



Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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



2019

October 6
World Communion
Peace & Global Witness
Offering

October 13

October 20
Guest Speaker: Jeff Falter

October 27
Kitchen Clean-up

Harvest Season

“Digging Into a
Vital Faith”



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, Caring For The Community, and much more.

Wooten's Wonderings



Did you know that “each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition? And that mental illness affects *everyone* either directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers?” Even though mental illness affects so many people in a variety of ways, there is still a considerable amount of misunderstanding about it.

That is why the first full week of October is National Mental Illness Awareness Week. In addition, the Tuesday of this week (this year it is October 8th) is the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding. As a church we affirm that God created us as whole beings: heart, mind, body and soul. And as such, God cares for us as whole beings and wants us to care for ourselves in the same way. Maintaining our mental health is as important as maintaining our physical health. As people of faith, we can stand with and offer support and understanding to people struggling with mental illness.

But there is often a stigma to talking about and getting help for a mental illness. This is why it is so important for faith communities who claim to be a place of welcome and mutual care to speak up about mental illness and create a safe place for all people in whatever their struggles might be.

So, this month in particular, as well as all year round, please join with me in praying for mental health advocacy. Here is one prayer we can join in together:

O God of Light and Knowledge, -- we pray that darkness, fear and ignorance about serious mental illnesses might be dispelled by the light of knowledge.

We pray for **Peace and Wholeness** – for those with troubled minds and hearts, that broken lives and relationships might be mended.

We ask for **Understanding** -- that the walls of stigma, labels, exclusion and marginalization might be broken down through education and advocacy

We pray for **Healing** -- for men, women and children living with mental illness, for better treatment, for steadier recovery, for greater opportunity to work and serve.

We ask for **Faith and Hope** – for those who feel no one cares. Dispel their despair through a cup of cold water, an outstretched arm, a listening ear, a committed advocate.

We offer our **Thanks** - for new discoveries in medical research, for faithful caregivers, for dedicated mental health professionals and persistent researchers.

Most of all, O God of Steadfast Love, we thank you for your Love -- that sustains the weary, that defends the weak, that sets the lonely in families, that brings beauty out of ashes, that brings a song in the night; that inspires courage to hope, to watch, to work for a new and brighter Day.

AMEN.

Source: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/NAMI-FaithNet/Inspirational-and-Healing-Prayers/An-Advocate-s-Prayer>

Ongoing Mission for SWEM



In September, eight bags of food were delivered to SWEM. With colder weather coming, healthier foods such as soups, peanut butter, meals in a can and milk that needs no refrigeration are needed. Tab tops on cans are better and smaller size items for the blessing bags are greatly appreciated. Items that can be easily opened without can openers are more useful to SWEM. Canned fruit is an item that seems to fly off the shelves. Sue Atwater brought a big collection of food for SWEM and the Deacon's Community Cupboard. She asked for food donations for her birthday, which was a very generous gesture — and a great idea !

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated food in September. The food disappears quickly from the shelves so the food supply needs constant replenishing. Please remember to bring food for SWEM on Communion Sunday, October 6 so we can continue to help our neighbors in need.

- Jane & Fred Schulitz



October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday

“Vital Faith”

Luke 17: 5-10

October 13, 2019

“Journey Not Settled”

Luke 17: 11-19

October 20, 2019

Guest Speaker: Jeff Falter

October 27, 2019

Reformation Sunday

“The Comparison Trap”

Luke 18: 9-14

Help Wanted

As per the Safe Sanctuary and Sexual Misconduct Policy that the Session approved on January 27, 2019, on page 5 it states that “All church sponsored activities involving children and/or youth must be supervised by adults... Whenever feasible, a minimum of two adults, (age 18 or older) must be present. Within the Nursery, if two adults are not present, supervision may be done by one adult (age 18 or older) and one person between the ages of 12-17, who have successfully completed a babysitting course is permitted”.

Presently, we have one adult assigned for childcare each Sunday. We are looking for a second person to assist in the Nursery each week so that we are in compliance with the Policy.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with the Sunday's that we are in need of the second person. Please consider volunteering for a week or two.





