



# Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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



## More details inside about:

Brandi's vacation June 24 to July 26

Summer Office Hours

Youth Mission Trip

Mission outreach - House of Mercy

July 13 - Baseball and Fireworks

August 18 - Garage Tour and Ice Cream Social

July 7

Guest Speaker: Rev. Harry Heintz

July 14

Guest Speaker: Rev. Val Fowler

July 21

Guest Speaker: Sister Barbara Moore

July 28

“Prayerful Disciples” - Luke 11: 1-13

August 4

“Wanting Too Much” - Luke 12: 13-31

August 11

“Faith Is” - Hebrews 11:1-13,8-16

August 18

“Faith Witnesses” - Luke 12: 49-56

August 25

“Out of the Shadow” - Luke 13: 10-17

*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 we head into the summer "Seeking Aliveness" in a variety of ways, I came across this poem that a friend of mine had given me. It is based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and written by an unknown author. It reminds me that aliveness is not just about the natural world, but is about discovering and living into the truest version of ourselves. This takes introspection, prayer and courage. This poem speaks to me of these things and reminds me that to live fully into who I am called to be, I must be balanced both in action and motives. I hope you find something in this poem that resonates with you.

"If I live my life to perfection, doing what is right and good on behalf of others, but act with compulsion and without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I take care of the needs of everybody in the world, especially the poor, because of my own need to help, but am without love even for myself, then I am nothing at all.

If I am efficient and successful in all that I do for the sake of justice, but act out of drivenness and without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am cultured and refined, and in touch with the pain of existence, but am absent from the pain of persons in the present moment who need my empathy; and if I act without love and compassion, then I am nothing at all.

If I have the gifts of wisdom, insight, and understanding, but am not engaged with those around me in the present moment and am without a spirit of compassion and love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am faithful, loyal, and obedient, and never deviate from the law, but am judgmental and blaming, and am without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I live in a pain-free world of dreams and plans, enjoying optimism and pleasurable options, but am not addressing present problems and am avoiding people in actual distress and am without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am strong and powerful, but lose my best self in a spirit of resentment, retaliation, and vindictiveness, and know nothing of the vulnerability of love, then I am nothing at all.

If I am settled and accommodating, holding onto a sense of distance and calm, but am not journeying inward to know and appreciate my weaknesses and gifts, and am neglecting my own legitimate calling to love myself, then I am nothing at all."

~Author Unknown,

based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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 May 31, 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.

thank  
you!

The Personnel Committee would like to thank all the Boards and Congregation for participating in the review process for our Church Staff. Without your input, we would not know your feelings and thoughts for the direction our church staff should move. Over the years, with our open dialogue we have implemented many of your suggestions.

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Personnel Committee at any time throughout the year. We are always open to constructive comments about our staff.

Carrie Horton, Co-Chair Session

Tim Englebrecht, Co-Chair Session

Gage Oliver, Trustees Rep

Barb Wasmer, Congregation Rep



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

Joe and I will be moving to Georgetown, Texas sometime this fall to be nearer family. We anticipate closing on our new house 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.

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 is 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.

If emergency Pastoral Care is needed during that time Please call the following Elders for assistance:

June 24 to June 30 call Brian Gernhardt (454-9529)

July 1 to July 15 call Nancy Huffman (737-8709)

July 16 to July 25 call Ken Milner (764-9146)

# Leadership News.....

## **At its meeting on June 11, 2019 Session...**

...discussed Chapter 10, "Hospitality" in the book, Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus Christ, authored by C. Christopher Smith and John Pattison. We discussed the many ways live out hospitality – we love each other for who we are, we reach beyond our borders, we endeavor to meet all requests, and we are welcoming. We look to our participation in the Vital Congregations Initiative (which Session approved in April) as we identify next steps.

...received the Treasurer's report and financial reports for the month ending May 31, 2019.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi summarizing pastoral contacts.

...agreed to meet at Stone's Countryside restaurant for our meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>

... noted that Pastor Brandi will be attending the first meeting of the Vital Congregations Initiative training in Baltimore, MD on August 1-2, 2019.

