description of each Fund.*

*Remitted by,*

*Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session*

### June 16, 2019

Union Station Park Lodge  
25 Rock Island Road (off of Union St)

Same place as last year.....

10:00 AM



Please bring a dish to share and your place setting. Hotdogs and Italian sausage will be provided by Chef Walt and sous chef Carrie. Beverages will be provided by the Pentecost team. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board (or call the office) so that we can get an accurate count to purchase the meat.

- Pentecost Team



And

Brunch

The Easter Team invites you to "Birding and Brunch" on **Saturday, June 1**. We will leave from church at 9 AM and car pool to Island Cottage Woods (25 minute drive). There we will walk a couple of trails through a small woods that is known for migratory birds. Depending on the weather we will be there about 90 minutes. They are mulch trails but are frequently wet so boots are recommended. Jay Mathewson will be our guide. Following the hike, we will gather for brunch at the Original Charbroil House (which provides breakfast and lunch type meals). If you don't want to go birding, you are welcome to join us for brunch. In case of really bad weather, Jay will give us an introduction to birding, using the new sanctuary projector, with brunch following.

# Summer Office Hours

As per Session approval on October 16, 2018, Office hours will be reduced for July and the first week in August. The office will be open from 9-2 ONLY on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 3,  
Thursday, July 11  
Thursday, July 25  
Thursday, August 1  
Thursday, August 8

There will be no office hours the week of July 15 because of vacation.

Regular Tuesday through Thursday hours will resume on August 13. Please keep these dates in mind when needing something from the office or planning on something that needs to be included in the bulletin or Chili Happenings.

Love is what we were born with. Fear and hate we learn. The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and hate, and the acceptance of love back into our hearts.

-unknown

## Welcome to the Season of Pentecost *“Seeking Aliveness”*

The 2019 Pentecost Team, Andy Atwater, Sharon Breeze, Jerry Huffman, and Co-Facilitators Nancy Huffman and Geoff Wasmer met with Pastor Brandi in early May to study the liturgy for Pentecost. We viewed a video on rediscovering the holy spirit of Pentecost and what the holy spirit can do. We discussed what it means to be “alive in the spirit”. We reflected on questions: How does the holy spirit spark joy as we go about our daily work? How do we live out and sustain passion and vitality in our daily lives? What new will appear in each of us through our daily work and activities? We were energized by the so-many things that come alive in the summer, thus the theme emerged, “Seeking Aliveness” which represents the Spirit in action!

We usually think of red as color for Pentecost and it is most often represented with flames and wind. Through a devotional used by Pastor Brandi, we discovered that the Spirit can be represented by the color green – the divine photosynthesis that grows everything from within by transforming light into itself. So, as we enter the summer season of Pentecost, we will be sharing images of “Seeking Aliveness”. We will also be asking you, our church family to share your images and photos of how you seek and enjoy aliveness.





## Welcome to the Season of Pentecost June 9 – September 7



The 2019 Pentecost Team has plenty in store for you as we explore and live into the theme  
***“Seeking Aliveness”***

### **Outreach -- Throughout the Pentecost Season**

- The Pentecost Team will be collecting items to donate to House of Mercy, a beacon of hope and ***aliveness*** for homeless residents who ***seek*** and depend on the efforts of Sister Grace, her staff, and volunteers for food, shelter, clothing and other needs.
- The most pressing needs right now are deodorant, lotion and socks. They are also in need of pillowcases, sheets, towels and washcloths.

Starting now, bring in your donations and place in the bins in Fellowship Hall.

### **Sharing “Aliveness” – Throughout the Pentecost Season**

- Please bring your photos or images to post on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall that represent ***“Seeking Aliveness”*** for you during these summer months.

### **June 9 -- Pentecost Sunday**

- Starting today and throughout the Season, bring in your photos and images of how you “seek a liveness” and place them on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.
- This is the last day of Children’s Church.
- Enjoy Coffee Hour hosted by the Pentecost Team.

**June 16 -- Church Picnic** See detail on page 5 of this newsletter

### **July 13 -- Red Wings Baseball game and fireworks**

- Plan to attend this early evening game and watch the Red Wings vs. the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs! Fireworks will follow! The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Carpools from the church will be at 5:15 pm so we will arrive in time to purchase food, find our seats, and get ready for some fun! Guests are welcome. Ticket cost \$11.50.

### **August 18 -- Garage Tour, Antique Car Rides, and Ice-cream Social at Huffman’s.**

- This will be an afternoon event. The Huffman’s invite you to come and view their collection of antique cars, automobile collectibles, and go for a ride! Bring your lawn chairs and be ready to enjoy an ice-cream Sundae. Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet in July.