Sunday, October 6, 2019

25% stays local
 25% stays in the region
 50% goes to global mission
 If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



The House on Holworthy Street is half finished for the family of 11. If you want to help, the Chili Pres work crew will be going on Friday, October 18. Call Roger Willis at 293 3561 if you are interested.

Caring *for our* Community

Chili Pres is starting our second year hosting the WIC clinic twice a month. WIC provides breastfeeding support, nutrition counseling, health education, health care referrals, referrals to other services, and nutritious foods (through food vouchers). This is a great program for young families but through our Caring For our Community ministry we can offer more for them. Last year, we had many grateful folks who benefited from providing full size hygiene items and warm clothing during the late fall and winter months. They also take advantage of the Deacon's Community Food Cupboard. If you want to help, listed below are two opportunities for provide items for these neighbors. There are donations totes in the fellowship room for your use:

Hygiene items – WIC participants will be invited to complete a form to indicate the items that their family could use. The following FULL SIZE items are offered:

tooth brushes	tooth paste	deodorant	shampoo	garbage bags
conditioner	combs & brushes	bar soap	body wash	razor
foot powder	detergent	toilet paper	tissues	shaving cream
dish soap	baby wipes	diapers	Paper towels	

Warm clothing – with the cold weather right around the corner, many families do not have adequate clothing to keep their infants and toddlers warm. They could use socks, hats, mittens, baby blankets, etc. These items can be purchased at the dollar store, be previously used by your children or grand-children and even homemade (like knitted hats and mittens). These items will be made available when the clinic is here at Chili Pres.

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. Our WIC families also benefit from this ministry. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to the book shelves in the hallway just past Brandi's office. Your continued support of this community program is very much appreciated.



Your Board of Deacons

Harvest Season

"Digging Into a Vital Faith"

Fall Fellowship event coming in October

.... stay tuned for more details



To our dearest church family -

Many thanks to so many of you who were able to attend our goodbye brunch. Your gifts and cards were so appreciated.

-Ginny & Joe

Annual Fall Supper

**Saturday, November 2,
2019**



The request for donation envelopes will be available on October 6.

Look for the sign-up board in the sanctuary for helping with early preparation of food and volunteering to work the day of the dinner.

It takes all of us, working together, to make this a successful event for our community.

The November Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, October 15,

Brandi will be on vacation the week of October 14

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, October 17**. Please have anything that would be needed to be added to the bulletin or Power Point for Sunday, October 20 to the office by Tuesday, October 15. Thanks you.



Celebrating

each other.....

October

- 3 Mark Enright
- 4 Bill Hoyt
- 10 Kelsey Atwater
- 15 Tim Engelbrecht
- 16 Sterling DePaul
- 27 Alice Zah



Saturday, October 19, 2019

Supporting Boy Scout

Troup 275

Seatings: 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$6.00 for adult

\$3:00 for children (10 & under)

Take-outs available

*Contact Tim Engelbrecht for tickets
(683-1307 or engelbrechtim@yahoo.com)*

October Worship Volunteers

October 6

Greeters: Jan & Bill Hoyt
Communion (Intinction): Jan Hoyt (bread),
Barb Boerschlein (juice), Alice Zah
Jr. Greeter: Brooke Wilson
Childcare: Kathy Mathewson
Children's Church: Becky Gernhardt & Lori
Gittens
Fellowship Hour: Jan & Bill Hoyt

October 13

Greeters: Jean Bartholomew & Dodie Kasiske
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten
Childcare: Gail McArthur
Children's Church: Becky Gernhardt & Lori
Gittens
Fellowship Hour:

October 20

Greeters: Beth & John Rowe
Jr. Greeter: Harry Gernhardt
Childcare: Judie McGaffick
Children's Church: Becky Gernhardt & Lori
Gittens
Fellowship Hour: Grace & Evan Engelbrecht

October 27

Greeters: Nancy & Jerry Huffman
Jr. Greeters: Brooke Wilson
Childcare: Brenda Naugle
Children's Church: Becky Gernhardt & Lori
Gittens
Fellowship Hour: Nancy & Jerry Huffman

"Prayer is the most important tool for your mission in the world. People may refuse our love or reject our message, but they are defenseless against our prayers."