...noted that Pastor Brandi has liturgists in place for the Sunday's she will be on vacation.

...noted that Rev. Kevin Hershey will be available for pastoral care for most of the month Pastor Brandi is away. She will confirm the person for additional pastoral care. ...identified Session members to be the contact for persons in need of pastoral care as follows: 6/24/19-6/30/19-Elder Gernhardt; 7/1/19-7/15/19-Elder Huffman;7/16/19-7/25/19-Elder Milner

...placed activity dates on the master calendar

August 20, 2019 – Session meeting Stones Countryside, Churchville

September 17, 2019 – Session meeting

October 7, 2019 - Annual Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons

October 7, 2019 – Session meeting

...heard an update from Elder Engelbrecht, Task Force on Community Garden. He has contacted the Town of Chili Assessor regarding taxes on land the church owns at 3551 Chili Avenue. The Assessor indicated that as of now, the land is still listed as "Tax Exempt". Elder Engelbrecht obtained a list of types of properties that would be regarded as tax exempt. "Charitable use" was on the list which would seem to be a category appropriate for a community garden. Tim indicated that should we move forward, he has an Eagle Scout candidate who would clear trees for an Eagle Scout project.

...heard an update from Pastor Brandi on our Valley Neighborhood News. She will be attending a Valley Neighbors meeting next week. They are considering an all church neighborhood retreat for late fall on "Sabbath Keeping" and participating in CROP walk.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi that she and Adam are collaborating with Youth Directors and Pastors from Gates, Brockport, and Ogden churches to offer joint youth programs.

... scheduled the Annual Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons is Monday, October 7, 2019.

...heard a report from Pastor Brandi on behalf of the Scholarship Committee which is now under the aegis of the Board of Deacons. The Scholarship Committee has completed its work. Alex Mathewson will be the recipient of a \$1000 scholarship.

... approved changing the dates of the September and October Session meetings to September 17, 2019 and October 7, 2019....heard a report from Elder Engelbrecht, Co-Chair of the Personnel Committee. He reported that Pastor Brandi would like to take Sabbatical leave in 2022. Under Presbytery Guidelines a sabbatical is encouraged every 7 years. Pastor Brandi's previous leave was in 2015. Pastor Brandi is requesting this leave of 4 months (May-August 2022) now so that she can apply for a Lily Grant to support her chosen leave activity. She must submit her grant proposal at least 18 months prior to taking the leave. The grant, if awarded, would be up to \$50,000 (to support her chosen activity) of which \$15,000 would support hiring a temporary supply pastor who would moderate Session, conduct worship, etc.

# Leadership News (continued)....

Given that Pastor Brandi has been with us since 2008, and we have seen the positive result of her well-being as a result of her last Sabbatical, the Personnel Committee recommends the Session approve Pastor Brandi's request.

...approved Pastor Brandi's request for a 4-month Sabbatical, May-August 2022.

...discussed use of \$800.00 Study leave in the Pastor's Terms of Call to support, if necessary, Pastor Brandi's Sabbatical. Session noted that in the Terms of Call agreement, "Unused study leave allowances may be accumulated during the continuation of a pastoral relationship for up to four years and up to a total of eight weeks."

...in keeping with the Presbytery's Terms of Call use of Study leave, approved creating an Unused Pastor Study Leave Designated Fund

...discussed requirements for Sexual Harassment Prevention Training and Background Checks. New York State Law now mandates that that all non-profit employers, including churches, provide sexual harassment prevention training that meets the N.Y.S law's minimum standards. All employees, paid and unpaid, must receive training on an annual basis. Presbytery is providing guidance to churches in fulfilling these requirements. Churches must appoint an "administrator" who will track and verify that employees, paid and unpaid, have completed the annual training. Churches must also define what/who is an "unpaid" employee. In May 2019, Session appointed Pastor Brandi Wooten as the designated administrator. Session discussed the need to add this to her job description. Further, Session discussed the need for the Personnel Committee to oversee and verify the completion of training by all paid and unpaid employees. Session also discussed how it would define "unpaid" employees.