## June Sunday Volunteers

### June 2

Greeters: Bill Horn & Debbie Lamphron  
Communion: Debbie Lamphron (juice)  
Barb Wasmer  
Geoff Wasmer (bread)  
Jr. Greeter: Brooke Wilson  
Childcare: Whitney Scoville  
Children's Church: Barb Wasmer  
Fellowship Hour: Grace & Evan Engelbrecht

### June 9 Pentecost

Greeters: Becky & John Sosik  
Jr. Greeter: Harry Gernhardt  
Childcare: Lisa Snover  
Children's Church: Barb Wasmer  
Fellowship Hour: Pentecost Team

### June 16 Picnic

Greeters: Linda Enright & Laurie DePaul

### June 23

Greeters: Mark Carden & Roger Willis  
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten  
Childcare: Pat Olson  
Fellowship Hour: Board of Deacons

### June 30

Greeters: Vicky & Tom Leahy  
Jr. Greeter: Brooke Wilson  
Childcare: Becky Sosik

*'Those who leave  
everything in God's  
hands, will eventually  
see God's hand in  
everything'*

-Anonymous



The July 1, 2019 to  
June 30, 2020  
Volunteer list will be  
e-mailed in June. As  
in the past, a  
reminder will be sent  
to you electronically  
two weeks prior to  
your service. If you  
have a conflict on the  
day that you are  
scheduled, you may  
switch with someone,  
but PLEASE let the  
office know so that we  
can be accurate.  
Thank you,

*Sandy*

The Deacon's Community Food Cupboard is being used by our neighbors here in the Chili area. We have also had folks who are in need of a gas card.

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to the bookshelves in the hallway just past Brandi's office. Your continued support of this community program is very much appreciated.

Your Board of Deacons





### “Burn the Ships!”

I recently shared a song in church by the band For King and Country named “Burn the Ships.” It is a very powerful song, but the back story behind it is even more interesting. In a recent YouTube video, lead singer Luke Smallbone shares the story of the song.

The story goes that Luke’s wife, while pregnant was struggling with severe nausea. Her doctor prescribed some medication, which helped at first, but after a while stopped working. So her doctor increased the dose of the medication. Eventually his wife became addicted to the medication and needed to go to an outpatient mental health clinic to help with this addiction. After a few weeks, she was able to break this tough addiction. As part of her emotional healing process, she asked that they flush the remaining pills, watching each one disappear. This was her way to move on from a tough life experience.

So how would this relate to burning the ships? Luke explains that as he was reflecting on that experience with his wife, he was reminded of Cortez, a famous explorer who once burned his ships upon reaching new land. Cortez and his men had travelled across the ocean, looking for new lands, and as he approached a new continent, he asked that the men burn the ships. The men were bewildered, and at first resisted this command. But Cortez was serious, and in the end they burned the ships and went on to explore the new world they had found.

So why would Cortez do this? Well, the ships for his men were what they knew. There was comfort on the ships. There was familiarity. There was a place to retreat. Cortez did not want his men to have the option to retreat back to the ships. In essence, he put his crew on an island, with the only option for them was to explore or perish. To get comfortable with a new norm and not think of retreating.

Isn’t this all really interesting? These two stories come together in a profound way that to be a Christian, and to have faith sometimes means we have to burn one of our ships and force ourselves to explore a new path. Sometimes, we need to flush each pill to see the reality of a complete change. Sometimes, we need to have the courage to step away from things that are unhealthy for us, even if it is not the popular thing to do.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says that “if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” When we are followers of Christ, we are a new creation. That does not mean that we won’t be tested, tempted, deceived, or left feeling hopeless by Satan. It is important to always stand guard of our lives and be willing to let God move and shake us anyway that we need to be shaken, trusting that Christ knows our path and what is best for us.

So as we move and change in these next few months, may we be willing to “Burn the Ships,” and be willing to explore what God is doing in our lives in new ways.

*Be blessed and continue to let the music play. -Adam*

# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP



Leader: Adam Scoville

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Bio: Junior High and Senior High Youth looking to strengthened their faith in Christ and build lifelong relationships with others.

It is almost summertime!!!!

First and foremost, thank you to all who supported our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Chicken BBQ! It was a great success. It cannot be done without the many hands who help throughout the weekend, and for those who sell tickets and tell friends and neighbors! We are so blessed, and the proceeds (which was over \$3,249) goes toward our Mission Funds.

Speaking of missions, I am happy to announce that our youth group will be travelling to Montana this summer for our youth mission trip with Group Lifetree Adventures! It will be a workcamp on the Cheyenne Indian reservation in Lame Deer, Montana. The trip will be from July 6-19<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our group as we are putting all the plans together for our trip! We will be discussing this trip during our Youth Service on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We had a few fun meetings in May, with the highlight was going to Swillburger restaurant in downtown Rochester. This restaurant has great burgers and shakes, along with all the classic arcade games you can think of. It was a ton of fun to check it out!

So as we prepare for our Mission Trip, here is our revised June schedule below!

*Blessings!*

*Adam, Whitney and McKenlee ☺*

## Upcoming Schedule!

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Youth Group - after Church: 11am-1pm

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group - after Church: 11am-1pm

June 16<sup>th</sup>: Church Picnic! - food and games after service.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Youth Service/Graduation Sunday/Mission Trip Send off

Be to church at 9:15am. No youth group after.

June 30<sup>th</sup>: NO YOUTH GROUP!

July 6-19<sup>th</sup>: MISSION TRIP!

## St. Pauly Box Schedule

May 27-June 9 = Aidan Snover

June 10-23 = Adam Scoville

June 24-July 7 = Alex Mathewson