- Rick Warren



It Was Just One of Those Days...

Have you ever caught yourself saying, "It was just one of those days"? Typically when this is said, it is a statement implying that nothing on a particular day went right for a person.

I had one of those days earlier this week. Mine included going to the dentist (don't all of these stories start with the dentist?) and finding out I need fillings, spilling water all over my pants so it looks like I had a different type of accident, and then breaking a button on the pants! This all happened in the span of about an hour. It's that type of start to a day when you feel like it wasn't worth getting out of bed for! Needless to say, I went home and started over (I had to or my pants would've fell off)!

I am pretty sure that everyone has days like this from time to time. Some days just don't go exactly how we plan them. My recent morning is pretty comical looking back on it! The very basic reality is that we cannot control everything that happens in our lives. However we CAN control how we respond and act to the things happening to us.

It says in 1 Peter 1:6-7 that "In everything you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed"

So God's Word says we need to rejoice through our trials?!?! "But God, nothing is going as planned?!" Sometimes, when I am struggling with something, I know I am not in the mood to praise God. And in those moments God understands that, and is still there.

Also, God did not design us to be put in bubble wrap to keep us safe from the trials of human life. As the verse above says, trials are a part of life to test and strengthen the "genuineness of our faith." Trials and tough times will come to all of us at some point of our lives. It's how we respond to the struggles we have.

I've learned so much about my faith in God through some of the hardest trials of my life. I've learned firsthand that God is always there, and understands pain. I mean, the physical pain Jesus endured from the cross is very apparent, but how apparent is the emotional pain God had as the Father having to send His Son to the cross, watching Him die, and even having to turn away because the emotional pain was too heavy to see. God has experienced trials and struggles and knows what we are going through. Knowing this about God can bring us comfort and peace in our tough times.

Now there are many who have huge trials to endure. My little dentist trial is nothing compared to people who lose a loved one, or find out they have cancer. It is sometimes hard to see that God is beside us in those moments and I know it can be tough to give any sort of praise. Know that God has a plan for us through the trials and struggles we go through. Prayer is an easy form of feeling connected to God – acknowledging God's presence in our lives and asking Him to reveal His plans is a great way to strengthen our faith in tough times.

I pray that when the tough days come, you can have the courage and strength to seek and praise our great God. Trials will strengthen our faith if we find hope to stay positive knowing that God is right beside us. Remember, we CAN control how we respond to the things happening to us, and in doing so will strengthen our faith in our Creator.

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.

We have had a great start in September! As we finish up the month this weekend, we are doing the Valley Neighbor CROP Walk to raise money to help stop hunger in our world! And it is a close race as to who has raised the most in church so far! Geoff Wasmer is currently in the lead, but Ashleigh Naugle is very close behind! I am not too far behind either! We will see who gets the most in this friendly competition!

I know I mentioned this last month, but it's worth repeating. We had an epic 2 week mission trip in July! We travelled to Lame Deer, Montana, and helped rebuild homes for many individuals of the Cheyenne Indian tribe. It was so eye opening and life changing for us and we are excited to share our experiences with our congregation. The Mission Trip service will be on November 10th, so please mark your calendars and look forward to hearing all the youth did over the summer.

There are some things happening in October! Check it out below! Have a great October everyone!

Blessings!

Adam, Whitney and McKenlee ☺

St. Pauly Box Schedule

Adam Scoville (September 30 to October 13)

Wasmer (October 14 to November 10)



Upcoming Schedule!

Friday, September 27th – Campfire @ the Scoville's 6:30 – 10pm

September 29th – Valley Neighbors Churchwide CROP Walk @ Mumford Fire Hall @ 3pm. Depart from church @ 2pm.

October 6th – Youth Group After church – 11am-1pm.

October 13th – NO YOUTH GROUP! Columbus Day Weekend

SATURDAY, October 19th – Lasertron! Time: TBD.

October 20st – Youth Group After church – 11am-1pm.

October 27th – Fall Party! After Church: 11am-2pm

SATURDAY, November 2nd – ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER! Lots of areas to serve – 3-9pm