...approved adding Administrator of annual Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for paid and unpaid employees to the Pastor's job description and, further, adding oversight and verification of Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for paid and unpaid employees to the responsibilities of the Personnel Committee.

... defined "unpaid employee" as anyone who has a job description in the Manual of Administrative Operations and is uncompensated.

...reviewed the Committees listed in the Authority/Responsibility section of the Manual of Administrative Operations and by motion, and approved that documents in the Authority/Responsibility section of the Manual of Administrative Operations describing committees, be titled Committee Responsibilities (Ex. Personnel Committee Responsibilities).

...summarized Session actions pertaining to individuals required to take the mandated N.Y.S. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training annually as follows: paid Employees include: The Pastor, Minister of Music, Piano (Organist)/Music Accompanist, Youth Director, Office Administrator, and Custodian. Unpaid Employees include: The Finance Chair, Church Treasurer, and Special Gifts and Fund Allocation Coordinator. These individuals will be required to take the mandated annual training.

Remitted by,

Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session



## **How are you “Seeking Aliveness” during this Season of Pentecost?**



Remember to share your photos or images that represent “*Seeking Aliveness*” for you during these summer months. Post them on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



Remember to bring 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.



Be sure to sign up for the Red Wings Baseball game on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Experience *aliveness* following the game with fireworks and a concert by the Rochester Philharmonic. Special seats this year behind home plate! Carpools from the church will be set up so we will arrive in time to purchase food, find our seats, and get ready for some fun! Guests are welcome.



Be sure to sign up for the Garage Tour, Antique Car Rides, and Ice-cream Social on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at Huffman’s. Experience yesteryear’s *aliveness* firsthand! Sundaes will be “scooped” especially for you by members of the Pentecost Team! (See article in 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. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship



## *The Pentecost Team invites you to an Ice-Cream Social, Garage Tour, and Antique Car Rides at the Huffman's*

If you're "**Seeking Aliveness**" you are invited to come and view antique cars that span decades from the early 1900's right on through the thrilling 30's, the fabulous 50's and the slick 60's. Enjoy a ride in a car of your choice!!! Bring a lawn chair and your preferred beverage. Be prepared to come "**alive**" and enjoy nostalgia!!! Sundae's will be served by members of the Pentecost Team. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship room. If you have an antique car (a car that is 25 years or older), why not drive it to this event!!!

What: Ice-Cream Social, Garage Tour, Antique Car Rides

When: **Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

What time: 2-5 PM

Where: Huffman's

601 Stearns Road

Churchville, NY

Sign-up Sheet is in Fellowship Hall (guests are welcome)

Details: Ice-Cream Sundae's will be scooped by members of the Pentecost Team.

Bring your lawn chair

Bring your preferred beverage

# 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.

“ Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world”  
  
-Desmond Tutu

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.



Thanks to the donations of goods by the congregation and all those that took the time to help set-up, work at the sale and help box up the unsold items for the Salvation Army, we are happy to share that we made a profit of \$968.04, that will go towards the new Habitat For Humanity build in Rochester this year.

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Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, sent a check for \$1,905 to the Mar Elias Educational Institution in Israel.

## Celebrating

each other.....

### July

- 1 Evan Engelbrecht
- 2 Harry Gernhardt
- 12 Beth Rowe
- 18 Sue Johnson
- 21 Kathy Mathewson
- 22 Jerry Huffman
- 25 Brenda Naugle
- 31 Doug McArthur

### August

- 3 Sharon Breeze
- 5 Dale Faatz
- 6 Dan Cuffe
- 7 McCauley Anniversary
- 9 Sara Heer, Lisa Snover
- 10 Sherman Gittens, Pat Jones, Dan Wooten
- 11 Harkness Anniversary
- 13 Faatz Anniversary
- 16 Jay Mathewson
- 17 Bev L’Hommedieu
- 18 Sue Edwards
- 30 Gary Alger
- 31 Jon Engelbrecht

## On going Mission Support for SWEM

Thanks to all members of the congregation who donated food to SWEM in June. Five bags (36 food items) were delivered to SWEM.

June marks the beginning of one of the busiest times of food cupboards because children no longer get breakfast and lunch at school. This affects lower income families who depend on food cupboards.

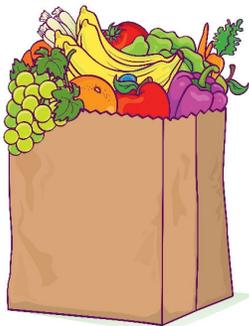
Therefore, our food donations will be greatly needed. Also food donations tend to fall off due to many donors being on vacation.

Please bring food donations to church on Communion Sunday, July 7 and August 4 and help keep the shelves at SWEM stocked.

Thanks for your donations to SWEM throughout the year.

*Happy Summer*

*Jane & Fred Schultz*



## Summer Worship Volunteers

### July 7

Greeters: Sharon Breeze & Sue Edwards

Communion (Intinction): Sharon Breeze (bread), Sue Edwards (juice), Marla Guarnieri and Sandy McCauley

Childcare: Lori Gittens

### July 14

Greeters: Alice & Gary Alger

Childcare: Barb Wasmer

### July 21

Greeters: Lori & Sherman Gittens

Childcare: Cindy Blair

### July 28

Greeters: Jane & Fred Schultz

Childcare: Portia Westfall

### August 4

Greeters: Becky Gernhardt & Dan Wooten

Communion: (Intinction): Sharon Breeze (juice), Brian Gernhardt (bread), Dan Wooten

Childcare: Sue Atwater

### August 11

Greeters: Mark Baker & Portia Westfall

Childcare: Sue Edwards

### August 18

Greeters: Vicky & Tom Leahy

Childcare: Cindy Blair

### August 25

Greeters: Kathy & Jay Mathewson

Childcare: Grace Engelbrecht

The September Newsletter  
deadline is August 20th



## Thank You!

It has been another great year of worshipping together! I want to thank all the groups who have worked so hard all year and shared their talents in church. The choir works so hard every week and everyone is so diligent in coming and singing, and I thank you for taking time out of your week to do that! The Bell Choir has been so enjoyable to lead as well, and I appreciate all who come out early on Sundays to make a glorious ringing sound! I also thank all those who have sang with the worship team this year! Evan and Grace Engelbrecht – you are so patient and willing to sing, and I thank you for your service each year! And thank you to Jan Hoyt, Sandy McCauley, Whitney Scoville, and Becky Sosik for helping to lead worship various times throughout the year! And finally, thank you Cindy Blair, Carrie Horton, all of our youth group and the many others who have sung special numbers and solos throughout the year!

There are just so many people to thank and I want to take that time to recognize people because you have all been such an amazing support to me as I complete up on my 7<sup>th</sup> year leading the music program here at Chili. Hard to believe right? God has been great and has blessed me and our church with a worshipful and meaningful music program, with people who enjoy worshipping for 7 years!

I have thoroughly enjoyed this time as the Minister of Music here at Chili and know that God continues to use me to bring our congregation closer to Him. It is a privilege to lead you all and I thank you for the opportunity to do something I really love – leading people in the praise of Christ!

Enjoy your summer everyone!

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

# CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP



Leader: Adam Scoville

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585-269-8746

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

## MISSION TRIP!

Please pray for our group as we are heading out on a mission trip to Lame Deer, Montana. We are leaving July 6<sup>th</sup> and returning home July 20<sup>th</sup>. Lame Deer is located in the southeast corner Montana, and is part of Cheyenne Indian Reservation. We will be working with low income families, providing upkeep to many homes in the area.

The participants are Alex Mathewson, Nicole Mathewson, Ashleigh Naugle, Jay Mathewson, Kathy Mathewson, and Adam Scoville.

Pray also for Whitney and McKenlee Scoville as they will be travelling out to meet the rest of the group on July 13<sup>th</sup>, and we will be exploring the areas of the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

Have a fantastic summer!

*Blessings!*

*Adam, Whitney and McKenlee ☺*

### **St. Pauly Box Schedule**

We need help July 8 to July 21

We need help July 22 to August 8

August 5 to August 18 - Vicky & Tom Leahy

August 19 to September 1 - Ashleigh Naugle